

## **Alumnae Of Color Committee Report**

**November 13, 2021**

**Mission Statement:** *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.*

AOCC met in August, September, and October. September was an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting, and the others were Zoom meetings.

### **Meeting Activities:**

- Updates on Board of Governor and Board of Trustees meetings
- Updates on AOCC endowed DeCoudreaux scholarship
- Updates on Mills/Northeastern merger
- Updates on AAMC lawsuit against Mills College
- Brief presentations in August from Sharon Cravanas '73, admissions coach and former recruiter for Mills, and in September, Dr. Patricia Hardaway, Interim Academic Provost.
- Planning for the AOCC Holiday gathering.
- Initial planning for the Phenomenal Women of Color Celebration (April, 2022)

### **Holiday Gathering**

The Holiday Gathering, co-sponsored this year by AOCC and Mills Ethnic Studies Department, is on Saturday, November 13, 2021 5:00 – 7:30 PM at RAH. The Gathering features a delicious potluck dinner for students in a welcoming, supportive environment.

### **Meeting Attendance**

Attendance at AOCC monthly meetings has usually been about 12-15 alums. Attendance spiked in August, and there have been approximately 30 attendees at each meeting. The AOCC Executive Committee is aware that other committees do not have such large participation and is exploring whether this is manageable over time.