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President's Message, Dr. Charleyse Pratt

Welcome back! It is exciting to watch students, faculty and staff as they reconnect. The entire campus is buzzing with positive energy and an air of anticipation as we start a new segment of our learning journey together. On behalf of the Executive Committee of Black Faculty and Staff Organization, I welcome you to a new semester and invite you to join with us on September 5, for the BFSO Welcome Back Reception (invitation on reverse). Come connect, catch up with old friends and bring a friend. Thank you to Tanese Horton, Chair and her committee.



This year we are continuing with our theme: We See You! We Hear You! We Respect You! And We Honor You! Our Executive Committee is working hard to deliver the kinds of meetings you will enjoy and look forward to attending. We hope to have President Berkman meet with us this semester to share more of his vision and ways BFSO can support the forward movement. Dr. Byron White, Vice President University Engagement and Chief Diversity Officer will be invited to share the vision for the newly renovated Mosaic House on 12th floor in Rhodes Tower and other initiatives to support the University's diversity agenda.

Students will be part of this year's programming activities - as recipients of our historic scholarships will be invited to join us and share their experiences at CSU. Each one of us contributes to this greatness and benefits from positive change. That's why we need you to join with the Black Faculty and Staff Organization as we work together and add our voices and perspectives during this time.

Please consider becoming a BFSO member with an investment of \$15.00. Join a committee and help us as we advance the causes of diversity and equity and participate in building the future. Our newsletter and website will be good sources of relevant information to keep you informed of what's going on around campus and ways you can get involved.

And, to all the BFSO officers and continuing members, I thank you all for your support of the Organization. I hope to see you at the Welcome Reception and on the campus this year.

We See You - Faculty and Staff Recognition

Congratulations to our president, Dr. Charleyse Pratt on her promotion to Assistant Vice President, Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement in the Division of University Engagement. In her last position, Director Learning Communities Programs and Partnership, she had responsibility for the Cleveland Transfer Connection Program designing and developing initiatives to support transfer student success and degree attainment. There are currently over 200 transfer students enrolled. Before that, she was Director of Learning Communities that helped first year students make a smooth transition to university life. Before coming to CSU, Dr. Pratt was Director, Baldwin-Wallace University Eastern Campus in Beachwood, Ohio. Dr. Pratt is "passionate about education".

We also salute Yolanda Burt (Director Career Services). Yolanda was recently installed as the new President of the Cleveland East Rotary Club. The installation of office was conducted at the new Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in University Circle. We congratulate Yolanda Burt for her achievements and for her contributions to this community.

Our own, Audrey Wiggins was recognized as part of the weekly "Minority 'Good Works' Recognition Program". Annually, CAAO (Consortium of African American Organizations, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Cleveland State University Black Studies Program recognizes 52 minority folks who are doing "good works" in the community. Audrey will also be presenting at the Elite Women Around the World "Global Leadership Mentoring Conference" September 19, at Executive Caterers.

The Black Faculty and Staff Organization (BFSO) of Cleveland State University shall exist for the following purposes:

- To represent the interests of Black faculty and staff;
- To promote the individual and collective wellbeing of Black faculty and staff;
- To facilitate the development and advancement of Black faculty and staff.

The Cleveland State University Black Studies Program
Howard A. Mims African American Cultural Center

Presents

A Black Studies Open House

Friday, September 6, 2013

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | Room MC 137

Featuring an Umoja Round Table with
Invitations Extended to Representatives from

NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NAN

The National Action Network

SCLC

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference

ULGC

Urban League of Greater Cleveland

NCNW

National Council of Negro Women

100 Black Men

Refreshments and Music!

For more information contact Prester Pickett, M.F.A., Coordinator of the Howard A. Mims African American Cultural Center at (216) 687-3655 or visit www.csuohio.edu/blackstudies

From Grace Cathedral to Trinity Cathedral and Beyond

Workshops and Concerts Featuring Ellington's Sacred Jazz, Gospel, and More!
A Project of "Come Sunday" @ 70: Duke Ellington's Sacred Jazz in World History and Culture
c. 1943 - 2013



Duke Ellington at Cleveland's Public Auditorium (1960). James Gayle, Photographer. Courtesy CSU Library Special Collections.

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Workshop Sessions

Saturday, September 7, 2013
Saturday, September 14, 2013
1-3 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115

Rehearsals - Singers and Musicians Only
Monday, September 16, 2013
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, 2013
1-3 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dress Rehearsal and Sound Check
Saturday, September 28,
4 - 5:15 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20

"Harvest Time" Concerts:

Featuring the Spiritual Gifts Choir and Jazz Quintet
Saturday, September 28, 2013
Pre-Concert Reception, 5:25-5:55 p.m.
Performance, 6-7:30 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115
*Freewill Offering

Featuring the Ivy-Cheston Piano Duo
Sunday, September 29, 2013
Pre-Concert Reception, 2-2:50 p.m.
Performance, 3-4:30 p.m.
First Unitarian Church,
21600 Shaker Blvd (at Belvoir Circle)
Shaker Heights, OH 44122
*Freewill Offering

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

For more information, contact:

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Join us for the
Black Faculty & Staff Organization
Welcome Reception
Thursday, September 5, 2013
11:30 AM—1:00 PM
African American Cultural Center
Main Classroom 137

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, from Noon until 1:00 p.m. in MC 137, Black Studies Program, Howard A. Mims Cultural Center, unless otherwise noted. Feel free to bring your lunch (beverages & snacks provided).

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19



The Executive Committee meets monthly as announced.

We See you

We want to recognize the good deeds and accomplishments of our current and alumni Black faculty and staff. If you have achievements and want to share them, let us know. If you know of someone in your Department or School with achievements let us know. Email a.m.wiggins@csuohio.edu. We want you to know that **"we see you"**.



BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ORGANIZATION
Membership Form
Membership Term October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013
Annual Dues: \$15.00

Mail to: Mittie Davis Jones, Treasurer, UR 238B
Make checks payable to Black Faculty and Staff Organization or BFSO

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| Date | |
| Name (last) | (first) |
| Department | |
| Campus address | Campus phone |
| Email address | |
| Amount Paid: \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Donation (Please specify amount and purpose) \$ _____ Purpose _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal membership |

COMMITTEE INTEREST (PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY)

- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Curtis Wilson Scholarship Fund Committee
- Faculty/Staff Development Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Public Relations/Media Committee
- University Relations Committee
- Special Projects (Black History Month and others)

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Amount Received \$ _____ Cash Check/MO (# _____)

Membership \$ _____

Other \$ _____ (Specify: _____)

Recruited By: _____ Phone# _____

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