



CANDIDATE PROFILE FORM

Name: _____ Ifeoma N. Ebo _____
Class Year: _____ 2002 _____
College and Major: _____ Architecture, Art & Planning Architecture _____
Membership status (ie. annual or lifetime): _____ Annual _____
CBAA Executive Position Sought: _____ **VP Programming** _____

1. Please tell us why you would like to serve on the CBAA Executive Board?

I would like to serve on the CBAA board so that I can make a contribution to the very community that supported me during my years as a student at Cornell. I want to connect with old and new graduates and help to facilitate a greater connection amongst members through the development of unique Alumni programs. I would also like to help to establish a presence for CBAA internationally, specifically in Africa.

2. What experience, skills and/or qualifications do you possess that will help you serve effectively in this position?

I believe that a significant component of this position is project management. Over the entire span of my 13 year career I have strengthened my ability to delegate responsibilities, coordinate the work of team members, develop timeframes and manage budgets in the context of urban development projects internationally. I have also been involved in fundraising for numerous non profit organizations to raise funds for development work in Central America and Africa. All of the skills and experience that I have gained can be directly transferred when taking on the responsibilities as Vice President of Programming – engaging in fundraising and coordinating the CBAA Programming Committee. I pride myself in being a people person who is sociable and able to connect with diverse groups. I believe that these strengths will be critical to ensuring the success of CBAA events and programs nationwide.

3. Please tell us your vision and goals for CBAA and how your role in this position will help the organization achieve these goals?

My vision for CBAA over the next 3 years is to expand the scope of programs internationally. I would like to see at least one to two international trips while serving in this role. I think that it would be great to establish chapters on the African continent and connect those chapters with Cornell Study Abroad Programs to create a connection between Alumni on the continent and current students interested in working abroad. I have lived in South Africa for the past five years and I am presently connected to Cornell Alumni in several African countries and I can help facilitate the establishment of the necessary connections to build a CBAA presence on the African continent.

4. Please tell us about your other Cornell volunteer activities?

I do not currently volunteer in other Cornell activities, but my family does make an annual contribution to the Cornell Alumni fund. While I was a student at Cornell I was avidly involved in Black Students United, African Students Association, National Organization of Minority Architects Student Chapter, Cornell Tradition and lived in the Wana Wake Wa Wari Cooperative. I volunteered a few summers for the Cornell Alumni weekend, Thakaneng African Centered Saturday School for children in Ithaca and served as a Resident advisor during a COSEP summer program.

5. What thoughts or other information would you like to share with the CBAA general body?

My journey to working on the African continent was through the inspiration of Dr. James Turner while I was a student pursuing a minor concentration in Africana Studies. The African Studies research centre provided a compliment to my professional education that has continuously proved fruitful to my professional career as I currently work on development issues on the African continent. With that said I understand the significance of the Africana Studies & Research Centre and the importance that Cornell Black Alumni have made to support the creation of an enriching educational experience for myself and those after me by fighting for this institution. I only hope that through my involvement I can encourage other Black Alumni who have lost touch, with their alma mater and fellow graduates, to reignite those relationships and help to build a strong organization of Cornell Black Alumni. My plan is to return to the United States to continue to build my career and make a lasting contribution to CBAA.