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Cornell Reunion 2009



June 4-7

Greetings Cornell Black Alumni:

Please make plans to join your fellow CBAA alumni in Ithaca June 4-7 to celebrate what will be remembered as the most phenomenal reunion weekend ever. Founded in 1976, the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) was conceived as an organization devoted to providing a communication network for Black alumni. CBAA's current mission is to promote the professional development of Black alumni; to provide opportunities for alumni to give back to the Cornell community; to provide support for current Black students at Cornell through the endowment of scholarships and the development of other resources; and to aid in maintaining the diversity of the student body at Cornell by assisting the university in its recruitment efforts.



In keeping with the CBAA mission, the 2009 Reunion committee has worked hard to put together a weekend of activities that will enable alumni to reconnect with one another and discover what is new at Cornell. Reunion attendees will gather to recognize significant milestones for African Americans at Cornell, including the 40th anniversary of the Willard Hall Straight takeover and establishment of the Africana Center. In addition, the Mu Upsilon chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Cornell University will celebrate its 30th anniversary. If your class year ends in "4" or "9" this is a significant chapter in your post-Cornell life. You will receive additional Reunion information from your class in a separate mailing. You can also visit the Reunion website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion

This CBAA Reunion is taking place during an especially vibrant time in the nation's history, marked by the inauguration of the first African American president, Barack Obama. The CBAA Reunion committee has planned a very diverse program. Plan to arrive early on Thursday for a walking tour of the campus, as well as a games night that evening (bid whist) at Ujamaa. Cornell University has recently obtained a new collection entitled *Born in the Bronx: The Legacy and Evolution of Hip Hop*. CBAA has been invited to view the collection and this event will take place on Friday afternoon. Later that afternoon CBAA will co-host a meet-and-greet, wine-and-cheese reception with the Mu Upsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. In the evening the group will meet under a tent for a picnic dinner. Following the dinner some of your most talented CBAA alumni (or maybe not) will vie for the title of "CBAA Idol."

On Saturday morning, make plans to participate in the CBAA General Body meeting and election of the next slate of CBAA officers. The CBAA Reunion committee is most excited about the panel discussion on Saturday afternoon entitled "Race in the 21st Century: From Protest to Progress; Is Class the New Race?" This panel discussion will explore issues of race, class, socioeconomic status and the Obama presidency. The culmination of the weekend will be the traditional banquet dinner that will be held at the new Hans Bethe House on West Campus. This year's guest speaker will be Homer "Skip" Meade '69, W.E.B. Du Bois Scholar, a champion of the legacy of Dr. Du Bois. Of course, during the weekend there will be time for attendees to re-live the "sweat box" parties at Ujamaa.

Given the economic challenges that are facing us today, this is all the more reason to come back to Cornell to reconnect and network. Your Reunion committee looks forward to seeing you in Ithaca!

To view the list of alumni who plan to attend the 2009 CBAA Reunion and to register online, please visit our website at www.cbaa1976.com or www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

Your CBAA Reunion Co-chairs;

Deborah Arrindell Donell Hicks

Deborah Arrindell '79 (Co-chair), Donell Hicks '97 (Co-chair)



Reunion is only months away!

Registration Information

Register online at www.cbaa.1976.com, or www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion, or mail the enclosed registration forms. This mailing includes all the information you'll need to plan your reunion trip to Ithaca:

- CBAA events and housing information
- CBAA registration form and return envelope (must be postmarked by May 11 to take advantage of the early bird discounted prices)

For university Highlights, Athletic and Youth Program brochure information and registration, visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

How do I register for the upcoming CBAA reunion?

Fill out the enclosed CBAA registration form and return the form with your payment in the envelope provided. Please note that childcare and athletic programs require separate registration forms and payments, and are on the web at www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. The best way to register for the reunion (and highly recommended method) is to register online at www.cbaa.1976.com or at www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. Remember, to take advantage of the early bird specials, you must register by May 11. If you wish to attend any of your class functions, contact your reunion class chair to make special arrangements regarding activities that require a fee; additionally, you will need to let your CBAA co-chair know as well so that the CBAA package pricing can be adjusted. If you prefer to register with your class and wish to include a CBAA activity, e-mail either Deborah Arrindell (dja45@cornell.edu) or Registration Chair Anika Daniels Osaze '96, at aid1@cornell.edu) to make special arrangements.

What are the fees for this year's reunion?

The Reunion committee is well aware of the current economic climate and has come up with an affordable package that will enable all alumni to return to Ithaca and share in the fun. The regular registration fee for the full adult weekend is \$270 per adult (CBAA member) and \$280 per adult (non-CBAA member). Take advantage of the Early Bird registration rate by May 11 and pay \$250 per adult (CBAA Member) and \$260 per adult (Non-CBAA member). CBAA understands the need to incorporate young alumni into the 4,800-plus strong organization that

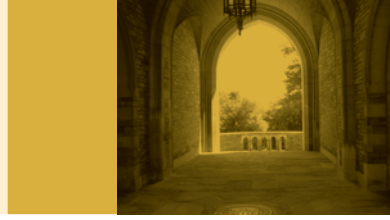
is more powerful than ever and is, in conjunction with the University we are providing a subsidy to lower the young alumni registration fees. For young alumni (classes of '99-'09 only) the weekend fee is \$245 per adult (\$225 per adult before May 11). The full registration fee for all groups covers CBAA receptions and meals, panel discussions, entertainment, refreshments in CBAA headquarters, beer and wine at selected events, and the CBAA souvenir. In addition, the full registration fee covers clerk wages and gratuities, on campus-shuttle buses, and other university events. None of the above mentioned fees for adults, young alumni, CBAA members, or children include university housing.

Children's registration fees are listed on the registration form. The children's registration fees are lower if you've enrolled your child in the university Youth Program, and that registration fee covers CBAA breakfast, lunch, as well as snacks and beverages served in CBAA headquarters, and a souvenir. The university Youth Program runs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and includes dinner. If you do not enroll your child in the university Youth Program, the fee is higher to cover the additional cost of Friday dinner (for the Full Weekend package), in addition to the breakfast, lunch, snacks and souvenir. Please note the Saturday night CBAA dinner is NOT included in the children's fees. The youth (ages 16-20) packages include all the CBAA meals, including Saturday night dinner, headquarters refreshments, and a souvenir.

The reunion committee encourages you to plan ahead and register early! The registration fees will increase if your registration is postmarked after May 11. If you need to cancel your registration, you must do so in writing before May 22 to receive a full refund. Contact either Deborah Arrindell '79 (dja45@cornell.edu) or Anika Daniels Osaze '96 (aid1@cornell.edu).

Where will the CBAA headquarters and housing be located on campus?

Ujamaa (Low rise #10) will serve as the CBAA headquarters and primary housing unit. In the event that Ujamaa becomes full, Low rise #9 has been designated as the overflow dormitory. Housing fees are \$49 per adult per night or \$118.50 for the entire weekend (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights). For children (12 and under) the housing fee is \$27 per night or \$54 per child for the entire weekend (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights). There is no charge if you bring a portable crib or sleeping bag for children to use in your room. Rooms come equipped with bed linens, bath towels, washcloths, soap, water glasses, and clothes hangers. A daily towel exchange is available. Please remember housing for the reunion is dormitory style and there is no maid service. Also, pets (other than service animals) are not permitted. Smoking is also not permitted in the dormitory. We cannot reserve specific rooms (i.e. your old unit); assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. You may ask to room near some of your buddies when you check in, and Campus Life will do their best to accommodate your request. Checkout is on Sunday, by noon sharp!



Cornell and CBAA are committed to ensuring that alumni who need any special housing or transportation are accommodated. Please be sure to list any special housing needs on your registration form. Special vans that can accommodate mobility needs will be available throughout the weekend.

Hotel Rooms

During Reunion weekend, hotel rooms are very limited in Ithaca and the surrounding areas. Listed below are hotels that have been allocated for CBAA. Alumni should call the hotel directly by May 5. Please let the hotel clerk know that you are making plans to attend the CBAA reunion. Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

Holiday Inn 607.272.1000

Econo Lodge 607.257.1400

Internet access in the dorm

Cornell Information Technologies is now offering the use of broadband Internet service in the dormitory rooms. There is no fee associated with this service. Before you arrive on campus, please make sure that your computer system has the latest system updates installed and that your anti-virus definitions are up to date.

What about bringing the family?

Yes, Yes, Yes! We encourage alumni to bring their families as Reunion has something for people of all ages. The Friday night picnic, Saturday lunch picnic, and Sunday brunch are the perfect venues to introduce your family to your fellow alumni. Please remember that the Saturday dinner is more formal and is not included in the children's package. Please make appropriate arrangements for your children during the Saturday dinner. If you have any questions please contact Deborah Arrindell (dja45@cornell.edu). For alumni with children please consider enrolling children ages 6-15 in the university Youth Program. For children 12 weeks-10 years, evening only childcare is available at Ithaca Community Childcare Center (IC3). Both of these programs fill up quickly and have received rave reviews from parents. You must pre-register by visiting the website www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

The university and CBAA are not allowed to make individual babysitter referrals. However, the American Red Cross maintains a list of babysitters in the Ithaca area who have completed the training (American Red Cross) program.

If you are interested in this option, you can contact the Red Cross at 607.273.1900, ext 14. CBAA has not investigated this service or the suitability of any baby sitters. As such, parents are advised to take every precaution for the safety of their children.

The CBAA Reunion committee will outfit one of the unit lounges in Ujamaa with videos, board games, coloring books, and art supplies to entertain children attending the reunion. Children

under the age of 16 must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times, or be enrolled in a formal childcare program throughout the weekend.

No one under the age of 21 is allowed into the Arts Quad tents in the evenings. If you are bringing children, you must sign a children's waiver at registration check-in regardless of whether you are using the university sponsored Youth Program, IC3, bringing your own babysitter, or doing it all on your own.

How do I get to Ithaca?

The university has posted a Reunion Ride Share Board on its Reunion 2009 website at www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. If you are looking to share a ride to Ithaca or have room for additional passengers, log on and post a request or offer a ride. Also, visit www.cbaa1976.com. The Campus-to-Campus coach service can provide luxury, express transportation between New York City and Ithaca. For complete info or to book your trip, go to www.c2cbus.com or call 607-227-6307. Wheelchair accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. For additional transportation options visit: alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/transportation.

Parking while on campus

Once you arrive you should drop off your luggage at Ujamaa or Low Rise #9, and then you may park in CC or A Lots. For handicapped parking, please contact your registration chair.

CBAA Elections

We will also take time out to hold elections for the CBAA Executive Board on Saturday at the Africana Studies and Research Center. Additional details, including the slate of candidates, will be posted on the CBAA website, www.cbaa1976.com. A candidate may be nominated for any office by the written nomination of any 30 members submitted to the secretary at least 10 days prior to the triennial (or special election) meeting. Please note that nominations cannot be taken from the floor. The CBAA reunion committee also encourages all alumni to join your local CBAA chapter. Contact information for your regional CBAA representative as well as a registration form can be found at the CBAA website, www.cbaa1976.com.

How can you make this the best reunion ever?

You can help the CBAA reunion committee make the 2009 reunion the one to talk about for years to come by getting the word out to your fellow alumni. Yes we can.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Noon – 1:00 a.m.

CBAA headquarters open for check-in at Ujamaa Low Rise #10 on North Campus

2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Come back to Ithaca early and see Cornell like you have never seen it before. We will take a walking tour of the campus and explore places such as the Cornell Plantations, new buildings on West Campus and the Johnson Museum. Meet in lobby of Ujamaa at 2:30 p.m. to begin the tour.

8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Find out more about the Cornell Black Alumni Association while enjoying a pizza dinner. This will be an opportunity to talk with some CBAA officers and learn about CBAA. Ujamaa main lounge

8:00 p.m. – ?

Remember games night in the dorm? Here is your chance to re-live those nights. Come join us in the Ujamaa lounge for bid whist and other card games. If you don't play cards, then this is a great opportunity to take advantage of the billiard room at the Robert Purcell Union (there is a nine-foot Brunswick pool table), bowling at Helen Newman Bowling Center, or the fitness centers (there is a per day fee of \$7.00).

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

CBAA headquarters open for check-in at Ujamaa on Low Rise #10

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at Ujamaa

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Open class forum sponsored by 1979, 1989, and Cornell Hillel: "An Abrahamic dialog on mutual values and common approaches to religious and political questions among Christians, Jews, and Muslims," Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall

Noon

All Alumni Affairs Lunch – On Friday luncheon hours are 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at class headquarters for those who pre-registered for the luncheon; and limited number of tickets will be sold at the door (\$13.50 per adult and \$6.50 per child). Barton Hall

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Born in the Bronx: The Legacy and Evolution of Hip Hop. Please join us as we tour one of the latest collections of the Cornell Library that documents the early days of Hip Hop with recordings, photographs, and more. Limited space (See sign-up sheet at registration desk) Kroch Library. There will be two tours within this hour to accommodate as many as possible (Max. 40 people per tour).

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

The Olin Lecture, Bailey Hall; featuring Ratan Tata '59, Cornell trustee, and president of the Tata Group. "Corporate Social Responsibility in the 21st Century: A Dialogue between Ratan Tata and President David Skorton."

4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Wine-and-cheese reception in the G-10 Bio-Atrium co-sponsored by CBAA and the Mu Upsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Traditional CBAA picnic dinner under the tent, Appel Field

9:15 p.m. – Midnight

CBAA Idol Night, Robert Purcell Auditorium

Midnight – 4:00 a.m.

Party at Ujamaa

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

CBAA headquarters open at Ujamaa

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Continental breakfast at Africana Center lobby

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

CBAA General Body Meeting and CBAA Elections, Africana Center Multi-purpose Room

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

State of the University Address by President Skorton, Bailey Hall

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CBAA picnic at the CBAA tent, Appel Field

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Cornell MOSAIC Diversity Forum: Keynote Speaker, Deputy Provost, David R. Harris—"Diversity at Cornell: How far have we come in 40 years?" Bach Auditorium, Malott Hall

2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

"Race in the 21st Century-From Protest to Progress: Is class the new race?" Faculty/alumni panel discussion on issues of race, class, socio-economic status, and the Obama presidency. Sponsored by CBAA, Bach Auditorium, Malott Hall

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wine-and-Cheese Reception at Hans Bethe House. Free bus shuttle from Ujamaa to Hans Bethe house beginning at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Group photo at Hans Bethe House

7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Banquet dinner at Hans Bethe House with guest speaker Homer "Skip" Meade '69, W.E.B. Du Bois scholar. (Bus shuttle will be available to take alumni back to Ujamaa or the Arts Quad).

10:30 p.m. – Midnight

Join all alumni on the Arts Quad under the tents to listen to music

1:30 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

Jam at Ujamaa (the sweatbox)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 a.m. – Noon

CBAA headquarters open at Ujamaa

7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Farewell Brunch at Robert Purcell Dining Hall

Noon

Checkout of Ujamaa and Low Rise #9