

The Year of Perseverance!

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- New Leadership: Meet the 2011-2013 E-Board
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New Leadership

"Participating in the EMUBA as an active member has been such an amazing journey! I answered a "call for help" via email a few years ago and have been involved ever since. Recently transitioning into the Vice President role has been exciting. Our goal as an E-Board is to continue to push forward the great legacy that was started so many years ago. I am so excited to support the chapter as we continue to move forward in such a mighty way!"

-Jasmine Lee

TREASURER: BRANDON TAYLOR

Brandon Taylor holds a Bachelors of Science in Political Science and is currently finishing a Master of Public Administration, both from Eastern Michigan University. He currently serves as a legislative aide for State Representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi in the Michigan's 3rd State House district. While at EMU, Brandon was involved in EMU Student Government, NAACP, Student Leader Group, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and served as a graduate assistant for Campus Life. Through these organizations he developed a deep sense of community and a passion for giving back.

Since leaving the undergraduate ranks, Brandon has continued to serve throughout Southeastern Michigan, working with Habitat for Humanity, the Greening of Detroit, Mack Alive and Morningside Community Association. Further, he still makes time to engage current EMU students in service through Greek Life weekend service trips. Outside of work and school, Brandon is a freelance graphic designer and avid reader.



SECRETARY: HANNEKE HALL



Hanneke L. Hall is a native of Saginaw, Michigan and a Chicago, Illinois resident. She received her Bachelor Degree in Health Administration and Masters of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Her employment is in Health Care Administration, as Director of Finance. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix.

Hanneke is a Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Secretary. She is a mentor in two non-profit organizations and takes a strong and active role in helping our youth become leaders. She is also a board member for the Imani Pearls Community

Development

Foundation.

Hanneke is a member of one of Chicago's largest African American churches. Serving in the capacities of youth Sunday School Teacher, New Member's Sunday School Teacher and Biblical Counselor, she endeavors to let her light so shine before men that they may see good works and glorify God. Hanneke enjoys spending time with family, her Sorors, and friends. She takes pleasure in traveling and reading. She seeks excellence and gives her best effort, EMUBA will get no less.

VICE PRESIDENT: JASMINE LEE

Jasmine Lee is a highly motivated, passion driven individual hailing from Lansing, MI.

Jasmine holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work from Eastern Michigan and the University of Michigan, respectively. She currently works as the Coordinator of Diversity Programming at James Madison College of Michigan State University and is working toward her Ph.D. in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education also at MSU. Jasmine's main passion is educational equity and college readiness. However, she also has special interests in community engagement, diversity education and working with at-risk youth.

Jasmine is an active volunteer and community member. She is enthusiastically involved with the 21st Century Program at Sexton High School as well as the Y-Achievers program sponsored by the Westside YMCA, and serves as a volunteer grief counselor for pre-k children at Ele's Place in Lansing, MI. She also serves as the Vice President for the MINGLE (Minorities Involved in Growth, Leadership and Empowerment) young professionals group in Lansing, MI. Outside of work and school Jasmine is actively involved in church and enjoys traveling, watching cartoons, trying new foods and spending time with family.



PRESIDENT: LESLIE SMITH



A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Ms. Smith began her undergraduate studies pursuing Special Education Emotional Impairment. However, after completing her Child Development Associate Credential and teaching as a preschool and head start teacher for 4 years; Leslie completed her undergraduate career with a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Nonprofit Administration, pursuing her 1st love: **community & helping others!** She is currently completing her MBA with Capella University, and has recently completed a 6 month and rigorous political training with Michigan Center for Progressive Leaders; and has aspirations of serving on a more public platform.

As a young professional and entrepreneur, she prides herself on traveling a career path where service and making a difference in the lives of others; especially children, is the core purpose and passion. When she is not working or volunteering in the community, Leslie enjoys planning fun outings with her princess, and engaging in small gatherings with family and friends!

Advisory Board Members

After serving on the Executive Board for the chapter for 5 plus years; **Karinda Washington & LaTonya Edwards** maintain their commitment to the alumni by serving on the Advisory Board as a support to the current and new Executive Board members!

University and Community Partnerships

Young & Successful 2011

The Young and Successful program has been implemented to provide students with a professional development opportunity led by EMUBA, introducing them to Eastern Michigan University Alumni. The alumni speak with the students about their careers, challenges and successes since graduating.

It is our mission that from these interactions, mentor relationships are formed, and the students are encouraged, inspired and given a sense of direction!

"I was really touched at this program. It has helped me to focus on what I want to do"- Male Sophomore



Young & Successful 2011 Speakers

DoRohn Gough:
Music Producer

Shetina Jones:
Higher Education
Professional

Alexander Simpson:
Practicing Attorney

Jermaine Spight:
AT& T Management

George C. Mitchell:
Photographer and
Entrepreneur

Student Retention & Alumni Mentoring Panel

January 17th we partnered with NAACP EMU for their "Back to School/ Stay in School" student retention program. In addition to providing the students with \$250 sponsorship, members of our alumni gave motivational words of encouragement, and extended ourselves as mentors!

Community Service

The EMU Alumni Board of Directors has charged all EMU Alumni Chapters to participate in MORE community service for the coming year. The EMUBA is proud to say that we have hit the ground running! We recently participating with the Alumni Board in service at Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor and have served as a platform to recruit mentors for Mentor2Youth, a Ypsilanti based mentoring program. Our newly elected Community Service Chair, Lisa Washington, will continue to plan even more projects for YOU to participate in!



Including:

**-Young & Successful
2012**

**-“Respect My Vote”
Registration Celebration
& Concert**

**-“Bring the Tradition
Back” Scholarship &
Yard Showcase**

**-Traditional Tailgate
Celebration**

**-Homecoming After
Party w/ Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity Inc.**

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Celebrating Y.O.U. (Your
Opportunity to Unite), a
collaborative organization
made up of EMU Black
Student Organizations.
Also supporting this
weekend is the EMU
Foundation, EMU
Alumni Relations, EMU
Residents Hall
Association and the EMU
Black Alumni Chapter.*

EMUBA/Mathis Book Scholarship

Every year our main focus is to provide book scholarships for deserving students at our Alma Mater. This year we were excited to select 8 impressive scholars! (Not pictured: Tiffany Walker)

MEET THE 2012 EMUBA/MATHIS BOOK SCHOLARS

Miss Brittany J. Galloway a native of Lansing, MI and the daughter of Fredrick and Sonia Galloway. She is a junior at Eastern Michigan University, Double Majoring in Public Relations and Sports Management with a minor in Marketing. Brittany believes in cultivating and encouraging high scholastic achievement she shows her passion for education by serving as the Vice President of Scholarship and Standards of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, as an active member of the Honors College, McNair Scholar and a founding member of Honors Community Leader program. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Xi Chapter, Fashionality at EMU, Student Leader Group and the PRSSA, Brittany strives to live a balanced life. Her motto "Put God first and everything else will come...just wiggle your toes"



Brittany Galloway

Sheheriana Love



Sheheriana Love graduated from Pontiac Northern High School in 2009, and in the fall moved to Ypsilanti, MI, where she is now in her junior year at Eastern Michigan University. Driven by a desire to learn about effective communication and its various dynamics in education, the workplace, and life in general, she chose to study public relations. Ms. Love believes that public relations offer a wide range of opportunities for ingenuity and success and cites that as the motivation for her to study a field that, she admits, is challenging but also extremely rewarding. She envisions a limitless career that is both dynamic and impactful at a well-established media or communications firm, and perhaps one day, her own.

Naelah Burks



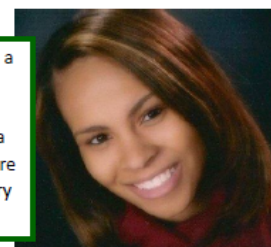
My name is Naelah Burks and I am from Troy, MI. I am a junior at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Occupational Therapy. Currently I am the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Social Chair, a member of the Black Student Union and a McNair Scholar. My goals are to earn my PhD and become a successful and inspirational occupational therapist in the future.



Darius Fowlkes

Darius Fowlkes is an undergraduate senior at Eastern Michigan University. Darius is majoring in Special Education with a concentration on the emotionally impaired. He is also double majoring in Theatre Arts -Teaching. Outside of being the Supervisor of the Summer Incentive Program, Darius enjoys being an active member in the EMU community by being a part of the EMU Theatre Players and an annual New Student Orientation Assistant. Along with being accepted into the College of Education in the fall, Mr. Fowlkes is also a member of the Minority Achievement, Retention & Success (M.A.R.S.) program. Darius hopes to one day facilitate his own learning institution that incorporates theatre components into academic lessons for both the special education and mainstream communities.

My name is Akelah Burks and I am from Troy Michigan. My major is social work and I'm a junior at Eastern Michigan University. Currently I am the 2011-2012 President for The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which is an honors organization that provides career and graduate school connections, leadership and service experiences. I am also a proud McNair Scholar on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. My future plans are to become a school social worker and to try to make a difference in children's lives every way I can.

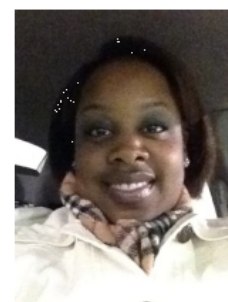


Akelah Burks

Tyrone Brown



Tyrone Brown, 54, is a student in the Social Work program at Eastern Michigan University. He is a senior, with a 3.9 GPA, and member of the Honors College who is graduating August 2012. While currently a full time student at EMU, he is also interning at the Detroit Recovery Project in Detroit, MI. Tyrone is currently being considered by the Master of Social Work Committee for entry in the Masters of social Work program at EMU.



"When I received the EMUBA/Mathis Book Scholarship, I still had two more books to purchase. Unsure of how I would pay for these books, in order to successfully complete my courses, I was extremely grateful to be honored by the Association earlier this year! The EMUBA/Mathis Book Scholarship was prudent, and it helped me to exercise my faith, my determination, and my passion for learning."
- Darius Fowlkes

Graduation- "Graduates in the Spotlight"

This year the EMUBA started a new tradition! Celebrating our graduates! As a part of the December and April Commencements, the chapter celebrates with all the graduates and creates an opportunity for them to connect with alumni right away. This year we chose 5 outstanding graduates to showcase.

NNEKA HARTFIELD

Major: Psychology
Minor: Human Sexuality

What's next? I decided months ago to take a year off after I graduated. I would like to take some time off to work on my acting and also write.

Long Term Goal(s): I hope to one day be a novelist and also an actress. I do plan to go back to school in a year and I may actually go back this fall, to finish my Spanish minor. I have yet to give up on becoming a Sex Therapist. After finishing in four years and not taking a break in between, I really need a breather.

What are your favorite memories while at EMU? My favorite social memories were playing in intimate Apparel and for the two years I participated in Vagina Monologues. My favorite academic memory was being a Resident Advisor for three years here at EMU.



MIAISHA PEOPLES

Major: Master's degree in Communication

What's next? My plans for the near future include either teaching at a Community college in the Mid-Michigan area or working for a communications firm. I also plan to acquire my Doctoral degree within the next 5 years hopefully.

Long term goal(s): I hope to become a tenured Professor at a University or College in the field of Communications and/or Theatre while being an academic tutor to college aged students.

What are your favorite memories while at EMU? One of my favorite personal memories of my time at EMU would be Freshman year as a whole. I learned so much about the campus, the people around me, and myself. During my freshman year, I met some of my best friends, learned a new hobby (Salsa), and had lots of fun experiences such as homecoming and being around for when the Student Center was first built. Another of my favorite memories that come to mind is being able to come to some of my professors with my life as well as academic fears and knowing that they would guide me on the right path. Two of those professors specifically were Lolita Cummings Carson and Sam Shen. I thoroughly enjoyed gaining academic expertise from them both. Overall, I loved attending EMU for both grad school and undergrad, as it is a great school that I am proud to be a name on both of my current degrees.



CHRISTOPHER OWENS

Major: Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, concentration in Student Affairs

What's next? I plan on continuing my work in the Virgin Islands as the United States Army Reserve unit Administrator and Reserve Liaison, while volunteering as a mentor at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Long term Goal(s): My long term career goals are two-fold where I will become a colonel in the United States Army and on the civilian side I aspire to obtain my doctorate and become the VP of Student Affairs at a college or university.

What are your favorite memories while at EMU? I have so many great memories, about the best was in 2008 when my fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, participated and won the Annual EMU stepshow at the convention center and the winning theme was a tribute to Michael Jackson's number 1 hit "Do You Remember the Time". Another great memory is my time spent being the director of business and finance for EMU student government and helping over 500 apps receive funding assist in planning or attending the various programs at EMU. Also, one of my favorite moments was the first time I went to the EMU presentation of the Virginia Monologues. It was very inspiring and insightful.



CHARLES FERREL

Major: Communications

What's next? I am planning to attend graduate school at EMU, working toward a Master's degree in Communications (with a concentration in Organizational Communication)

Long Term Goal(s): To become a business consultant where my education and experience in business and communications, will allow me to be a flexible and efficient leader.



LORELL WALKER

Double Major: Psychology & Communication

What's next? Graduate School at EMU: Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

Long Term Goal(s): Helping students achieve their best in school, at home and in life. As well as treat serious clinical issues among families with children.

What are your favorite memories while at EMU? My favorite memories are always eating gyoza with friends. For example, I fell off the top bunk in Sellers Hall freshman year! I spent a week working around campus trying to cover up my black eye with unique hats styles. Additionally, the opportunity to work with The GEARUP Program allowed me to educate urban high school students about college. Through this rewarding experience, I found my passion for education.

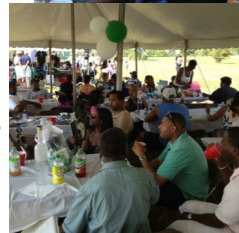


SPOTLIGHT

2012 GRADUATE

Black Alumni Weekend 2012

Every year the EMUBA collaborates the Black Alumni Chapters from Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and this year, Wayne State University, to celebrate Alumni from all over the state! And this year was no different! At the 2012 Evening of Elegance, we celebrated distinguished Alumnus, **Rodney Slater** for all that he has done in the community and for our Alma Mater, as well as our 2012 EMUBA/Mathis Book Scholars. On Saturday, Belle Isle in Detroit, MI, was taken over by Alumni from all over the state as we stepped aside from the rivalries and enjoyed the beautiful weather. The Black Alumni Weekend planning committee, made up of alumni from each university, worked tirelessly for the entire year to put together this collaborative event.



"Black Alumni Weekend was so fun! I'm new to the chapter and really enjoyed getting to know so many people. It was nice to see President Martin at the Evening of Elegance, it showed just how much she truly supports the chapter. The 'Alumni in the Park' picnic was really fun too! There was dancing, great conversation and even better food! I'm looking forward to next year already!"

-Morgan Williams

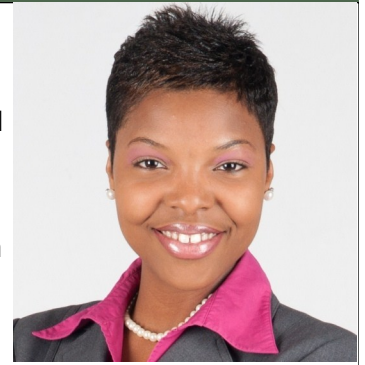
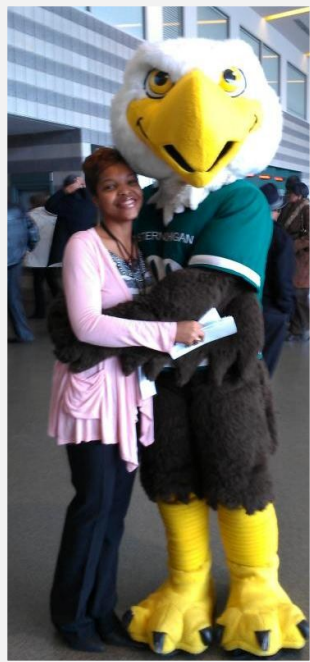
A Message from the President:

As President of Eastern Michigan University Black Alumni I strive to maintain transparency, diligence, and most of all UNITY! Unity for the spirit that is EMU! My vision for this chapter is that we are looked upon as a support in continuing the EMU integrity, a resource for the students and parents, and a community connection for our alumni.

Since persevering through this past year I envision this next year being even better than the last! With increased membership through our quarterly alumni mixers, more committed volunteers through our newly added committees which provide a variety of opportunities for alumni involvement, and deepened mentor and university relationships through our continuous collaborations EMUBA will be vibrant for years to come.

I give my time and dedication to this chapter and the university because it is my obligation to pour back into others what was poured into me. And as my team and I journey through this next year, I pray to have the continuous support needed to push this chapter, mission and vision forward.

-Leslie Love Smith



***Don't Miss Out on What's
To Come!***

SAVE THE DATES!

September 2012:

**LIVE: Alumni v. Students Basketball Game
@ EMU - Sept. 7, 2012**

Monthly Meeting - Sept. 15, 2012

**Green & White Viewing party fundraiser -
September 22, 2012 w/ MSUBA @ TV Lounge**

October 2012:

Young & Successful - Oct. 3, 2012

Black Homecoming 2012 - Oct. 5-7, 2012

Homecoming Game - Oct. 6, 2012

Monthly Meeting - Oct. 20, 2012

November 2012:

Monthly Meeting - Nov. 17, 2012

December 2012:

Monthly Meeting - Dec. 15, 2012

December Commencement - Dec. 16, 2012

Annual Holiday Party - TBA

For more information for these and other upcoming events, please visit our website: emuba.org

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