

# **Alumnae of Color Committee Report**

## **May 15, 2013 Report**

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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 at Founders. This has become very popular event with the alums and students. Unofficial mentor/mentee relationships have been created as a result of this monthly event.
- **Charity Walden '13** has volunteered to work with the AoCC as a recent graduate outreach coordinator.
- A Spring potluck dinner was held Sunday, March 17, 2014 at Reinhardt Alumnae House Co-Attending were; 20 alumnae, 10 Mills students.

AoCC were invited and attended several student events. These events included:

- *Expression of Faith: Our Sources of Strength* - Thursday, February 7, 2013, Mills Chapel
- *Please Don't Touch My Hair* – Thursday, February 12, 2013 – Student Union
- Senior Spring event – Student Union
- Senior Class Auction - AoCC donated a wine box , bottle of wine from Alaska and other miscellaneous for the auction
- Take Back the Night – April 18, 2013 – march, dinner, and performances by students
- Mills Academic Awards – April 29, 2013 – Congratulations to: Zenzele Olatunji '16 for winner the English 001 Essay Prize, Desire Johnson '13 for winning the Ardella Mills Prize for Creative Nonfiction writing and to Chantel Gammage and Mariah Taylor '15, for being part of the Distinguished Delegation to 2013 Model United Nations team.
- Film Screening, April 10 – *It's a Girl!* - After film discussing with Viji Nakka Cammauf

### **Alumnae of Color Scholarship in Honor of President Alicia A. DeCoudreaux**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Jazzzzzzz@reinhardt concert benefit

Friday, February 22, 2013 – Reinhardt Alumnae House: Tammy Hall Trio with special guest, Debbie de Coudreaux.

- Over \$5000 gifts Alumnae, Friends of Mills, Mills Trustees, Kathleen Burke and Glenn Voyles; and President DeCoudreaux - Over 105 RSVP received with 90 in attendance. The AoCC wants to thank our vendors; Checkers Catering, Stuart Party Rentals, Mills College Event Staff, Drew and the Mills College A/V team, for offering outstanding service and going beyond the normal vendor/customer relationship in helping to make the jazz concert a huge success.

### **AoCC Calling party**

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 – over \$500.00 in pledges

**One Hundred Women One Hundred Dollars email second appeal**

The second email appeal will launch May 10, 2013. A special giving page for the AoC scholarship that features just that designation as well as Mills' greatest need has been set up especially for this appeal.

- A estimated \$17,785 gifts/pledges have been received or promised as of May 5
- New goal \$20,000 by June 30, 2013
- Cynthia wishes to thank the OIA and Alumnae Relations teams, especially, Laura Gobbi, Dawn Cunningham, Lisa Spivak, Heather Hass, Allison Marin and Nichole Vermeer giving the AoCC superior support during the 2012-2013 pledge year.
- The AoCC acknowledges the jazz concert has a lot of moving parts. The event could not have been successful without the help of the AAMC Board of Governors, Alumna Volunteers, Friends of Mills College and staff f the Mills College Alumnae Relations  
Thank you!!

### **Alumnae of Color Committee Spring 2013 Events**

#### **Sunday, March 3, 2013 - Mrs. Browns Beauty – A Story of Art and Inspiration – Film Screening**

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.

Location: Danforth Auditorium

Time: 4:00pm

Attendance: 25-30; Alums, students and Oakland community

Catering: Desserts provided by Alums

An introduction and post-screening discussion was facilitated **Jennifer King**, followed by a punch and dessert reception. This event was presented in collaboration with the **AAMC Educational Outreach Committee**. There also was a small write up about the event in the Oakland Magazine publication.

#### **Sunday, March 17, 2013 - Spring Potluck with students**

Location: Reinhardt Alumnae House

Time: 4pm

Attendance: 30 Alums and students

#### **Thursday, April 11, 2013 -Phenomenal Women: Seniors of Color Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Phenomenal Woman Award - Presented to Dr. Viji Nakka Cammauf Ethnic Studies Awards**

Location: Student Union

Time: 6pm

Inspirational speaker – Dr. Viji Nakka Cammauf

Attendance: 80, students, alums, facility, staff and Friends of Mills College

Catering: A Beautiful Swan Catering

The Phenomenal Woman Award applauds women who have made positive impact within and outside the Mills community and are a force for change, confronting racism, prejudice, and discrimination. This year's honoree is Dr. Viji Nakka Cammauf '82 for her outstanding contribution to the Mills community and her work as the President of Little Flock Children's Homes, a ministry to orphans and widows around the world.

Ethnic Studies Awards – Congratulations to:

- **Flora Zuffi** received the **Reaching beyond Award** for excellence in building coalitions between communities of color on campus and through service to the community.
- **Maya Salsedo** received the **Spirit o f Dolores Huerta Award** which recognizes the student who has demonstrated the kind of courageous and conscientious pursuit of justice as evinced in the person of Dolores Huerta.

**Friday, April 26 – Summoning Ghosts: The Art of Hung Liu –Artist Talk and Tour**

Location: Oakland Museum of California

6-9pm

Cost \$6.00 at the door – part of the FridayNights@OMCA programming

Attendance: 10 – alums, friends and family

Music, dancing, food trucks, activities for kids. A talk, video presentation and tour from Hung Liu.

Alumnae of Color Summer Events

June

Saturday, June 1

Time: Alumnae of Color Meeting – Breakfast Potluck

Location – Reinhardt Alumnae House (verifying availability)

July

AoCC summer potluck

Date: TBA

Location: TBA

August – Breakfast potluck/brunch with SAW students

Date: TBA

Location: TBA