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Mission statement

The Black African Coalition at Arizona State University does hereby dedicate itself to **unifying students of African descent** (hereby known as ASU Black, African and Caribbean students) toward the following common goals and objectives for this community: **supporting** our recruitment, retention, and graduation, **increase visibility** as a campus presence through the support of social programming and Black Student Unions on each campus and through the activities and participation of Black & African campus organizations and **advocate** for all ASU Black, African and Caribbean students and organizations.



Welcome from the President

We are honored and excited to have you as a new member of our BAC community. We think of our united organizations as a family, each with their own set of unique passions and interests. There is a place for every kind of student here—whether you are an introvert or extrovert, athletic or artistic, an activist or a quiet changemaker, our family welcomes you here.

Through both our virtual and in-personal events, the BAC gives students the opportunity to engage with our local community through community service, fundraisers and social mixers. It is crucial to each student's success for there to be a safe and comfortable environment for our people to commune and receive support. The BAC is just that. Our network of support encompasses Black ASU alumni, faculty and staff that make it their personal mission to care for the needs of Black students no matter the circumstance.

We encourage you to explore our member organizations and lean on us whenever you need a helping hand.

Go Devils!

Rachel Porche, Co-President
Jasmin Murphy, Co-President
Sinoba Aiden, Vice President

Connect with BAC

For more information about the Black African Coalition, visit us online, connect with our social media or send an email to our organization if you have any questions.



Sign up to join the [BAC Newsletter](#)

Academic organizations

Registered student organizations for students interested in a specific career or academic field that may align with their academic program of study and/or personal interests. Involvement in academic focused and pre-professional organizations are optimal for students who want to establish professional networks and further develop their skills in that area.

Black Artists and Designers Association (B.A.D.)

The Black Artists and Designers Association is an organization that resides under the Black African Coalition (BAC) and utilizes the artistic talents of students by providing various opportunities to showcase their skills, provide artistic services to the community, and encourage educational student success. We bring African-American students or those interested in African-American art and design together to network, share ideas, and create a system of support within the arts. This organization also informs the ASU campus of the history, present, and future of African-American art and design through various activities and events held throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Black Business Student Association (BBSA)

The Black Business Student Association was organized to meet the needs of African American Students. BBSA promotes professionalism, career advancement, and educational success, through the networking of students and their community. Members must strive to become well rehearsed in the skills needed to meet the expectations of the professional world; this is achieved by enhancing their talents and abilities, possessing the will to excel, and a desire for higher standards within the organization and a betterment of the community.

Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)

The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) at Arizona State University (ASU) dedicates itself in nurturing the unique experiences of Black graduate students through scholarship, providing development opportunities, spreading activism, participating in mentorship, and collaborating with community-based activities. BGSA aims to build the coalition of Black graduates on all four ASU campuses by increasing and advocating their presence; this is at the very heart of our vocation. BGSA provides safe and radical spaces where all scholars of color can create community at ASU and beyond.

Black Medical Student Association (BMSA)

The purpose of the Black Medical Student Association is to increase the retention, graduation, and matriculation of pre-medical, health, and science students with a primary focus on black students." Black Medical Student Association was founded in the Fall of 2014 with the purpose of increasing the success and retention of collegiate African-Americans pursuing careers in all aspects of health care. "Our student organization, Black Medical Students Association, supports the ASU Charter by demonstrating leadership in academic excellence as well as providing access to professionals in our field. We accomplish this by hosting signature events such as the Healthcare Panel and Annual BMSA Banquet.

Black Undergraduate Law Society (BULS)

A professional society at Arizona State University for students of African descent who are dedicated to pursuing a degree and/or career in law.

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)

The Arizona State University chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists works to provide fairness and inclusion in the media. NABJ aims to encourage and strengthen the ties between black journalists so that faculties and related curriculum can be diversified. NABJ ASU is located on the downtown Phoenix campus and typically holds meetings in Cronkite. NABJ ASU provides programs and services to advocate on behalf of black journalists worldwide.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

Our mission is "To increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community."

"The BAC's events promotes the success and excellence of African Americans."

Jasmin Murphy, Junior





Athletic organizations

An athletic organization means allowing student athletes to engage, learn, and grow as individuals. It also means being able to have an impact on the community in our everyday lives.

Black Student Athlete Association (BSAA)

The Black Student Athlete Association at Arizona State University does hereby stand in solidarity by creating a safe space for Black and other student athletes of color. The Black Student Athlete Association will engage in community outreach and voter education, advocate for social impact and continue to raise awareness for social injustice. Athletes will be able to express their ethnic leadership outside of their athletic talents. We hope to use our power and influence to improve the circumstances for black and other student athletes of color as well the surrounding community. Sun Devil Athletics Leadership Information: Jean Boyd, Deputy Athletics Director; William Kennedy, Associate AD; Alonzo Jones; Associate AD, Inclusion & Championship Life



International organizations

Registered student organizations focused on providing support, knowledge and awareness through interactions and discussions of international culture, language and people in the global community. International student organizations also focus on providing support and fostering community within the various cultures, races, religions and orientations represented on campus amongst the student body.

Caribbean Student Association

Our objective is for all Caribbean students of ASU to have an extension of their community on campus. The main parts of this objective include the promotion of friendship, networking and community among students of the Caribbean diaspora who are enrolled, along with an understanding and cooperative spirit among Caribbean students and other members of the student body and faculty at ASU.



Greek-letter organizations

Traditionally known as social Greek-lettered student organizations, fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University are centered on four values that drive our community forward: **Learn and Grow, Build Relationships, Give Back and Do the Right Thing.** As a collective of over 75 organizations, their mission is to create the premier fraternity and sorority experience in the country.

Community members succeed academically, are elected to leadership roles in student government, dedicate thousands of hours to community service, raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable organizations, and build campus spirit, pride, and tradition through major campus events. Most importantly, fraternity and sorority life provides the opportunity to establish bonds with dedicated, talented and diverse people on campus and be a part of a global network of alumni that will last a lifetime.

Visit [Fraternity and Sorority Life at ASU](#) to learn about all the Greek organizations.

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The Divine Nine National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), also known as the “Divine Nine” is the coordinating body for the historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. ASU is home to eight of the Divine Nine organizations. Originally formed in 1930 at Howard University, the purpose of the NPHC is “unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek-letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” NPHC honors the historical spirit of community service, cooperation, cultural consciousness, scholarship, servant leadership and unity.



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Mu Eta Chapter)

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was the first intercollegiate fraternity established for African Americans. On December 4th, 1906, seven extraordinary men on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, began to lay the foundation for an organization that develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities. The Mu Eta Chapter was established on the campus Arizona State University on April 26th, 1976 by Bro. Gerald Richard by way of Zeta Theta Chapter. Since its birth on campus, years of diligence to transform and uplift the people of society has been in effect. We dedicate our events to analyzing social injustice issues both nationally and globally. We see the importance of higher education and make an effort to provide financial aid for high school students as well college students. Our motto is “First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Zeta Alpha Chapter)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is America's first Greek-letter organization established by Black college women. Founded in 1908, her roots date back to Howard University, Washington, D.C., where the idea for formation was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri. She viewed the Sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates. Through the years, however, Alpha Kappa Alpha's function has become more complex. After her incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college-trained women improved the socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and the world. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is based on the principles of sisterhood, scholarship, and service to ALL mankind. Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown through the years to become an international organization with a membership in excess of 200,000 women. Membership in our organization consists of women of distinction and exemplary character. These women excel in all areas of life and work closely with the community. Alpha Kappa Alpha has undergraduate and graduate chapters located in the United States, West Africa, Great Britain, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Korea and Germany.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Gamma Iota Chapter)

Kappa Alpha Psi, a college Fraternity, now comprised of functioning Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country, is the crystallization of a dream. It is the beautiful realization of a vision shared commonly by the late Revered Founders Elder Watson Diggs; John Milton Lee; Byron K. Armstrong; Guy Levis Grant; Ezra D. Alexander; Henry T. Asher; Marcus P. Blakemore; Paul

W. Caine; Edward G. Irvin and George W. Edmonds. It was the vision of these astute men that enabled them in the school year 1910 -11, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin. It is a fact of which KAPPA ALPHA PSI is justly proud that the Constitution has never contained any clause which either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership merely because of his color, creed, or national origin. The Constitution of KAPPA ALPHA PSI is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic Fraternity. The Gamma Iota Chapter was established July 9th, 1948 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. It was the FIRST fraternity at ASU.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Alpha Theta Chapter)

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college. Omega Psi Phi was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The founders were three Howard University undergraduates -- Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “friendship is essential to the soul,” the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles. Chartered on March 29th, 1969, the Alpha Theta Chapter is the undergraduate chapter for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Arizona State University.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Lambda Xi Chapter)

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated was founded on January 9th, 1914 on the campus of Howard University Washington D.C by the three most honorable brothers A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown. This wondrous band was founded on the three core principles of brotherhood, scholarship, and service, while also following the motto “culture for service and service for humanity”. The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. Phi Beta Sigma is a brotherhood of conscious men actively serving our communities emphasizing the importance of brotherhood and giving back to communities. The Lambda Xi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated was chartered on May 6th, 1980 on the campus of Arizona State University by six wondrous football players. We have thrived on this campus for 40 years and will continue to be a pinnacle of brotherhood, scholarship, service, and change, not only for the ASU community but for those around us as well. The Lambda Xi chapter focuses on being a “student first” organization ensuring graduation and we are devoted to the “Inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Iota Kappa Chapter)

Delta Sigma Theta was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 13, 1913 by 22 college-educated women and was incorporated in 1930. Founded on Christian principles, the purpose behind its founding was “to establish and maintain a high standard of morality and scholarship among Black women”. The purpose and aims of the sorority shall be to engage in cultural, educational and public service activities and to establish, maintain and encourage high cultural, intellectual and moral standards. Delta has a current membership of over 250,000 strong, making Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated one of the largest Black organizations.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Kappa Iota Chapter)

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington DC by five lovely women. The Kappa Iota Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on the campus of Arizona State University on May 4, 1979, by 7 elite women. The principles they uphold are scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finerwomanhood. They have a variety of international programs such as Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) which is an interactive holistic multidimensional outreach program designed to enhance, cultivate and empower participants to develop health-promoting lifestyle choices across the lifespan. As the sorority moves toward its centennial, it retains its original zest for excellence. It espouses the highest academic ideals and that has resulted in its members serving in groundbreaking roles in all fields of endeavor.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (Beta Pi Chapter)

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is a community service based organization. SGRho is the ONLY historically African-American sorority within the Divine 9 to be founded at a primarily white institution (at a time of heavy segregation and heavy KKK presence) in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was under these conditions that our founders took the risk to create an organization that would bring the community together and build a better future. As a sorority our focus is on sisterhood, scholarship, and service. As a Sigma woman, you are “the best version of you”. Joining does not change you, you are encouraged to be yourself. Our organization enhances. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is made up of a diverse group of women from all walks of life, various cultures, styles, and personalities. On campus, the Beta Pi chapter strives to continue to build and uplift the community, not just at ASU but throughout Arizona.



Cultural and social organizations

Registered student organizations that strive to provide community to individuals with similar goals aligned through common interests, activities or initiatives on campus. Culture organizations are for students who seek to develop self-awareness around their identities, build skills in being a more effective leader and empower their peers as they navigate institutional and life challenges.

African American Men of ASU (AAMASU)

AAMASU is both a program and an organization committed to the work related to the recruitment, retention and graduation of African American male students at Arizona State University. We are a community of men and women who apply ourselves to the task of self-development in an effort to realize our potential. We believe that holistic programming at the academic, civic, cultural, corporate and social levels prepares us for service to the greater community.

Black Student Union (BSU) - Downtown Phoenix

The Black Student Union at Arizona State University (Downtown) strives to cultivate community amongst African and African-American students on campus. The BSU (DPC) hosts inclusive cultural and social events, provides scholarship, leadership, and volunteer opportunities, and encourages networking among black students, faculty and alumni.

Black Student Union (BSU) - Polytechnic

The purpose of the Black Student Union is to support the African and African American students on the Polytechnic campus to build cultural understanding and unity, professionalism and community across all ASU campuses.

Impact Movement

The Impact Movement equips Black students to become disciples of Jesus Christ who integrate their faith into every aspect of their life.



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)

We are a national affiliate of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated. We were founded by Mary McLeod Bethune in 1935. As a collegiate section we focus on post baccalaureate endeavors, as well as academics and community service.

Zaria

The Purpose of Zaria is to create an atmosphere that is safe and inclusive for womxn, with emphasis on the concerns and interests of Black and African womxn. In this space, womxn are encouraged to focus on their healing as is a vital part of womanhood



Signature events

Through campus programs and community involvement, the BAC aims to uplift the voices of diverse communities by strengthening their presence at ASU, while fostering a greater sense of awareness, appreciation and mutual understanding. Throughout the academic year, both the BAC and its member organizations plan and host signature events across all four campuses celebrating heritage, creative expression and inclusion.

BAC Banquet

This annual BAC Banquet takes place during April. This evening celebrates and congratulates students and staff that advance the Black community at ASU within education, programming, activities, and so much more!

Black Excellence Ball

The Black Excellence Ball is an annual event that takes place during Black History Month. The formal night allows students to eat, dance, and rejoice in their culture with other students.

Black Professional Conference

The Black Professional Conference is an annual event hosted by the Black Business Student Association and the BAC in partnership with other BAC professional organizations and ASU Career Services. The event gives students the opportunity to receive free professional headshots, learn valuable advice from Black professionals, and network with a variety of companies and businesses.

Black History Month

In honor of our heritage and culture, the BAC, in partnership with ASU, hosts a full month of programming and activities to promote and educate the history of Black Americans in America during February.

Cultivated Greatness

Cultivated Greatness is an annual event that promotes Black Artists, Designers, Performers, and Businesses. This event occurs during Black History Month.

Cultural Greek Open House

Cultural Greek Open House an opportunity to meet and learn more about the fraternities and sororities of the NPHC, MGC, AND NALFO, councils. Each organizations will be there to share information about their fraternity or sorority and to provide information on how to join. The organizations will also be showcasing their traditions of stepping, strolling, or saluting.

HBCU Homecoming Week

The BAC's annual HBCU Homecoming Week takes place during November. This week celebrates Black culture and provides students with the enriched HBCU Homecoming Experience!

NPHC Week

NPHC week consists of various events put together by all Fraternities and Sororities within the NPHC. It is a weeklong celebration of the unity and culture of NPHC organizations. During NPHC Week the council will host a number of events centered on academic achievement, community service, and student leader development.

NSBE National Convention

NSBE National Conventions can mean all the difference in how black engineering students can navigate their undergrad. The convention is an opportunity to secure an internship/ job a top company, network with other black professionals, and explore diverse career paths. The convention is designed to allow you to be the best version of yourself.

Round Robin

Round Robin takes place at the beginning of each Fall/Spring semester. The event is open to all ASU students who are interested in learning more about our council. Each Fraternity/Sorority provides attendees with general information on their organizations.

State of Our Nation Panel

As Black and African American students, we learn a lot from lived experiences and through academia. With events happening around the globe, it is important to know the history and acknowledge how history chronologies the present; especially when it comes to reclaiming and utilizing the power that Black people have across the diaspora, we must look to the part to understand the present and move forward with radical and agitating care. The State of Our Nation Panel serves as a method to acknowledge the ways that our ancestors and predecessors have paved, how the way is being made by activists and community members today, and how we can continue to make way for tomorrow.

Welcome Black Week

To welcome students back into a fun semester, the BAC hosts a week of events that promote networking with faculty, staff, and other Black and African students towards the end of August.

Women in the Workplace

Going to school is the first step to getting our dream job. But what is that job really like? Join NCNW at our Women in the Workplace series as we talk to black Women in different professions and see what it's really like in that career!

Key resources

Make the most of your ASU experience and meet your academic and personal goals. From providing opportunities to discover your career interests to learning the keys to leading a healthy lifestyle for a lifetime, ASU is here to help you succeed academically and socially. Take advantage of all the resources available to you and the larger community.



- Admission Services
- Advisory Council on AAA
- ASU Black Alumni Chapter
- ASU Experience Center
- ASU Family
- ASU Graduate College
- ASU Health Services
- ASU New Student Experience

- ASU Wellness
- BAC Scholarship
- Black Excellence Experience Tour
- Counseling Services
- Dean of Students Office
- Disability Resources
- First-Generation Resources
- Sankofa

- Student Advocacy and Assistance
- Sun Devil Athletics
- Transfer Students
- Tutoring
- University Academic Success
- University Housing



Get involved

Make friends, have fun and learn outside of the classroom. Immerse yourself in ASU traditions, join or start your own student organization, participate in programs and activities, serve your community or advance your idea on how to make the world a better place. Explore your options and enjoy Sun Devil Life!

- Career and Professional Development Services
- Changemaker Central
- Council of Coalitions
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student and Cultural Engagement
- Student Employment
- Student Organizations
- Student Unions and Centers



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