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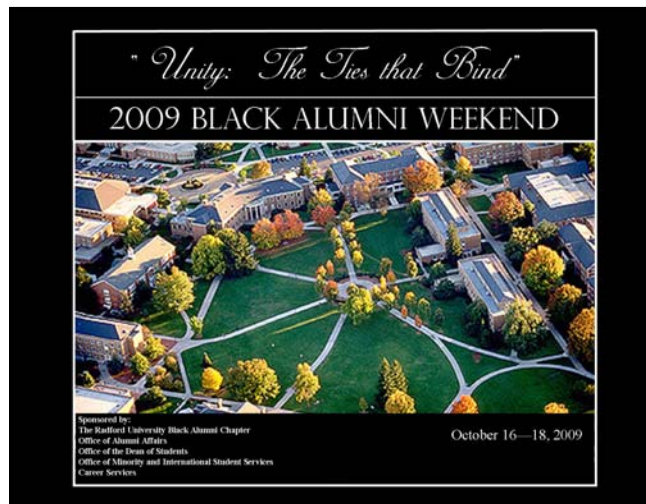
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Black Alumni Weekend 2009



We are thrilled that 2009 marks our fifth Black Alumni Weekend! We are excited to celebrate this occasion and hope that this year will also bring our largest turnout ever. We enthusiastically look forward to returning to the beautiful New River Valley this fall.

This year we sought to improve events of years past, as well as, to add new events that would be entertaining to alumni and current students alike. The result is a thoughtfully planned

weekend that will unite everyone, thus our theme, "Unity: The Ties that Bind".

The weekend begins with an event designed for the current RU students. On Friday morning we will host a Career Fair and Career Seminars featuring RU alum. The career fair will feature organizations and companies that have employed or currently employ alumni. The seminars will

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New Faces On Campus

Following in the manner of last year's season of "change", Radford's campus has once again welcomed two new additions. The Center of Diversity and Inclusion, formerly the Office of Diversity Services or the Office of Multicultural and International Services, as some may remember, has welcomed a new Director. Mr. Adrien DeLoach comes to Radford by way of Texas A&M University where he served as an advisor for minority students. He has also held positions in the Office of Admissions, University Centers and Leadership Programs and the Department of Housing and Residence Life at Western Kentucky University, his alma mater. A Meet and Greet will be held in his honor on Friday, September 18. Please visit the News and Events page of our website for further details.

The Department of Student Activities has also received a new addition. Jermisha Dodson will be joining the department as the new Coordinator of Student Activities—Greek Life. Dodson is a graduate of North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

We welcome them to our RU family!

Executive Board Candidates

Thanks to all who submitted nominations for the RUBAC 2009-2011 executive board. Nominees were contacted to ensure that they accepted the nomination. Those who accepted were also asked to answer a few questions to enable voters to make informed decisions. The unopposed candidates are: President—Teri Wheaton, Secretary—Sierra Hairston, and Treasurer—Misti Pinkston-Allen. Those candidates running opposed and their answers to the questions are as follows:

Candidate	RUBAC Functions Attended	RU Club and Organization Membership	Future Activities for RUBAC?	Qualities Possessed for the Position?
Vice President				
Lijah Naomi Smith	Step Show 2005; Block Show 2006	Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., Radford University Residence Hall Council Radford University International Student Affairs Council (ISAC) Radford University Educated Women of Color (EWOC)	Scholarship Fund Committee	Experience writing technical documentation, including policy documents, legislative analysis, manuals, press releases, proposals, articles, and marketing collateral. Proven ability to execute projects under tight deadlines and changing conditions while coordinating input from numerous sources; Able to work across organizational boundaries to execute short- and long-term media strategies, drive partnerships to enhance internal communications, and serve as a leader throughout the organization. Creative professional with 5+ years of experience in technical writing, corporate communication, brand management, and media / public relations. Proven ability to create content and maintain relations with media partners, agency executives, elected officials, and community partners to communicate the organization's objectives.
Walter Penn	Two BAW weekend events	SGA, Senator Alpha Phi Alpha, Vice President Judicial Board, Member and numerous special committees	First, ensure that we consistently have at least 500 attend the weekend event. From there, I would like to use those resources to guide the university in increasing the number of black students. I think the RUBAC should have three goals; (1) assisting the university in maintaining a relationship with the black alumni, (2) assisting black students with the transition to the workforce (i.e. jobs, internships, networking...), (3) ensuring that current students have a resource when needed, to encourage the university to seek out black students.	I have always been a leader from childhood till today. I worked my way up in corporate America to executive management (finance), Managing and supervising budgets from \$1.5 million and 10 employees to \$170 million 1,700 employees. Currently, I am the President/GM of a contracting company in MD.

“In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned.”
President Barack Obama (1961—).

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feature alumni speaking about their various fields and the paths that they took at RU and elsewhere to attain what they have achieved. Visit our News and Events page for details on the confirmed speakers. If you get a chance during the day, drop by our table in the Hurlburt Center to get your raffle tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday evening during the banquet.

Later Friday afternoon, the RUBAC Business Meeting will be held. At this meeting, the new members of the executive board for 2009-2011 will be announced. Plans for upcoming RUBAC events and projects will also be discussed. Please make plans to be a part of this meeting and offer your ideas on how we can make this chapter more successful. On Friday evening, please join us for the President's Welcome and Networking Reception. This will be an opportunity for you to meet RU President Penelope Kyle and meet and greet your fellow alum.

This year's step show will take place on Friday night at 8 p.m. There will be an undergraduate competition with a grand prize of \$300. The Dean of Students has issued an alumni group challenge and the winner of that will also win \$300. If you're a member of an organization, we need you there! And if you want to step, please be sure to sign your group up by Saturday, September 26 by visiting www.radfordblackalumni.com/stepshow09.html. Check the RUBAC website often for a list of confirmed step teams. After the step show, meet us for a Grown Folks Night Out at Macado's!

On Saturday morning, enjoy a continental brunch that will be held in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. After brunch, let your kids enjoy some time with their peers in our Kid's Kamp. Age appropriate activities will be planned for your children to make their RU experience unforgettable. Separate registration is required for the Kid's Kamp. Please see our website for details. Following the brunch we will hold a discussion titled "What Can We Do For You?" in Heth Hall. This will be an opportunity for the current students to let us know how we can better serve them and the university community. Come hear what they have to say and lend your suggestions as to how we can be more efficient in our service to the university. After the discussion, join us for a luncheon featuring the "State of the University" address by Dean of Students, Trae Cotton. At this time, we will also give away our first set of prizes. We will close out the afternoon with some board games and cards. Bring your competitive streak!

Saturday evening will begin with a semi-formal banquet in Muse Banquet Hall. Enjoy a nice meal and converse with friends, old and new. At this time, we will give away our second set of prizes. After the banquet, let your hair down and get ready to laugh the night away. Comedian Rob Stapleton will perform in Porterfield Hall to close out our day of events. Stapleton is a veteran of BET's "Comic View" and *Comedy Central's* "Comic Groove". He has also written sketches for Tracy Morgan that have appeared on "Saturday Night Live". For those who prefer to dance the night away, the Campus Activities Board presents Flo Rider, live in concert on Saturday night. The concert will be held in the Dedmon Center. Doors open at 7 p.m.!

BAW 2009 will conclude with our traditional Farewell Brunch. This year the brunch will be held in the new Covington Center for the Performing Arts. This center was built in honor of former RU President, Dr. Douglass Covington and his late wife, Beatrice Covington. After the brunch, we will take a self-guided tour of the facility.

We want our fifth year celebration to be bigger and better than any before it. Come back and reacquaint your self with old friends and prepare to make some new ones. Make your plans to attend BAW 2009 today!

Online registration ends on September 25, 2009. Register early! There will be no couple discounts with onsite registration.



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If you have photos or information that you would like included in the **RUBAC News**, please e-mail **Teri Wheaton** at teri@radfordblackalumni.com. The newsletter will be posted each quarter.

The **RUBAC News** can be sent via **U.S.** mail if you wish to receive a **hardcopy**. Please send an e-mail making your wishes known.



Things to remember

- Once you receive your log-in information for the RUBAC Alumni Directory, please keep it handy. If you have problems logging in, send an e-mail to webmaster@radfordblackalumni.com
- If you are a recent RU graduate, please be sure to update your e-mail address with us when your radford.edu account becomes inactive. Many e-mails are being returned because the account has been terminated. To update your email or reactivate your Radford email please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-478-4723.
- Don't forget to submit your information to be included in the Alumni Directory, the Newsletter Spotlight, website Profile, and the "On the Move" page. Let's stay informed about our illustrious alumni!
- Check the website often for new surveys and forms. We want to hear from you!
- If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, send an e-mail to webmaster@radfordblackalumni.com with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.