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Diversity and Staff Alliance

Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

All meetings start at 11:00

September 17
KSSU 213

October 8
KSSU, 213

November 12
KSSU, 213

Officers:

- President—Dr. Zelia Wiley, Asst. Dean/Director of Diversity College of Agriculture, 133 Waters Hall, 2-5793, zwh@ksu.edu
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“RETAIN AND RECLAIM”

Welcome from our President

Dear Black Faculty Staff Alliance (BFSA) Family:

Welcome Back to another school year! I trust this finds you well, after a pleasant summer and ready for the fall semester. I am honored to serve as the BFSA chair for this term. Our year promises to be great, for, we have many professional, educational and social activities planned just for YOU!!!

Our theme for the 2008-09 school year is "Reclaim and Retain." With this in mind, our goal is to retain current faculty and staff and reclaim members whom we have missed. Of course, we will continue to be part of the recruitment process for new faculty and staff; however, we want to make sure we have a "home" when they come to interview and visit Kansas State University.

BFSA serves as an advisory to President Wefald and his staff on multi-cultural issues and the only way we can present your concerns and/or issues are for us to hear your voice. Keep in mind that BFSA represent you! Thus, please join us for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 11 am in room 213, K-State Union. Make sure you are there and bring someone with you!!

Sincerely,

Zelia Wiley

Zelia Z. Wiley, Ph. D.

BFSA Chair 2008-09

2008-09 Meet and Greet September 25th

Last year more than 80 people were in attendance at our meet and greet in the beautifully renovated **Manhattan Union Pacific Train Depot**. We want to have more people out this year!

Please join us on **September 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Union Pacific Train Depot, 401 Fort Riley Boulevard**, for food, fun and enjoyment. The membership drive will kick off that night so bring your **dues—\$10.00 for the year!** There will be prizes, giveaways and other great surprises. **See you there!**

Commerce Bank Awards Nominations

Commerce Bank Presidential Distinguished Faculty/Staff and Student Award packets will be available September 22, 2008.

Please nominate a worthy colleague or student who has demonstrated outstanding support to underrepresented students on the K-State Campus. For more information please contact Diversity and Dual Career Programs, 532-6276 or me JohnElla Holmes at 532-6496, johnella@ksu.edu.

DUES are \$10.00 annually, they may be sent to Joe Atkins! Please join we need your support!



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Must To Name a Few!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Promotion/New Positions:

Michelle White-Godinet , Assistant Director Affirmative Action Office

Michelle is liaison for classified searches in units that report to the Office of the President, Provost and Senior Vice President, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Vice President for Research, and departments and units in the College of Engineering and Engineering Extension, College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Technology and Aviation, College of Agriculture and K-State Cooperative Research and Extension.

Daisy Rhodes, Reservation Supervisor, Kansas State Student Union, Director's Office The Union is a multipurpose facility that provides accommodations for countless programs featuring cultural, social and recreations. For all your reservation needs, in the Union, please contact Ms. Rhodes 'office for assistance.

Quantrell Willis, Academic Services Coordinator, Educational Supportive Services Educational Supportive Services is a federally funded **TRIO** Program. Their goal is to help first-generation, low-income and disabled Kansas State University students earn their undergraduate degrees. They provide services to help students improve class performance and find the necessary **RESOURCES** (academic, financial, career, etc.) on campus and in the community so that they graduate and achieve their life goals.

*"You can not
fix what you
will not
face!"*

*- James
Baldwin*

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Reading of May, 2008 minutes
- V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership - JohnElla Holmes
 - b. Program & Planning - Dr. Be Stoney & Joseph Atkins
 - c. Employment & Career Issues
 - i. Classified
 - ii. Unclassified
- VII. Office of Diversity and Dual Careers - Dr. Myra Gordon
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. BFSA Ex. Bd. Meeting with Provost Nellis
- IX. New Business
 - a. Meeting with the Dean's Council - September 22, 2008
 - b. BFSA Assistant Secretary Position
 - c. Meet & Greet Social - September 25, 2008, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - d. Joint Meeting with ALIANZA, October, 2008
 - e. Presidential Search Committee
- X. Announcements
- XI. For the Good of BFSA
- XII. Adjournment

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Next meeting September 17, KSSU 213, 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to submit articles/events/announcements/faculty-staff highlights for the newsletter please send them via e-mail to johnella@ksu.edu or to 114 G Leasure Hall by the 23rd of each month.