



CBA@ Monthly

September 2016

## Homecoming 2016: #ForTheCulture

### **CBA@40: Celebrating Activism Since 1976**

Dear Fellow Alum,

We're kicking off CBA@'s 40th Anniversary at Homecoming 2016, and we want to see Cornellians from all decades (including current students), from every school, college, organization and affinity group come out to celebrate with us! We packaged the weekend to include options for a variety of events that promise to be meaningful, restorative and entertaining. The complete alumni registration package includes:

- CBA@40 Souvenir T-shirt
- Beverage ticket, BBQ, and other food during the Inkwell Tailgate
- CBA@ Anniversary Banquet (**Dr. Turner will be present!**)
- CBA@ Send Off Brunch,

and a number of other non-fee events. If you are not yet a CBA@ member, annual dues are also included. When you register by September 17th, you'll receive a confirmation code for a discounted football game ticket (\$6), which you can purchase through athletics. The full price of the ticket is \$15. Let's make an impact! Show up! Bring your classmates and friends. Take pictures. Can't make it? Buy a souvenir shirt a la carte or sponsor a student. For a breakdown of the different types of membership and associated dues, visit <http://www.cbaa1976.com/membership-signup/>. Be sure to [reach out](#) if you have any questions!

### Recent News:

- [Ithaca College Student Stabbed on Cornell's Campus](#)
- [University Proposes Renaming Cornell Plantations](#)
- [How This Woman Opened a Jamaica Hotel](#)
- [Iyore Olaye Graduates as the Only...](#)
- [Morgan Taps Cornell Professor \(and alumnus\)](#)

### Upcoming and Tentative Events:

- **New York City: September 29th or 30th, After work Mixer with other Black Ivy Alumni Orgs**
- **Washington D.C.: Late Fall/Early Winter, Visit to National Museum of African-American History and Culture**
- **New York City: Saturday, Dec 3rd, Annual Alvin Ailey Scholarship Fundraiser**
- **TBD: Jan 2017, CBA@ General Body Meeting**

If you're interested in hosting an event or being a regional representative, please contact [president@cbaa1976.com](mailto:president@cbaa1976.com) for more information.



**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

- Michelle Brown-Grant '88, President

## From Randy's Desk

### ***Cornell and Its Special Mission***

*Randall Nixon '76, VP of Fundraising/Scholarships*

It's not enough to congratulate ourselves on our exclusivity, our Ivy League association, our elite status. If we do that, we succeed only in becoming snobs, and we ignore the admonitions of the Founders across the expanse of the past 150 years. We aspire to be elite, without the burden of being elitist. We need to understand that we are not special merely because we are exclusive, but that we are exclusive because we are special...

Our alma mater was created as an antidote to the aristocracy of the rest of the Ivy League. Up until the time of the Civil War, it was common in the Ivy League to bring your slave, or man servant, to school. Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White rejected that premise. [Read More...](#)

### **Literary Grant 2016**

CBAA's Literary Grant was developed to support CBAA alumni in their goals of publishing a book. The initial cost of publishing a book can be a hindrance to an author. CBAA's intent to remove that hindrance our alumni encounter by providing financial support with this grant. Fundraising for the grant will come from our own alumni and CBAA's efforts.

## Outstanding Student Leadership Award

*Siddiq Iddrisu '16*



Read more about Siddiq's contributions to the community [here](#).

### **New VP of Programming Appointment: John Rawlins III, '06!**

From being active on campus as a student leader, to his work as an advisor for the Festival of Black Gospel, and his assistance in coordinating CBAA Reunion 2015, John will be a great addition to CBAA's Executive Board!

Be on the lookout for more information about this year's application process in October! For entry requirements and additional information, please visit our [website](#).



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