

**FALL 2016**

**SAW (Summer Academic Workshop) Brunch, August 2016.** Welcoming SAW students, an AOCC priority.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Alumnae of Color Committee, 1991 - 2016, Reunion 2016.** Praise for 25 years building exceptional diversity, social justice at Mills. The AOCC recognized recent milestones and key supporters.

**Honored - Mills 13<sup>th</sup> President Alecia DeCoudreaux, 2011-2016, 1<sup>st</sup> African American, Woman of Color to lead.**

**Recognized - Mills 14<sup>th</sup> President Elizabeth Hillman, Inauguration, 2016.**

**Celebrated - Dr. Bruce Williams, Professor Sociology, 1997-2016, Director of SAW.** 19 years a bold courageous captain of social justice education, policy, multiculturalism and partner with the AOCC to change Mills College.

**Recognized - Past Co Chairs of the Alumnae of Color Committee.**

Co Chairs 1991-1994, BOG 1992-2002: Diane Chinn 1985; Estrellita Hudson Redus 1965, 1975 MFA.

Co Chairs 1994-1996, BOG 1998-2006: Sharon K Tatai 1980, AAMC President; BOG, Estrellita H Redus '60, 1975.

Chair 1996-1999, BOG: Sheryl Wooldridge, 1977

Co Chairs 1999-2002, BOG 1996-2002: Peggy Woodruff 1958; Sharon Tatai 1980, BOG '98-'06, AAMC President.

Co Chairs 2002-2006, BOG 1994-2010: Anita Bowers Kreplin 1963, AAMC President; Peggy Woodruff, 1996-2002.

Chair 2006-2014, BOG 2006-2013: Cynthia Guevara 2004.

Chair 2014-2017, BOG 2014-2017: Toni McElroy 1983, 2005 MA, 2013 EdD.

**Introduced - New Co Chair 2016-present:** Myla Granberry 2005.

**Celebrated- The Alumnae of Color ENDOWED Scholarship, in honor of Mills President Alecia DeCoudreaux.** Established 2011, nearly 150 donors funded \$82,000. Today we Celebrate our AOCC ENDOWED Scholarship !!

**Welcomed - Bryana Jones, current scholarship recipient.**

**In Memoriam - Mary Lois Hudson Sweatt, Mills 1960, MA 1962 (d. June 2016).** One of Mills 1<sup>st</sup> African American students to major in Dance and a lifelong advocate for the arts and people of color at Mill.

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**SPRING 2017**

**Producing - Fund Raising Drive, Alumnae of Color Endowed Scholarship.**

**Developing - Emails, Acknowledgements, Solicitations, Events.**

**Supporting - Alumnae, Students, Faculty and Administrators.**

**Empowering Mills AOCC Voice - Maintaining a climate where Alumnae and Students Thrive.**

**Planning - Fall 2017.**

*Mills Alumnae of Color Committee Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Multicultural Leadership at Mills 1991 to present.*

*The mission of the Alumnae of Color Committee is 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.*