

Alumnae of Color Committee Report

October 7, 2013

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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 annual potluck breakfast with the SAW students was held September 8, 2013. The AoCC thanks all the alums who continue to support this annual breakfast which has a history that dates back almost 15 years. Attendance: 12 Alumnae and 19 first year students.
- 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. Mentor/mentee have been created as a result of these monthly events. Fall/Winter dates are:
 - Sunday, October 27, 2013
 - Sunday, November 11, 2013
 - Sunday, December 13, 2013
- The Annual Thanksgiving Potluck dinner with Black Women's Collective is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2013.
- Albertina Padilla '78 is the liaison from the AoCC to the student affinity group, Mujeres Unidas. The AoCC is co-sponsoring with Mujeres Unidas to bring to Mills a Guatemalan Art exhibit. Event date to be determined.

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

- \$20,575 was received during the FY13. The AoCC wants to thank OIA and Alumnae Relations teams for their continued support.
- The AoCC Funds rising team will meet with Laura Gobbi and Nichole Vermeer, October 14, to discuss FY14 fund rising strategies.

Alumnae of Color Committee events at Reunion 2013

- **Film Festival, Danforth Lecture Hall.** Standing room only, over 90 in attendance. The short film festival featured films by Alumnae and current students. See attachment for the complete list of the films screened. The film makers who participated on panel were: Deborah Santana '94 (School of My Dreams) Jennifer Lin'11 (Look Again); Thembisa Mshaka '94 (The Divorce Counselor); and Ella Franklin (To the Bone) The event was moderated by Jennifer Lin. Planning the event was true a team effort and the AoCC wishes to thank the selection committee; Jennifer Lin, Albertina Padilla'78, Camellia Hudson Franklin '73, Micheline Beam'72, Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Mills College AV (Drew and Ann) and the Alumnae Relations team, Nikole and Allison for all their hard work.

- **Breakfast with the Provost, Kimberly Phillips.** Alums and current students had an energetic conversation with the Provost regarding technology in the classrooms at Mills.

Alumnae of Color Upcoming events /Meetings

October 14, 2014 – Scholarship funds raising meeting the OIA Staff

October 19, 2014 – AoCC meeting – RAH 10am

November 17, 2013 – Thanksgiving Potluck with BWC

Dinner with Faculty and Staff of Color – Potluck, date to be determined.