

Saturday April 17, 2021
46th Annual Awards Banquet

Purdue University
Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff



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CONGRATULATIONS

The College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) extends its heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding HHS students for their academic excellence and community service:

HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY

Mackenzie Denton
Chinonso Emenim
Oluwapamimo Fafowora
Zackary Hodgins
DeShawn King
Alexandra Mielke
Kennady Oliver
Chloe Russell
Jahna Smiley
Nigel Taylor
Samar Thomas

HEALTH SCIENCES

Olohitare Ahonsi
Isabelle Akoro
Maya Birhiray
LaNae Cheatham
Chizorom Chijioke
Malia Clark
Alexis Dunlop
Youssef Errihani
Alexandra Greer
Bria Harris
Lloyd Hill
Camron Landrum
Kelsey Madden
Jahi Mubarak
Tirek Murphy
Chimdi Offodile
Gladys Osakwe
Riley Prewitt

Nakia Price
Kamri Smith
Tyniquia Taylor
Aaron Tegegn
Raul Villafane
Joslyn Wims

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Kayla Crose
Arielle Grinnage
Aalia Hart
Niyelle Lee
Noah McClerkin
Stacia Scott
Emma Washington

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SCIENCE

David Bell
Jada Jenkins
Leah Lengel
Lauryn Mitchell
Rondale Moore
Rahmaan Ruth
Collin Sullivan
Ella Turner

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Jordyn Bradley
Lindsey Browder
Makenna Dejoie
Dasia Douglas
Maxwell Golden
Yasmeen Muhammad
Clara Owolabi
Angel Prince
Jayda Sanders
Ashley Weatherly

NURSING

Oluwatayo Akinbo
Kaitlyn Buelow
Alexis Bullock
Skylar Clark
Kennedy Cole
Alexis Dickman
Alexis Edgerson
Angel Gaines
Kierra Gates
LaSeanna Harris
Deven Hawkins
Martha Muojekwu
Andrianna Plummer
Cheyenne Roberts
Caylen Strode
Brandon Sturdivant
Jasmine Thompson
Jaala Weaver-Young
Anoria Webb
Alyssa Wilburn

NUTRITION SCIENCE

Mohamed Bouftas
Nmachi Osagiede
Jessica Patterson
Nedinia Riley
Andreya Rollins

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Sarah Aremu
Alexandria Bedard
Taya Billingsley
Kalynn Brown
Kylan Brown
Taryn Buford
Emma Cannon
Alexandra Davis
Asher Denny
Tamara Farquhar
Emily Fields
Kyleyanna Fitzpatrick
Lucas Foley
Athena Fordwor
Brianna Foreman
Ashton Freeman
Adriel Gonzalez
Gabriele Green
Jordan Harris
Curshuna Harvey
Ceouna Hegwood
Danielle Jackson
Kaylynn Jones
Danielle Masayile
Breianna Mildor
Brielle Miles
Brooke Moore
Kara Moore
Kalikedin Negussie
Uchechukwu Nnate
Leah Patterson
Jenai Richards
Paul Samms
MaKayla Smith

Hunter Spalding
Julian Speights
Jennifer Sun
Katherine Tuey
Jasmine White
Danielle Wilson

PUBLIC HEALTH

Lydia Aremu
Jada Flowers
Kayla Hawthorne
Sarah Hicks
Fatma Niang
Nneka Ogbonnaya
Zachariah Thomas
Shaulay Ward
Elizabeth Wetzel

SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

Evan Chambers
Maleah Means
Miya Morrison
Omowonuola Oniwinde
Kya Pierson
Teanna Pounds
Kennedy Skipper

“Congratulations to HHS honorees. Your academic excellence and community service make us all proud.”

Marion K. Underwood
Marion K. Underwood, Dean

WE ARE TRULY PROUD OF YOU!

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College of Health and Human Sciences

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To each of our student honorees,

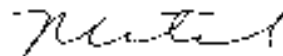
It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate you, on behalf of the entire Boilermaker community, on the outstanding success for which you are being recognized. This annual celebration, now in its 46th year, recognizes your dedication and commitment to making a positive difference in your community. Because of your work, Purdue is a better place, and we are grateful.

Although the circumstances are far from ordinary this year, know that my admiration of your accomplishments and your commitment to excellence remain unchanged. You exemplify what it means to be a Boilermaker through your leadership, tenacity and persistent pursuit of excellence, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks are also in order for your family and friends, who celebrate your achievements each day and for the members of our Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff, who support and encourage you. They are an essential part of the Purdue family and we thank each of them for their hard work and devotion to your success.

This yearly event shines a well-deserved spotlight on the many ways in which you go above and beyond in all aspects of your life. I hope you know what an important part of our campus you are. Wherever you are celebrating from: You make Purdue proud.

Sincerely,



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President

April 2021

Dear Student Honorees, Families, Friends, and Colleagues,

It is a privilege to welcome you to the 46th Annual Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff Academic and Service Awards — where we continue a proud tradition of honoring students who have demonstrated exceptional academic and service leadership. This celebration is a tribute to our exceptional faculty, our devoted staff, and most importantly, to our dedicated and hard-working students. You have met the challenges of a rigorous Purdue education, an accomplishment made even more impressive given the virus that has affected every aspect of your lives and your families' lives.

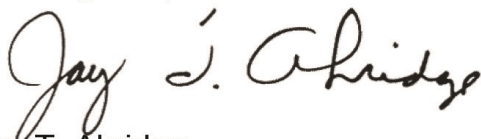
To our graduating seniors: Every year, hundreds of recruiters and graduate/professional schools from literally around the world look to Purdue because they know they will find students who have a strong academic foundation, the professional skills to become leaders, and the integrity and compassion that embody the Boilermaker spirit. Each one you will make an important difference in your communities/government, organizations, and corporations ... there is no doubt in my mind. We wish you continued happiness and great success whether you are seeking employment or furthering your education through an advanced degree.

To the parents, family, and friends of our honorees: We know you have provided significant support in so many ways, helping your students navigate their path through Purdue and through life. We thank you for entrusting us with the care of your student, even during an evolving pandemic. We have done our best to provide them with opportunities to grow — as scholars, as leaders, and as people. They have done the hard work and with your guidance, support, and love, they have thrived. You have so very much to be proud of.

And a personal thank you to the Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff at Purdue: As teachers, mentors, advisors, and leaders, you are helping these talented students prepare for successful lives.

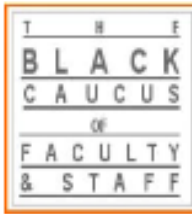
Again, congratulations to our honorees! You have earned this special recognition. We are so proud that you are Boilermakers, and we look forward to your continued success as you meet the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

Best regards,



Jay T. Akridge

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity



PURDUE BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY AND STAFF

April 17, 2021

Dear Colleagues, Friends, Honored Guests, Family Members, and Students,

Welcome to our 46th Annual Academic and Service Awards Program! We will once again be honoring over 200 students for their academic success, service, and leadership. The Purdue Community has benefited immensely from the presence of these students, and this is an opportunity for the Black Caucus to give witness to their achievements in and out of the classroom.

The Academic and Service Awards Program is made possible by the contributions and good will of faculty, staff, administrators, and the community. We consider this program our signature event because it is the single largest regular gathering of Black families at Purdue outside of commencement. It is also the largest University-wide, cross-disciplinary awards program that is planned and executed entirely by faculty and staff, and supported by voluntary contributions. But most importantly, it allows us to carry out one of our key by-laws, which is to promote charitable and educational activities that promote the welfare of Black Boilermakers. Although we are a faculty and staff organization, we realize that students are central to our purpose.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the success of our students. We hope to return to our in-person format in due time, but we are pleased to pay tribute to our students virtually. We also ask that you make a point of reviewing our program booklet to see tributes from family, friends, and the university community.

Sincerely,

Venetria K. Patton, Chair
Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DON THOMPSON

FOUNDER & CEO, CLEVELAND AVENUE, LLC



Don Thompson is the Founder and CEO of Cleveland Avenue and the former President and CEO of McDonald's Corporation. Retiring in 2015 after a 25-year career with the Golden Arches, Thompson and his wife, Liz, formed Cleveland Avenue, LLC and the Cleveland Avenue Foundation for Education (The CAFÉ).

Bringing together global restaurant expertise, a passion for consumer innovation, and deep respect for entrepreneurs, Thompson and the Cleveland Avenue team invest in and accelerate emerging restaurant, food, and beverage brands.

Always giving back, Thompson received the 2021 Dreamer Award from his alma mater, Purdue University, for his vision for service and impact on the lives of millions of customers and employees

across the country throughout his career.

Thompson is a member of the Executive Leadership Council, the Commercial and Economic Clubs of Chicago, Business Council, World Business Chicago, and the Arthur M. Brazier Foundation. He serves as a Trustee on the Cleveland Avenue Foundation for Education, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Purdue University board of directors. Thompson also serves on The Northern Trust Corporation, Royal Caribbean Cruises Limited, Beyond Meat board of directors, and as an Advisory Board member of DocuSign, Inc., and Footprint. Thompson previously served as a Director on the Exelon Board from 2006-2012 and the McDonald's Corporation Board from 2011-2015.

Thompson received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and an Honorary Doctorate in Science from Excelsior College.

PROGRAM

Welcome & Opening—Dr. Venetria Patton, Chair Black Caucus Faculty & Staff

Provost Acknowledgements—Dr. Jay Akridge, Provost

Introduction of Speaker—Dr. Zenephia Evans, Treasurer

Speaker—Mr. Don Thompson, Purdue University Trustee

Academic Awards—Scrolling Marquee

PBAO Awards—Ms. Gayle Thornton, PBAO Representative

Service & Leadership Awards—Ms. Alicia Gilbert, Parliamentarian

Clara E. Bell Award—Dr. David Rollock, Member at Large

Faculty/Staff and Parent of the Year Award—Dr. David Rollock, Member at Large

Closing—Dr. Venetria Patton, Chair Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



The Star Spangled Banner

By Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed

At the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars,

Through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched,

Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare,

The bombs bursting in air

Gave proof through the night

That our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM



Lift Every Voice and Sing

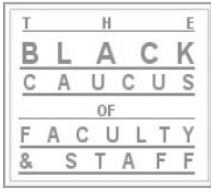
By James Weldon Johnson

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.





The Black Caucus

The Caucus traces its roots to discussions and informal meetings among African American faculty and staff on the Purdue University West Lafayette campus in the Fall of 1970. The concept for an organized group of Black faculty and staff initially was circulated by Dr. Buchanan, who held the position of Coordinator of Black Student Programs at the time. These discussions continued over the next few years until September, 1974, when faculty and staff members responded positively to a proposal from Mr. Sam Hay, Director of Africana Studies and Research Center, to develop a more formal organizational structure. An ad hoc leadership group began planning for the goal with monthly meetings at the old Black Cultural Center.

Under a constitution ratified in December 1974, African American faculty and staff members voted on April 17, 1975 to establish the *Black Faculty and Staff Council of Purdue University*, and elected as its first officers Dr. Luther Williams (Chairperson), Ms. Marion Blalock (Vice Chairperson), Dr. Darlene [Clark-] Hine (Recording Secretary–Treasurer), Mrs. Helen Bass Williams (Corresponding Secretary), Mr. Kenneth McNight (Parliamentarian), Capt. Jerome Adams, Mr. Samuel Hay, and Ms. Phoebe Coleman (Members-at-Large). Purdue President Arthur G. Hansen was duly notified later that month. By the Spring of 1976, the organization became known as the *Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff*.

The basic purpose, goals, and objectives of the Caucus have remained consistent across the life of the organization, and are articulated most clearly in its Constitution and Bylaws (1984):

“The purpose of the Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff shall be:

- (a) To identify and act upon those issues which affect Black people at Purdue University and the greater Lafayette community, especially as they relate to the function of the University;
- (b) To institute and maintain an effective and positive relationship between the University and its Black constituency both on and off campus;
- (c) To reinforce self-awareness among Black people by implementing programs and activities designed to achieve these aims;
- (d) To gather and disseminate information about available talent, opportunities, and activities that will provide the University with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of the Black experience;
- (e) To carry out other activities of a charitable and educational nature to promote the welfare of Black faculty, staff, and students.”

From its earliest years, the Caucus undertook monitoring the number and status of African American staff and students at Purdue, providing mutual support, and engaging upper administration in planning for change and advancement on matters of concern. One important, visible, and consistent function has been the Annual Awards Program. Initially begun as an “Academic Support Fund Dance” that raised money for academic merit awards and a possible emergency loan fund, the Caucus distributed 30 “incentive awards” to Black students for the end of the 1975-76 academic year. The Second Annual Academic Support Fund Dance honored 60 outstanding Purdue Undergraduates with cash awards, gifts, and certificated for excellence in scholarship, community service, and leadership. Continuing its tradition of honoring students using only voluntary donations, this 41st Annual Program will honor over 150 undergraduates of African descent at Purdue University.

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FRESHMAN HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Elijah	Agnew	Polytechnic Institute
Sarah	Aremu	Health and Human Sciences
Taryn	Buford	Health and Human Sciences
Kyenret	Ayuba	Engineering
Alexandria	Bedard	Health and Human Sciences
Alfred	Burton	Exploratory Studies
Nadege	Charlton	Engineering
LaNae	Cheatham	Health and Human Sciences
Isabelle	Coker	Liberal Arts
Drej	Cosby	Exploratory Studies
Alexandra	Davis	Health and Human Sciences
Kyleyanna	Fitzpatrick	Health and Human Sciences
Sophia	Flores	Agriculture
Solomon	Fry	Krannert School of Management
Bria	Harris	Health and Human Sciences
Kaia	Harris	Krannert School of Management
Jacob	Jones	Purdue University
Arinola	Lesi	Engineering
Malachi	Neal	Polytechnic Institute
Kevin	Nettey	Engineering
Avery	Newsome	Polytechnic Institute
Osan	Omayuku	Engineering
Clara	Owolabi	Health and Human Sciences
Andrea	Rosado Chamorro	Science
Christopher	Scott	Science
Akou Peace	Sededji	Exploratory Studies
Nadia	Seye	Science
Alicia	Stevance	Liberal Arts
Antonio	Stevens	Purdue University
Malique	Williams	Krannert School of Management
Onyell	Wilson	Liberal Arts
Tsinu	Zegeye	Science

SOPHOMORE HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Zinat	Adeleye	Exploratory Studies
Foluke	Ajiboye	Liberal Arts
Wahab	Akanbi	Engineering
Tabitha	Akoto	Liberal Arts
Brianna	Arinze	Pharmacy
Malaya	Atisso	Education
Nkem	Azuka	Science
Adrian	Bafor	Science
Carter	Bailey	Engineering
Taylor	Baker	Physics
Danielle	Bellamy	Pharmacy
Geordan	Bolden	Agriculture
Kalynn	Brown	Health and Human Sciences
Kylan	Brown	Health and Human Services
Emma	Cannon	Health and Human Sciences
william	Chapman	Krannert School of Management
Jasmine	Chenet	Liberal Arts
Sampa	Chikwanda	Polytechnic Institute
Skylar	Clark	Health and Human Sciences
Deverieux	Coleman	Krannert School of Management
Ryan	Daniels	Liberal Arts
Jerica	Drew	Polytechnic Institute
Jada	Edison	Liberal Arts
Karim	El-Sharkawy	Science
Sasha	Epps	Education
Oluwapamimo	Fafowora	Health and Human Sciences
Maria	Falk	Krannert School of Management
Kai	Gibbs	Engineering
Ivory	Gichohi	Krannert School of Management
Ana Isabel	Gonzalez	Krannert School of Management
Curshana	Harvey	Health and Human Sciences
Amirah	Haweit	Agriculture
Kayla	Hinton	Engineering
Jadah	Horace	Liberal Arts
Clarence	Hurt	Engineering

SOPHOMORE HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Danielle	Jackson	Human and Health Sciences
Jada	Jenkins	Health and Human Sciences
Lauren	Jenkins	Engineering
Jada	Johnson	Liberal Arts
Mamie	Johnson	Engineering
Sylvia	Kafari	Liberal Arts
Teasia	Lawrence	Pharmacy
Brandon	Lewis	Engineering
Henry	Lewis	Engineering
Malcolm	McClymont	Engineering
Maleah	Means	Health and Human Sciences
Iman	Mevaa	Science
Roan	Numa	Engineering
Chibuzor	Nwaobi	Engineering
Chioma	Olumba	Pharmacy
Uchenna	Osuamadi	Science
Kennedy	Outlaw	Science
Leah	Patterson	Health and Human Sciences
Jeff	Priso	Science
Alyssa	Richards	Engineering
Genesis	Riley	Agriculture
Kerris	Roberts	Science
Samuel	Robertson	Engineering
Maria	Sabbagh	Engineering
Emma	Sartore	Krannert School of Management
Charles	Sims	Polytechnic Institute
Bukunmi	Smith	Engineering
Erin	Soro	Krannert School of Management
Shaquille	Stringer	Krannert School of Management
Megan	Tyes	Nursing
Dalilah	Vaquera	Engineering
Madyson	Walker	Science
Epiphany	White	Purdue University
Joslyn	Wims	Health and Human Sciences
Niya	Yates	Polytechnic Institute

JUNIOR HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Tiara	Adams	Purdue University Fort Wayne
Kelly	Addison	Polytechnic Institute
Olohitare	Ahonsi	Health and Human Sciences
Seyi	Akinwumi	Engineering
Zahra	Al-Awadi	Polytechnic Institute
Lydia	Aremu	Health and Human Sciences
Christian	Avilez	Engineering
Tabitha	Balogun	Engineering
Alexis	Bullock	Health and Human Sciences
Caleb	Caldwell	Doermer School of Business
Mia	Caruso	Science
Myles	Chapman	Engineering
Chyna	Davis	Science
Kyndall	Davis	Engineering
Alexis	Dunlop	Health and Human Sciences
Kayla	Dunston	Krannert School of Management
Iziegbe	Eboigbe	Engineering
Emmani	Ellis	Polytechnic Institute
Teke	Ewherido	Engineering
Ogechukwu	Ezenwa	Agriculture
Mohammed	Fashola	Engineering
Diego	Fergus	Engineering
Samantha	Fowler	Polytechnic Institute
Denae	Galloway	Engineering
Kevin	Grimes	Engineering
Arielle	Grinnage	Health and Human Sciences
Sydni	Henagan	Liberal Arts
Shai'ekia	Jackson	Polytechnic Institute
Kirunda	Kunyiha	Engineering
Imani	Lawrence	Science
Moriah	Martin	Liberal Arts
Lauren	Mikell	Pharmacy
Breianna	Mildor	Health and Human Sciences

JUNIOR HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Kara	Moore	Health and Human Science
Joshua	Morrison	Krannert School of Management
Yasmeen	Muhammad	Health and Human Sciences
Martha	Muojekwu	Health and Human Sciences
Onyi	Nwogu	Polytechnic Institute
Chimdi	Offodile	Health and Human Sciences
Ife	Oketona	Krannert School of Management
Kennady	Oliver	Health and Kinesiology
Wonu	Oniwinde	Health and Human Sciences
Chiamaka	Osuji	Pharmacy
Xavier	Pham	Science
Hailey	Pike	Pharmacy
Hannah	Pike	Engineering
Ebony	Pippens	Liberal Arts
Jalen	Poates	Liberal Arts
Emani	Powell	Liberal Arts
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Chloé	Russell	Health and Human Sciences
Stacia	Scott	Health and Human Sciences
Perion	Sharp	Science
Kennedy	Skipper	Health and human Sciences
Hunter	Spalding	Health and Human Sciences
Jamille	St Hilaire	Agriculture
David	Udo-Imeh	Science
Shawn	Washington	Engineering
Malia	White	Engineering
Chelsea	Wilson	Liberal Arts
Rachel	Winkler	Krannert School of Management
Jaylen	Wright	Polytechnic Institute

SENIOR HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Rahman	Ajibade	Engineering
Oluwatayo	Akinbo	Health and Human Sciences
Jash	Asher	Engineering
Ugochukwu	Asoluka	Engineering
Jessica	Babb	Engineering
Taya	Billingsley	Health and Human Sciences
Maya	Birhiray	Health and Human Sciences
Brazzrael	Bradford	Polytechnic Institute
Jordyn	Bradley	Health and Human Sciences
Jordan	Bridges	Polytechnic Institute
Allana	Brown	Polytechnic Institute
Kaitlyn	Buelow	Health and Human Sciences
Joseph	Bushagour	Engineering
Camille	Campbell	Liberal Arts
Gabrielle	Carter	Krannert School of Management
Drewon	Chatmon	Polytechnic Institute
Favour	Chijioke	Liberal Arts
Dulce	Cintron	Agriculture
Sabria	Croom	Krannert School of Management
Kristen	Day	Krannert School of Management
Vincent	Ekwealor	Pharmacy
Chinonso	Emenim	Health and Human Sciences
Jada	Flowers	Health and Human Sciences
Alicia	Frazier	Liberal Arts
Amirah	Gibbons	Polytechnic Institute
Assata	Gilmore	Krannert School of Management
Maxwell	Golden	Health and Human Sciences
Edmund	Gunn Jr	Polytechnic Institute
Iman	Hamilton	Science
Jordan	Harris	Engineering
Sahiyya	Harrison	Science
Kay	Hawthorne	Liberal Arts
Ceouna	Hegwood	Health and Human Sciences
Micah	Hoffbauer	Krannert School of Management
Mary	Hulede	Krannert
Nia	Isom	Engineering
Toritsegbogwa	Jakpa	Liberal Arts
Jaelyn	Kelly	Health and Human Sciences
Essenam	Lamewona	Engineering

SENIOR HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Niyelle	Lee	Health and Human Sciences
Myles	Lesser	Polytechnic Institute
Alvin	Little	Engineering
Kiersten	Lofton	Science
Nafissa	Maiga	Engineering
Trystan	Manning	Krannert School of Management
Elika	Mayes	Polytechnic Institute
Brielle	Miles	Health and Human Sciences
Lauryn	Mitchell	Health and Human Sciences
Michel	Mudemfu	Engineering
Camille	Nau	Engineering
Kayla	Neal	Education
Fatma	Niang	Health and Human Sciences
Uchechukwu	Nnate	Health and Human Sciences
Nwamaka	Nwannunu	Engineering and Science
Somtochukwu	Odita	Engineering
Chidubem	Okoli	Engineering
Kali	Plutowski	Agriculture
Teanna	Pounds	Health and Human Sciences
Teanna	Pounds	Health and Human Sciences
Imani	Reese	Polytechnic Institute
Anthony	Richards-Parnell	Polytechnic Institute
Nedinia	Riley	Health and Human Sciences
Sydney	Roberson	Engineering and Sciences
Andreyia	Rollins	Health and Human Sciences
Tarah	Shaw	Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences
Deneisha	Smith	Purdue University
Maya	Steinhart	Education
Te'Aire	Storm	Humanities
caylen	strode	Health and Human Sciences
Nigel	Taylor	Health and Human Sciences
Samari	Thomas	Health and Human Sciences
Taylor	Thomas	Liberal Arts
Ella	Turner	Health and Human Sciences
Karli	Valencia	Engineering
Jasmine	Walker	Engineering
Jasmine	Walker	Engineering
Charity	Weke	SAAT
Isun	Williams	Polytechnic Institute
Makayla	Woods	Krannert School of Management
Faith	Young	Health and Human Sciences

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Delivac	Aboagye	Pharmacy
Kara	Blake	Pharmacy
Tamaraubrakaimi	Brisibe	Pharmacy
Juliet	Fatunbi	Pharmacy
Brittany	Galloway	Pharmacy
Abdulganiyu	Gborigi	Pharmacy
Nicholas	Howard	Pharmacy
Francesca	Kimera	Pharmacy
Donovan	Mc Duffy	Pharmacy
Muganyizi	Mutalemwa	Pharmacy
Tafadzwa	Ndebele	Pharmacy
Diyaben	Patel	Pharmacy
Miles	Potts	Pharmacy
Elisha	Robinson	Pharmacy
Leslie	Rodgers	Pharmacy
Alaunie	Smiley	Veterinary Medicine
Bill Steve	Tchachito	Pharmacy
Cealia	Tolliver	Pharmacy
Kamryn	Townsend	Pharmacy
Justin	Young	Pharmacy
Claire	Bolden	Pharmacy
Devonte	Brown	Veterinary Medicine
Raegan	Meyers	Pharmacy
Liberty-Ann	Shelton	Pharmacy

OTHER STUDENT HONOREES

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COLLEGE
Chibuikem	Ohanele	Engineering
Michael	Olagbegi Jr	Polytechnic Institute

SPECIAL AWARDS

HIGHEST GPA IN EACH CLASS AWARD

FRESHMAN

Drej M. Cosby
Kevin M. Nettey
Avery I. Newsome
Nadia C. Seye

SOPHOMORE

Carter A. Bailey
Geordan D. Bolden
Sampa Chikwanda
Jada N. Edison
Maria L. Falk
Kayla C. Hinton
Chioma S. Olumba
Uchenna A. Osuamadi
Niya A. Yates

SENIOR

Joseph R. Bushagour

PROFESSIONAL

Delivac A. Aboagye
Bill Steve Tchachito tema

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Keiana Bowie, Major: Psychological Science
MacKenzie Denton, Majors: Kinesiology and Psychological
Jerica Drew, Major: Aviation Management
Assata Gilmore, Major: Finance
Larry Lomax, Major: Aquatic Sciences
Fatma Niang, Major: Public Health
Abeo Peterson, Major: Law & Society

CLARA E. BELL

Brandon M. Sturdivant

ROGER BLALOCK AND PBAO PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 Roger Blalock and PBAO Presidential Leadership scholarship—Jacob Jones of Fishers, Indiana.
2021 Roger Blalock Scholarship—Aryal Wilson of Hartsville, South Carolina.
2021 PBAO Presidential Leadership Scholarship—Kameryn Davis of Tallahassee, Florida.

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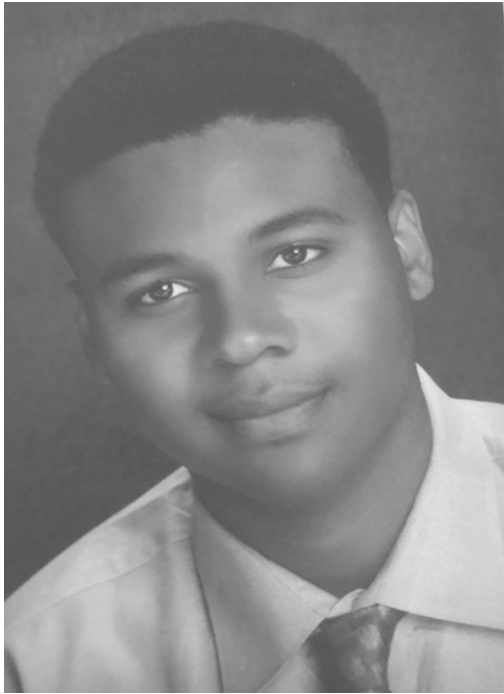
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Special Thanks to Angel Upshaw



*Congratulations Leslie Serai
Rodgers! Continue to pursue
academic excellence, serve
your community, and pursue
your dreams. We are so
proud of you.*




Love, Mommy

Congratulations Jacob for being recognized for the Purdue BCFS award. Continue to work hard son. We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Family

Congratulations
You Did It Again!

CHRISTEN L. WILHIGHT
PharmD

Love,
Your Lifelong Cheerleaders
Mom, Dad, CJ,
and Grannie Annie

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Congratulation Tirek Murphy,

On your academic achievement and leadership at Purdue. We are very proud of your commitment to Excellence.

“Set your life on fire. Seek those who fan your flames.”

-Rumi

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Family

Congratulations

TEJA B. SIMMONS!

We are so proud of your academic excellence and the impact you are making in the world!

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

Madam C.J. Walker

Love,

Simmons Family The

CONGRATS!
CONGRATS!

Terrence O. Ducksworth

Keep Making it Happen!

We are so proud of you &

WE LOVE YOU SO!!

MOM, DAD AND FAMILY

Deverieux Coleman



Fashion Maven
Academian
We are Proud of YOU!

"Stay the Course...
You will reach your goals!"

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do
and he will establish your plans"
NIV, Proverbs 16:3





School of Nursing

OUR MISSION

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Nursing stands at the intersectionality of health care and social justice. Nursing knowledge, research, and practice must be anchored in acceptance and cultural humility.

The Purdue University School of Nursing represents the communities we serve and upholds the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). We promote a safe environment to ensure the human dignity of all.

Congratulations to the African American Students at Purdue University for being recognized for your academic excellence and community service!

Your hard work and perseverance paid off

Dean Willie M. Reed, College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Dorothy A. Reed

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress”.

- Frederick Douglass

1 Kings 2:3 And observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go!

Taylor,

On behalf of your family, we are proud of the strides that you have made as a first year student at Purdue University. We know that as you continue to walk with Christ that you will never walk alone and that He will continue to order your steps in His word! We will continue to celebrate each step along your journey!

Congratulations on a successful start as a Boilermaker!

With hearts full of love,

The Ramsey and Baker Family





CONGRATULATIONS

2021 BLACK CAUCUS HONOREES

The Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine embraces a culture of diversity and inclusion, with the expectation that everyone has a responsibility to foster an environment that is open and welcoming.

In that spirit, Purdue Veterinary Medicine faculty, staff, and students celebrate the honorees on their academic accomplishments and service to the community. Congratulations!



Toch,

When we got the email that you will be recognized at the Virtual 46th Annual BCFS Academic and Service Awards Program we were excited, proud, and elated. But we were certainly not surprised. Since you set foot on Purdue's campus, you have been a force to be reckoned with. From being a member of Purdue's Society of Professional Engineers Rube Goldberg Team, to being the Senator the National Society of Black Engineers, to being the African Students' Association President, to being the Purdue Student Government Executive Director of Programming – the list goes on. We have always known since you were a kid that you are exceptional in your academics and leadership, and we are glad that you are able to leave your mark on Purdue University's campus. As you graduate with your Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and begin your career at Microsoft, we cannot wait to continue to cheer you on for all your accomplishments. You inspire us every day with your drive and dedication in everything you put your mind to, and we cannot wait for you to take the world by storm.

Congratulations Toch on your graduation and on being recognized by the Purdue University Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff! We are immensely proud of you and pray God continues to guide you in all your future endeavors.

Love,
Daddy, Mummy, and your sisters - Oge, and Isioma

“Don’t settle for average. Bring your best to the moment. Then, whether it fails or succeeds, at least you know you gave all you had. We need to live the best that’s in us.” - Angela Bassett.

Amirah – Unsure of the outcome, you always show up and bring your best to every situation. From a young age, you have led with love and optimism. You encourage others to give their very best and you provide support through failures and success. We admire these traits in you. This is why you are more than deserving of this honor. We pray that your dedication to your academics and serving others will continue to open new doors of opportunity. God made no mistake when He molded you to be a black woman that is strong, forward-thinking and a servant leader! In our hearts, we’ve always known that you were born to stand out. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement. To say that we are proud of you would be an understatement. Continue to strive for greatness and bless this world with all of your God given talents. We love you Amirah!

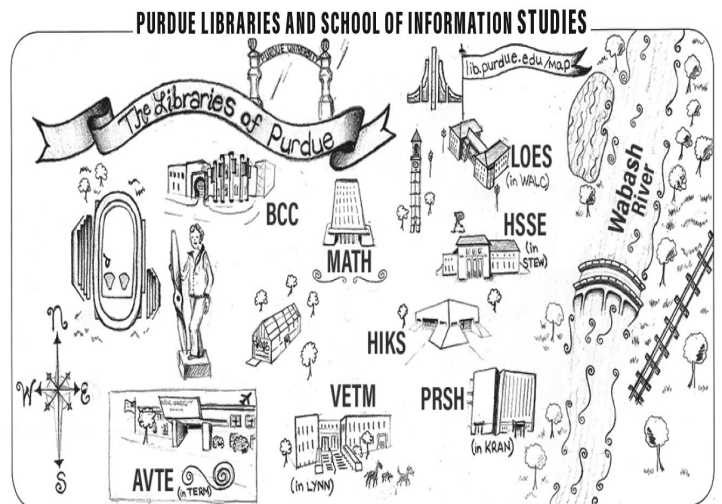
Love always, Pap Pap Stevie, Grandma Teresa, Uncle Chris, Aunt Tara and Uncle Manny

**Congratulations Students!
For Your Excellent Academic and
Service Achievements.**

**Congratulations Black Caucus of
Faculty & Staff for 46 years of Service to
Purdue University.**



**Dr. Venetria K. Datton
Head, School of Interdisciplinary
Studies
Professor, English & African American
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Class of 2024

Love Mom and Dad

SYLVIA KAFARI,

**Wow, what an
impressive first
year you're living!
Congrats on this
BCFS Award! So
very proud of you!**

Love, Dad

Congratulations!

Kevin Paul Grimes

We are so very proud of your accomplishments.

Continued blessings on the path of excellence!

We Love you - Dad, Mom & Elizabeth

Amirah Gibbons

*You have paved the way for the world to see,
You have impressed so many and exceeded expectations set by me!
We thank God for your gifts, talents and skills,
You will continue to shine and be blessed as long as you walk according to His will!*

*You have chosen to lead from the front as opposed to behind,
You have learned that you are the head and not the tail by design!
You have taken on leadership roles throughout your college career,
The blessings have been bountiful as you approach your senior year!*

*You are beautiful, you are bold, you are brilliant, you are kind,
You are quite the inspiration and role model for many who will come behind!
You present so many great qualities that numerous adults do not possess,
Even the intersectionality of your identity has not prohibited you from giving your best!*

*Thank you for being such an amazing version of YOU,
Thank you for demonstrating nothing less than success during your time at Purdue!
Words alone are never enough to express how grateful we are,
Thank you for always going above and beyond and for being our shining star!*

*What a privilege and honor it is to call you daughter,
May God continue to show His greatness as you strive to go farther!
As your biggest fans, we give thanks and applaud your success,
With God All Things Are Possible and settle for nothing less!*

Love always, Mom and Mr. Drew



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FROM THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

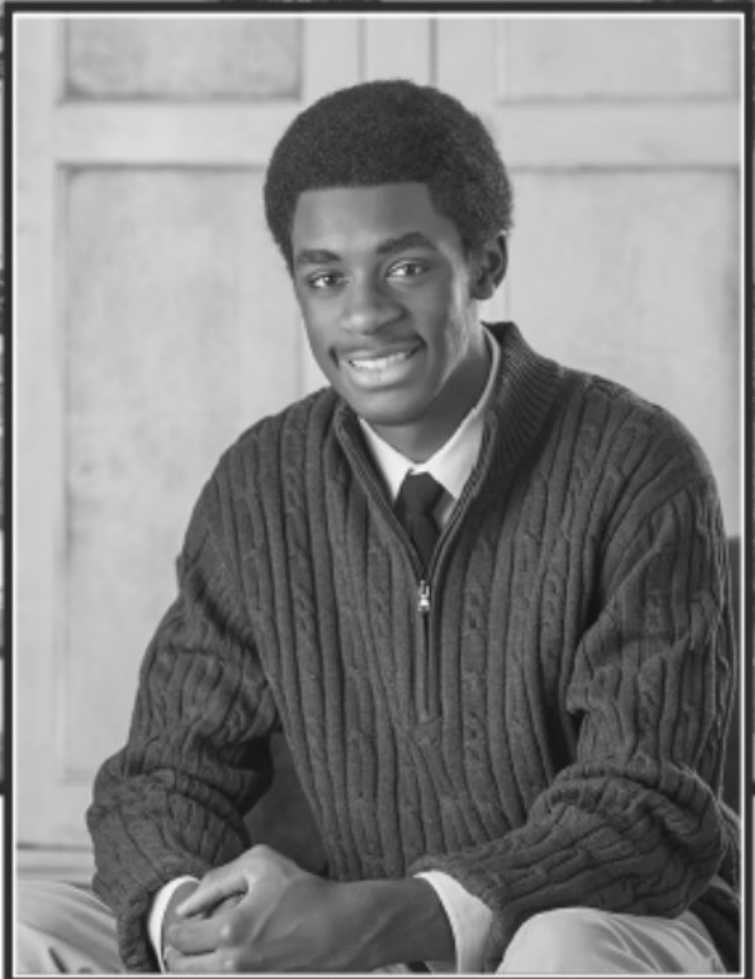


College of Liberal Arts

THINK BROADLY.
LEAD BOLDLY.

*"Some excel because they are destined to,
most excel because they are determined to."*

Henry Van Dyke



Congratulations!

Shawn V. Washington
on your outstanding achievement

The Washingtons & The Spencers

Proverbs 16:3 *"Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans."*

CONGRATULATIONS

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ON YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

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