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Come one come all and read the rebirth of the WTAC newsletter

The goal is to have a quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to help engage, highlight news, and provide information to Tuskegee University Alumni, Family, and Friends that they may find important. We hope to highlight, but not be limited to the following: current events in the area and at Tuskegee University, highlight members, business partners, and Tuskegee University Students from our area. With your help, we can make this newsletter great. If you have any news or think of any information beneficial to the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club's membership and supporters, please email the information to newsletter@tuskeeedmv.org.

Tuskegee University News

Tuskegee University President Temporarily Takes a Leave of Absence



Tuskegee University Board of Trustees Chair Norma Clayton announced that President Lily D. McNair, PhD will be taking a medical leave starting on January 15, 2020 and lasting for most of the spring semester. The details of President McNair's request will remain private.

In Dr. McNair's absence, the Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Ruby L. Perry, the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and a Tuskegee alumna, as acting president. To ensure continuity, Dr. Perry will update the Board of Trustees Chair on the same weekly schedule as Dr. McNair has since the start of her presidency. In addition, the President's Office will provide the university community with semi-monthly updates on major activities, initiatives and accomplishments.

Dr. McNair is fully committed to returning to her presidential duties upon her recovery. The university's day-to-day executive-level operations are in the hands of a full complement of cabinet leaders with the recent additions of Joseph Montgomery as vice president of enrollment management and student success, and Dr. Kimberly Scott, as vice president of student affairs. The search for a permanent provost will be delayed, extending Dr. Carla Jackson Bell's tenure as interim provost into the summer months.

TNAA President Message



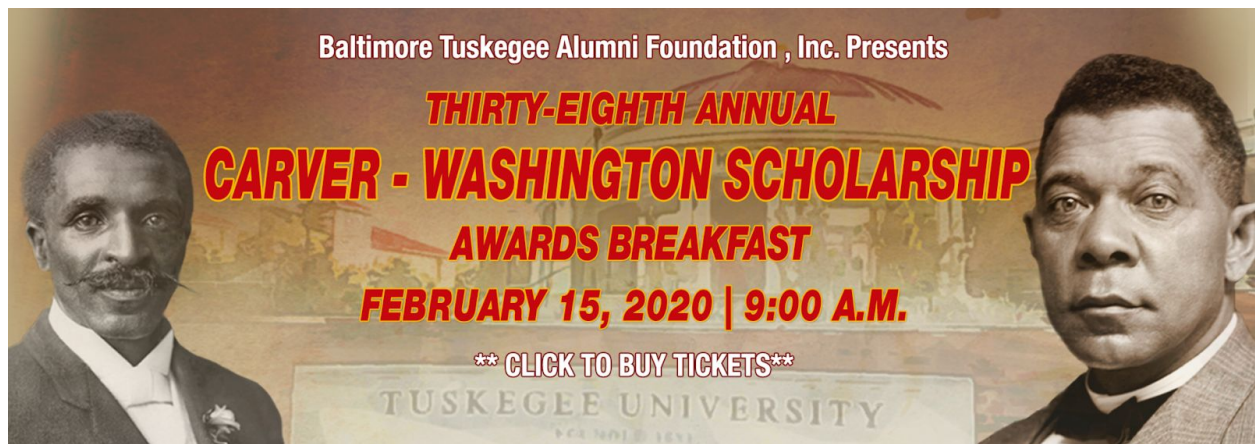
The Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA) President, Burt Rowe, recently communicated the goals of TNAA for 2020. In 2019, TNAA's local clubs in all five regions (North Central, Northeastern, Southeastern, Southwestern, & Western) were successful in supporting Tuskegee University in recruiting freshman students to the university. TNAA's five regions of local clubs were effective in providing academic scholarships to hundreds of deserving students. TNAA's Adopt-A-Dorm program reached its highest contributions of \$352,000.00 that

included alumni labor materials, to renovate portions of three dormitories throughout the month of July 2019. TNAA goals for 2020 are to improve on the following metrics:

<u>Titles</u>	<u>2019 Actuals</u>	<u>2020 Targets</u>
TU Alumni Contributions	\$3 Million	\$5 Million
TU Percentage of Alumni Giving	7.8%	15%
TNAA Membership	1,500	2,000
TNAA Adopt-A-Dorm Program	\$352,000.00	\$500,000.00

Around the Northeastern Region

The 38th Annual Carver-Washington Scholarship Awards Breakfast



The 38th Annual Carver-Washington Scholarship Awards Breakfast presented by the Baltimore Tuskegee Alumni Club will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 that Forum in Baltimore, Maryland. Tickets are available to purchase on the Baltimore Club’s website at baltimoretuskegealumclub.org.

North Jersey Tuskegee Alumni Club Scholarship Brunch

The Annual North Jersey Tuskegee Alumni Club Scholarship Brunch will take place on Saturday April 18, 2020 from 11:00am until 3:00pm at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ. For more information about the brunch and to inquire about purchasing tickets please contact Jeff Bowen at jeffboy145@yahoo.com.

HBCU NEWS

The President Signs HBCU Funding Bill



President Donald Trump signed a bipartisan bill on December 19, 2019 that will permanently provide more than \$250 million a year to the nation's historically black colleges and universities, along with dozens of other institutions that serve large shares of minority students.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/dec/19/donald-trump-signs-hbcu-funding-bill/>

Howard University's President on Why America Needs HBCUs - The Atlantic



The President of Howard University, Wayne Frederick, spoke with The Atlantic to discuss the continued importance and need of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in today's environment. Several key data and statistics provide context for the continued need of HBCUs. Even though HBCUs account for three percent of four-year nonprofit colleges, the alumni of these institutions account for about eighty percent of black judges and fifty percent of black lawyers and doctors. And their students account for twenty-five percent of black undergraduates who earn degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

To read more about Dr. Frederick's thoughts on this topic as well as the financial gap in fundraising between HBCUs and other institutions, visit <https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/05/howard-universitys-president-why-america-needs-hbcus/589582/>.

WTAC News

Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club Annual Holiday Social



The WTAC Christmas was a great success on Saturday, 21 Dec 2019 at the home of Dr. William & Joyce Watson in Ashton, MD.

We had approximately six current TU students at the party and over 50 alums, spouses, and guests who enjoyed the delicious food catered by Southern Comfort Caterers. We also had a plethora of scrumptious desserts provided by local alums.

We had a great networking opportunity for all attendees to introduce themselves, stating their major, graduation date, and hometown. It is always informative to learn more about fellow alumni and great for current students considering work study/internship positions. The highlight of the party is the fun-filled Secret Santa gift exchange!! Lots of great gifts received and lost. In the end everyone who participated had a great time and a wonderful gift!

We really appreciate all who attended this year and encourage those who did not attend this year to make it next year...always a great time to fellowship with our DMV 'Skegee family!

HBCU Night with the Washington Wizards



The Annual HBCU Night with the Washington Wizards will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC. The Wizards will be playing the Cleveland Cavaliers on this evening.

From every ticket purchase \$5 will be donated to your designated DC HBCU Alumni Alliance member chapter or club. WTAC is a proud member of the DC HBCU Alumni Alliance. Your purchase of a ticket will not only include admission to the game but also access to take a picture with your school on the court following the conclusion of the game as well as a free custom HBCU Night t-shirt. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://fevo.me/wizards-hbcunight-2020>.

8th Annual HBCU 5K Run/Walk

The 8th Annual HBCU 5K Run/ Walk and Community Day presented by Xfinity will be on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Freedom Plaza in Downtown Washington, DC. This event is organized by the Washington, DC Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance (DCHBCUAA). The DCHBCUAA is a non-profit community-based organization that collaborates mainly to strengthen the community through our impactful programs and to provide support to underserved students interested in attending HBCUs. WTAC is a proud member of the Alliance. This will be the first

year that this event will be held on the National Mall after being held on the campus of Howard University for the past seven years. Registration is now open for participants. For more information, visit the Alliance’s website at www.dchbcu.org.

Upcoming Club Meetings

General club meetings are currently scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. No meetings are scheduled for the months of July and August. Meeting dates and times are subject to change due to holidays and meeting space availability. Meeting information can be found on our website at <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org>. All meetings are currently planned to be at Petworth Neighborhood Library, 4200 Kansas Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20011, 3pm-5pm. The dates for the next few months are listed below:

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Sunday, April 19, 2020

College Recruitment Activities, Information, and Schedules

DATE	FAIR NAME	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, January 25, 2020	18th Annual ASBC HBCU Festival	8:00AM - 3:00PM	Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center 201 Waterfront Street Oxon Hill, MD 20745

To find out more recruitment information or volunteer: contact Melvin Ross at melvin.ross@tuskegeedmv.org

Member Spotlight

There are members doing great things for our university and in our community, please take the time to tell us about it so we can share, contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Student Spotlight

If you have a Tuskegee Student you think we should know about, please contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Current Active Financial Members As of January 12, 2020

B. A. Akinlosotu	Craig Dexter	Latoya Haynes	Jordan Pollard	Margaret Tolbert
Darlene Baker	Tovah Dorsey-Pollard	Victor Hinton	Gayle Rankine	Julius Washington
Saul Beacher	Agnes Fields	Theodore Hinton	David Reid	Angela Watson
William Bell	Samuel Fields	Karina Jones	Sandra Richardson	Joyce Watson
Marie Blake	Lawrence Gary	Joyce Lipscomb	Chris Richardson	William Watson
Katie Blanding	Lenox Gay	Sherman McKenny	Betty Ross	Robert Western
Curtestine Boardley	Christopher Greene	Janelle Miller	Melvin Ross	Monique White
Adrienne Cooper	Harriet Hamlin	Thelma Monk	Anthony Smith	Aretha Williams
Marcus Cooper	Jennifer Hampton	Mishari Murry-Hanible	Gloria Stewart	Gwendolyn Williams
Christine Davis	William Hampton	Gregory Nixon	Evan Strother	
Edward Dawson	Alfred Harrison	Willie Oxendine	Tomeka Terry	

