



Iowa Black Alumni Association

Spring 2018

May 5, 2018



Greetings!

I am honored to serve as your Chair of the Iowa Black Alumni Association. I have been a member of the IBAA Board of Directors for over 15 years and served as 1st Vice Chair for many years under the excellent leadership of our past Chair, Dr. Claranne Perkins. I would like to officially thank her for her past leadership. For those that don't know me, I received my Masters degree in Student Development/Counselor Education from the University of Iowa in 1995 and was employed by the UI for over 28 years in the Office of Affirmative Action (now Equal Opportunity

and Diversity), The College of Dentistry, and the College of Public Health, before my retirement in April 2016. I am married to an Iowa Alum and past Hawkeye football player Orville Townsend, Sr. who is also retired.

As many of you know, the mission of the IBAA is to promote the general mission and purposes of the University of Iowa and strive to acknowledge and recognize Black students and alumni for their achievement and service, while promoting career and educational opportunities and enhancing the social and economic conditions of prospective, current and former Black students of the University of Iowa.

In accordance with this mission, many exciting events are being planned to involve more alumni, students and friends of the University of Iowa including:

- The Biennial membership/recruitment Picnic in Chicago on July 28, 2018. This is the second year for this event and we are hoping to have even more alumni and friends join us this year. Joey Thurman, Janice Cousins and their committee are working tirelessly to make this one even better than the last one.
- The Biennial IBAA Reunion will be held in April 2019 (stay tuned for the exact dates). Orville Townsend and his committee are in the planning process and I am sure it will be amazing.
- IBAA annual scholarship awards for 2018 were presented during the African American Studies Awards Reception on Friday, May 4, 2018. Two scholarships in the amount of one thousand dollars each were awarded to Mariah Pride and Alda Dansou, who are both very deserving students.
- We are proud to announce that because of the hard work of Venise Berry, the IBAA Scholarship fund is now fully endowed which guarantees our ability to award scholarships each year to one or more deserving students.
- We have also renewed our 501C3 tax exempt status thanks to the assistance of Attorney Melvin Shaw.
- Our vision is to expand our IBAA membership base and to make our organization known to all African American graduating seniors and graduate students at the University of Iowa. We plan to reach out to African American alumni that are not currently members of the IBAA. Please assist us in this effort by contacting your friends and acquaintances who are alumni of the University of Iowa, share our mission and the upcoming events that are being planned for the coming year.
- We are also hoping to improve or presence on social media by regularly posting events to Facebook and Twitter.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and a special thank you to the IBAA Board members for their patience as we transition into the new administration. If you have any concerns or would like to chat, please send me an email at cheespeedy@msn.com

Sincerely,
Billie F. Townsend, Chair
Iowa Black Alumni Association (IBAA)

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If you are interested in joining the IBAA Board of Directors contact
Billie Townsend: billie-townsend@uiowa.edu.

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** Duties of a board member:
You are required to attend two board meetings a year (fall in Iowa City and spring in Chicago area). If you cannot physically attend you can call in to participate. However, the goal should be to attend, at least, one meeting a year. You will also work on one committee or more.



IBAA 2018 Scholarship Winners

Alda Akouvi Dansou is from Muscatine, Iowa with a major in public health. Originally from Togo, West Africa, Alda is a first generation immigrant to this nation and she plans to create positive change in health systems around the world.

Mariah Pride is from Kamrar, Iowa. She has a double major in psychology and African American studies, plus a minor in Spanish. Mariah plans to go on for a doctorate in either counseling or clinical psychology.

IBAA Hawkeye Cookout, Saturday July 28, 2018

Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 6,
Western Ave. and 87th Street, Chicago, Il.

To make a donation or become a sponsor contact:
Joey Thurmond: (224)628-3849



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“Supporting Educational Achievement”

The IBAA scholarship fund is now endowed at \$54,000. Thank you very much for your donations. If you made a pledge and have not paid all of it yet we need for you to please complete that pledge as soon as you can.

We are currently supporting a new fundraising effort. The goal of the African American Studies Darwin Turner Endowment campaign is to raise \$100,000. The AAS program at Iowa needs your help to secure their financial future.

Money from the endowment will be used to fund: The Darwin Turner AAS Scholarship, AAS Faculty Research Stipends, an AAS Seminar Series, plus graduate and undergraduate student events such as an annual AAS Awards celebration.

All donations to The Darwin Turner Fund are tax deductible. If you have questions contact: Venise Berry venise-berry@uiowa.edu (319) 337-7557

Mail donations to: University of Iowa Foundation P.O. Box 4550 Iowa City, IA 52244

Make checks out to: University of Iowa Foundation/ **memo line** (AAS Darwin Turner Scholarship Fund #30-219-001)

To use a credit card: go online to: Give to Iowa. Click on areas to support. Drop down to African American Studies Dept. Click on other and enter amount. Below that enter: AAS Darwin Turner Endowed Fund (30-219-001). Enter credit card information.

IBAA Board Member Spotlight



Kimberly Lacey-Chappelle is a native of Chicago, Illinois and a 1987 graduate of The University of Iowa with a B.A. degree in Communication Studies. She has 25 years experience in various areas of healthcare, as well as experience in Print and Media Communications, Marketing, Promotions and Sales. Trained in crisis intervention and Mental Health First Aid, she currently works in Community Relations and Business Development for Hartgrove Hospital, a behavioral health hospital and is responsible for outreach. She has received numerous awards for her advocacy and volunteerism. Kimberly is a member of the National Sales Network-Chicago Chapter, and the Lindblom H.S. Alumni Association, where her husband Victor is also an alum. She has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Iowa Black Alumni Association since 1996.

IBAA: University of Iowa Tidbits



Iowa Tidbits

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African American Women Students at The University of Iowa 1910-1960

Iowa Digital Library

Though The University of Iowa was one of the first institutions to open admission to African Americans, African American women students at the University have often had to overcome other barriers to an equal education. This collection brings together newspaper articles, photographs, correspondence, oral histories, and other primary sources chronicling their university experiences.

This sub-collection forms part of the [African American Women in Iowa Digital Collection](#).

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[Iowa Women's Archives](#)
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Archival Collections:

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If you have documents that you would like to donate to the Iowa Women's Archives from any year please contact:

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