

# **BAU BULLETIN**

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## Thank You and Farewell

Michael Benitez, dean of diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer, has accepted the vice president for diversity and inclusion position at Metropolitan State University in Denver.



We are deeply appreciative of Michael's commitment to Puget Sound during his time with us. Over the past six years, he helped develop and advance a number of important initiatives to strengthen Puget Sound's commitment to and practice of inclusion and equity for students, faculty, and staff. Michael led the implementation of the university's Diversity Strategic Plan and has been instrumental in enhancing our partnership with the Tacoma Public Schools, implementing the Access Scholars Cohort Program, providing campus leadership in faculty and staff recruitment and retention initiatives, and supporting the Northwest 5's programs for faculty of color. His efforts to help the community create a more welcoming and inclusive campus for all students, faculty, and staff are particularly appreciated.

Michael's last day at Puget Sound was on August 15.

## Distinguished Black Alumni Awards

The BAU is happy to announce that we will be launching a distinguished black alumni awards process. This award will be presented to the recipient(s) at an event in 2020.

This award is given to alumni who exemplify the intellectual curiosity, active inquiry, and reasoned independence that a Puget Sound education develops. This award is presented to alumni whose commitment, skill, and dedication have had a significant impact on their communities. This award is presented to alumni who has demonstrated extraordinary service to Puget Sound. Whether their alumni service includes involvement in the Alumni Council volunteer network or with academic or other university departments, these alumni have left an indelible mark on the university. This person engages more deeply in the rich alumni traditions and spirit of Puget Sound.

More information and a formal nomination process will be announced in the fall.

# Back to School

Incoming Loggers make their way to campus this Saturday. Orientation is a community experience. Its three themes are **Challenge, Comfort and Connect**. The program is designed to challenge students intellectually, connect them with their peers, faculty, and staff members, and help them feel comfortable using university resources. The first opportunity to engage with these fresh faces will be on Saturday, August 24th at the Welcome Walk at 4:45 p.m. that leads to the Welcome Barbecue where we will have a table.



## Calendar for 2019-2020

- Welcome Walk and BAU table at Welcome Barbecue during Orientation | August 24, 2019 | 4:45 p.m. PST
- [Homecoming and Family Weekend | October 4 - 5, 2019](#)
- Black History Month Celebrations | January

## Officers

- President - Regina Glenn '70, MBA '71
- Vice President, Edward Horne '70
- President-Elect (and university Trustee) - Lyle Quasim '70
- Past President, Sarah Lee '94
- Secretary - OPEN
- Communications Liaison - OPEN
- Historian - Henry Johnson '71
- Community Liaison - T'wina Nobles '06, MAT '07

Interested in joining BAU leadership? Let BAU President Regina know at 425.503.7212 or Haley Harshaw in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 253.879.3451 or [hharshaw@pugetsound.edu](mailto:hharshaw@pugetsound.edu).

## Monthly Bulletin

This monthly communications piece is to act as a platform to inform you of the happenings on campus regarding current students in our Black Student Union (BSU), African American Studies Program, and The Race and Pedagogy Institute (RPI). It also serves as a space to highlight our very own UPS black alumni. If you have news to share, let us know! Email [Regina Glenn](mailto:Regina.Glenn@pugetsound.edu), editor, or [Haley Harshaw](mailto:Haley.Harshaw@pugetsound.edu), alumni office.

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