THE NATIONAL PRE-ALUMNI COUNCIL OF UNCF

# TORCH

# RePACtivate

Navigating a new era of Business and Communication amid the COVID-19 Pandemic





# President's Letter

Warm Greetings Alumni and Pre-Alumni,

It has been a pleasure serving as the President for the National Pre-Alumni Council Board of Directors this year. I am Christina Gutierrez a graduating senior at Spelman College. Seeing the resilience that each Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students have shown this year has been truly inspiring. Our lifestyles have been altered in the recent months. However, it is clear that this bond amongst the HBCU community has only grown stronger.

This year our NPAC theme is, "RePACtivate".

We selected this theme after being shown that PACs are dedicated to continuing this legacy but reactivating in a whole new way. Each member of this board is dedicated to this theme and we will continue to fulfill initiatives that have been promised. The National Pre-Alumni Council Board is thrilled to see all of the amazing initiatives that PACs have completed thus far and are anxious for all that is to come. We wish you a safe, healthy, and productive rest of the academic year. We look forward to seeing you at our National Conference this February. Be sure to follow our Instagram page @uncf.npac to stay updated with all NPAC activities, scholarships, student highlights, and conference 2022 information.

Best,

Christina D. Gutierrez

Spelman College

President, UNCF National Pre-Alumni Council



Christina Gutierrez NPAC President

Meet NPAC President Christina Gutierrez. Christiana was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Christina is now a graduating senior International Studies major with a concentration in Latin America at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She continues to be involved on and off campus, currently Christina serves as Chief Justice for Spelman College Student Government Association, Secretary for AUC Afro-Latinidad and President of the National Pre-Alumni Council. During her time on campus, Christina has served as Miss UNCF Spelman College, President of Spelman Pre-Alumnae Council and Class Justice for Spelman Junior Class Council. Christina consistently pushes herself and her peers with hopes to make a change in her community and around the world. She has worked closely with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and continues to support and serve their mission. Christina will eventually pursue a career in foreign service where she'll be able to become a diplomat and make positive changes globally. Christina also plans to start a non-profit in Las Vegas to help students prepare for college and educate them on the various HBCUs within the country.



Alia Scott Miss UNCF



Tarhanysia Thomas
NPAC Vice-President

Meet the NPAC Miss National UNCF 2020-2022 Alia Scott from Houston, Texas. Alia Scott is a Physical Education scholar at Wiley College and she has many interests including working out, spending time with close friends, and playing volleyball. Her freshman year, Alia started as Libero for Wiley College Women's Volleyball team, and had the honor of helping her team win the 2018 Red River Athletic Conference Women's Volleyball Championship. She was awarded a championship ring and has it cased in her home in Houston. During her Campaign for Miss Wiley UNCF her Sophomore year, Alia held an event on campus called Paint me Pretty. She helped raise awareness about UNCF, and the scholarships that they have, while the students could come to get their makeup done, listen to music, and eat. Alia is also a member of the illustrious Phi Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated at Wiley College. She loves to help her friends and family, and believes that her passion for helping others is the reason why she wants to pursue a career in Physical Therapy after undergrad. Alia has also participated in Student Government Association where she served as secretary, planed events on campus and organized activities and functions for the student body. She also served on Rotaract Club, and National Society of Leadership and Success at Wiley College.

Meet the NPAC Vice President Tarhanysia Thomas from Columbus, Georgia. Ms. Thomas is a Criminal Justice scholar at Lane College boasting a 3.9 cumulative GPA. Ms. Thomas is the youngest girl of 5 siblings. Her favorite color is yellow, she loves to go shopping, listen to music, and sleep. After undergrad Thomas's plan is to attend Law School and receive her Juris Doctorate Degree to become a Criminal Defense Attorney. Along with holding the position as National Pre Alumni Vice - President Thomas now holds the position as Pre Alumni Council President, and Chief Justice of The Student Government Association at Lane College. Tarhanysia's favorite quote is "Do not ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet." - Sean Patrick Flanery



Paulina Webber
NPAC Secretary

Meet the NPAC Secretary Paulina C. Webber, a third-year English major in the Pre-Law program at Dillard University. Paulina is heavily involved in a number of organizations on Dillard's campus while maintaining a spot on the Dean's List. She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta International English, Alpha Chi and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Societies. Paulina currently serves as the National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC) secretary, chaplain for the Thompson/Cook Honors program and a member of the Honda Campus All-Star Competition (HCASC) team at Dillard. In her spare time, Paulina enjoys volunteering, reading, and traveling.



Zannie Montgomery NPAC Business Manager



J'von Keene NPAC Editor of Torch



Chauncy Maurice Whaley NPAC Chaplain

Meet NPAC Zannie Montgomery, a Senior English and Psychology major at Tougaloo College. He is a proud native of Pascagoula, MS. Throughout his matriculation at Tougaloo College he has remained active in many organizations and served in many leadership positions. Those organizations include the Pre- Alumni Council, Tougaloo Ambassador and Meritorious Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, the Psychology Club and currently the president of his undergraduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Gamma Upsilon. Zannie is also a proud Jackson Heart Study scholar and UNCF Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow. Upon graduating from Tougaloo College, he plans to obtain a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He aspires to not only become a licensed clinician to assist in alleviating mental illnesses in underserved populations but also a nationally syndicated journalist for a magazine such as Psychology Today or The New York Times Magazine.

Meet NPAC Editor of Torch, J'von Keene a Senior Communications Honors scholar at Edward Waters University. From Prince George's County Maryland, J'von is no stranger to leadership as he is a member of his institution's PAC, a captain on Edward Waters Championship winning Track and Field team, and represents his institution as Mister Edward Waters University. J'von enjoys showing his passion through acts of service. He is extremely dedicated, disciplined, and determined. J'von makes it a habit to accomplish his short and long-term goals. J'von is a hands-on learner and is always willing to find opportunities that highlight his creativity. J'von's favorite quote is, "Know from whence you came. If you know whence you came, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go."

— James Baldwin

Meet NPAC Chaplain Chauncy Maurice Whaley, a native of Jacksonville, Florida servers as the Chaplain for the National Pre-Alumni Council for United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Mr. Whaley attends Edward Waters University as communications scholar with a focus in digital media. Beyond serving on the national board for the UNCF he also serves as the Electoral Commissioner for the Student Government Association and Liaison for the EWU Pre Alumni Council in networking with fundraising and mentorship between the student body and the alumni. Outside of the university community Mr. Whaley is a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME Church) where he is a membership at New Bethel AME Church under the leadership of the Rev. Ronald G. Williams, Sr. and a member of the East Annual Conference of the 11th Episcopal District of the AME Church. The motto that he lives by is "Serve the People First."



Yusuf Akbar NPAC Parliamentarian

Meet the NPAC Parliamentarian Yusuf Akbar from Atlanta, GA. Yusuf is a Business Administration scholar at Bethune-Cookman University. Yusuf is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Yusuf is also the Founder of Outreach & Achievement a nonprofit organization geared to serve communities and uplift the youth. Yusuf's favorite quote is "If there is no struggle, there is no progress," by Fredrick Douglas.



Christopher Rucker II
NPAC Immediate Past President

Meet the NPAC Immediate Past President, Christopher Rucker II is a graduate of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, Christopher has an abundance of achievements, including being a Presidential Scholar, earning a spot on the President's List. Christopher served as the NPAC SW Regional Director for the 2019–2020 term, and served as the NPAC President for the 2020–2021 term. Christopher is a Fall 2019 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Chris has participated in numerous on-campus organizations and services including student tutoring, Honors Students Association, Senator for Student Life in Student Government Association, student ambassador, and assisted in chartering the Collegiate 100, of 100 Black Men of American, Inc. for the Greater Little Rock chapter. With these organizations, Christopher has become more experienced in leadership and has learned new skills that he is able to utilize to be a productive and effective leader.



Ja'Nylah Johnson NPAC Eastern Regional Director

Meet NPAC Eastern Regional Representative Ja'Nylah Lottie Johnson, Ja'Nylah is a Junior, Interdisciplinary Studies major with a concentration in Psychology and Sociology from Alameda, California. Throughout her years at Bennett College, Ja'Nylah has served in various leadership positions, including her position as President/Founder of Built to Last Mentorship, Freshman Class President, a Mentee of Save a Girl, Save a World, a member of the Bennett College Pre Alumnae- Council, Student Liaison for the Middle College at Bennett and Vice President of the Chi Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, and Miss Royal Blue and White. Ja'Nylah wishes to emphasize the importance of mental wellness amongst Black female scholars, provide opportunities for individual development, and bring revision to the campus.

Ja'Nylah has a passion for Mental Health, Education and Social Justice as she plans to pursue a career in Social Work, intertwining her passions and allowing her to continue advocating for mental health matters, while reforming and breaking the barriers that people of color face from the education system.



Destiny Gardner NPAC Central Regional Director

Meet NPAC Central Regional Director Destiny Gardner. Destiny hails from Montgomery, AL (the Capital of Dreams)! She attends Stillman College, majoring in Criminal Justice, and will graduate in the spring of 2022. Her plans include: attending law school and practicing as an attorney in the state of Alabama. Destiny is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Epsilon Eta Chapter), Pre-Alumni Council-Stillman (PAC-served as secretary 2020-2021 and was recently appointed as the Central Regional Director for the National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC) 2021-2022. She boasts participation in many organizations on campus and was elected this spring by popular vote as Miss Stillman College for the 2021-2022 school year!



NPAC SouthWestern Regional

Director

Meet NPAC SouthWestern Regional Director, Harold "Trey" Young III from Wylie, Texas. Harold is currently a Junior at Texas College majoring in Business administration with a 3.4 Gpa. On-campus, he serves in various organizations such as MOVE, which is a mentoring program for underclassmen on campus. Harold is also the assistant to the Dean of students on campus. Harold loves giving back and serving his community as much as possible. Harold is an extremely hard worker and loves getting the job done. Harold is a part of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Along with being alert of Kappa Alpha Psi He also serves as the Junior Vice Polemarch for the Southwestern Province. While being a student at TC Harold has participated in various community services events such as the annual thanksgiving drive giveaway, and the annual Angel Tree program. After Harold graduates, He plans to continue his education and pursue getting his master's degree.



## SOUTHWEST

Greetings, I am Harold Young and I attend Texas College. I proudly serve as your 2021-2022 Southwestern PAC regional rep. My expectations for the 2021-2022 year are to help get the numbers back up for each PAC at each institution and bridge the gap between the people in the Alumni Council and the members in PAC so the transition between both can be smooth.

# CENTRAL

Hello, I am Destiny Gardner from Stillman College. As your Central Regional Director my plan is to bring uniqueness, confidence, and a phenomenal conference to this school year. The goal is to help students be able to network virtually and in person. Working without excuse and through different dilemmas will help us have a successful school year.

# EASTERN

Hello, My name is Ja'Nylah Johnson and I attend the land of black girl magic Bennett College, in Greensboro, North Carolina. This year I have the honor of serving as this year's NPAC Eastern Regional Director. While this year has brought forth challenges like no other, the glue that continues to hold each one of us together is each other. This year my hopes are to help you recreate and RePACtivate your Pre-Alumni/Alumnae family and create a foundation that allows your legacy to bloom forever. I look forward to working with you all and wish you the best this holiday season!





Greetings PAC Members,

Any council member interested in running for an elected position to the National Pre- Alumni Council Executive Board must submit an electronic application packet via the Google Form link provided, by Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

NPAC 2022-2023 Elections Application Form

Application Packets must include:

- 1. Online Application (Google Form)
- 2. A letter of Recommendation from the PAC Advisor/Institutional Advancement rep or PAC President (most desirably typed and signed) on letterhead.
- 3. Official/Unofficial Transcript
- 4. Resume
- 5. Bio (Not to exceed 250 words) with an attached Head Shot
- 6. Answer the questions listed within this application

Each applicant must have a 2.8 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale as of February 6, 2022. This will be verified by your transcript, which is to be included in your application packet. The NPAC President will send a letter via email upon receipt of your packet allowing you to campaign via Social Media. NPAC representatives will notify candidates when they can campaign. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

Council members who desire to run for any position must meet the electronic mailing deadline.

PLEASE REVIEW ARTICLES III, IV, V, AND VI IN THE NPAC CONSTITUTION FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS.

\*\* Only one person from a member institution may serve in an elected position and no more than two persons from a member institution may serve in appointed positions. \*\* This does not prevent two individuals from running for an elected position from the same institution but if both win, one will need to step down. The PAC Advisor assists with the decision.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a wonderful thing to invest in." Respectfully, NPAC Elections Committee 2021-2022





### Criteria For National Pre-Alumni Council Awards

All applications will be evaluated based on the following set requirements: grammar, creativity, originality, clarity and content. All applications will be voted on by the NPAC Board under the leadership of the National Business Manager. The deadline for all award applications will be Sunday February 6, 2021, unless stated otherwise. Applications must be submitted electronically to uncf.npac@gmail.com

#### Barbara Marshall PAC of the Year

#### Requirements:

- Applicants should submit a 1 page (2 page max), double-spaced, typed essay entitled: My PAC is the PAC of the Year. What makes your PAC stand out? The essay should discuss active membership numbers, participation in the national conference, completed programs/events for the year based on NPAC initiatives, projected events for the second semester, and any other outstanding or noteworthy accomplishments.
- Evaluative Considerations: Overall contributions made by your PAC and outstanding and noteworthy accomplishments.

#### Most Improved PAC of the Year

#### Requirements:

- Applicants should submit a 1 page (2 page max), double-spaced, typed essay describing the magnitude of the improvement made by the corresponding Pre-Alumni Council. The essay should state improvement in the following areas: membership, campus involvement, community involvement, etc.
- Evaluative Considerations: This award will be presented to the PAC that has made the most improvement in several areas from the previous academic school year.

#### PAC President of the Year

#### Requirements:

- Applicants should submit a 1 page typed entitled: PAC President of the Year: President's Name. This essay should thoroughly describe the accomplishments and exemplary leadership skills demonstrated by the presidential nominee during his or her reign. The essay should also include details about the significant contributions the nominee has made to the organization.
- Evaluative Considerations: Overall contribution of the PAC President as discussed in the essay.

#### PAC Advisor of the Year

#### Requirements:

- Applicants should submit a 1 page (2 page max), double-spaced, typed essay on the nominee entitled: (Nominee's Name): PAC Advisor of the Year. The biography should outline the contributions the advisor has made to the local, regional, and/or national council. The essay should state any improvements of the local council, its membership, and fundraising that can be directly linked to the advisor. Moreover, any membership highlights, fundraising improvements, and outstanding contribution to the PAC.
- Evaluative Considerations: Overall contribution of the advisor as discussed in the essay.

#### PAC Member of the Year

#### Requirements

- Applicants should submit a 1 page (2 page max.), double-spaced, typed essay describing the involvement of the student in their respective PAC as well as any other significant contributions or attending events held by the organization and going beyond the call of duty as a member.
- Evaluative Considerations: Overall contributions of the member as discussed in the essay.

#### Chase L. Gayden Exemplary Leadership Award

#### Requirements:

- Applicants should submit a 1 page (2 page max.), double-spaced, typed essay: Exemplary Leadership an Example Set from NAC to NPAC. The essay should describe the demonstration of the following attributes of quality leadership on a regular basis:
- Ability to motivate self and others Creativity Collaboration Integrity
- Balance
- The student MUST be nominated
- The student nominated must be present during the presentation of the NPAC Awards at the National Conference.



## **PAC Initiatives**

#### SERVICE WITH FOOD BANKS & SCHOOL PANTRY'S

Giving back and assisting others is the basis of community service or volunteering. Thus, it teaches us how significant it is to help the ones in need, the ones who are less fortunate than us. The importance of community service lies in the fact that it connects us to the community by improving it, and making it a better place for all of us to live in. To help restore this connection, I introduce to you my NPAC Service Project; PAC the Kitchen. This service project mission is to merge the gap between giving and receiving in this day and time. From as a young child to a growing adult it was always imperative to me that I give back to those who are in need, or to just put a smile on someone's face. The reason why I'm pushing this project is because I love giving back and I know the real effects of not having as much.

**TASK:** All Pre-Alumni Councils (PAC) will go to a food drive, and/or food pantry pass out food to the students and members in the community. Each PAC is also to work with a nonprofit to help donate food to the pantries that will be given out to the community.

**REASONING:** PAC's should give back to their communities and their students because the easiest way to make friends is through activities you perform together. Not only would you be helping the ones in need, but you would also be able to meet some other volunteers. This benefit of community service is especially important if you are new in an area. After all, is there a better way to meet your neighbors and show them how eager you are to improve your community? In addition, you could invite your existing friends to do community service with you and through it, further strengthen your relationship and have fun at the same time.

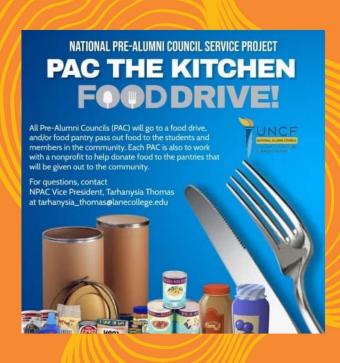
**KEQUIKEMENTS:** This event should be done at least once in a calendar school year 2021-2022.

**PROOF:** Each PAC must document with a picture or a letter from the nonprofit you received the goods from, and also from the food bank you did your service with.

The PAC that reports the most number of goods they have given at the UNCF NAC/NPAC national conference will receive the NPAC "Giving Back" award for their service and commitment to the community.

SUGGEST FOOD BANKS: Salvation Army, Food Distribution Centers, RIFA Food Bank

Sincerely, Tarhanysia Thomas, NPAC Vice-President





## **PAC Initiatives**

# 2021 NPAC FUNDRAISING GUIDE

Written by Zannie Montgomery NPAC Business Manager- Tougaloo College

#### NPAC VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING

For this virtual fundraising competition there will be a virtual kick off party in which at least one representative from every PAG will have to be in attendance. At this virtual kick off party members of the NPAC will be present to explain rules of the competition. For this competition we will have a link for every PAG to utilize for donations to their PAG. Also by elicking the link they will also be able to a leaderboard that is updated every time someone makes a donation to that PAG. There will be a reward for the school that raises the most money such as trophy, award, certificate, etc. That will be presented to them at the



2021

WHY FUNDRAISE?

This virtual fundraiser will allow the PAC's to put together either a basket of items that students on their campus would enjoy, purchase an item such as a bookbag, handbag, or simply purchase a gift card that supporters would pay at least a dollar to have their name drawn for whatever is being auctioned being raffled. Essentially every dollar would be an entry into the raffle.





#### VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Games are something that most people enjoy especially when they're in person but even in a pandemic that they can still be enjoyable. For this virtual game night, the PAGs curate their very one games for their game night. To participate in the Game Night will only have to pay to participate after that, they are free to participate in all of the games that were curated by the PAG. Prizes may be in whatever from the PAG decides.

#### VIRTUAL TALENT SHOWCASE

There are many talented students on college compuses but many don't get the chance to put these talents on display for other students to see. With a circual shouccase students have the comfort of uploading cideos of them executing their talents to the best of their abilities. Even though the showccase will be virtual the P.IC can still charge an admission fee that is collected prior to the start of the showcase to ensure that all those who have paid will receive the link to view the showcase.





#### PARTNERSHIP

choose to partner with a local business to offer a virtual instruction. For example a local restaurant owner could have a chef th Awil allow to host a cooking class with the PAC, or a local aestheticium may do a class of making face masks or lip scrubs. The course could be about anything as long as th advisor approves of course and proper protocol has been implemented when it come to working with people outside of the respective institution. The PaC will of course have an entry for this event that will be collected prior to the event to ensure that those who have paid will have the link.



GET STARTED FUNDRAISING TODAY! DON'T LIMIT YOURSELVES TO THESE IDEAS. BE CREATIVE AND INTENTIONAL!



Why is Financial Literacy Important? "Financial literacy is critical because it provides us with the knowledge and skills we need to efficiently manage our finances. As college students we enter new freedom and independence and for some us that means access to more money as well as new financial responsibilities as well. Finances whether we want them to or not extend into almost every aspect of our life. It is important that students learn to maximize whatever income they earn now so that it may be helpful to them in the future. Our professors and instructors educate us thoroughly on our academic requirements but financial literacy is also a tool that students should be taught in some regard to further guarantee their success not only in the classroom but also as graduates navigating the real world." - Zannie Montgomery

#### MAINTAINING GOOD CREDIT

Pay credit card balances strategically

30%

The portion of your credit limits you're using at any given time is called your credit utilization. A good guideline: Use less than 30% of your limit on any card, and lower is better. The highest scorers use less than 7%.

Ask for higher credit limits



once the higher limit is reported to credit bureaus, it will lower your overall credit utilization — as long as you don't use up the extra "room" on the card.

Pay bills on time Dispute credit report errors

A mistake on one of your credit reports could be pulling down your score. Fixing is can help you quickly improve your credit years. Your record of paying bills on time

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FUNDRAISING IS THE PROCESS OF ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS. COMPANIES, AND FOUNDATIONS, FUNDRAISING IS CRICIAL, FOR PACS TO COMPLETE THEIR ROBERS AND FULFILL PHERIC ALSES WITHOUT FUNDRAISING, PACS WOLLD HAVE, NO INCOMING REVENUE DON'T STRESS, WITH THIS GUIDE YOU WILL HAVE THE FUNDAMENTALS TO HAVE A SEAMLESS, STRESS-FREE FUNDRAISER IN NO TIME!

#### REMEMBER:

FUNDRAISING IS A PEER TO PEER SPORT FUNDRAISING IS NOT A ONE-NIGHT STAND FUNDRAISING IS ABOUT BEING PREPARED FUNDRAISING IS FUN! 76th NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL 64th NATIONAL PRE-ALUMNI COUNCIL



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**Tentative Schedule** 

#### Friday, February 11

Welcome Message and Keynote Speaker

Empower Me Tour Wells Fargo & Bank of America Presentations

Student Recruitment Admission Officers Panel

"LIVE" Lunch & Learn Experience Supporting My HBCU - Now & Later

**UNCF Social Justice Series** 

National Pre-Alumni Council Friday Night "LIVE" Experience

#### Saturday, February 12

Morning Meditation & Inspiration

Empower Me Tour Choosing the Right Career is a Major Deal

Scholarship Talks with UNCF Alumni

"LIVE" Lunch & Learn Experience Fundraising After the Pandemic Pivot

**UNCF Social Justice Series** 

National Alumni Council Saturday Night "LIVE" Experience

Registration: UNCF.org/Alumni



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# TWITTER: @PREUNCF





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