

*Quarterly Newsletter*

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BLACK ALUMNI**  
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**OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER**

## GIVING TUESDAY

Committing to helping the financial strains of current undergraduate students, this day is about philanthropy and reaching back to help pull our community forward.

## UNDERGRAD SPOTLIGHT

Watch out for this undergrad, a mover and shaker on Michigan State University's campus today!

## IN THE KNOW

Find out more information about our upcoming events and past events. It is your chance to get involved and connected to something bigger and amazing!

# THINKING OF A MASTER PLAN

*by Candice Pearson*

Lead by President Tyloaha Parker, an energized MSUBA Oakland County Chapter (MSUBA-OC) geared up for its 2019-2020 service year during its annual transition meeting. Immediate past and newly elected MSUBA-OC executive board members and committee chairs excitedly gathered on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Detroit MSU Extension Center to ensure a smooth handoff of duties and expectations. During the transition meeting, the immediate past occupant of each executive board and committee chair seat sat with its respective newly elected board member to discuss pertinent information about the position including upcoming tasks and projects as well as suggestions for managing the role in the upcoming year. Newly elected board members were given the opportunity to ask questions about their new role and receive tips on how to efficiently and effectively work for the chapter. Congratulations to all of the newly elected executive board and committee chair members, and to all of the outgoing executive board and committee chair members, we thank you for your service!

At the conclusion of the transition meeting, the chapter brainstormed ideas for community service and programming for the upcoming year. Those ideas were used to develop a draft of our activities calendar for the year. Strong focus for our 2019-2020 service year will be placed on increasing membership, building closer relationships with our undergraduate students, and forging more partnerships with local businesses. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram for updates on upcoming MSUBA-OC programs and events! As always, Go Green!



Pictured: Queashar Halliburton (past Community Service Chair), Tamiria Perkins (Communications/Public Relations Chair), Arica Jones (Recording & Corresponding Secretary), Candice Pearson (past Secretary), Michael Williamson Jr. (Vice President & Membership Chair), Jasmine Moore (Fundraising Chair), Tyloaha Parker (President), Deanne Austin (Community Service Chair)  
 Not Pictured: Dr. Shondra L. Marshall (Treasurer & Scholarship Chair), Raasaan Lewis (past Membership Chair)

# UNDERGRAD SPOTLIGHT

by Candice Pearson



It is our pleasure to spotlight Washington D.C. native and James Madison College Social Relations and Policy major junior, Miss. Miyanna Fowlkes.

Miyanna currently serves as the president of the Residence Halls Association (on-campus student body president) and is the student liaison for the national board of Michigan State University Black Alumni Association. She is also the president of the Black Alumni Student Alliance, an organization created to better connect MSUBA to MSU undergraduate students.

After graduation, Miyanna's goal is to take a year to travel the world before returning home

to begin law school at Georgetown University. Her dream travel destinations include Africa and South America. She aspires to become engaged in both politics and philanthropy. Miyanna would love to see MSUBA members attend more events on campus and see the alumni show up to protests and other social movements BSA and other black organizations put on. One day she would like to start her own scholarship endowment with MSUBA. She likes to bake and research new countries to visit in her spare time.

## SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

by Dr. Shondra L. Marshall

MSUBA-OC Endowment was established at the Inaugural Green and White Gala held in 2017. At this time the endowed scholarship committee is strategically planning to grow the endowment fund. We have two fund options and those options include: an expendable account and an endowment. **We need your help to support students offset the cost of college.** Would you consider joining us reach our Giving Day and Give Green Day goals? Once you donate directly to MSU they will contact you regarding your donation. We thank you in advance for your partnership and support.

Give Green Day will take place on December 3, 2019; more details to follow.



**Stay Connected.** Never miss a thing! Connect with us to gain access to information, event announcements, special offers, contests and exclusive content.

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## SPARTAN SPOTLIGHTS

We congratulate our Spartan Spotlights for our first quarter!

AUGUST 2019 -  
Ms. Lauren Belamore

SEPTEMBER 2019 -  
Mr. Quenton Ross

OCTOBER 2019 -  
Ms. Felicia Turrentine Wasson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at the following events for this quarter:

November 16, 2019 - Urban Taigate MSU vs. UofM at Key Club and MSUBA-OC After Party at TBA Location

December 3, 2019 - Shield's Bar & Grill Giving Tuesday Mixer

January 5, 2020 - MSU vs UofM Game Watch - Location TBD

January 20, 2020 - MLK Peace Walk with City of Southfield MLK Task Force

## WANT TO DONATE?

**WE ARE EXCITED TO BE A NEW 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION! DONATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA PAYPAL AT [MSUBAOC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MSUBAOC@GMAIL.COM) OR SENDING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO P.O. Box 7107, HUNTINGTON WOODS, MI 48070.**