

Black African Coalition

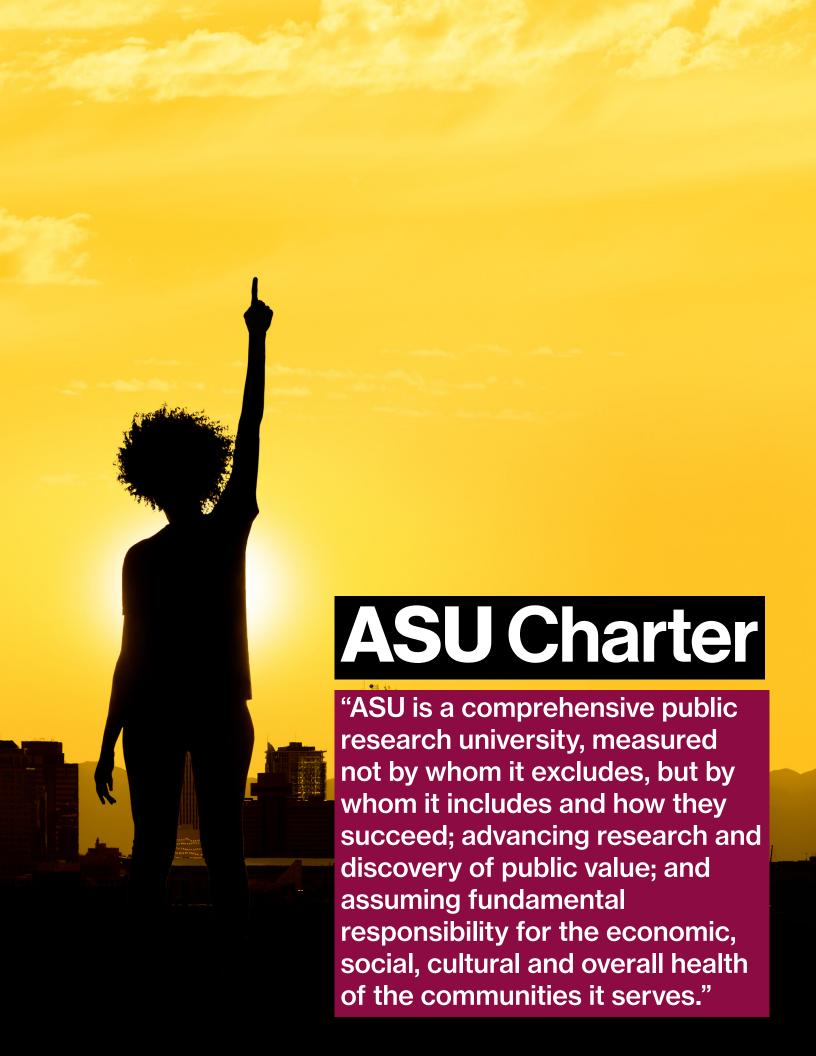
2024-2025 Guidebook





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Welcome from the President

We are honored and excited to have you as a new member of our Black African Coalition Community. We think of our united organizations as a family, each with their own set of unique passions, interests, and individualities. 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. Our events give 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 not only a safe and comfortable environment but also inclusive for students from all walks of life with intersecting identities to commune and receive support. Our network encompasses BlackASU 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. We are always stronger together.

Joella Agoro - President

Nia Heckler - Internal Vice President

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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**



ASU offers 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 Student Association

The Black Artists and Designers Association is an organization that resides under the Black African Coalition 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

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 Educators and Mentors

The purpose of Black Educators and Mentors (BEAM) is to increase graduation and retention rates for Black education majors by enhancing the necessary skill set for a professional career in education. BEAM has dedicated itself to unifying and advocating for the success of the Black student population within Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (MLFTC) in order to create a safe and productive community. Our reach will expand to the Phoenix metropolitan area as we instill our mentors in the local schools and provide guidance for the future generations.

Black Graduate Student Association

The Black Graduate Student Association at Arizona State University 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

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 Student Association at Barrett

A club focused on helping Black honors students succeed through social and career events.

Black Undergraduate Law Society

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

Black Women in Stem at ASU

We are dedicated to cultivating a safe space specifically supporting all Black women, femmes, and non-binary students pursuing a degree in the STEM field to encourage success through fellowship, community service, and workshops.

National Association of Black Journalists

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 iournalists worldwide.

National Society of Black Engineers

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

The Pretty Smart Club

The PrettySmart Club is exclusively for women majoring in the fields of business, law, pre-med, and pre-nursing. PrettySmart serves as a safe space for Black women to discuss topics within the Black community, as well as promote academics, social, and professional development. Also, raising awareness to Black women about their potential because of the alarming and underwhelming rate of professional Black women in these fields.

"Staying involved in BAC organizations is important to me because they provide an opportunity to actively develop leadership skills that will translate to my career aspirations while simultaneously building meaningful relationships with students who share similar goals/values."



Athletic organizations

An athletic organization allows 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

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.

African Student Association

The African Student Association (AFSA) is an organization that was created out of the need for unity, camaraderie, fellowship and the desire to work together. AFSA is open to anybody that is interested in learning about and enjoying African culture. AFSA prides itself in creating a sense of community for students of African descent on campus and strives to educate its campus community on Africa-related topics. The African Students' Association aims to be a social forum for all students of African descent as well as all students who are interested in sharing the African experience at Arizona State University.

Ethiopian and Eritrean Student Association

The purpose of the club shall be to celebrate and contribute to the advancement in Ethiopian and Eritrean cultures. To establish networks between Ethiopian and Eritrean students, community members and other leading professionals. This organization seeks to provide support and encouragement for Ethiopian and Eritrean students by fostering a sense of community & creating opportunities to give back to our

community through various endeavors.

Sudanese American Association

The purpose of this organization is to provide a means of inclusion, communication, and networking for the Sudanese student body at Arizona State University. SAA serves as a representation of Sudan and participates in many student-organized events, in efforts to promote the rich and distinct Sudanese culture to the greater community.





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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 4, 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 26, 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, Incorporated ® (AKA), an international service organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated® comprises more than 355.000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 12 countries. The Zealous and Achieving Zeta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was chartered by 12 women on the campus of Arizona State University on November 28, 1970; the chapter is part of the Far Western Region. In its over 50 years at ASU, Zeta Alpha has provided service, resources, and tools to surrounding and cross-national communities. The Zeta Alpha chapter has made strides towards fostering Black professionals and Black students network; actively works to inform individuals about political, social, and economic challenges that face our community; has goals of creating environmentally sustainable projects for the ASU campus. Holding several honors such as NPHC Chapter of the Year and 2022 Presidents Cup of ASU Greek Life, the Zeta Alpha Chapter continues its mission of exceeding the expectations for service and sisterhood. They continue to soar to greater heights where they can do more and give more.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Gamma lota 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 lota Chapter was established July 9, 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 29, 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 9, 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 6, 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. (lota 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 dovely 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 healthpromoting 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.



Fraternity and Sorority Life

governing councils

College Panhellenic

The College Panhellenic is the governing council for 14 National Panhellenic Conference sororities and 2 associate member sororities on campus. The College Panhellenic exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations between the sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community.

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council is a self-governing body representing the member fraternities at Arizona State University. The IFC strives to promote excellence in all aspects of fraternity life. The IFC works to better the Arizona State University fraternity community and represent the member fraternities to the greater campus community. IFC assists with fraternity recruitment each semester and serves as a clearing house for all issues related to the fraternity community. The Interfraternity Council at Arizona State University is a North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) chartered IFC.

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body for culturally based fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. The MGC exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations between the culturally based fraternities and sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community. The MGC through their programming efforts, encourage scholastic achievement among its member organizations and individuals, provide a forum for discussion and to develop action strategies regarding issues relevant to the MGC community, coordinate semester activities and service related events to promote cooperation and harmony among member organizations, and strive to promote cultural awareness.

National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations

The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) serves as the governing body for the historically Latino/a fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. Established in 1998 to promote the advancement of Latino/a fraternities and sororities, the first local NALFO council was piloted at Arizona State University in 2003. NALFO's purpose is to promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of Latino/a fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism and education.





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 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 - 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 - 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.

Black Student Union - West

We, the members of the Black Student Union organization, feel it is our duty to assist African American Students in attaining their educational goals, encourage other African Americans to pursue higher education, and promote cultural awareness by fostering relationships among the club, campus, and the community.

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

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

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!

BAC HomecomingWeek

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!

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 Excellence Experience Tour

Discover ways to get involved at Arizona State University. Immerse yourself in the Black excellence experience and interact with Black faculty, staff and student leaders from the Black African Coalition. We will help you explore the admission process, financial aid and scholarship

opportunities, academic resources, and life as a Black student on campus. The spring event will be held in-person on ASU's Tempe campus.

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.

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.

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 is 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 showcase their traditions of stepping, strolling or saluting.

NPHC Orgs 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.

Sankofa Summit

Sankofa Summit is a one-day experience for current students to learn tools to support their academic and professional well-being, connect with industry leaders, and expand their network with upperclassmen and graduate students.

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.

Sankofa Leadership Institute

Sankofa Leadership Institute is a multi-day early-arrival fall program to support the incoming first-year and transfer student experience focusing on building community and peer connections. It is designed to cultivate a successful college transition through interactive sessions, workshops, and engagement with current students.

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.



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 and the larger community.

- ACD 401-Non Discrimination Policy
- 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
- **O Black Excellence Experience Tour**
- Counseling Services

- Dean of Students Office
- Disability Resources
- **•** First-Generation Resources
- Sankofa
- Sexual Violence Prevention and Response
- Student Advocacy and Assistance
- **Student Code of Conduct**
- Sun Devil Athletics
- **O Transfer Students**
- **O** 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
- Cultural Connections

- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student Employment
- Student Organizations
- Student Unions and Centers

