

Alumnae of Color Committee (AoCC) Report

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Dr. Toni M. McElroy, Chair

Alumnae of Color Committee

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.

Committee Members: Dr. Toni M. McElroy, Chair, Dr. Connie Davidson, Estrellita Redus, Myila Granberry, Jameela Latif Williams, Dorothy Lawrence, Patricia Duncan Hall, Dr. Micheline Beam, Peggy Woodard, Lynette Williamson, Lynette Castille Hall, Sheryl Woolridge, Dr. Yvonne Daniels

The AoCC has been meeting regularly to plan events and activities. The Committee's focus this year is engagement with SAW students. On Saturday, August 8, 2015, AoCC sponsored a Brunch to support and engage SAW students. The event was well attended with 25 SAW students, 6 SAW staff, 2 SAW Professors and 20 Alumnae. The next SAW events are quarterly Brunches at Founders Commons, Tea Time (2nd Thursday) in the Tea Shop, AoCC's Annual Holiday Dinner Celebration and financial, public speaking and career interest workshops. Committee Co-Chairs (brunch): Myila Granberry, Patricia Duncan Hall, Jameela Latif-Williams, Dorothy Lawrence

Friday, September 24, 2015, (Reunion weekend) AoCC sponsored a Reception honoring new Board of Trustees and Governors as well as Golden Girl, Estrellita Redus, and 2015 Pearl M Recipient Jameela Latif Williams. The event was held in the GSB Gathering Hall. Over 50 Alums, Board of Trustees and Governors attend the event. Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Toni McElroy, Jameela Latif Williams, Micheline Beam

AoCC Scholarship Endowment in Honor of President Alecia A. DeCoudreaux was established in September 2015. It takes \$50,000.00 to fully endow the Scholarship Fund. AoCC will embark on a Fundraising Campaign beginning November 2015 – June 30, 2016 to fully endow the fund before Alecia departs the Mills Community. We have a remaining fund balance of approximately \$24,000.00. Committee: Lynette Castille Hall, Lenore Tate, Micheline Beam, Lynette Williamson, Ammie Felder Williams, Estrelitta Hudson Redus, Connie Davidson

Saturday, November 14, 2015, AoCC Annual Holiday Celebration Honoring Students, Alumnae, Faculty and Staff of Color was a huge success. Attendance this year was 75 total. SAW students and students of color from diverse campus associations were in attendance. There were 40 students, 26 alumnae, and 5 faculty and staff who enjoyed good food and great conversation. Alumnae provided quite a spread (potluck). Students said the meal was a preview of family Thanksgiving Dinner. Additionally, \$6500.00 was pledged by Alumnae to support the AoCC Endowment Fund.

Phenomenal Women Event—Thursday, February 25, 2016—Committee Chairs: Dorothy Lawrence, Myila Granberry—AoCC will need a budget increase to produce this event. Increase requested on October 9, 2015 to date increase request is pending approval or denial. President Alecia DeCoudreaux and Racheal Patterson "16" (ASMC President, AAMC Board of Governors) are proposed recipients of the 2016 Award.
Location: Student Union

AoCC 25th Anniversary Gathering (Reunion 2016)—date, location and time TBA

AoCC Meeting Calendar:

2016

Saturday, Feb. 6

Saturday, May 7

Saturday, June 11

4th Saturday Quarterly Brunches with SAW Students

Location: Founders Common

11 am - 1:00 pm

2016

Saturday, Jan. 22

Saturday, April 23 (spring break 3-21-25)