



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACK ALUMNI
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Inaugural MSUBA Student Advisory Committee
Appointments
2021-2022
Dr. Shondra L. Marshall
National President

Student Advisory Committee. The President appoints members of this committee. This committee shall be chaired by a board member from Group IV directors. This committee may be composed of MSUBA scholarship recipients and other members of the Black student body to not exceed ten (10) members. The student body members may include but are not limited to students involved in BSA, NAACP, NPHC, and Black Caucus. Members of this advisory group would reflect the wide range of diverse leaders of the Black campus community and would serve as the student eyes and ears for MSUBA so that we may be able to provide greater assistance. This committee shall be the liaison between MSUBA and the Black student population. The Student Advisory Committee shall keep the board abreast of issues and concerns pertaining to students on campus by convening periodic meetings with representatives from predominantly Black Registered Student Organizations.



Deon Bennett, is currently a junior at Michigan State University. He currently majors in Communication with a concentration in Social Influence. Deon serves as the Outreach Chair Member for Rising Black Men and Historian for the Black Students Alliance. Around campus Deon serves as an optimist, community builder, activist, and a resource liaison to provide fellow students with ample number of networks.



Dantevius Branigan is a senior studying Kinesiology and Coaching. Dantevius will graduate Fall of 2021 and he is affiliated with several organizations including Rising Black Men (President), NAACP (member), and National Society of Leadership and Success (member). His outlook on the Black community of MSU is alive and well but is not as unified as it should be. Dantevius outlook on the Black Student Body: *“we excel in all our fields of study, but when it comes to showing Black love to one another during normal times we don't.”*



Shania Cox is a junior in the Eli Broad College of Business, and she majors in Marketing with a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Shania is the 1st Vice President for Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Organization. Shania is passionate about mentoring and helping other students with their success. Shania's outlook on the Black Student Body: *"we can come together when we need to, but we can work on unifying in our everyday lives"*.



Sharron Dynasty Reed-Davis is a senior from Detroit, MI, studying Political Science-Pre Law and Human Development and Family Studies, with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. Sharron has been involved in various organizations including, but not limited to: Akers Hall Government, Cores and Cops, Crowning Young Queens, and is currently the President of the Black Students' Alliance (BSA). Sharron has also served as a mentor to girls ages 11-17 for going on 5 years through the You Are The Gift Mentoring program at HIS (Helping Individuals Succeed) Agency.

Sharron's outlook on the Black Student Body: *"I believe that the Black Student Body is the reason that so much change is happening at MSU. Black students mobilize like no other and because of that we will continuously be great. It has been my privilege to serve as President of BSA."*



Miyanna Fowlkes is a current graduating senior at Michigan State University. She in the James Madison college as a Social Relations and Policy Major. While at MSU Miyanna have served as the President, and Chief of Diversity to the On-Campus Student Government. Additionally, Miyanna serves on the Executive Board of the North Black Caucus, the President of the MSUBA student Scholarship Organization, Student Representative to the MSUBA National Board of Directors, and as a student intern for the MSU Alumni Office.

Miyanna’s outlook on the Black Student Body: *“I believe the Black student population creates an environment for Black students, faculty and staff to thrive. We advocate for ourselves better than anyone else can. I hope to one day begin my own endowment to give back to Black students behind me.”*



A Cali girl from around the way, **Raniyah Reynolds** believes the *Black student experience is too often muted on MSU’s campus. Spartans can go about their lives with relative ease Black students or faculty are targeted by their fellow Spartans with unprovoked racist attacks.* Raniyah wants to assist in providing a safer environment for Black students to get their degrees without undergoing traumatic racial experiences. Her future goals consist of aiding children with understanding themselves enough to recognize their strengths, communicate effectively, and work together to build stronger communities. Raniyah is currently an advocate for Michigan State’s Adolescent Diversion Program and is working towards a degree in Psychology with a minor in Educational Studies.



Autumn Tyner is a first-generation college student from Detroit, Michigan where she attended Cass Technical High School. She is now a senior concentrating on Community Governance and Advocacy under the Interdisciplinary Studies major and minoring in Human Behavior and Social Services. Autumn has been involved with several on campus organizations/programs such as STEP, Detroit M.A.D.E. BSLs, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., where she currently serves as the vice president. She is also a community outreach intern with AARP where she is applying and strengthening her passion for advocating for the community. Autumn's outlook on the Black Student Body: *"coming in as a freshman in 2017, the Black Student Body felt like a family away from home. It was obvious that the Black community had made an ongoing impact on our campus through annual events such as 'Spartan Mix' and the 'Black Power Rally' and by continuing to show support even after one has to move on. Here we look out for one another and are able to come together to fight the various issues that Black people have to face, especially at predominantly white institutions."*



Kennedy D. Walters is a Junior majoring in Journalism concentrating in Information Graphics with a minor in Bioethics. She is currently the Black Students' Alliance Communications Director (2020-21), a part of the second edition of the Black Book Initiative, a business owner of Fluid Kreations, LLC and blogger. Kennedy has a passion for art, advocacy for health, activism and education. She plans to utilize her passions for her business and more especially for the Black community. Her outlook on the Black MSU study body is learning that *everyone has their own unique voice and talent* and her goal is to find a way to showcase them with her involvement on campus.