



*Office of African American Student Affairs
and The Black Faculty and Staff Association
presents....*

Ujima 2012

A Night of Excellence

***African American Community
Awards Celebration***

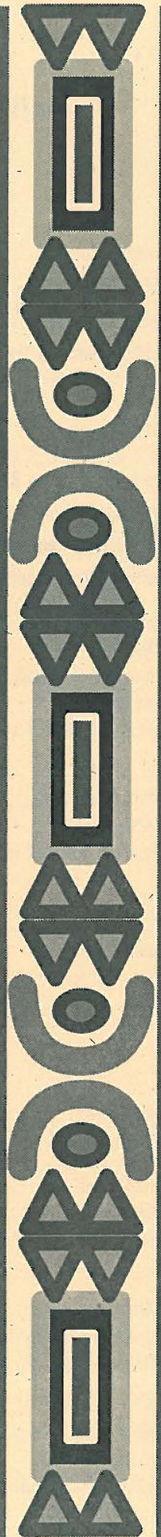
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012
6:00PM**

NKU STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DR. KAREN M.R. TOWNSEND
President/CEO of KTownsend Consulting





African American Student Affairs

The Office of African American Student Affairs (AASA) is the primary source for designing, implementing, and coordinating strategies to support African American students, faculty, staff, and alumni. AASA develops alliances within the Northern Kentucky University community in pursuit of a more inclusive campus environment.

Black Faculty & Staff Association

The purpose of the Black Faculty & Staff Association shall be to facilitate and influence educational, administrative, and personnel policies that affect the welfare of Black members of Northern Kentucky University. We appreciate the support of the entire University community and look forward to the opportunity to continue to enhance the excellence of the Association.

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- *Campus Recreation
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Education & Human Services
- College of Health Professions
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- African American Student Affairs
- Office of Admissions
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Ujima: A Night of Excellence African American Community Awards Celebration

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mistresses of Ceremony	Deborah Strahorn Coordinator African American Student Affairs
	Jennifer Mimms Admissions Counselor Undergraduate Office of Admissions Vice President Black Faculty & Staff Association
AASA & BFSA Greetings.....	Dannie Moore Associate Dean/Director African American Student Affairs
	Dr. Eric Jackson Faculty History & Geography President Black Faculty & Staff Association
Welcome Remarks from NKU	Dr. James Votruba President Northern Kentucky University
Invocation	Christian Smith NKU Student

Dinner Musical Interlude

Entertainment	Chesi Spriggs NKU student
	Dr. Daryl Harris Faculty Theatre & Dance
Acknowledgement of New Scholars.....	Rochelle Shields Assistant Director for Multicultural Recruitment Undergraduate Office of Admissions
Acknowledgement of Continuing Scholars.....	Tracy Stokes Assistant Director African American Student Affairs

Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Jennifer Mimms

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Dr. Karen M.R. Townsend
President/CEO of KTownsend Consulting

Presentation of BFSA Awards.....Black Faculty & Staff Association

Dr. Eric Jackson
President

Jennifer Mimms
Vice President

Ayanna Terry
Scholarship Chair

Jerome D. Robinson Scholarship
Dr. Lorena O'Donnell Scholarship
Dr. W. Neal Simpson Scholarship
Graduate Student Excellence Award
Dr. Addison W. Reed Service Award
Michael K. Mimms President's Award

Presentation of AASA Awards.....African American Student Affairs

Dannie Moore
Associate Dean/Director

Deborah Strahorn
Coordinator

Tracy Stokes
Assistant Director

Friend of AASA Award
Academic/Student Affairs Department of the Year
African American/African Freshman of the Year
African American/African Sophomore of the Year
African American/African Junior of the Year
African American/African Senior of the Year
African American/African Student Organization of the Year
Black Greek Letter Organization of the Year
Drum Major for Social Justice Award
NKU ROCKS Scholar of the Year
NKU ROCKS Mentor of the Year

Negro National AnthemTaylor Staples
Lift Every Voice and Sing NKU Student

Closing RemarksDeborah Strahorn & Jennifer Mimms

BenedictionChristian Smith

Black Faculty and Staff Association Awards

Jerome D. Robinson Scholarship

In loving memory of Jerome Robinson, a junior chemistry major, to acknowledge his love for Northern Kentucky University. This award is presented to an African American/African male student that has enhanced the university through community service, encouragement, and promotion.

Dr. Lorena O'Donnell Scholarship

In loving memory of Dr. Lorena O'Donnell, for her outstanding service and commitment to furthering the goals of the Association, while expressing care and devotion to her students. This award is presented to an African American/African female student that possesses a genuine spirit of academic achievement and scholarship.

Dr. W. Neal Simpson Scholarship

In honor of Dr. W. Neal Simpson, the first black professional employee of Northern Kentucky University and a co-founder of BFSA. This award is presented to an African American/African student that has demonstrated the highest level of academic excellence and achievement.

Graduate Student Excellence Award

This award is presented to an African American/African graduate or law student, who has positively influenced the organization or department and has participated in campus life as well as their individual academic area.

Dr. Addison W. Reed Service Award

Dr. Addison served as the Chair of the Department of Music at Northern Kentucky University. This accomplishment is awarded to an African American/African faculty or staff member who has consistently shown dedication to all students here at NKU. This individual is an educator who selflessly works to empower and influence students, both in and out of the classroom. To many they are more than a professor; they are the saving-grace that has forever made a difference in their lives.

Michael K. Mimms President's Award

In honor of Michael K. Mimms, the founding President of BFSA. This award is presented by the BFSA President to an outstanding member, in honor of contributions to the Black community at Northern Kentucky University.

African American Student Affairs Awards

Academic/Student Affairs Department of the Year

This award is presented to an Academic or Student Affairs Department that has consistently supported and uplifted African American students. This department works to be active and in tune with the needs of African American students and has warm, supportive staff who effectively represent its and the University's mission of development, inclusion, and service.

African American/African Freshman of the Year

This award is presented to a first-year student who has shown great promise as a leader and has participated fully in campus life during their first year experience.

African American/African Sophomore of the Year

This award is presented to a sophomore who has positively influenced NKU and their student organizations. They have participated fully in campus life and allowed their experiences to aid their personal, academic, and social development.

African American/African Junior of the Year

This award is presented to a junior who has proven to be instrumental in helping various student organizational and campus initiatives be successful. They actively help the University and their constituencies to reach their goals and have participated fully in campus life.

African American/African Senior of the Year

This award is presented to a senior who has shown consistency in leading student organizations and campus initiatives. This individual has demonstrated the intricate balance of managing a rewarding campus life experience while also accomplishing outstanding academic and career achievements.

African American/African Student Organization of the Year

This award is given to a student organization that has demonstrated an on-going commitment to excellence in all programming and development areas. Throughout the academic year, they have been consistently visible on campus and have given back to the NKU and Greater Cincinnati community. This organization works to promote academic excellence and leadership development within and outside of the organization and most importantly has members who are considered to be leaders in other campus organizations and departments. They promote diversity awareness, and set an excellent example for the rest of the campus community.

Black Greek Letter Organization of the Year

This award is given to a Black Greek Letter Organization that has demonstrated an on-going commitment to excellence in all programming and development areas. Throughout the academic year they have been consistently visible on campus and have given back to the NKU and Greater Cincinnati community. This organization works to support academic excellence and leadership development within and outside of the organization and most importantly has members who are considered to be leaders in other campus organizations and departments. They promote diversity awareness, and embody the ideal of tradition and brother/sisterhood.

Drum Major for Social Justice Award

This award is presented to an African American/African junior or senior who best embodies the spirit and core values of Northern Kentucky University and the African American community. The Drum Major for Social Justice Award recipient is an individual who is a change-agent and demonstrates a strong commitment to social justice. He/She has a heightened awareness of their impact on others, uses service and devotion to others as their motivation and is embedded with the authority of both competence and character.

NKU ROCKS Scholar of the Year

This accomplishment is awarded to a NKU ROCKS scholar who has taken an active role in assessing, monitoring, and managing their own academic, personal, and leadership development as a first year student at Northern Kentucky University.

NKU ROCKS Mentor of the Year

This accomplishment is awarded to a NKU ROCKS mentor who has consistently shown dedication to his/her mentees and NKU ROCKS participants. This individual can be viewed as an excellent role model for first year students and has selflessly given their time to help any student out in a time of need.

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Negro National Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson and John R. Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.