

MAIN Minutes

(Minority Alumni Involvement Now)
August 2009

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Upcoming Events:

MAIN Birmingham End of Summer Picnic

There is still time to join us for our end of summer picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham, Ala. The picnic will be from 2-6 p.m. at the Magnolia/Sycamore Pavilion right by the beach. **Pre-register by Friday, August 14th and get your FREE admission ticket.** To register, go to www.aualum.org/main

MAIN Event Scheduled for November 6-7, 2009

The 2009 MAIN Event will be November 6-7. If you need hotel accommodations, please contact Tanjamatthews@auburn.edu for special hotel block/rates especially for attendees of the MAIN Event weekend.

Notable News:

Nominate a deserving Auburn Professor or Staff Member

The Auburn Alumni Association is seeking nominations from alumni and current students for faculty members who deserve recognition for excellent teaching. Nominations are also being accepted for potential recipients of the Minority Achievement Award, which honors faculty who have done the most to recruit minority students to the university and/or improve race relations in the university community. The Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards and the Alumni Minority Achievement Award each carry an honorarium of \$1,000. Recipients will be recognized at a ceremony this fall.

A description and link to the nomination form follows:

Minority Achievement Award: <http://www.aualum.org/awards/minority-achievement.html>

Undergraduate Teaching Excellence: <http://www.aualum.org/awards/undergrad-teaching.html>

Deadline for nominations is August 28th.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Leadership Council Established

The Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Leadership Council (DMALC) was established in December 2008. The purpose of the Council is to provide support in continual development of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Auburn University. This support is in full recognition of the need for the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs to maintain programs of excellence that promote diversity and equal opportunity.

The Council will 1) provide advice and counsel to the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs; 2) assist the Associate Provost in providing resources necessary to effectively attain the objective of having and maintaining programs of excellence in the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs; 3) work with the faculty, staff, and alumni of Auburn University, the faculty and staff of local schools, and other appropriate persons, in recruiting students, staff, and faculty from diverse backgrounds for entrance into Auburn University's academic programs and positions; and 4) serve as mentors for current women and minority students at Auburn University. *Currently the council has 18 members who meet once a semester. For a complete listing of current Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Leadership Council members, please visit www.auburn.edu/diversity.*

Tiger2Tiger Auburn Ticket Exchange

Have you heard about the new Auburn Ticket Exchange group that the Auburn Alumni Association has recently created on Tiger2Tiger? The goal of this group is to connect all those alumni and friends interested in finding/exchanging/advertising tickets for Auburn University sporting events. The group will allow people to connect and communicate more easily, so join today and tell your friends. If you haven't registered for Tiger2Tiger, visit www.aualum.org and click on the Tiger2Tiger link.

Own a Piece of Auburn history

While they last, the Auburn Alumni Association is offering Toomer's Corner bricks for \$100 to benefit our endowment fund for student scholarships. The bricks were recently excavated as part of an effort to improve the health of Auburn University's beloved Toomer's oaks. All proceeds benefit student scholarships. Click [here](#) to order your brick today! For questions please contact Toni Littleton-Rich at 334.844.7420 or tonilittletonrich@auburn.edu

Support minority students now through the Auburn Alumni Association PLUS Scholarship

You can make donations to support the Alumni PLUS scholarships by sending your check, made payable to AUBURN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION. In the memo line indicate ALUMNI PLUS SPENDABLE and send it to:

Auburn Alumni Association
Attn: Scholarships
317 S. College St. • Auburn, AL 36849

[DONATE ONLINE](#) Choose: *Auburn Alumni Association Endowment* and note: ALUMNI PLUS SPENDABLE in the 'special gift' section.

Why should you stay connected to Auburn and join the Auburn Alumni Association?

Watch this short video and see why this alum thinks membership and involvement is important: <http://www.aalum.org/main/video-me2007.html>

[Join/Renew your Auburn Alumni Association Membership](#)

Minority Spotlight:

The August *Minority Spotlight* is Dr. Ainsley Carry, new Vice President for Student Affairs. http://www.aalum.org/main/spotlight_a_carry.html

The *Minority Spotlight* is a feature being revived to focus on minority alumni and friends who have interesting and notable careers or accomplishments. If you have someone you would like for us to consider for the *Minority Spotlight*, please submit their name, contact information, and notable facts to Tanja Matthews at tanjamatthews@auburn.edu.

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