1. Monthly Bulletin

On behalf of the Black Alumni Union Executive team, 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, editor, or Haley Harshaw, alumni office.

2. Mission

The mission and purpose of the University of Puget Sound Black Alumni Union is to support the recruitment, retention, and representation of Black students, alumni, faculty, and staff at the University of Puget Sound and to support the African American Studies Program and The Race and Pedagogy Institute. The Black Alumni Union encourages alumni to support Puget Sound students through investments of time, talent, and financial resources. Through its various working committees, the Black Alumni Union engages volunteers in meaningful work that addresses issues of key importance to members of the Black community at Puget Sound.
3. 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 - Bil Moss '77, MPA '81
- Communications Chair - 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.

4. Welcome

Special recognition to several new faces

- Bil Moss '77, MPA '81 - Secretary
- Khalila Fordham, Puget Sound Staff - BAU Member
- Eva (Wilson) Bowen '80 - BAU Member
5. Recent Events

On February 18th several members of the BAU participated on a panel in celebration of Black History Month. Panelists discussed “firsts” on campus, in their careers, and beyond.

February 28th brought poet, educator, and activist Nikki Giovanni to Schneebeck Concert Hall to deliver the Pierce Lecture. BAU and BSU members stood as BAU President Regina Glenn presented Nikki Giovanni with a certificate of appreciation. The lecture was followed by a reception and book signing.

*A general BAU meeting was held on February 25th. Notes from that meeting can be found [here](#).

6. On the Horizon

1. Black Alumni Union general meetings will be held once a quarter on campus. These meetings will typically start at 2 p.m. PST and will have a call in number for remote involvement. Specific dates are TBD and will be available soon.

2. RPI Community Partners Forums | March 27, April 24, May 22 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

3. Student of Color Community Initiative (SoCCI) regarding housing - BAU members will be meeting with BSU students and advisor, Dexter Gordon to discuss the issue and how BAU can support.

4. Collaboration with University of Washington - Tacoma Black Alumni
7. Featured Program - Race and Pedagogy Institute

The Race & Pedagogy Institute (RPI) Community Partners Forum is a coalition of individuals and organizations representing a broad spectrum of the Puget Sound who have forged ways to come together in partnership with the university to discuss, plan, and execute strategic action on a range of issues. The Forum has met regularly in working sessions modeled on the participatory pedagogical process of adult and popular education. We think-through, learn more about, chart and hone program priorities who live at the intersections of race, education, and social justice. Together we have built, worked to sustain, and learned from critical partnerships across students, staff, faculty in higher education; teachers, administrators, students, families, and school district personnel in K-12 education; and differential community-based, civic, and state constituencies.

Find us on Facebook. Please let Tina McLeod in the RPI office know you would like to attend at raceandpedagogy@pugetsound.edu or 253.879.2435.

The next meeting will be held on March 27th.

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8. Spotlight

Dr. Uchenna Baker - Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

In her role, Baker will be responsible for the overall vision and leadership for student affairs and will ensure coordination of programs and services, assessment, and planning. Reporting to the provost, she also will build partnerships and create more synergies with academic affairs colleagues to enhance the comprehensive student experience at Puget Sound. As a member of the President’s Cabinet, she will work closely with President Isiaah Crawford and play an integral role in the development and implementation of the liberal arts college’s new student-centered strategic plan.
For more information about Dr. Baker please visit this page.

Regina Glenn ’70, MBA ’71, Nikki Giovanni, and President Crawford

BSU students Mushawn Knowles ’20 & Mara Henderson ’20 with BAU alumni Lyle Quasim ’70, Regina Glenn ’70, MBA ’71, Bil Moss ’77, MPA ’81, Henry Johnson ’71, Eva Wilson ’80, and RPI Professor Dexter Gordon