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Dedication • Welcome Celebration • Block Party • Affinity Breakfast
• Illini Football Watch Party & Mentoring Event

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It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center. Our celebration will begin on Friday, October 4th, 2019 and conclude on Sunday, October 6th, 2019. Our theme is “Built to Grow: Past Achievements Fueling Beautiful Futures”, which we believe represents the strong foundation laid by all students, faculty, staff, and community members from the past, present, and future. It would be a great honor if you would join us.

Over the past 50 years, the African American Cultural Center has been able to thrive because of the university commitment, staff, students, community partners, and alumni who committed to supporting Black life and culture on campus and in the community. Through quality programming, student support, and civic engagement, the anniversary committee has planned a celebration that will reflect this commitment. The weekend-long event schedule will be inclusive of the legacy, student-engagement, and leadership. This event will not only offer each of our attendees the opportunity to reminisce about the times spent at the BNAACC and interact with current students. More importantly, everyone will have this weekend to talk about the future of BNAACC.

Should you chose to join us, the BNAACC has provided hotel options. We have not reserved a block of rooms, so feel free to reserve lodging at any of the locations provided. Also included in this registration packet is the schedule of events during the anniversary celebration weekend.

Thank you for your consideration. We are excited to share with you the progress the BNAACC has made and the vision which we believe will continue to build on the strong foundation laid. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us directly at 217-265-4692 or email at studentaffairs@illinois.edu.

Sincerely,
Nathan Stephen, BNAACC Director
Nameka Bates, 50th Chair

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Schedule of Events
October 4 – 6, 2019

Friday, October 4, 2019
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
New Building Dedication
African American Cultural Center
1212 W. Nevada, Urbana

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Celebration
Alice Campbell Alumni
601 S. Lincoln, Urbana

9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Evening Social
Neil Street Blues
301 N. Neil, Champaign

Saturday, October 5, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Golf Scramble
Illini Golf Course
Willard Airport
800 Hartwell Dr. Savoy, IL

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Radical Illini Conference
Illini Union
1401 W Green St, Urbana, IL

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Illini Football Watch Party &
Mentoring Event
Invite ONLY
Memorial Stadium

7:00 p.m. – Midnight
Welcome B.L.A.C.K. Block Party
African American Cultural Center
1212 W. Nevada, Urbana

Sunday, October 6, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Affinity Breakfast / Campus Tours
African American Cultural Center
1212 W. Nevada, Urbana

3:00 p.m.
Black Chorus Concert
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Great Hall
The BNAACC 50th Anniversary Committee does not have a room block for the event weekend. Below are several hotel options for anyone who is planning to attend the celebration. It is very easy to reserve rooms, and there are plenty available for the weekend. We hope this information is helpful, as you plan to come visit us.

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**Illini Union Hotel**
1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL, 61801, 217-333-1241
- Located on the Quad
- Walking distance to BNAACC, Alice Campbell Center, and Green Street
union.illinois.edu/hotel

**Hampton Inn Champaign/Urbana**
1200 West University Avenue, Urbana, IL, 61801, 866-573-4235
- 1.4 miles to Memorial Stadium

**Homewood Suites by Hilton**
1417 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL, 61820, 866-573-4235
- 0.5 miles to Memorial Stadium

**Holiday Inn Champaign**
101 Trade Center Dr, Champaign, IL, 61820, 866-573-4235
- 0.6 miles to Memorial Stadium

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott Campustown**
603 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL, 61820, 866-573-4235
- 0.9 miles to Memorial Stadium

**Eastland Suites**
1907 N Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, IL, 61802, 866-573-4235
- 3.0 miles to Memorial Stadium

**Hilton Garden Inn Champaign/ Urbana**
1001 W Killarney St, Urbana, IL, 61801, 866-573-4235
- 2.4 miles to Memorial Stadium

**Residence Inn Champaign**
502 West Marketview Drive, Champaign, IL, 61822, 866-573-4235
- 2.9 miles to Memorial Stadium

More options at: visitchampaigncounty.org
ATTENDEES: Register Online!

Our registration process is completely online! Check out our website, identify the activities you plan to attend, and payment for the Welcome Celebration can be made using the link.
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BAN Mentoring Program

The BAN mentoring program is a collaboration between the Black Alumni Network and the Office of Minority Student Affairs. If you are interested in becoming a BAN mentor, please use the link below to sign up. ONLY BAN mentors will be invited to attend the Saturday Mentoring event.
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People’s Choice Awards

The People’s Choice Awards is an opportunity for everyone to participate in the recognition of BNAACC impact current students and alumni. The awards will be presented during the block party on Saturday. All nomination guidelines and selection information provided on the anniversary celebration website.

Affinity Group

All attendees are able to be recognized with an affinity group of the BNAACC. These affinity groups can be identified on this registration form, or you can contact the affinity group leader for more details.