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The GWU Black Community Welcomes You!

A Message from the Editor

Many thanks go out to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter. It could not have been created without the investments of your time and effort. And it will continue to thrive as long as the black community continues to, and as we all know, black people have always proved themselves to be a resilient people.

This newsletter was created to be a medium on the George Washington University campus that WE control. Realize that when we allow others to control the dissemination of ideas about us, those ideas start to control and define us. So let us please use every opportunity to revitalize the power that lies within each and every one of us.

The written word is mighty.

Christina Vickers, 1st Vice-President, Black Student Union

Welcome to The George Washington University!!

As a native Washingtonian and a member of the GW community for more than 20 years, it gives me great pleasure to welcome freshmen and returning students to the 2005-06 school year. You have embarked on a time in your life that is sure to be unforgettable!

When I was in college, I wish someone told me three things. First, be prepared for the bumps in the road and don't wait or look for the insurance to bail you out. So often we search for, or ignore new paths, afraid of what will come next. Life, as we know it, will challenge our being. You will climb the highest mountain and walk through the lowest valley, but these moments and the lessons

learned are what you should remember because it will shape you into whom you will become in subsequent years.

Second, take advantage of your professors' time and expertise, especially those active in your fields of

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interest. They are here for you and, most, want to share information and resources available to you. This goes for administrators too!

Third, seek out and participate in activities that challenge your thoughts and broaden your experiences. Study abroad, get an internship, attend lectures, volunteer in a community service initiative, visit the

memorials, the Clubs, Capitol Hill and neighborhoods of interest.

Go the extra mile in experiencing **Total GW**. From the classes you take to the connections you build, as well as the positions and internships you acquire, develop personally, professionally and academically. Utilize the wealth of resources here to assist you. In doing so, you write your own ticket, and become what graduate schools, companies and organizations seek and want.

Good luck with your journey and remember that it all starts with you!

Helen Cannaday Saulny
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Student and Academic

Interested in joining Black Ace as a writer or artist?
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Have YOU visited the Multicultural Student Services Center Yet?

Dear African American Freshman,

As Director of the Multi Cultural Student Services Center, I would like to welcome you to many things. Welcome to the greater George Washington University. Welcome to the African American Student community within the university, and welcome to the greater Black community here in Washington, DC.

Let me welcome you to college life as well, because these next four years will define who you are. Within the next four years, many things will happen to you, whether you are aware of it, active in its occurrence, or not.

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You will:
Learn more than any other period in your life.
Grow more than any period in your life.
Change more than any period in your life.
Be challenged more than any period in your life.
You will:
Find your limits and what your are made of.
Re-shape your values.
Question authority.
Become an adult.
Shoulder adult challenges and burdens whether you want to . . . or not.

You will move forward to adulthood . . . or not, but you will become the person that you will be, for the remainder of your life.
You will discover that joy grows where you water it.
You will discover that you are responsible for you, and the results around you.
So, remember to: "Walk with a sense of purpose."
Get up early and start each day, like it means something. Remember that each day is your life.
Get a fresh motivating quote to live by! And remember, "He who conquers others is strong, he who conquers himself, IS TRULY MIGHTY!"

Michael Tapscott
Director
Multicultural Student Services Center

"I wish I knew That fifty years old, would show up in only a few moments. And, I wish I knew that my obituary would mean so much to me. I want my son to read it, and want to live what he will read that day." — M.T.

PILLARS OF STRENGTH

Black Student Union

Welcome to GW Class of 2009! The upcoming years here at GW can be what you make of them. There is unlimited possibility and potential within your grasp. I urge you to get involved here on campus and explore all that DC has to offer. You never know unless you seek to find out. With that said I wish you much success in all your social and academic endeavors. Smiles!

Heather Howard
President
Black Student Union

"When I was a freshman....I wish I knew all the resources the MSSC had to offer, I didn't even know it existed."—H.H.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Hello freshmen! I am delighted to welcome you all to George Washington University. I have enjoyed all my years at GWU and am glad that you chose this as your undergraduate home. Being involved is the key to having the greatest experience at GWU; so come out and join one of the many organizations on campus. As a freshman, I wish I had explored more of DC; this city has a lot to offer. I look forward to seeing you around campus and at events. Here is to a great year, Class of 2009!

Undra Robinson II
President
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Represent Yourself.

The Caribbean Students Association

Do you miss the tropical breezes, radiant sunshine, pristine beaches, vibrant music, island lingo, local foods, and hospitality from your West Indian homeland? If yes, come and join the Caribbean Student Association as we provide you with an unforgettable college experience and explore the various Caribbean cultures and traditions. Even if you are not from the West Indies, we welcome you! Our mission is to promote social and cultural interaction among the Caribbean students on campus and the GWU community.

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The new and enthusiastic E-Board of the CSA will strive to accommodate its members. CSA also needs your help to make a successful and enjoyable school year. This organization upholds Caribbean culture and unity in all its manifestations. Get informed! Get invigorated! Get involved! But most importantly, get inspired!

Nikki Henry, President, Caribbean Students Association

The Organization of Latino American Students

On behalf of the Organization of Latino American Students (OLAS) I welcome you to The George Washington University. Your first year here will be a memorable one, and we hope that you will come out to a few of our events during the school year to learn a little about the Latino Culture. Feel free to stop by our office in the Marvin Center room 437 if you have any questions about our organization, or even to just say hi! Again, Welcome to GWU!!

Zoila Primo and Paulina Abaunza, Co-Presidents, Organization of Latino American Students

The Organization of African Students

The Organization of African Students would like to welcome the freshmen (or class of 2009) and transfer students to The George Washington University. We would also like to extend a big welcome back to all returning students. As an organization, we hope that programming this year and all that GW has in store for you, truly makes this year a memorable one. We would like to invite you to attend our events which are aimed at educating the GW community not only about the problems that Africa is facing, but also our business, economic and political standpoints and the richness of African culture. You don't have to be African—interest in African issues, both positive and negative, is the common ground for all who participate in our organization. The Organization of African Students wishes everyone in the Black community a very successful 2005-06 academic year.

Tobi Alamutu, President, Organization of African Students

The Student Association

As a Black student representative of The George Washington University's Student Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to GW's Black community. I would also like to extend a special welcome and congratulations to our new brothers and sisters matriculating into The George Washington University—mega oh boy! All of us in the Black community are very proud to have you here with us ready to share this great experience that sadly too many of our people in America do not have the opportunity to experience. Please, do not take this experience for granted; indulge in the many valuable opportunities GWU and Washington, DC have to offer.

“I remember when I first arrived at GWU as a transfer student; I wish someone would have told me that DC parking enforcement took their orders from the Secretary of Defense—an all out ticketing offensive. Also, that parking at GW cost an arm, a leg, and my first born.”—L.T.

Lamar Thorpe, Joint Committee of Faculty and Students Representative, Student Association