

Welcome to the  
Black Graduate Association  
September General Body Meeting!

This Month's Topic:  
Exploring Our Resources

# Agenda

- Food and Fellowship
- Introductions
  - BGA Officers
  - Members
- Information About Local Resources
  - Academic Resources: Ms. Cyndi Lynch, BGA Advisor
  - Community Resources: Ms. Renee Thomas, Director of the Black Cultural Center
  - Social Resources: Shavonne Shorter, President  
Shavonne Moore, Vice President
  - Announcements
  - Adjournment

# What is BGA?

## What do we do?

- The Black Graduate Association (BGA) serves to enrich the graduate school experience of students interested in Black culture.
- The BGA fulfills this goal through programming that offers opportunities for professional and scholarly development, community involvement, and social exchange.
- We also have the opportunity to recruit undergraduates across the United States to come to graduate school here at Purdue.
- Lastly, we take pride in co-sponsoring events with other organizations such as, the Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff, PGSG, and LGSO.
- To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.purduebga.org](http://www.purduebga.org), or email any BGA Officer.

# 2011-2012 BGA Officers

## President

- Name: Shavonne Shorter
- Year: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year PhD Student
- School: Communication
- Hometown: Crownsville, MD
- Undergraduate Institution: Frostburg State University
  
- Responsibilities: Oversee the organization
- New ideas for the year include: A Symposium on Graduate Student research and fostering connections with other BGA's.

# Vice President

- Name: Shavonne Moore
- Year: 4<sup>th</sup> Year Doctoral Candidate
- Program: Counseling Psychology
- Hometown: Cleveland Hts., OH
- Previous Institution
  - DePaul University, B.A. Psychology
  - Michigan State University, M.A. Counseling
- Responsibilities:
  - Supporting the President
  - Supervising Committees
- Events:
  - Coordinating Buddy Program

# Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Nicole Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> year; Agriculture Economics

Longview, Texas

Alcorn State University

- Type up minutes for general body and executive board meetings
- Create promotional flyers for BGA events

# Treasurer

Name: Reginald McGee

Year: Third Year Ph.D. Student

Department: Mathematics

Hometown: Saginaw, MI

Undergraduate Institution: Florida A&M University

“As the Chief Financial Officer for the BGA, it is my responsibility to make sure that all of the organization’s finances are in order, collect member dues and to also look opportunities to save money and generate more revenue.”

# Dues

- Only \$10 a year. The purpose of dues are to help fund more events for the members of BGA.
- Benefits: \$15 discount on BGA Banquet ticket, entrance to events like the Thanksgiving Dinner, Super Bowl Party, BGA/Black Caucus Christmas Social, and BGA/PRSA Ice Cream Social, Graduation Awards and the list goes on!
- DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17TH. See R. McGee or S. Shorter to pay. Text reminders are available.
- "...we appreciate the kind that jingles, but we'd rather get the kind that folds." -Lisa McDowell, "Coming To America"

# Academic and Professional Development Chair

- Lauren J. Parker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year
- Public Health
- Manassas, Virginia; Hampton University
- I am responsible for planning professional development activities that are utilized to prepare students for success in academia and professional careers
- This year I plan to showcase companies in varying industries and highlight their career offerings
  - Lockheed Martin Representative will be at BGA on Wednesday, September 7 at 7PM
  - Please feel free to bring a friend
- Future activities will focus on developing a professional portfolio and resume/curriculum vitae

# Banquet Chair

- Chair: Kelly-Ann Dixon Hamil
- Year: 2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD Statistics
- Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica W. I.
- Past Institutions:  
(Jamaica) University of the West Indies  
  
(UK) University of Kent at Canterbury
- Responsibility: Planning of the BGA Annual Banquet  
– the premier event for celebrating the  
achievements of our members

# Social Chair

- Name: Tyrell A. Connor
- Department: Sociology (Law & Society)
- Undergraduate Institution: Hampton University
- Duties: To organize and facilitate all social events in BGA.

# Community Service Chair

- Eric G. O'Rear
- 4<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. Student
- Agricultural Economics
- Atlanta, GA; Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- I am responsible for coordinating community service projects for the BGA.
- This upcoming year, we will be working with Habitat for Humanity (Sept. 17), the HANNA Center, and the Boiler Volunteer Network.

# Undergraduate Outreach Chair

- Natalie Barrett
- PhD Student
- Mechanical Engineering
- Miami, FL; Florida State University
- Connect with undergraduate students and other minority student organizations
- This year we will have a series of workshops leading to Grad School 101.
- Grad School 101 will also have tracks for first and second year students.

# Fundraising Chair

- Name: Kadari Taylor-Watson
- Year: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Masters Student
- Department: Sociology
- Hometown: Virginia
- Undergraduate Institution: Hampton University
  
- Responsibilities: Bring income into BGA.
- Ideas: T-Shirts, Polo's, Fitness Sponsors, Skip-A-Meals

# Historian

- Daphne M. Penn
- M.S. (first year), Department of Sociology
- Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
- Undergraduate Institution: Vanderbilt University

## Responsibilities:

- Publicize BGA events.
- Create a digital scrapbook and movie to document BGA events.

# Webmaster

- Phillip Hayes Jr.
- 4<sup>th</sup> year graduate
- Department of Computer Science
- Hometown- Danville, VA
- Undergrad Institution- Norfolk State University, Norfolk ,VA
- Responsibilities
  - Update BGA members and followers about news and events through online media (email, website, facebook, twitter)
- Events that you plan to have for the year
  - Record BGA meetings / events
  - Membership spotlight / interaction with the website

# Introductions

- Name
- Year
- Department
- Where you are from
- Undergraduate Institution
- What are you most excited about doing this year with the BGA?

# Academic Resources

- Ms. Cyndi Lynch
- Director, Fellowships and Professional Development
- BGA Advisor

# Community Resources

- Ms. Renee Thomas
- Director of the BCC

# Social Resources: Church Tour

- Need A Spiritual Home? Come Tour Churches With Us!
  - There will be a representative that will serve as a host at each church. Feel free to email them so that they can introduce you to church members.
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Second Baptist
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Word of Life
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - Bethel AME
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Jerusalem
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - First Assembly
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - Faith Baptist

# Social Resources: Church Tour

- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Second Baptist
  - Service Time: 11 am
  - Address: 2925 South 18th Street  
Lafayette, IN 47909-3101
  - Rep: Eric O'Rear (eorear@purude.edu)
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Word of Life
  - Service Time: 10:45am
  - Address: 3650 Greenbush St  
Lafayette, IN 47905-4205
  - Rep: Chasity Love (lovec@purdue.edu)

# Social Resources: Church Tour

- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - Bethel AME
  - Service Time: 11am
  - Address: 821 Ferry Street  
Lafayette, IN 47901
  - Rep: Natasha Brown (brownnr@purdue.edu)
  - *Note: Visitors are welcome to stay for the fellowship dinner after church. Visitors can park on the street or in the parking lot of the Lafayette Beauty Academy.*
  
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Jerusalem
  - Service Time: 11am
  - Address: 10 Professional Ct.  
Lafayette, IN 47905
  - *Note: There will be a fellowship picnic after service at JD's house in West Lafayette. Directions will be given at church.*
  - Rep: J.D. McClurkin (jmcclurk@purdue.edu)

# Social Resources: Church Tour

- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - First Assembly
  - Service Time: 11am
  - Address: 108 Beck Lane  
Lafayette, IN 47909
  - Rep: Shavonne Shorter (srshorte@purdue.edu)
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - Faith Church
  - Service Time: 11 am
  - Address: 5526 State Road 26 East  
Lafayette, IN 47905
  - Rep: Theon Hill (thill2020@gmail.com)

# Social Resources: Mentor/Mentee Program

- Purpose:
  - For new grads to connect with returning grads
    - \* Shared Experiences    \* Resources
    - \* New Adventures                      \*Support
    - \* Advice                                      \*Listening Ear
  - To continue building positive and supportive relationships within the BGA community.
- Time Commitment:
  - Flexible!
- See me at the end of the meeting for a sign up sheet

# Social Resources

- Indiana Black Expo
  - “Indiana Black Expo, Inc. has been a pillar of the community for nearly 40 years. It has encouraged, uplifted and celebrated the accomplishments and achievements of African Americans throughout Indiana.”
- Lafayette Chapter:
  - Circle City Classic Kick-Off/ All White Party
  - Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011
  - Lafayette Brewing Company
  - 622 Main Street
  - Cost: \$10

# Social Resources

- Circle City Classic (Downtown Indy)
  - “The classic's mission is to support educational achievement, promote cultural excellence, while showcasing the spirit, energy and tradition of America's historically black colleges and universities.”
- Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>-Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Football Teams: Kentucky State vs. Albany State
- Parade, Concert (Bow Wow and Monica), Step Show, Comedy Show, Worship Service

# Social Resources

- Summer Celebration (Downtown Indy)
  - Showcase of many facets of Black Culture including: Education, fashion, and entertainment
  - Takes place in mid July. Stay posted to the website for dates.
  - Concerts, Step Show, Fashion Show, Expo, Worship Service, Educational Forums, Clinics, Lots of fun!
  - Past performers/guests have included: Erykah Badu, Anthony Hamilton, Dru Hill, MC Lyte, Bell Biv Devoe, Tocarra, Eva, The Game cast.

# Announcements: Opportunities/ Upcoming Events

- Liberal Arts Students, Free Membership
- **Lockheed Martin Event**  
Tomorrow 7:00 Beering B242
- **Cookout**  
Saturday, Cumberland Park- North Shelter  
North Salisbury Street and Kalberer Road 2 pm  
Stay tuned to email for inclement weather plan

# Announcements: Upcoming Events

- **October First Friday:**  
Spageddie's  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
3990 State Road 26 E  
Lafayette, IN 47905-4882
- **October Board Meeting:**  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Krannert G16  
Topic: Living a Healthy Lifestyle
- Survey Going Out Soon

# Bye! But Before You Go....

- Remember, one of our best resources is each other
- Get to know more about two or more people before you leave
  - See you Saturday!