

*The Office of Multicultural Affairs*

# OHANA

*Ohana means family, and family means no one is left behind.*

## Fall 2017 Black Alumni Reunion Edition

The University of Dayton welcomed one of its most diverse classes, based on race/ethnicity, socio economic diversity, and first-generation college student status, in the University’s history. Domestic multicultural students accounted for 16.7% of the entering class. Over 300 incoming students and parents/family members participated in the Transitions Pre-Orientation Program hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs in August 2017. Over 50 campus partners and 20 student organizations welcomed the students and their family members. President Spina and Provost Benson also helped OMA in welcoming 86 students and their family members at the OMA Welcome Reception held prior to the start of classes.



OMA Welcome Reception – New Students & Dr. Spina

### Student Organization Highlights

Over 15 student organizations are actively involved in Kindred Presidents L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Engagement and Development) Team, including:

- African Student Association
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- BATU - Black Action Through Unity
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- MAPS - Multicultural Association for Pre-Medical Students
- NSBE - National Society of Black Engineers
- WORD - Women of Remarkable Distinction
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc



Kindred Presidents L.E.A.D. Team

## ***Alumni Updates and Support***

We invite you to join the OMA team in supporting students! You can send updates as well as words of encouragement and information about opportunities (e.g., employment, scholarships, internships, community engagement) by contacting [oma.udayton.edu](mailto:oma.udayton.edu) or one of the OMA staff members. Visit [oma.udayton.edu](http://oma.udayton.edu) to find staff contact information.

### **Pay it Forward By Giving Back: *Call for Mentors***

Opportunities are available for alumni interested in serving as a mentor to a current UD student. OMA has partnered with Career Services and Alumni Services to connect students to the Alumni Mentoring Program. Students have the opportunity to request a mentor based on similar interests and through the Black Alumni Mentoring portal. Visit the UD Alumni Mentoring Program website for more information or to sign up.



### **Pay it Forward By Giving Back: *Call for Presenters***

Colors of Leadership Connections (COLC) is a week of programming dedicated to recognizing diverse and inclusive leadership strategies. COLC is held April 13-17, 2018 and features workshops and sessions presented by campus partners and alumni. To express interest in serving as a presenter, please contact Merida Allen, OMA Assistant Director, [mallen2@udayton.edu](mailto:mallen2@udayton.edu).

### **Pay it Forward By Giving Back: *Opportunities to Give*** **Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs**

In August 2013, Mr. Destry Fallen '86 established this endowed scholarship in recognition of his wife, Mona Guerrier Fallen '91, who passed away in 2013. Mr. Fallen established the scholarship in honor of Mona Guerrier Fallen's commitment to the University of Dayton and educational opportunities. Student recipients must demonstrate academic success, have a record of leadership and service, and reflect the Marianist value of commitment to community through involvement in diverse campus communities. Students must have financial need and identify as a domestic multicultural student. Preference is given to first-generation college students. A new scholarship recipient is selected each year by the selection committee. Scholarship recipients continue to receive the scholarship for as long as they are enrolled at UD and meet the scholarship criteria.

### **Diverse Student Populations Fund**

Contributions to this fund allow OMA to direct scholarships to students based on the intentions of the donor. Students have received scholarships to pay for textbooks and tuition. Every dollar contributed makes a difference in the lives of students.

Contact Patty Alvarez, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Students and Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, at [pvalvarez1@udayton.edu](mailto:pvalvarez1@udayton.edu) for more information. Or, visit the Donations page on the Advancement website to make a gift (please designate the appropriate fund).

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