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MAY 5, 2016

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

## 2015-2016 Awards Reception

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AAS Major Scholarship – Rachael Hale  
NABJ/NURU Scholarship – Cassandra Santiago and Elona Neal

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#### **AAS Community Service Award**

To recognize a campus organization, undergraduate and/or graduate student for: serving people and diverse communities, demonstrating exemplary commitment to volunteerism, contributing to organized cultural and community endeavors.

**Organization** – Carnival Public Engagement Project – Loyce Arthur, Associate Professor Theater

**Undergraduate/Graduate** – Lisa Covington (BGAPS working with AAS Living Learning community)

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#### **AAS Leadership Award**

To recognize a campus organization, undergraduate and/or graduate student for: effectively creating positive change, impacting important cultural issues with a measurable impact, building bridges between people and organizations, motivating and inspiring others to realize their own leadership potential.

**Organization** – Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (Kappa League High School & Kappa Kids 5th /6th grade mentoring) Black Males and Police Project – Alex Lodge

**Undergraduate/Graduate** – Bryan Porter (BSU president – building coalitions between cultural groups, black history month talent show, first multicultural formal)

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#### **AAS Academic Achievement Award**

To recognize undergraduate students who have taken at least 3 AAS courses and demonstrated an extraordinary appreciation of issues in African American Culture, along with academic accomplishments in the major.

**Undergraduate AAS Majors & Minors** – Rodnika Carter, Waale Gbara, Ashley Stott, Elona Neal, Matthew Bruce, Samuel Osaro, Brooke Kimbrough, David Butler-Mays, and Taniesha Kauten

## **Graduate – AAS Cultural Research Award**

To recognize graduate students for outstanding contributions, commitment and initiative related to research in African American culture.

Troy Mills (Religious Studies/Public Health)

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## **AAS Creative Arts Award**

To recognize an undergraduate and/or graduate student for inspirational talent, motivation and creative ability.

**Undergraduate** – Shawn Boursiquot, Caleb Rainey, and Justin Roberson  
(BARS: Black Art Real Stories)

**Graduate** – Alvon Reed (Dance / Hattie Mae's Juke Joint)

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## **AAS Cultural Awareness Award**

To recognize freshmen, sophomores and others who are good students, take a minimum of two AAS courses and show an exceptional capacity for cultural awareness and appreciation.

Gabrielle Young, Jeremiah Jones, Kyah Bridges, and Fabio Thomas

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## **Marie Nesbitt Promise Prize**

The Marie Nesbitt Promise was established in 2002 and incorporated into the Change Create Transform Foundation in 2010. It was created in the memory of Marie Nesbitt who encouraged people to trust in God, reach for the stars, stand up for what you believe in and, most of all, never give up. The prize is a tribute to an extraordinary student chosen to continue a tradition of excellence.

Aja Witt

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## **Graduating Seniors (awarded an AAS Kente Stole)**

Madison Barnum, Rodnika Carter, Darian Cooper, Rachael Hale, Evan Ivory, Brittney Reed, and Sara Lowery



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