

Dear BHAA Alumni,

Thank you so much for your support! I am extremely grateful to our Executive Board members and to all of you who contributed to the success of the Black Hispanic Alumni Association (BHAA). We hosted on-campus and off-campus events for both students and alumni this year, including co-sponsoring events with the Hofstra chapter of the NAACP and the Hofstra chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) and awarded nearly \$15,000 to deserving Hofstra students, despite the challenging economic climate. We plan on strengthening these relationships and sustaining BHAA's positive impact on the Hofstra community.

On behalf of the BHAA 2008/ 2010 Executive Board members, we look forward to serving you again this year. The elected officers are as follows: President - Tanya F. Levy-Odom '90, Vice President - Takita W. Mason '01, Treasurer - Calvin Bryant '00, and Secretary - Veronica Davis '03.

A special thank you to Frederick E. Davis, Jr. '85, BHAA's immediate Past President and current Vice President for Programs of the Hofstra University Alumni Organization, for his continued dedication and commitment to BHAA.

BHAA's 20th Anniversary: We are preparing to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of BHAA on **Saturday, April 17th, 2010**. Your input is critical; we are soliciting "Your Hofstra Story". We plan to provide a slide show of pictures and quotes from BHAA alumni at our 20th Anniversary celebration. Please email your pictures to BHAAPRES@GMAIL.COM and share your Hofstra stories with us!

Save the Dates! Saturday, October 9th –October 11th, 2009 is Homecoming weekend at Hofstra and BHAA will be there! On Friday, Oct. 9th – Alumnus Kurt Lambert '88 will be recognized as Alumnus of the Year and Alumnus Carlton B. Hickman '01 will be recognized as one of our Young Alumni. Please come out to support them! On Saturday, Oct. 10th - we're looking forward to another great time under the Alumni tent! There will be parade floats, food, face painting & football! I look forward to seeing you there!

Enclosed please find the most recent BHAA membership form; your membership dues fund the BHAA programs, including student and alumni networking and mentoring events throughout the year. Join today! Also please make contributions to the BHAA Scholarship fund when sending in your dues and remember to secure matching corporate funds whenever possible.

Please visit our page on the Hofstra website & also join the BHAA Facebook group via the link at:
http://www.hofstra.edu/Alumni/Connect/connect_charter_bhba.html

General BHAA meetings will be scheduled soon to discuss these and other events. Thank you to Stephanie Cooper-Smiley '82 and Takita Mason '01 for continuing to serve as Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee. Thank you to Thrisha Andrews '02 for continuing to serve as our Program Chair. If you are interested in serving on the any of the committees – Membership, Mentoring, Fundraising, Programming or Scholarship – or just want to share your ideas, please contact me at BHAAPRES@GMAIL.COM.

I look forward to connecting with our students, reuniting our alumni and celebrating 20 years of the Hofstra Black Hispanic Alumni Association legacy together!

Sincerely,

Tanya F. Levy-Odom '90
BHAA President