

# Alumnae of Color Committee - February 2013 Report

## Alumnae Association Mills College

Mission: To foster retention and recruitment of alumnae, students, faculty, and administrators of color; to serve as a force for change, confronting racism, prejudice, and discrimination; to support a thriving, multicultural Mills community where people of color are valued and empowered as full participants.

### Student Outreach/Mentoring

- The AoCC continues to meet the last Sunday of the month to have Brunch with the students. This has become very popular with the alums and students. Unofficial mentor/mentee relationships have been created as a result of this monthly event. Next brunch will be, Sunday February 24, 2013, Founders Dining Commons.
- Alums/Student Spring Student Potluck – Sunday, March 17, 2013 Reinhardt Alumnae House. 5pm. The AoCC will be hosting all the affinity groups on campus.
- Please visit the Mills website for a listing of Black History Month events which are being co-sponsored by Ethnic Studies Department, Black Women's Collective, Diversity and Social Justice Resource Center, Queer Studies Program, Spiritual and Religious Life, Gender Splendor, Associated Students of Mills College, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department. <http://www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php>
- The class of 2013 has invited the Alums of Color to attend their spring 2013 mixer. The event will be held, Wednesday, February 12, 5pm, Student Union. This mixer will focus on the next step BEFORE they graduate. They have organized a short fashion show featuring local boutiques. The Book Store will set up a display and take orders for eager seniors, ready to buy their cap, gown, and whatever other graduation memorabilia. Career Services will come and talk about the different workshops they will be hosting over the span of spring 2013.

### Alumnae of Color Scholarship in Honor of President DeCoudreaux

- *One Hundred Women On Hundred Dollars* – email appeal launched November 30, 2012
  - Gift are slowly arriving. The AoCC goal is to raise \$10K by June 30, 2013
  - Calling party is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 6-8pm at Reinhardt Alumnae House.
- **Jazzzzzz@Reinhardt** – The second annual benefit concert is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2013 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Performing will Tammy L. Hall and her band with featured singer Debbie de Coudreaux. Tickets are \$25.00. This event will sell out. RSVP to Allison Marin [amarin@mills.edu](mailto:amarin@mills.edu) all proceeds go directly to the scholarship. The event is being co-sponsored between the AoCC/AAMC and Alumnae Relations.

### Miscellaneous

- Thank you note received from Melody Fuller – see attachment
- Community Day of Service – The AoCC is planning a day of community service for the spring.
- Judith James '74 was selected by the AAMC nomination committee as one of three Alumnae Trustee Candidate

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**February, March and April 2013**

**Friday, February 22 – Jazzzzzz@Reinhardt**

Benefit concert to support the Alumnae of Color Scholarship in honor of President DeCoudreaux., 7pm – 10:30pm

Location: Reinhardt Alumnae House

Tickets \$25.00

**Sunday, February 24 – Brunch with Students**

Founders Dining Hall 11am – 1pm

No Host \$8.25 at the door

**Sunday, March 3 -- Mrs. Browns Beauty – A Story of Art and Inspiration - Film and Reception**

Mrs. Brown's Beauty – A Story of Art and Inspiration" is a 12-minute documentary produced and directed by Inez Brown's niece, Nancy Thompson'72. Videography by Lis Cox.

*"Mrs. Brown's Beauty highlights the artwork of 78-year-old Inez Brown, who discovered her artistic talent at the age of 74... Mrs. Brown's Beauty honors the strength and resiliency of the human spirit and affirms that miracles can happen no matter one's age or circumstance."*

An introduction and post-screening discussion will be led by Nancy Thompson followed by a reception.

This event is being presented in collaboration with the AAMC Educational Outreach Committee.

Location: Danforth Auditorium

Time: 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 17 Spring Potluck with students**

Location: Reinhardt Alumnae House

Time: 5:00pm

**Thursday, April 11 – Phenomenal Women, Seniors of Color Event**

Location: Student Union

Time: TBD

Co-hosted by the AoCC and the Ethnic Studies Department

**Next AoCC meeting will be, Saturday March 2, 2013 10am – 12pm Reinhardt Alumnae House**

Submitted by:

Cynthia A. Guevara '04

Chair, Alumnae of Color Committee

January 17, 2013

Dear Cynthia and the AAMC Alumnae of Color Committee:

I am grateful that Cameron and I are in your hearts. The yellow roses and vase are absolutely beautiful. Thank you.

The yellow rose is also how we celebrated Cameron's Memorial. How perfect.

Love,

*Melody*