



## CORNELL BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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*Sharing the vision  
of our education*

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Dear Cornell Black Alumni Association Members and Friends,

This past year CBAA held social and volunteer activities for our membership and other African American Alumni to keep in touch and give back to Cornell. The highlights were the December 2007, Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Event (a fundraiser for CBAA Scholarships), our November 2007, General Body meeting at the National Urban League Headquarters in New York City, and the Winter Break Receptions for current Cornell students held in DC, NYC and Atlanta in January. What a year!

If you celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at CBAA's Update 2006 Reunion, I am sure you are looking forward to attending Update 2009 on June 4-7, 2009. Attendance records will likely be broken as newer graduates join us in the educational seminars, alumni-faculty interactions, and unique social events. A message from our Reunion Co-Chairs, Deborah Arrindell '79 and Donell Hicks '97, is on the reverse side of this letter.

This presidential election year and the important foreign and domestic issues at stake bring home the value of higher education and the need for voluntarism. CBAA needs you to get involved in organizing activities and displaying the leadership qualities that will enable you to advance CBAA's mission. The next election of CBAA officers will be held at our June 2009 reunion.

CBAA's mission remains "to share the vision of our education." We continue to urge Cornell, through our voices and monetary support, to strengthen and expand opportunities for Black students, an "underrepresented minority" at Cornell. CBAA scholarships play a vital role in helping students afford the over \$50,000 cost of a Cornell education. Sizeable and annual donations are needed to ensure the longevity and vitality of CBAA Tradition Fellowships as well as the Africana Studies and Research Center (AS&RC) programming. Donors to the AS&RC Fund will be listed on a plaque at the Africana Center, memorializing CBAA's commitment for posterity.

Reunion classes and organizations typically mark their return to Cornell with a tangible gift to support the multi-faceted Cornell experience. While our newsletter annually reaches over 3,600 Black Alumni, only a few of you have answered past appeals to donate to Cornell and to play an active role in her future. Please help deserving students continue their education. We still hope to raise \$450,000 by reunion. We specifically challenge the over 270 CBAA Life Members to donate \$1,000 or more each to help us meet this goal in the remaining months.

The scholarship committee is planning a spring fundraiser. In the meantime, **you can make a tax-deductible donation by making your check payable to Cornell University and mail it with the enclosed form.** You can also donate on line through our website (which links you to Cornell's website). **Please make checks payable to "CBAA" for CBAA dues only.**

Become an active CBAA member, donate regularly to Cornell, and help improve the lives of young people. Members are needed to serve as Regional Representatives in Boston, California, DC, and Greater New York, and to serve on the Fundraising, Scholarship, Programming, Reunion, and Student Relations Committees. To join, donate, volunteer, and/or access our Fall 2008 Newsletter, go to our website, [www.cbaa1976.com](http://www.cbaa1976.com). Be sure to keep your email and first class mail addresses current with Cornell so we can keep you informed about events throughout the year.

A preliminary calendar of CBAA events is on the back of this letter. **I hope to see you on Sat. Nov. 22nd at the CBAA General Body Meeting in Washington, DC (Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001) to share ideas and initiatives.**

*Mitzi Young '77  
CBAA President 2006-2009*

### **CBAA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 10:45 - 3:45 pm**

Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001

Come to CBAA's annual meeting for members to hear campus updates, Reunion plans, and how to take a leadership role in our programming and initiatives. We're especially interested in attracting members who would like to serve as CBAA Regional Representatives and on various CBAA committees. Membership required for voting. *You can pay your dues at the meeting.*

For more info, contact Mitzi at [may7@cornell.edu](mailto:may7@cornell.edu)

## 2008-2009 CBAA EVENT CALENDAR

Aug. 08	CBAA Philly/So. Jersey/Delaware — BBQ Jam. Contact Nicole Whittington '97 at <a href="mailto:nw11@cornell.edu">nw11@cornell.edu</a> for details
10/2008	CBAA Atlanta — Hands on Atlanta Day. For more information contact Kimberly Hawkins at <a href="mailto:kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com">kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com</a>
10/16/08	CBAA Philly/So. Jersey/Delaware — Zincks Night Happy Hour, Irish Pub, 2007 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 6:00pm. RSVP to Patricia Lawson at <a href="mailto:PJL1@cornell.edu">PJL1@cornell.edu</a> or Nicole Whittington 97 at <a href="mailto:nw11@cornell.edu">nw11@cornell.edu</a>
11/14/08	Mosaic in New York City. Go to for details and registration.
11/20/08	CBAA MD/DC/VA — Free Lecture by Cornell Astronomy Prof. Steven Squyres on his research through NASA's Mars Rover Project held at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery, Nan Tucker McEvoy Auditorium. Please arrive by 6:40 pm. To register go to <a href="http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/events/dc/">http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/events/dc/</a>
11/2008	CBAA Atlanta: Café Circa Happy Hour, For more information contact Kimberly Hawkins at <a href="mailto:kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com">kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com</a>
<b>11/22/08</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>CBAA General Body Meeting, 10:45 am — 3:45pm, Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001.</b> CBAA members nationwide are invited to hear about Update 2009, campus events, and CBAA leadership opportunities on this Saturday. Nearby Amtrak & Metro access. All attendees must register in advance and show ID for admission to the building. <b>RSVP by 11/18</b> to Mitzi Young '77 at <a href="mailto:may7@cornell.edu">may7@cornell.edu</a>
12/14/2008	CBAA MD/DC/VA — Volunteer at Martha's Table. Contact Deborah Arrindell '79 at <a href="mailto:Arrindell@medscape.com">Arrindell@medscape.com</a> or (301) 643-7339
11/2008	CBAA Southern California: Happy Hour, contact Deborah Arrindell '79 for more details, <a href="mailto:Arrindell@medscape.com">Arrindell@medscape.com</a>
Jan. 2009	CBAA Atlanta — Winter Break Reception for current students to meet alumni. Contact Kimberly Hawkins at <a href="mailto:kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com">kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com</a> for details.
Jan. 2009	CBAA MD/DC/VA — Winter Break Reception for current students to meet alumni and discuss poignant issues. Contact Mitzi Young at <a href="mailto:may7@cornell.edu">may7@cornell.edu</a> for details.
Jan. 2009	CBAA NYC — Winter Break Session for current students. Contact Ruby Saake at <a href="mailto:rsaake@optonline.net">rsaake@optonline.net</a> for details.
Jan. 2009	CBAA Philly/So. Jersey/Delaware — January 23, 2009-New Year Gathering; (Stay tune for updates), contact Patricia Lawson at <a href="mailto:PJL1@cornell.edu">PJL1@cornell.edu</a> or Nicole Whittington 97 at <a href="mailto:nw11@cornell.edu">nw11@cornell.edu</a>
2/10/09	CBAA MD/DC/VA — Black History Month Event with Cornell Club of Washington. Docent led tour at Smithsonian Museum of African Art beginning at 11:45 am. More details to come.
Spring 2009	CBAA Atlanta — An Evening at the High Museum; For more information contact Kimberly Hawkins at <a href="mailto:kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com">kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com</a>
Spring 2009	CBAA Atlanta — Social Gathering for CBAA Alumni. For more information contact Kimberly Hawkins at <a href="mailto:kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com">kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com</a>
Spring 2009	All CBAA Regions —: CBAA Update 2009 Pre-Reunion Festivities (details to come). For CBAA Chicago events, contact Akiza Boddie-Willis at <a href="mailto:asb46@cornell.edu">asb46@cornell.edu</a>
<b>June 4-7 2009</b>	<b>CBAA Update 2009 Reunion, Ithaca, New York —</b> Go to <a href="http://www.CBAA1976.com">www.CBAA1976.com</a> for updates and registration details.

### Get Ready For Reunion 2009, June 4-7, Ithaca, New York

Come join your fellow CBAA members and alumni as we return to Ithaca to celebrate and reflect upon our Cornell legacy. Reunion 2009 marks milestones for class years ending in 4 and 9. Co-chairs, Deborah Arrindell '79 and Donell Hicks '97, and dedicated committee members promise a weekend full of opportunities to re-connect with fellow classmates through participation in informative seminars and workshops, a CBAA General Body meeting (and officer election), and outrageous fun. Don't miss CBAA Idol Night where we will determine America's next singing/dancing sensation. (Or not!) So your mark your calendars now and plan to join us in Ithaca. Stay tuned for updates regarding registration fees, housing, meals, and other details. This is one reunion you will not want to miss. Please spread the word about the upcoming reunion to fellow alumni to maximize turnout and revelry.

Use the URL below to take the pre-reunion survey (button marked CBAA). This will assist the committee in planning a great reunion in 2009. <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/reunion-survey.cfm>