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47th Annual Awards Program

Purdue University
Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff

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Congratulations to the 2022
BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY AND STAFF
AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

The traits you have developed while at Purdue will ensure your success in the professional world. The College of Education’s faculty and staff congratulate you on your achievements!

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To each of our student honorees,

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate you, on behalf of the entire Boilermaker community, on the outstanding success for which you are being recognized today. This annual celebration, honors your dedication and commitment to making a positive difference in your community. You exemplify what it means to be a Boilermaker through your leadership, tenacity and persistent pursuit of excellence, both in and out of the classroom. Because of you and your work, Purdue is a better place, and we are ever grateful.

Thanks also are in order for your family and friends, who celebrate your achievements each day and for the members of our Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff, who support and encourage you. They are an essential part of the Purdue family and we thank each of them for their hard work and devotion to your success.

This annual event shines a well-deserved spotlight on the many ways in which you go above and beyond in all aspects of your lives. I hope you know what an important part of our campus you are. Thank you, again. You make Purdue proud.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President
April 2022

Dear Student Honorees, Families, Friends, and Colleagues,

It is an honor to welcome you to the Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff Academic and Service Awards Program. Now in its 47th year, this celebration is a tribute to our outstanding faculty, our devoted staff and, most of all, to our dedicated and hard-working students who have demonstrated exceptional academic and service leadership – all made even more worthy of recognition given the challenges COVID-19 has created over the past two years.

To our graduating seniors: Every year, hundreds of industry recruiters and graduate/professional schools from around the world look to Purdue because they know they will find students who have a strong academic foundation, the professional skills to become leaders, and the integrity and compassion that embody the Boilermaker spirit. Each one of you will make an important difference in your communities/government, industry, and/or academic... there is no doubt in my mind. We wish you continued happiness and great success whether you are seeking employment or furthering your education through an advanced degree.

To the parents, family, and friends of our honorees: We know you have provided support in so many ways, helping your students navigate their path through Purdue and through life. We thank you for entrusting us with the care of your student during this transformative journey. We have done our best to provide them with opportunities to grow — as scholars, as leaders, and as people. They have done the hard work and with your guidance, support and love, they have thrived. You have so very much to be proud of.

And a personal thank you to Purdue’s Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff: As teachers, mentors, advisors and leaders, you have helped these students prepare for successful lives, and you have created the foundation upon which they can build.

Again, congratulations to our honorees! You have earned this special recognition. We are so proud that you are Boilermakers, and we look forward to your continued success as you meet the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

Best regards,

Jay T. Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

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Dear Students, Family Members, Honored Guests, and Caucus Members and Friends,

The Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff welcomes you to our 47th Annual Academic and Service Awards Program!

We gather again—virtually!—to honor the accomplishments of over 200 students, who make Purdue what it is. This Program honors excellence: our students’ excellence in the classroom, our students’ excellence in leading and serving others, our students’ excellence that makes Purdue University a world-class institution of higher learning—Black excellence. These achievements and the path forward have been wrought by individual talent, collective support, and resilience.

As it has for the nearly 50 years of its existence, this Program arrives at the happy nexus of a special set of forces. This Program is unique in that it celebrates undergraduate student achievement across all departments and units, and is organized every year solely by the hard work and dedication of volunteers: the members and friends of the Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff. The Caucus itself is unique among similar university-based organizations across the nation both for its longevity, and for its focus on the common and complementary interests of Black faculty and Black staff members. This Program is unique in that it typically represents one of the largest gatherings of Black families at Purdue outside of Commencement. In these ways, we stand together as families, faculty, and staff in support of our students’ growth and thriving.

In addition to those students whose names are listed in this year’s Program, please look carefully through this booklet to see the range of people and units at the university who have supported this effort with ads and other contributions. When you get a chance, thank them for their support! Also, since it takes a village to raise a child, the Caucus honors ALL of the parents, guardians and caregivers who made it possible for these outstanding students to come to Purdue.

We hope to see everyone in person, eager, and even more accomplished next year!

With my sincere congratulations and best wishes,

David Rollock, Ph.D.
150th Anniversary Professor and Professor of Psychological Sciences
Chairperson, Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff
Shayla Pulliam Webb, is the founder of Ellipsis Consulting, LLC. She is also a licensed attorney with a law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and a dual bachelor’s from Purdue University.

Her career goal is to address the cycle of poverty and lack that affects generations by working cross-functionally to create and produce resources that will empower people into a better way of being, thinking, and living. Shayla works internally with organizations to cultivate diverse and inclusive cultures.

Through training, strategic planning and targeted initiatives, aimed at educating and bringing awareness to the workforce, Shayla is able to have the hard conversations that produce actionable, sustainable plans that result in restoring people’s ability to capitalize on their human capital in a meaningful way. When done right, this work reduces bias, hostile work cultures, turnover, and a host of other societal and economic woes.

Ultimately, Shayla’s goal is to be a part of something that changes the trajectory of generations. To work towards this end, Shayla served on the Goodwill Board of Education Initiatives and works with non-profits to increase their understanding of the people they serve.

Most importantly, she is married to Marlon Webb and has two children, and they attend and serve at Covenant Community Church.

Dr. Christopher Pulliam completed both a BS and Chemistry and PhD in Analytical Chemistry from Purdue University. At Purdue, he developed novel applications for portable mass spectrometry which included real-time monitoring of multiple chemical reactions simultaneously, quantifying UV exposure on the skin by directly monitoring skin chemicals, and detecting pesticides in situ which may be harmful to pets. Upon completing his degree in 2017, Chris accepted a post-doctoral offer from Procter and Gamble where he developed new test methods for complex botanical extracts to prove their safety and efficacy using high-resolution mass spectrometry. The following year, Chris was offered a full-time position at P&G where he now combines machine learning and high-resolution mass spectrometry techniques to solve complex data problems related to raw material evaluation, cost analysis, performance testing, and product failure.

Dr. Nick Pulliam completed his B.S. in Medicinal Chemistry Molecular Pharmacology and Genetics in 2013, with a minor in chemistry from Purdue University. He went on to complete his PhD from Indiana University with a focus on identifying therapeutic vulnerabilities and strategies to overcome chemoresistance in breast and ovarian cancer, publishing several manuscripts and book chapters to highlight this work. After a short postdoctoral fellowship, Nick joined Eli Lilly and Company as a medical writer, supporting the oncology pipeline.
Welcome & Opening—David Rollock
National Anthem—Onyx Uzomah
Negro National Anthem—Jayla Wesley and Nova Moffitt
Introduction of Speaker—Zenephia Evans
Speaker Conversation—The Pulliams
Clara E. Bell Award—Mopelola T. Adeola
Service & Leadership Awards—Zenephia Evans
Faculty/Staff of the Year Award—Jackie Thompson-Miller
Spoken Word—Essenam Lamewona
Academic Awards—Natasha Duncan, Veronica Rahim, Natasha Watkins
Special Award—David Rollock
Closing—David Rollock

A heartfelt thank you to all that contributed to a successful awards program!
The Star Spangled Banner
By Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare,
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning 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 chast’ning 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 has 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 hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast 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 They hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.
The Black Caucus

The Caucus traces its roots to discussions and informal meetings among African American faculty and staff on the Purdue University West Lafayette campus in the Fall of 1970. The concept for an organized group of Black faculty and staff initially was circulated by Dr. Buchanan, who held the position of Coordinator of Black Student Programs at the time. These discussions continued over the next few years until September, 1974, when faculty and staff members responded positively to a proposal from Mr. Sam Hay, Director of Africana Studies and Research Center, to develop a more formal organizational structure. An ad hoc leadership group began planning for the goal with monthly meetings at the old Black Cultural Center.

Under a constitution ratified in December 1974, African American faculty and staff members voted on April 17, 1975 to establish the Black Faculty and Staff Council of Purdue University, and elected as its first officers Dr. Luther Williams (Chairperson), Ms. Marion Blalock (Vice Chairperson), Dr. Darlene [Clark-] Hine (Recording Secretary–Treasurer), Mrs. Helen Bass Williams (Corresponding Secretary), Mr. Kenneth McNight (Parliamentarian), Capt. Jerome Adams, Mr. Samuel Hay, and Ms. Phoebe Coleman (Members-at-Large). Purdue President Arthur G. Hansen was duly notified later that month. By the Spring of 1976, the organization became known as the Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff.

The basic purpose, goals, and objectives of the Caucus have remained consistent across the life of the organization, and are articulated most clearly in its Constitution and Bylaws (1984):

“The purpose of the Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff shall be:
(a) To identify and act upon those issues which affect Black people at Purdue University and the greater Lafayette community, especially as they relate to the function of the University;
(b) To institute and maintain an effective and positive relationship between the University and its Black constituency both on and off campus;
(c) To reinforce self-awareness among Black people by implementing programs and activities designed to achieve these aims;
(d) To gather and disseminate information about available talent, opportunities, and activities that will provide the University with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of the Black experience;
(e) To carry out other activities of a charitable and educational nature to promote the welfare of Black faculty, staff, and students.”

From its earliest years, the Caucus undertook monitoring the number and status of African American staff and students at Purdue, providing mutual support, and engaging upper administration in planning for change and advancement on matters of concern. One important, visible, and consistent function has been the Annual Awards Program. Initially begun as an “Academic Support Fund Dance” that raised money for academic merit awards and a possible emergency loan fund, the Caucus distributed 30 “incentive awards” to Black students for the end of the 1975-76 academic year. The Second Annual Academic Support Fund Dance honored 60 outstanding Purdue Undergraduates with cash awards, gifts, and certificated for excellence in scholarship, community service, and leadership. Continuing its tradition of honoring students using only voluntary donations, this 41st Annual Program will honor over 150 undergraduates of African descent at Purdue University.
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We had over 1000 students eligible for this award, but we are only allowed to post the students that RSVP to have their names posted in the booklet.

Congratulations to all our students!
# Special Awards

## Highest GPA in Each Class Award

### Freshman
- Oluwaleyeye
- Rosanwo
- Lidya
- Yoseph

### Sophomore
- Zaria
- Drej
- Rachel
- Winning
- Olanrewaju

### Junior
- Childs
- Cosby
- Labi
- Okorie
- Sodunke

### Senior
- Kayla
- Neal

### Professional
- Lynnet Francesca Kimera

## Service and Leadership Award

### Freshman
- SeArre
- Abidemi
- Leah
- Francesca
- Essenam
- Vanessa
- Arinze
- Uchenna
- Victoria
- Ebony
- Kim
- Nadia
- Kristal
- Oduduabasi
- Jayla
- Floyd
- Mia

### Sophomore
- Abebe
- Aregbe
- Douglass
- Kimera
- Lamewona
- Longe
- Osili
- Osuamadi
- Parker
- Pippens
- Rutsito
- Seye
- Spann
- Victor
- Wesley
- Williams
- Yates

## Clara E. Bell Award

- Martha
- Muojekwu

## Staff of the Year Award

- Darren
- Henry
Sponsorship Level

Platinum
College of Science

Gold
College of Engineering

Silver
Honors College
College of Liberal Arts
College of Pharmacy

BLACK CAUCUS PATRONS

Drs. Alysa and David Rollock
Drs. Dorothy and Willie Reed

BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY & STAFF OFFICERS 2022

David Rollock, Chair
Natasha Duncan, Vice Chair
Cathy Pullings, Secretary
Zenephia Evans, Treasurer
Alicia Gilbert, Parliamentarian
Matilda Stokes, Fiscal Planner & Webmaster
Johnny Brown, Member at Large
Sandra Syndor, Member at Large
Jackie Thomas Miller, Member at Large

AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE 2022

Dr. Natasha Duncan, Chair
Dr. Johnny Brown
Dr. Zenephia Evans
Dr. Dwayne Jengelley
Dr. David Rollock
Ms. Matilda Stokes
Dr. Natasha Watkins
CONGRATULATIONS !!

SYLVIA W. KAFARI

ON YOUR BCFS ACADEMIC AWARD.
DAD AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY ARE PROFOUNDLY PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE YOU
SIMON KAFARI (DAD)

Elisha,

Congratulations on this prestigious recognition through the Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty & Staff. Through your hard work and perseverance you are truly deserving of this Award.

Mom and Dad

Dearest Ejiro,

We are all so proud that you are one of the Awardees at the 47th Annual BCFS Academic and Service Award Program.

We know that you are walking through the path of success and someday you will achieve all of your very big dreams. We urge you to continue to focus with more Giant Leaps!

Congratulations to you dear.
God bless

Love Mom, Dad and the rest of your family!

CONGRATULATIONS
Jacob Jones (a.k.a. Jake) on your prestigious award from Purdue University. You have done it again despite any obstacles that you have faced! Choosing to attend Purdue’s Krannert School of Management was probably the best decision you have ever made in your life, and we are forever grateful to those at the university that support you. It is such an honor that you were recognized by BCFS for your academic success; we know you will continue to work hard. Perseverance and “integrity are your greatest strengths. Remember to stay true to yourself as you pursue your goals. As you know, we are extremely proud of you and the extraordinary young man you are becoming. We are praying for your continued success as you “prepare for your life in the business world.

Love Mom, Dad and the rest of your family!
Dimkpa,

All of us as a family today join the Purdue Black faculty and staff in celebrating your academic and leadership achievements. We are proud of your past and present achievements while looking forward to the prophecy of 2024, when the entire world will celebrate you. Keep winning and be rest assured that, as a family, we are proud of you and love you so much.

From all of us. Daddy, Mummy, Obinna, and Chinecherem
Congratulations Allyson Jones!
We are excited and pleased to learn that you will be recognized by Purdue’s Black Caucus of Faculty & Staff for strong academic performance and service at their 47th award program!
It’s wonderful to see that you are making strides to obtain your Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in an excellent way. Your hard work, perseverance and God-given passion will continue to carry you through. “Just keep swimming” and know that we and many others are praying for you.

Love Mom and Dad
Colossians 3:23-24

A HEARTY “THANK YOU” TO Dr. NATASHA DUNCAN, CHAIR OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY AND STAFF.
GOOD JOB NATASHA!

Congratulations Danielle on your accomplishments at Purdue University. Your hard work, dedication, enthusiasm, leadership, and Christian virtues have set an example that will lift up so many. You’ve made the whole family proud. May God keep blessing you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Michelle & Matt
Congratulations to the African American Students at Purdue University for being recognized for your academic excellence and community service!

Your hard work and perseverance paid off

Dean Willie M. Reed, College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Dorothy A. Reed

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress”.

- Frederick Douglass
ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR STUDENTS ON A JOB WELL DONE.

Sponsorship Level

**Platinum**
College of Science

**Gold**
College of Engineering

**Silver**
Honors College
College of Liberal Arts
College of Pharmacy
PURDUE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the 2022

BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

PURDUE UNIVERSITY College of Agriculture
WWW.AG.PURDUE.EDU
Congratulations Pauline on your great academic achievement!
We are all so proud of you!

Love from Mom, Dad, Michael, Nathan, and Theo.
Our dear friend retired from the University last year. We give to her a certificate, and a lifetime membership to the Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff at Purdue University!
College of Science
Congratulates
2022 BCFS Awardees

Abidemi A. Aregbe
Adrian E. Bafor
Anjolie A. Parker
Austin I. Izah
Aya W. Elhag
Ayushman Singh
Bryson Smith
Christopher L. Scott
Chyna D. Davis
Cristina R. Corley
Danielle M. Harrison
David N. Udo Imeh
Donnicci A. Marshall
Elasta R. Rodriguez
Eric S. Osborn
Faith N. Allen
Henry D. Wellman
Ibrahim M. Saeed
Ife-Oluwaposimi J. Ogunbanjo
Iman T. Mevaa
Imani T. Lawrence
Jasmina A. Davis
Jason A. Saavedra
Joshua C. Thomas
Julia R. Thompson
Justin M. Schoch
Karim M. El Sharkawy
Katherine L. Yi
Kelly M. Curry
Kennedy A. Harris
Kennedy A. Outlaw
Kerris Roberts
Laura M. Lopez
Lauryn G. White
Madyson M. Walker
Marie-Alexan M. Gnagne
Mark F. Howard
Mia A. Caruso
Michael J. Braddick
Michael O. Adelemoni
Mickayla G. Miller
Miles J. Clark
Miranda C. Desmangles
Mohamed Bah
Muhja M. Ibrahim
Nadia C. Seye
Nkemdilim Azuka
Perion S. Sharp
Philip N. Udora
Raphael A. Ochonogor
Ronak Thakker
Sahebra K. Howard
Sara C. Cuevas Quiñones
Sarra I. Debbabi
SeArre H. Abebe
Sergio A. Alvarez
Tsinu A. Zegeye
Uchenna A. Osuamadi
Uyai-Abasi N. Edet
Vaneli A. Crespo-Cruz
Xander Livingston
Xavier H. Pham
Yaseen Shady
Yasmin Z. Brahim
Zacharia A. Ismaio
CONGRATULATIONS

The College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) extends its heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding HHS students for their academic excellence and community service:

HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY
Abigail R. Chew Chizonic E. Emerim Oluwapamami J. Jafawora Zackary S. Hodgin Lenzya E. Jewell Teni M. Joyner Yummi N. Mayes Kennady T. Oliver Nigel J. Taylor Clara N. Worthey

HEALTH SCIENCES

NURSING

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

NUTRITION SCIENCE
Mohamed A. Boultas Lauren J. Harper Jessica P. Patterson Andraya T. Rollins Lidya Yoseph

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Damaris A. Adeniji Alexandra L. Bedard Talia M. Booker Kalyann D. Brown Kylan C. Brown Kennedi A. Cole Alexandra L. Davis Asher J. Denny


SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES
Evan P. Chambers Madison B. Chin Kara E. Jackson Maleeh S. Means Miya F. Morrison Onowoona C. Onwini Kya I. Pierson

WE ARE TRULY PROUD OF YOU!

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Congratulations to HHS honorees. Your academic excellence and community service make us all proud.

Marion K. Underwood
Dean

College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue University
CONGRATULATIONS
PURDUE POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS ON YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

George K. Alphonse
Aliza Anderson
Brenton A. Anderson
Jordin D. Arthurs
Ayomide A. Ayeni
Jared K. Beard
Alonzo C. Boulreco
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Derek A. Paz
Stephen L. Ricard
Anthony A. Richards-Parnell
Kadin A. Smith
Leah M. Smyle
Mario D. Speed
Jaylen L. Thomas
Garrett P. VanParys
Lyndsey Whilby
Cameron C. Woods
Jaylen A. Wright

TOGETHER, WE CELEBRATE THE PERSISTENT PURSUIT OF YOUR NEXT GIANT LEAP.

Purdue University Polytechnic Institute