Mission

Founded in 1976 by Rev. Dr. Thomas Kilgore Jr., the USC Black Alumni Association (BAA) is a leadership network established to strengthen the legacy of educational attainment and excellence of USC’s Black students. The BAA provides scholarship assistance, career mentoring and cultural advocacy through alumni networking, volunteer involvement, philanthropy and social enterprise. The vision of the Black Alumni Association is to enable the most ethnically diverse and inclusive experience for USC students, alumni and supporters through leadership, networking and shared values—given the rich legacy, contributions and participation of Black Trojans in the global success of USC.

Impact

• The USC Black Alumni Association has provided financial assistance to more than 2,200 students since 1976.
• The BAA has awarded more than $2 million in grants (with USC matching funds).
• BAA members provide more than 7,000 hours of volunteer service each year through service on BAA committees.
• With the assistance of BAA student-support programs, BAA Scholars have a 100% graduation rate, typically in 4 years.

USC Black Student Profile:

• Black enrollment at USC is 4%
• More than 91% of Black students receive financial aid (grants, work study, loans)

USC BAA Scholar Profile:

• 120-140 BAA Scholar awards/year
• BAA Scholarships replace loans @ $3,000 avg/year
• BAA Scholar graduation rate is 100%

The USC Black Alumni Association supports USC students in the following core programs:

• Legacy Through Leadership Mentoring Program—BAA members team-mentor students and provide job-shadowing opportunities.
• International Toastmasters Program—BAA has its own chapter on the USC campus.
• Community Service Opportunities—BAA partners with several local community-based organizations.
• BAA Symposiums—BAA members provide insight and pathways to career success.
• Internship and Job-Seeking Preparation—BAA partnerships include the USC Career Center and corporate partners.

1000 for $1000: The USC BAA’s $1 million Campaign for Student Scholarships

Our goal is to double the BAA’s current endowment of $1 million by 2020—to provide much-needed financial resources for USC Black students. We are seeking 1,000 donors to give $1,000 each. Make a gift online of $83 per month for one year—it’s easy! The BAA is a tax-deductible organization, and 100% of all gifts support BAA Scholarship recipients.

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Prominent USC Black Alumni Include:

Marcus Allen  Heisman Trophy Winner
Cynthia Watson Arnold  USC's 1st African American Helen of Troy
Wanda Austin  President & CEO, Aerospace Corporation; USC Trustee
Danny Bakewell Jr.  President & COO, Bakewell Company
(Kalua Oil, Inc.)
Karen Bass  Congresswoman, 37th District of California
Marva Smith Battle-Bey  Director, Vermont/Slauson Economic Development Corp.
Cedric Berry  Regional Metropolitan Opera Finalist, 1999
Maj. General Charles Bolden Jr.  1st African American NASA Administrator; Pilot and Astronaut; USC Trustee
Jacqueline Bowens  CEO, District of Columbia Primary Care Association; BAA Endowed Donor
Aja Brown  Mayor, Compton, California
Marc Brown  News Anchor
Don Buford  Major League Baseball Hall of Famer
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke  1st African American Los Angeles County Supervisor
Levar Burton  Emmy Award-Winning Actor/Director
Ron Coleman  USC Basketball
Curtis Conway  USC All-American Athlete; NFL
Candace Cooper  Justice, California Court of Appeals
Cynthia Cooper-Dyke  Two-Time WNBA Most Valuable Player; USC Women’s Basketball Coach
Peter Dauterive  CEO, Founders Savings & Loan; 1st Major BAA Donor
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Anthony Davis  USC All-American Athlete; NFL
Howard Drew  “World’s Fastest Human,” 1912; BAA Endowed Fund
Sandra Evers-Manly  President, Northrop Grumman Foundation
Allison Felix  Olympic Gold Medalist in Track and Field, 2012 Olympics
Sara V. Finney  Television Producer; BAA Endowed Donor
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Leonard Fuller  CEO, Fuller Consulting, Inc.; Former USC Trustee; BAA Endowed Donor
Linda Murray Fuller  USC’s 1st African American Song Girl
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Macy Gray  Grammy Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter
Maj. General Stayce Harris  1st African American Woman to Pilot a 747; USAF
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Edwin L. Jefferson  1st African American Justice, California 2nd Appellate Court of Appeals
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Jan Perry  General Manager, Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department
Aulanna Peters, Esq.  1st African American Female SEC Commissioner
Diana McNeil Pierson  1st Known African American Female
Leonard Pitts Jr.  Pulitzer Prize-Winning Commentator, Journalist and Novelist
Shonda Rhimes  Writer/Producer/Director
Linda Johnson Rice  Chairman, Johnson Publishing Company; USC Trustee
Helen Wheeler Riddle  USC’s 1st African American Female Law School Graduate
Dr. Mark Ridley-Thomas  Supervisor, Los Angeles County, 2nd District
C.R. Roberts  USC Running Back Record Holder
Patrice Rushen  Grammy-Nominated Performer, Musical Director and Producer
Toni Scott  Acclaimed Sculptor, Artist
John Singleton  Oscar-Nominated Writer/Director
Vada & John Somerville  1st African American USC School of Dentistry Graduates; 1st African American Scion Family Film Director
Tim Story  1st USC All-American Athlete
Clarence B. Thompson  1st Known African American US Law School Graduate, 1904
Tina Thompson  USC All-American Athlete, WNBA Houston Comets
Alan Todd Turner, MD  President, Metropolitan Radiology, Inc.; BAA Endowed Donor
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