

Penn State African American Firsts

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Enrollment/Graduation

1899 – September - **First Black student**, Calvin H. Waller, is admitted to Penn State.

1903 – Ralph Brock admitted to the **Pennsylvania State Forest Academy** (now Penn State Mount Alto). Brock was the only Black student among the first class of 13 students admitted to the school, which was founded that year.

1905 - Calvin H. Waller becomes Penn State's **first Black graduate**, earning a degree in agriculture

1908 – September - Clarence Muse, son of a shoeshine man, becomes the first known Black person to attend the **Dickinson School of Law**. He later became an actor, appearing in more than 200 films.

1929 – September - Mildred Settle becomes Penn State's **first Black female student**.

1932 - Mildred Settle becomes Penn State's **first Black female graduate**. She would graduate with honors and the highest grades in the home economics department.

1942 – Charles Townes, from Petersburg, VA, earned a PhD in Physics from Penn State. He had also earned a master's degree in Physics from the University in 1938.

Organizations

Student Government

1954 – April – H. Jesse Arnelle, star basketball and football player, was elected *All-University student body president* by a landslide margin. He was reported to be the first Black elected to head the student government of a major pre-dominantly white university in the nation

1964 – February 26 - Julie Cromitie was installed as the first Black president of the **Association of Women Students (AWS)**. AWS was the coordinating body for cultural, social and educational activities for the women of Penn State.

1964 - April 17 – Bruce Trotman is elected **senior class president** with more than twice the votes of his nearest challenger. Trotman had been elected junior class president the previous year.

1969 - April 21 – Theodore Q. “Ted” Thompson is elected **president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG)**, becoming the second Black student to serve as President of the Penn State Student Government. Thompson had served as USG Vice President, and was a member of the *Douglass Association/Black Student Union*.

1988 - March 23 - , Black Caucus President Rufus “Seth” Williams was elected **president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG)**, becoming the third African American to be elected to head the Penn State student government.

2010 - March 15 – Announced that Christian Ragland and David Adewumi would be facing off for **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president**, marking the first time all candidates for the student government presidency were of African decent. On March 31st, Ragland would be elected, becoming the 4th African American President of the Penn State student government.

Black Student Governments

Entre Nous

1955 – *Entre Nous* was founded by a group of students who felt a need for an organization to represent Black students on campus. The primary aim of the interracial (but mostly Black) club was to “promote and develop social, academic and cultural interest of the students, and to promote interracial understanding.” *Entre Nous*, which meant “among us,” would sponsor mixers, parties, concerts, speakers, and Negro History Week events until 1963. Presidents of the organization included Robert S. Hoover (the first Black varsity baseball player at Penn State), Floyd Greer, and Donald Collier.

Douglass Association/Black Student Union

1967 – October - The *Frederick E. Douglass Association* is established to petition for the creation of an Afro American History course. Frederick Phillips was the first President of the group. The group later would also press for more Black students, faculty and coaches. On November 21, 1967, The *Douglass Association* presented the petition to the College of Liberal Arts requesting the creation of the course. The course, “The Negro and the American Experience,” was established in the spring of 1968, and was a forerunner of the *Black Studies Program*.

Black Caucus

1971 - June - The *Black Caucus* is formed to replace the *Black Student Union* (formerly the *Douglass Association*). The group emerged from the midst of dissent over the *Equal Opportunity Program (EOP)* during the summer of 1971. On February 24, 1972 the *Black Caucus* was officially chartered by the USG Supreme Court. James Lomax was elected the first chairperson of the group. The *Black Caucus* adopted its name in tribute to the Pennsylvania Black Legislative Caucus, who championed their causes with the Penn State administration.

1979 - April 6 – Takesha Dockery is elected the first female president of the *Black Caucus*.

Greek Organizations

1921 – March 15 - *Omega Psi Phi* fraternity is established as Penn State’s **first Black organization and Greek organization** on campus. It was reported that all 8 Black students on campus at the time joined the fraternity.

1947 – April 10 - *Alpha Phi Alpha* fraternity chartered at Penn State.

1952 – May 17 - *Kappa Alpha Psi* fraternity chartered at Penn State.

1953 – March 14 - *Alpha Kappa Alpha* sorority chartered at Penn State as the **first Black sorority** on campus.

1960 - May 21 - *Delta Sigma Theta* sorority is chartered at Penn State.

1976 - June 26 – *Zeta Phi Beta* sorority chartered at Penn State.

1979 – January 28 – *Phi Beta Sigma* fraternity is established at Penn State.

1987 - December 12 – *Sigma Gamma Rho* sorority chartered at Penn State

2008 - November 13 - *Iota Phi Theta* fraternity is chartered at Penn State.

Honorary Societies

1936 – *Skull and Bones* honorary society tapped its first Black student, James H. Redmond. Redmond, an Agriculture Economics major who also captained the track team became the first Black student initiated by a Penn State honorary society.

1948 - Dennie W. Hoggard, Jr. is selected to the *Lion's Paw* honorary society, becoming the prestigious group's first Black member. Founded in 1908, *Lion's Paw* membership was reserved for senior men who had distinguished themselves in service to the college and extra-curriculum activities. Hoggard was a member of the football team and *Alpha Phi Alpha* fraternity. (Photo from 1949 LaVie)

1951 – *Parmi Nous* honorary society tapped its first Black member, Hardy Williams. Williams, Liberal Arts major from Philadelphia, co-captained the basketball team and was the first Black to earn a varsity letter in the sport (1949) at Penn State. Williams was also a member of *Omega Psi Phi* fraternity and president of the *Pi Lambda Sigma* pre-law honorary society,

1954 - Ethel Brown, president of *Alpha Kappa Alpha* sorority, is selected for membership in the *Mortar Board* honorary society. Brown becomes the organizations first Black member. *Mortar Board*, established on campus in 1935, offered senior women membership based on service, leadership and scholarship.

Faculty/Staff

1956 - Mary Godfrey is hired as assistant professor of art education, becoming Penn State's **first full-time Black faculty member**.

1958 - March – Dr. Robert H. Davage, associate professor of psychology, conducts the **first survey of Black students** to determine the level and impact of racial discrimination in the State College community. The “Davage Report,” which was issued in the fall of 1958, was sponsored by the *Centre County Layman's League*.

1963 - July 1 - Charles T. Davis, associate professor of English, is promoted to a **full tenured professor** of English. He was the first Black faculty member to become tenured at Penn State.

1968 – November 4 - Charles T. Davis, professor of English, was elected a member of the *State College Literary Club*, an exclusive group (only 117 members since its founding in 1896) dedicated to the liberal arts, and the oldest campus faculty organization. He was the first Black elected to membership.

1972 – February 24 - Thelma T. Price is named **assistant vice president** for student affairs.

1974 – September 17 - *The Forum on Black Affairs* organizes to represent Black faculty, staff and graduate students, and to deal with university programs, policies and activities that concern Blacks.

1977 - September – W. Terrell Jones (West Halls) and Marilane Bond (South Halls) begin assignments as Dormitory Area Directors. The two were the first Blacks to **head dormitory complexes** at Penn State.

1987 - William Asbury is appointed **vice president of student affairs**.

1988 - December - Grace Hampton was appointed university **vice-provost**. She was the first African American female to hold the position.

1990 - January 2 - Rodney Reed, recruited from the University of California at Berkeley, begins his term as the **first African-American dean** at Penn State.

1990 - July 1 - James B. Stewart assumes the newly created position of **vice provost of underrepresented** groups. The job title would later be changed to vice provost of educational equality.

1992 - July 1 – Joanne E. Burley assumes the position of campus executive (chancellor) for Penn State McKeesport (now Penn State Greater Allegheny), becoming the first African American to **lead a Penn State commonwealth campus**.

1997 – Beverly Lindsay was appointed **dean of the University Office of International Programs**. UOIP serves as a catalyst to encourage Penn State to enhance its commitment to internationalization. She would serve in that role until October 2002.

Board of Trustees

1969 - June - H. Jesse Arnelle elected by the Alumni Association to be the first Black **member of the board of trustees**.

1981 - May 5 – Cecile M. Springer was appointed to the Penn State Board of Trustees by Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh, becoming the first Black **female member** of the board.

1996 - H. Jesse Arnelle becomes the first African-American elected to **chair the Penn State board of trustees**.

2005 - January. 23 - Judge Cynthia Baldwin becomes the first African-American woman elected to **chair the Penn State board of trustees**.

Academics

1967 - November 21 – The *Douglass Association* presents a petition to the College of Liberal Arts requesting the creation of an **Afro-American history course**. A course called “*The Negro and the American Experience*” was established in the spring of 1968 as a forerunner of the *Black Studies Program*.

1968 - September – “*Afro-American Literature in the 20th Century*” course is added. The new course was developed and taught by Charles T. Davis, professor of English.

1972 - August - *African Studies option* is offered by Penn State.

1975 - September – *Black Studies Program* initiated to incorporate and coordinate the African and Afro-American Studies concentrations. The revamped program was first headed by history professor Cyril Griffith.

1993 - September – *African and African American Studies Department is formed*. The department would focus on three themes of African and African-American lives -- history, culture and contemporary problems. David McBride was selected to head the new department.

1994 - September - *The Mildred S Bunton and Calvin Waller Scholarship and Fellows programs* are initiated. The programs, named in honor of the first African American male and female to graduate from Penn State, seek to enhance the diversity of undergraduate and graduate representation at Penn State.

2002 - January 17 – *Africana Research Center* celebrated its opening with a reception at the *HUB-Robeson Center*. The center’s mission is to promote research and scholarship that will advance the historical and contemporary understanding and enhancement of the lives of people across the African Diaspora.

Sports/Athletics

First Student Athletes

1909 - Cumberland “Cum” Posey Jr., 2006 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, enrolled at Penn State as the college’s **first Black student athlete**. He would play freshman and varsity basketball, and freshman baseball, but would leave the school after two years.

1968 - October 11 - Barbara June Rose, a freshman from Beaver, PA, becomes the **first Black female intercollegiate student athlete** at Penn State when she is selected to the women’s gymnastics team. Women’s intercollegiate athletics began at Penn State in 1964.

Football

1941 - September – Dave and Harry Alston, from Midland, PA, joined the freshman football team, becoming the **first Blacks to play the football** at Penn State. Dave, the star of the freshman team, would die a year later from complications following a tonsillectomy just a few weeks prior to his highly anticipated varsity debut. Harry would leave school shortly afterwards.

1945 – November 17 - Wallace “Wally” Triplett III becomes the first Black **starter for the varsity football team**. He would later (1946) become the first Black to earn a **varsity letter** in the sport at Penn State (1946).

1962 – November - Richard “David” Robinson, star offensive and defensive end for the varsity football team, was named NEA first team **All-American**. Robinson, a civil engineering student, was the first Black Penn State football player to receive that honor.

1970 - September 19 – Mike Cooper, from Harrisburg, becomes the first Black starting varsity **quarterback** on the Nittany Lions football team when he lined up behind the center to open the 1970 season with a 55 – 7 win against Navy. However, the Nittany Lions would lose three of the next four games and Cooper would be replaced in mid-season by future All-American, John Hufnagel.

1997 – Richard “David” Robinson becomes the first African American Penn State football player inducted into the **College Football Hall of Fame**.

Basketball

1909 - Cumberland “Cum” Posey Jr., 2006 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, would play freshman (1909) and **varsity basketball** (1910) for Penn State, but would leave the school after two years.

1949 – Hardy Williams becomes the first Black to earn a **varsity letter in basketball** (1949) at Penn State. Williams would later co-captain the team.

1970 – December - Lorraine Hutchings, a freshman from Huntingdon, PA, becomes the **first Black female** to play for the Lady Lions basketball team.

1975 - December 12 – Toni Clarke took the court against Slippery Rock College to become the second Black student to play for the Lady Lions basketball team, on her way to becoming the first to earn a **varsity letter** in the sport.

Track & Field (Olympics)

1948 - August - Henry Norwood "Barney" Ewell (H&HD 1947) was the first Black Penn Stater to **medal at an Olympics**, when he won a gold medal in the 400-meter relay and silver medals in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash at the 1948 London Olympic Games. He was 30 years old at the time.. His three Olympic medals are still the most by a Penn State alumnus. Lou Prato, Penn State sports historian, contends that *"Barney would have been as well known an Olympian as Jesse Owens if two Olympics (1940 & 1944) had not been cancelled due to World War II, when Barney was in his prime."* Ewell, a Penn State legend in his time, also took home 4 NCAA Gold Medals. Track & Field News later voted him one of the top ten sprinters of all time.

Coaching

1968 - July – Warren Coleman was named assistant track coach, becoming the **first Black to coach any athletic team** at Penn State. Coleman, a successful high school track coach and athletic director from Virginia, would become just as well known at the University for his long running Sunday morning radio persona, The Good Witchdoctor, on WQWK 97 FM.

1976 – December 6 - Don Ferrell debuts as head coach of the men and women bowling teams, becoming the **first Black head coach** in school history. His 1979 women's team won a national championship.

1995 – September 6 - Jerry Dunn is named head coach of the Nittany Lion basketball team, becoming the **first African-American head coach of a major sport** at Penn State.

2007 – April 23 - Coquese Washington is named head coach of the Penn State women's basketball team, becoming the **first African-American female head coach** at Penn State

Cheerleaders/Nittany Lion Mascot

1953 - April - Betty Love, a freshman physical education major, a featured dancer, and an Olympic quality gymnast, attempted to try out for the Penn State Cheerleading squad. Unfortunately, when she went to sign up for try outs she was told by officials that "Negroes were not allowed on the squad."

1971 - April - Paula L. Jones, of Philadelphia, Patricia R. Holloway, of Pittsburgh, and Nelson Cox, of Sharon Hill, are selected as the **first Black members of the Penn State cheerleading squad**.

1977 - September 2- Saundra Blackwell debuts as the Penn State "**mike lady**." The sophomore art student was the first Black student selected to lead Penn State fans in cheers during major sporting events.

1979 – April - Debra Lee "DJ" Johnson is selected as the **first Black cheerleading squad captain** – leading the 1979-80 team to a Cheerleading National Championship. Debra was also named as an All-American Cheerleader

1993 - April - Ricky Williams becomes the first African-American student to be selected as the **Nittany Lion mascot**.

1997 - November - Curtis White takes over as **Head Coach** of the Penn State Cheerleading Squad, becoming the first African American to lead the squad.

FIRST STUDENT ATHLETES OF AFRICAN DESCENT (BY SPORT)

(Information courtesy of Diana Kenepf and the Intercollegiate Athletics Diversity Council - March 2008)

Men's Teams

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>*Year Sport Began</u>
1909 – 1910	Basketball	Cumberland Posey	Freshmen	1896
1910 – 1911	Basketball	Cumberland Posey	Varsity	1896
1911 – 1912	Track & Field	James Ambrose Piner	Varsity	1891
1925 – 1926	Boxing	Theodore Elkton Gilbert	Varsity	1919
1926 – 1927	Soccer	Mousa Ismail Serry	Varsity	1911
1941 – 1942	Football	Dave Alston	Freshmen	1887
		Harry Alston	Freshmen	1887
1945 – 1946	Football	Wally Triplett	Varsity	1887
1909 – 1910	Baseball	Cumberland Posey	Freshmen	1875
1956 – 1957	Baseball	Robert S. Hoover	Varsity	1875
1956 – 1957	Wrestling	Bruce Gilmore	Varsity	1908
1962 – 1963	Fencing	John C. Cooper	Varsity	1926
1971 – 1972	Gymnastics	Vincent Faust	Varsity	1931
		William Mitchell	Varsity	1931
1973 – 1974	Lacrosse	Andy Fairfax	Varsity	1913
1977 – 1978	Tennis	Cecil Green	Varsity	1911
1984 – 1985	Volleyball	Javier Gaspar	Varsity	1976
1997 – 1998	Swimming	Shaun Anderson	Varsity	1936
		Chris Bagley	Varsity	1936

Women's Teams

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>*Year Sport Began</u>
1968 – 1969	Gymnastics	Barbara Rose	Varsity	1964
1969 – 1970	Field Hockey	Lorraine Hutchings	Varsity	1964
1969 – 1970	Basketball	Lorraine Hutchings	Varsity	1965
1969 – 1970	Lacrosse	Lorraine Hutchings	Varsity	1965
1970 – 1971	Tennis	Sandy Turner	Varsity	1965
1971 – 1972	Fencing	Diane Snow	Varsity	1964
		Pam Hall	Varsity	1964
1972 – 1973	Softball	Barbara Snell	Varsity	1965
1975 – 1976	Track & Field	Doris Moore	Varsity	1974
1976 – 1977	Volleyball	Teresa Wilson	Varsity	1976
1998 – 1999	Soccer	Gillian Samuel	Varsity	1994

* Year that sport became intercollegiate sport at Penn State. Does not include club or intramural sports

Blue Band

1967 - September 23 - Emmett Smith, Jr. suits up as the first known African American **member** of the *Penn State Marching Blue Band*. Smith, from Pittsburgh, was selected as a tuba player, and would perform with the band for two years.

1989 - September 9 – John Mitchell debuts as the first African American **Featured Twirler** on the *Penn State Marching Blue Band*.

1990 - September 8 – Mike Harrell takes the field as the first African American **Drum Major** for the *Penn State Marching Blue Band*.

Kings and Queens

Homecoming Queen & King

1969 October 10 - Almaria Eberhardt, a first term freshman elementary education major, is elected **Homecoming Queen**. Eberhardt becomes the first Black student to wear the crown at Penn State

1992 -October 14 – John Mitchell is elected as Penn State’s first African American **Homecoming King**. Mitchell, a member of the *Alpha Phi Alpha* fraternity, had twice held the title of “Mr. Black Penn State.”

2005 - October 28 – Tahiiarah Allen and Theodore Jackson, both seniors, announced as Penn State’s 2005 Homecoming Queen and King. This was the first time that African Americans have held **both titles in the same year**, and just the second time overall for each crown. Allen, a member of *Zeta Phi Beta* sorority, also served as President of the local *National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)* at the time.

Miss Penn State

1964 - April 15 – Julie Cromitie becomes the first Black selected as a **Miss Penn State finalist**. Judged on the basis of their activities, appearance, grades, personality, and poise, the five women were chosen from among thirty-eight entries.

1986 – February 9 - Gina Redmond is the first African-American to be crowned “**Miss Penn State**.” The freshman performed a dramatic monologue from a Stephen King novel during the talent portion of the pageant to help her win.

Miss Black Penn State

1980 – May 8 - Sharon Thorpe was crowned “**Miss Black Penn State**” in the inaugural pageant sponsored by *Omega Psi Phi* fraternity.

Mr. Black Penn State

1988 – May - N. Eric Bigelow was selected as the first “**Mr. Black Penn State**” in a contest sponsored by *Zeta Phi Beta* sorority.

LaVie Belle

1969 - April - Barbara Toomer, a member of *Alpha Kappa Alpha* sorority was featured as the first Black “**LaVie Belle**” in the 1969 *LaVie* Yearbook. *LaVie Belles* were selected by a committee of *LaVie* editors.

Alumni

1971 - January - Benson L. Dutton (BS Eng 1933) is selected as a Penn State “**Distinguished Alumni**” by the Board of Trustees. Dutton, a retired director of construction for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the former dean of the School of Engineering at Tennessee State University, becomes the first Black alumnus selected for the award. The *Distinguished Alumni Award* is the highest honor that Penn State bestows upon an outstanding alumna or alumnus.

1985 - April 12 – First **Black Alumni Reunion** held at University Park. About 150 alumni from various classes attended the weekend event.

1989 - July - Judge Cynthia A. Baldwin becomes the first African-American **president of the Penn State Alumni Association**.

1993 - April 21 – The formation of an *African American Alumni Interest Group* was announced. The purpose of the group was to help the University with cultural diversity issues, and to help African American alumni stay connected to the school.

2003 - *African American Alumni Organization Scholarship* Fund was established with initial contributions in 2003 as an endowed scholarship.

Publications

LaVie – Student Yearbook

1904 – Calvin Waller, the first known Black student to attend and graduate from Penn State, became assistant editor of the *LaVie* Yearbook staff.

Daily Collegian – Student Newspaper

1936 - Herbert Nipson became the first known Black student to join the *Penn State Collegian* (now known as the *Daily Collegian*) staff. He would later serve as the executive editor of “*Ebony*” magazine for 15 years.

BLK Life Magazine

1974 – March 27 – “*BLK Life*” magazine first published by the *Black Desk*, an organization established and funded by the *USG Department of Minority Affairs*. The 32-page monthly publication featured articles about the religious, social, cultural, academic and political affairs of Blacks at Penn State. It also included an editorial that called for the University to establish a position of Vice-President of Minority Affairs. Alfred D. Harrell and William McMillan served as the first co-editors of the magazine.

Mahogany Magazine

1987 - November 30 – *Mahogany Magazine*, a publication designed by the *Black Caucus Communications Committee*, is formally unveiled by *Essence* magazine editor-in-chief, Susan L. Taylor, to 200 people at the *Paul Robeson Cultural Center*. The magazine was initiated by editor-in-chief, Roceania Williams, a senior marketing major and a member of *Delta Sigma Theta* sorority.

Black Experience Yearbook

1988 – A “Black Experience” yearbook was published by *SYMBOL (Strong Young Members of a Black Organized League)*, a small group of African American students. Besides focusing on African American students and their activities, the yearbook included write ups and photos of African American faculty and staff, a history of African Americans at Penn State, art & poetry, and profiles of outstanding alumni. Elizabeth A. Lockett served as president of *SYMBOL*, while Christine Smith, Jennifer Mayo, Joyce Williams, Doug Wilson and Maveta Thompson contributed.

Other Firsts

Student Awards

1965 - June - Julie Cromitie was named the recipient of the 1965 **Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Award**, the most prestigious student award given by the university. Cromitie, was the first Black student to be honored with the award. Established in 1949, and named for Penn State's 10th president, the Hetzel Award recognizes a combination of high scholastic attainment together with good citizenship and participation and leadership in student activities. Cromitie served as president of the *Association of Women Students (AWS)*, treasurer of the *Mortar Board* honorary society, and a member of *Alpha Kappa Alpha* sorority.

Facilities

1950 – March 3 – W.E.B DuBois was reported to be the first Black to **stay at the Nittany Lion Inn**, though he was not allowed to eat in any of the dining rooms. DuBois was on campus as a speaker during for Negro History week.

1970 - October - The **first Black Student Lounge** is approved by the *East Halls Council*. The lounge was to be set up in Johnston Hall. On January 23, 1971 the opening of the East Halls Black Student Lounge was celebrated with a public open house. The lounge was moved in 1982 to Findlay Hall.

1971 - October 23 – The student operated **Black Cultural Center (BCC)** opened at the Walnut Building with an inaugural programming event, the movie “*A Search for the Past*.” The objective of the *Black Cultural Center* was to “provide a place for Black Students to socially relate to when they come to the University.” Warren Coleman served as the unofficial coordinator, until his official appointment as acting director on January 24, 1972.

1972 – **The Paul Robeson Cultural Center (PRCC)** is established at the Walnut Building. *The Paul Robeson Cultural Center* replaced the student operated *Black Cultural Center*. The purpose of the *PRCC* was to function as a forum for the cultural enrichment, educational development and social advancement of all students, while promoting the appreciation of diverse cultures. Elmore Browne served as the initial director of the *PRCC* until his 1982 retirement.

1983 – January 22 – The Board of Trustees approved renaming the Black Student Lounge in East Halls the “George T. Clark Memorial Lounge” after the recently deceased head of minority recruitment. The lounge, located in the Findlay Union Building, became the first University Park **facility named after a Black faculty or staff member**

Events

1969 – May 12 – First annual **Black Arts Festival** kicked off. Coordinated by the *Black Student Union*, the week long event featured appearances from James Brown, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Ruby Dee and the Muddy Waters Blues Band. The purpose of the festival was to educate whites about Black culture, and strengthen pride and unity of Black students

1975 – January - First “**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet**” is sponsored by the *Forum on Black Affairs*.

1981 - May 6 – **Brotherhood Day** is first held. The purpose of the program was to “enhance awareness of the positive results of unity and the negative effects of racism and separatism to the Penn State community.” Originally conceived by the *East Halls Black Student Union*, the program quickly expanded to a campus wide event

1984 – January 28 - *Ebony and Ivory* Weekend first organized by *Alpha Phi Alpha* and *Beta Sigma Beta* fraternities. Espousing similar goals to its predecessor, *Brotherhood Day* (1981 – 1983), the program was made up of a series of workshops, seminars, and concerts.

For More Information:

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*“Armed with a knowledge of our past, we can with confidence
charter a course for our future.”*
- Malcolm X



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