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My Life, My Passions



L to R: Dr. Bleuzette Marshall, CDO, Mr. Dhani Jones, Mr. Brian Barney,

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The African American Cultural and Resource Center in partnership with the men of Phi Beta Sigma and the Chief Diversity Office hosted ex-NFL superstar Dhani Jones.

Dhani Jones spoke at the AACRC on March 25th about his life and his passions. Mr. Jones talked about how he was able to expand his influence beyond football and into other sports and cultures all over the world. He described the obstacles that he faced at every step of his career, from college, to professional sports, to life after the NFL. His unique insight inspired students to pursue their passions no matter what obstacles life may throw at them.

Written By: Brian Barney
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Black Woman Revealed "My Black is Beautiful"



Sisters Impacting Sisters (S.I.S.) held their 3rd annual Black Woman Revealed Showcase on Friday, March 28th in the African American & Resource Center. There were 13 women who participated in the program this year. These women were students, alumni, staff and from the community. Their performances consisted of dance, spoken work, singing and poetry. Before the program guests were invited to a reception. Following the reception, the program started promptly at 6:00pm. The performances were amazing and the crowd was really intrigued. The program was quite a success and I truly believe that everyone in the audience took something from each performance. I look forward to next year's Black Woman Revealed Showcase because I know it will only continue to grow and become better.

Written By: Taylor King,
S.I.S. Steering Committee

AACRC HAPPENINGS

Oscar, Kendrick and Trayvon: Social Justice in a "Post Racial Society"



The Men of Phi Beta Sigma, African American Cultural and Resource Center and the Chief Diversity Office held this great program on March 31st, Jasmine Rand, the family attorney for Trayvon Martin spoke at the AACRC on Social Justice in a "Post-Racial" Society. During her presentation, Jasmine shared the struggles, triumphs, and lessons that she learned from working first-hand on the case. She also shared her personal story on her journey to becoming a civil rights attorney and the backlash that she received from being a white woman in such a high-profile position. Jasmine's words were both inspirational and practical as she gave advice on how to work towards social justice on a local, national, and global scale as college students.

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S.T.E.E.R End of the Year Reception



STEER stands for "Striving to Transform, Enrich, Empower, and Reward". This initiative was created in January of 2010 by representatives from P&G, UC, and NURFC who all had a common desire to partner together on an effort that would benefit education in Cincinnati. This collective desire to make a difference in individuals' lives and overall communities eventually led to the formation of the STEER initiative.

The STEER initiative focuses on raising the retention rates of African American students at the University of Cincinnati. STEER provides African American students enrolled in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and majoring in Criminal Justice with African American mentors from P&G. Through the relationships with their mentor along with STEER programming and events, students are offered several tools and resources to aid in their successful matriculation through college.

Mark your Calendars:

Akwaaba-September 7, 2014

Kuamka Week-January 12-17 2015

Ushindi Weekend-March 6-7, 2015

Tyehimba-May 1st, 2015

Haki (Justice) Spring Break Tour 2014



The Spring Break Tour 2014 was another amazing trip, highlighting many historical and memorable events. The first leg of the route began in Memphis, Tennessee to the Lorraine hotel at the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum where the students witnessed a firsthand experience of the processes of slavery. Via a tour of this part of the Underground Railroad history, artifacts from the slavery eras and the history of the facility were highlighted. However, the tour group wasn't the only UC students visiting Memphis on spring break, as other fellow Bearcat students and alum joined them on the famous Beale Street and watched the Bearcat basketball team clash at FedEx Forum against conference rival Louisville Cardinals. The tour group travelled on to Dallas to experience the worship service of the Inspiring Body of Christ Church and a tour of the city, including travelling the assassination route of President JFK. Later, they were invited to an alumni cookout hosted by UC alums James and Ollie Wilkerson (class of 1993). The tour route travelled on to Houston, where UC alum Kris Green provided a tour of the number one radio station in the south, Radio One's 97.9 "The Box." Later the group visited the University of Houston, Prairie View, Rice University, where our students had the opportunities to dialogue with other students about each of their trends and struggles in their respective institutions. Later visits included Jackson State, Tougaloo College, Piney Woods Country Life school and Tuskegee University. Heading home, Atlanta was the next stop, where the home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his gravesite, the Center for Social Change, and a rap session at Clark Atlanta University were the highlights. Later, the tour group was delighted to meet up with several UC alums at Tin Lizzy's restaurant for an alumni reception. Finally, before travelling back towards UC, the 2014 spring break tour landed in Nashville, Tennessee, where UC alum and Belmont University's VP Dr. Jeff Burgin hosted the students in a rap session and a southern style dinner.

Written By: Eric Watford, AACRC Staff

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Student Highlights

Black Student Athlete

Highlight:
Taylor Hill



Sport: Track & Field

Year: 1st

Major: Exploratory but hopes to join DAAP and major in Industrial Design

Why UC?: "I chose UC for the pretty campus, DAAP, and it was close but far enough away from home."

Plans after graduation: "I hope to work in product design!"

How has the center impacted you your first year?: The center has impacted me in a way that got me involved with the different people on campus and allowed me to make friends with people I never would have met before!"



Elijah Ladipo

2LT Elijah "Toby" Ladipo is the oldest of two children in the Ladipo family. His sister, Sarah, is also a Cadet in the Bearcat Battalion. He was originally born in Lagos, Nigeria and grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He graduates UC with a dual major in Psychology and Criminal Justice and commissions into the US Army Reserves as a Signal Officer.

Freshmen Highlight: Lavonne Hessier

Major: Biology with a minor in Psychology

Why did I come to UC?

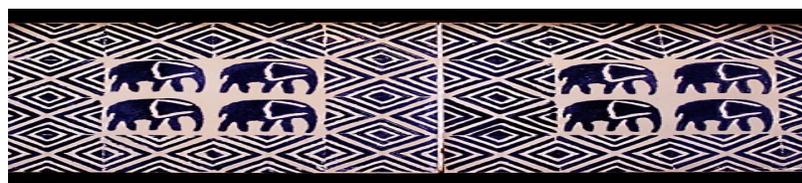
I came to UC because I wanted the full college experience of being away from home and gaining new experiences with new people.

How has the AACRC impacted me?

I was able to gain a second home away from home while also have guidance from staff that care about my well being.

What am I involved with?

I am currently involved with being a resident advisor in Turner Hall. I am also in the process of becoming a BASE Steering Mentor and a RAPP member on campus. I plan on taking on more leadership roles as I progress through my college career.



Regina Adams

2LT Regina Adams was born in Saint Louis, Missouri and is the daughter of Monica and George Hollowell. Regina graduated from North Technical High School in the top 20 of her class and will graduate from University of Cincinnati with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Regina commissions as an Ordnance Officer in the Ohio Army National Guard. Regina is currently in the application process with Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Trailblazers Wall



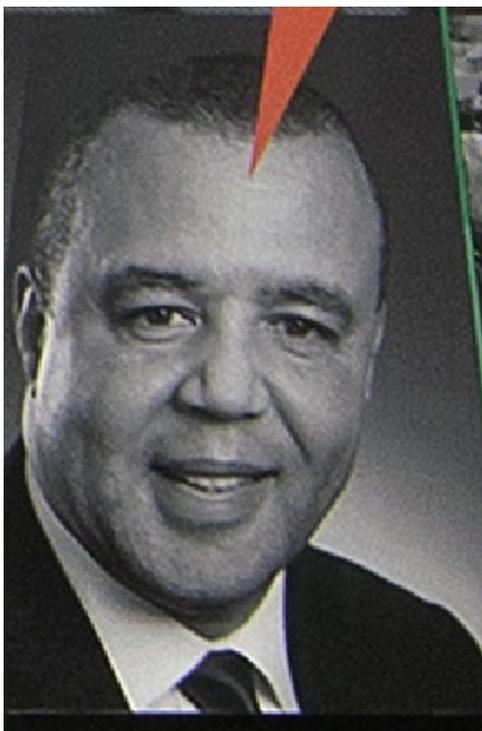
The Harambee room is a dedicated space displaying and commemorating UC's Black pioneers. One wall, consisting of "UC Black firsts" is a documented exhibition of Black trailblazers who had achieved early prominence in UC history, these individuals continue to make their marks while still making momentous contributions to the UC, UC Black history, and to the African American Cultural & Resource Center.

Trailblazers Wall

Highlight:

Year Graduated from UC: 1978

Mr. Phillip Holloman College: Engineering



Campus Involvement: Society of Black Engineers

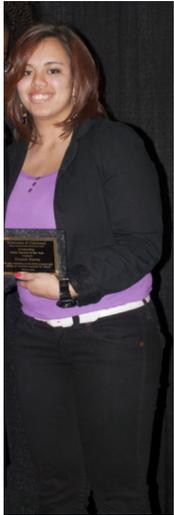
Career: Chief Operating Officer, Cintas Corporation

Advice to Students and key to success: "I would say the biggest key to success is realizing that you will never be doing just one thing," he says. "While you'll go through college and training to find your first position, those responsibilities will inevitably adapt. It's helpful to be on the lookout for new



Ushindi Weekend Highlights

"Ushindi," which is Swahili for "victory," took place on March 7th and 8th. Ushindi celebrates the achievements of the students from the Transitions program, the AACRC Choir and also recognizes other students who have demonstrated leadership on and off campus.



Ms. Emani Davis
B.A.S.E Student of the Year

Ms. Taylor King
S.I.S Shining Star Award



Ms. Alissa Snoddy
B.A.S.E Member of the Year

Mr. Gregor McCord
B.A.S.E Programmer of the Year



Ms. Satra Taylor &
Mr. Jonathan Freeman
Transitions Student's of the Year



Ms. Alexa Owens and Tiffany Moody
B.A.S.E Mentors of the Year



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Organization of the Year

Transitions
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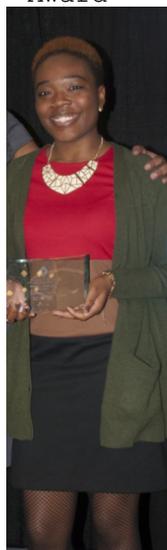
Dymonica Hurdle
Marjorie B. Parham
Award

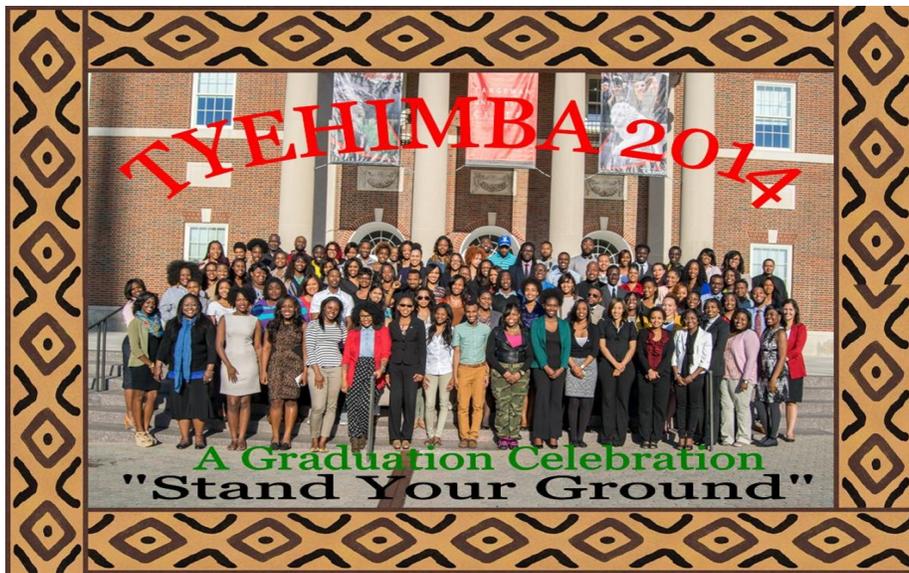
Ms. Chanel Van-
dyke

Mr. Antwone
Cameron
Theodore Berry
Award

Ms. Michelle Ziregbe
Outstanding Senior
Award

Ms. Mary Odafe
Ushindi Award
of Excellence





The 2014 graduating class was sent off with the AACRC's annual exciting program called the Tyehimba Graduation Celebration! This year's theme, "Stand Your Ground" was the framework to which this program agenda combined the occasions of African dancing, singing and festive expressions from the graduates with the celebration of the academic accolades from the university. A capacity crowd of over 800

consisted of UC faculty and staff, community members and UC students. *Dr. Kenneth Ghee, Associate Professor from the Department of Africana Studies* delivered an fitting keynote address, as he flawlessly connected the theme ignited the crowd to a standing ovation! In usual Tyehimba fashion, the graduates received their certificate of participation with personal expressions of dance, cheers and tears, as each graduate walked across the stage in pride and in a culturally expressive

behavior! The graduation was followed by reception in the Atrium of TUC.

Written By: Eric Watford, Program Coordinator AACRC

