

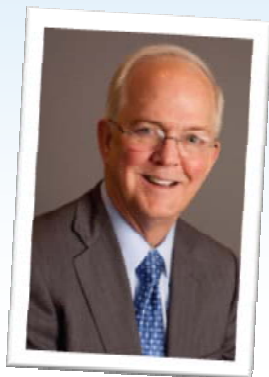
Black Faculty and Academic Professional Alliance

# Connections



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## Lunch Meeting with President Hogan and Chancellor Easter Summary

### *Recommendations and Plans for Action, Centering Equity and Transforming Urbana*

By now, each of you have likely read the e-mailed minutes from the November 2, 2010 Luncheon with President Hogan and Chancellor Easter November 22, 2010. From their view, the presentation and the dialogue had considerable impact on their understanding of persistent and continuing issues as they regard declining enrollments of African American students, declining employment of faculty and staff, lack of representation in supervisory and leadership positions, and the campus climate overall. Overall, the dialogue was appreciated by all and there was an agreement to continue the conversation and work together toward plans of implementation. As we know more, we will report more but in the meantime, we wanted to thank all of you who were able to attend the meeting and make those critical points about the state of the campus by your presence and with your comments. In addition, we thank those of you who, though not able to attend, have supported this semester long effort to prepare for this pivotal meeting and move forward on items that have long challenged the Urbana campus.

That said, we would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to STRONGLY encourage your formal membership in BFAPA. Whatever our next steps, they will be more meaningful and impactful with your membership support and participation. Please contact BFAPA Treasurer Deidre Weathersby for formal membership in BFAPA at [daweath@illinois.edu](mailto:daweath@illinois.edu).

## Guiding Vision

The mission of Black Faculty Academic Professional Alliance (BFAPA) is to serve as advocates for equitable and accessible opportunities, programs, services, and governance for Black faculty, academic professionals, and students through connections with administration, internal and external partnerships, social networks, and by leveraging both financial and human capital resources to effect change.



## Welcome New Committee Chairs

**Laws** – Adrienne Pickett apickett@illinois.edu

**Social/Networking** - Dr. Angela Black  
arblack1@illinois.edu

**Communications** – Candice Solomon-Strutz  
cnsolomo@illinois.edu

**Professional Development & Training** - Appointed Chair  
Pending

**Recruitment & Retention** - Appointed Chair Pending

We invite your participation to work on committees please contact chair for more information.

## Monthly Lunch Connection

The Black Faculty and Academic Professional Alliance invites you attend our December Lunch Connection on Thursday, December 9, 2010 from Noon to 1 PM in 210 Illini Union.

*Room availability begins at 11:30 AM.*

This month's discussion will focus on the next steps from our meeting with President Hogan.

## Third Thursdays – Social Event

The BFAPA Social Planning Committee presents a new monthly social event “Third Thursdays”

### Jazz Thursdays with Kevin Turner

Buttitta's famiglia ristoranti

1201 S. Neil Street, Champaign

Thursday, December 16, 2010 6-9 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Live Music by Kevin Turner

Tables will be reserved in the lounge for BFAPA

**JAZZ THURSDAYS**  
w/ Kevin Turner  
6-9PM

**Buttitta's**  
famiglia ristorante  
1201 South Neil  
Champaign, IL  
217.355.8656

Every other Thursday  
beginning  
**December 2, 2010**  
(12/2, 12/16, 12/30,  
1/13, 1/27)

www.kevinturneronline.com  
www.buttittascu.com

# Upcoming Events



## World Aids Day

December 1, 2010

12:00PM – 1:00PM

Food for the Soul. Lunch on Us. feat. Mike Benner  
BNAACC 708 S. Matthews

## Community Connections

### 36<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Gala “A Night of Crimson Elegance”

December 4, 2010

7:00PM – 1:00AM

Round Barn Banquet Centre  
1900 Round Barn Road  
Champaign, IL 61821



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Champaign-Urbana Alumnae Chapter, is hosting this event. Dinner will be served promptly at 8:00pm. Tickets cost \$30.00 per person. A portion of the proceeds from the Scholarship Gala will be used to grant scholarships to local college-bound women. If interested in making a contribution or purchasing tickets contact Sherrika Ellison  
[sellison1@gmail.com](mailto:sellison1@gmail.com)

## Monthly Lunch Connection

December 9, 2010

11:30AM - 1:00 PM

Discussion begins at 12 PM  
210 Illini Union

## Canaan Academy Handel’s Messiah

December 12, 2010

6:00PM

207 Central Avenue  
Urbana, IL 61801

Featuring the Canaan Victory Chorale, the Community Inter-Faith Singers, Sounds of the College Bound (Area Gifted High School Singers) and Gibson City Community Singers. The Concert is free and open to the general public. A free will offering will be taken for the Academy’s Scholarship Fund.

## Campus Connections

### Third Thursdays – Jazz - Kevin Turner

December 16, 2010

6-9PM at Buttitta’s

### OMSA Multicultural Congratulatory

December 18, 2010

6:00PM – 8:00PM

Smith Memorial Hall

Faculty please encourage participation from  
December graduating seniors



### EJIMA 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Celebration

December 18, 2010

7:00PM – 1:00AM

Laborer’s International Union Hall

Sponsored by African-American faculty & staff at  
Parkland College. The cost is \$25.00 per person and  
includes a 8 PM dinner, DJ & cash bar

**Make checks payable to:**

Town & Country Catering c/o Minor W. Jackson III  
Illinois workNet Center  
1307 North Mattis Avenue Room 108  
Champaign, IL 61821

# Get Involved

Interested in practicing or developing your own facilitation or communication skills? Connecting with professionals from across campus? Mentoring a student?

At the Illinois Leadership Center, there various ways you can engage in meaningful leadership experiences with students.

Whether you are a staff, faculty member or university alum we can find the right opportunity in which to share your knowledge and passion.



**Some of our volunteer roles include serving as a:**

- Facilitator at one of our many i-programs
- Leadership Certificate coach to students developing their leadership skills
- Committee member on one of the Center's many committees
- Workshop presenter on different leadership related topics

## BFAPA Executive Team

Dr. Jennifer Hamer, Faculty Co-Chair [Fall 2010]  
Associate Professor (Department of African American Studies)

Dr. Christopher Span, Faculty Co-Chair [Spring 2011]  
Associate Professor (Department of Educational Policy Studies)

Regina Stevenson, Academic Professional Co-Chair  
Manager of Professional Training and Development (CITES)

Rebecca Kornegay, Secretary  
E-Commerce Coordinator (OBFS-Treasury Operations)

Dr. Deidre Weathersby, Treasurer  
Clinical Counselor (Counseling Center)