



**Executive Board 2015-2018**

April 17, 2017

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Dear President Pollack,

On behalf of the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA), we offer congratulations on your appointment as Cornell's 14<sup>th</sup> president. As the first affinity group for alumni of color at Cornell, CBAA not only celebrates the achievements of alumni, we also engage with current undergraduate and graduate students to support the pathway to educational success at Cornell and beyond.

For decades, we have provided scholarship assistance to generations of Cornell students who are now leaders in their respective fields. In addition, members have served the institution as trustees, leaders and active volunteers in myriad councils and committees at the university.

Traditionally, our largest campus based event has been the CBAA reunion held every three years where more than 300 alumni and their families return to Cornell during reunion weekend. More recently, CBAA has been actively working to encourage alumni to visit during the academic year to interact with students and organizations on campus. Moreover, for the last several years, we have collaborated with student groups, the Africana Studies and Research Center, Ujamaa Residential College and Wanawake Wa Wari Cooperative to enhance CBAA's presence during the fall homecoming weekend.

Please know you have our support in leading Cornell to reach its potential in educating a diverse student body that can engage different perspectives. With your belief in shared governance and collaboration, know that CBAA has a long record of working with Cornell's leadership to maintain the institution's commitment to access and inclusion. We look forward to meeting you during the inauguration activities and to a long and productive collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Brown-Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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