

Office of African American Student Affairs

and The Black Faculty and Staff Association

Ujima 2.013 A Night of Excellence

African American Community
Awards Celebration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

6:00PM

NKU STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. WILLIE ELLIOTT

Associate Professor of Social Work





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 apportunity to continue to enhance the excellence of the Association.

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UJIMA: A NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AWARDS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

| | Opening Piece | Ms. Kimberly Bolden NKU Alumna |
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| | Mistresses of Ceremony | Tracy N. Stokes Assistant Director African American Student Affairs |
| | AASA & BFSA Greetings | Associate Dean/Director African American Student Affairs |
| | | Dr. Eric Jackson Associate Professor History & Geography President Black Faculty & Staff Association |
| | Welcome Remarks from NKU | Mr. Geoffrey Mearns President Northern Kentucky University |
| 1 | Entertainment | Ms. Jyrieka Guest |
| | Invocation | Carla Gaston NKU Student |
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Dinner Musical Interlude: Premium Blend

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Willie Elliott
Associate Professor of Social Work

> Leyla Pena Admissions Counselor

Presentation of BFSA Awards Black Faculty & Staff Association

Dr. Jackson

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

> Dannie Moore• Associate Dean/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 Anthem | | | | NKU Student |
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| | 6 74 7 | Lift Every Voice and Sing | | |
| Closing Remarks | | | | Tracy Stokes |
| Benediction | | | | |
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Black Faculty and Staff Association Awards

Jerome D. Robinson Scholarship

In loving memory of Jerome D. Robinson, a junior chemistry major, to acknowledge his love for Northern Kentucky University. This award is presented to an African American/African male student who 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 BFSA, while expressing care and devotion to her students. This award is presented to an African American/African female student who possesses a genuine spirit of academic achievement and scholarship.

Dr. W. Neal Simpson Scholarship

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

Graduate Student Excellence Award

This award is presented to an African American/African graduate student 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 and one of the first African American chair at the university itself. This award is given to an African American/African faculty or staff member who has consistently shown dedication to all students, her at NKU. This individual is an educator who selflessly works to empower and influence students, both in and outside of the classroom or in other areas.

Michael K. Mimms President Award

This award is given in honor of Michael K. Mimms, the founding President of BFSA. This award is presented by the current BFSA President to the outstanding member of the African American community, faculty or staff, in honor of their contributions to the organization and larger Northern Kentucky University community.

African American Student Affairs Awards

African American/African Freshman of the Year

This award is presented to first-year student who as shown great promise as a leader and has participated fully in campus life during her/his first year at Northern Kentucky University.

African American/African Sophomore of the Year

This award is presented to a sophomore who has positively influenced Northern Kentucky University and their student organization. She/he also has 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 gward is presented to a junior who has proven to be instrumental in helping various student organizations and campus initiatives become successful. She/he also must have been actively involved in campus life as well as has helped the University and its African Americans reach their goals in a variety of ways.

African American/African Senior of the Year

This award is presented to a senior who has shown consistent leadership abilities in a student organization and/or campus initiative. This individuals also has demonstrated the necessary balance between their campus life and academic responsibilities.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT AFFAIRS

Associate Dean/Director

Dannie Moore, M.S.

Assistant Director

Tracy Stokes, M.Ed

BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

President

Dr. Eric Jackson

Scholarship Chair

Ayanna Terry

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 os 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 thùs 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.