2016 Celebration of Distinction

George Mason University Alumni Association
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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2016 AWARDS CEREMONY

Greetings and Special Recognition
Christopher Preston, BS Management ’96
President, George Mason University Alumni Association

Welcoming Remarks
Ángel Cabrera, PhD
President, George Mason University

Presentation of Awards
Rick Davis, DFA
Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Executive Director, Hylton Performing Arts Center

Christopher Preston

Brian Jones, MA International Commerce and Policy ’06
President-Elect, George Mason University Alumni Association
Awards presented in the following order:

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS**

**THE DISTINGUISHED BLACK ALUMNI AWARD**
Janice Chambers, DA Community College Education ’02

**THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**
Sharon LePage Plante, MEd Special Education ’96

**THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**
Mary Ann Friesen, PhD Nursing ’08

**THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**
Stephen D. Gladis, MA English ’84, PhD Education ’95

**THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**
Matthew D. Greer, BS Biology ’94

**THE COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS THOMAS W. ISZARD III DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**
Durell Comedy, BFA Dance ’08

**THE DISTINGUISHED LAMBDA ALUMNI AWARD**
J. Bradley Blankenship, BA Psychology ’00
THE DISTINGUISHED LATINO ALUMNI AWARD
Adriana M. Bonilla, BA Government and International Politics ’11

THE NEW CENTURY COLLEGE
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Mandi J. Fisher, BA Integrative Studies ’08

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Sumeet Shrivastava, MBA ’94

THE SCHOOL FOR CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Maya A. Kapsokavdis, BS Conflict Analysis and Resolution ’09

THE SCHOOL OF POLICY, GOVERNMENT,
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Denise Turner Roth, BA Government and Politics ’99

THE VOLGENAU SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Mahfuz Ahmed, BS Electrical Engineering ’93

THE SCHOOL OF LAW
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
David W. Jolly, JD ’01
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

THE SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Caroline Thomas
BS Biology ’16

THE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Michael W. Nickens (“Doc Nix”)
DMA

THE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Scott E. Hine
BS Decision Science ’85

THE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Martin A. Dunphy
BS Marketing ’90, MBA ’91

Closing Remarks
Christopher Preston

A special thank you to Mason Music Productions for providing tonight’s entertainment.
THE DISTINGUISHED BLACK ALUMNI AWARD

Jan Chambers, DA Community College Education ’02, is founder and CEO of Calvary Counseling Center and the E. Carrington Family Enrichment Center, a nonprofit organization. She has served in this capacity as a senior mental health therapist since 2001. Through these entities, Chambers has been afforded the opportunity to provide mental health services based on need versus income. In addition to her accomplishments as a wife and mother of three, including one second-generation Mason student, Chambers has received numerous accolades and awards for her groundbreaking efforts to make mental health care not only effective but also affordable to all. Chambers’ living legacy has been the joy of giving back and paying it forward through service.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Sharon LePage Plante, MEd Special Education ’96, is a special education teacher and director of technology at Eagle Hill School Southport. With more than 19 years of K-12 teaching experience, Plante is an articulate advocate for technology supporting instruction and a student’s ability to work independently. She was a 2014 recipient of the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences’ BAMMY Award as the top special needs teacher; a 2015 BAMMY nominee in podcasting as host of “Learning Differently”; and one of Huffington Post’s Top 100 Most Social K-12 Tech Leaders on Twitter. Plante is co-founder of #edtechchat; chair of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools Commission on Technology; board member for Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities; and publisher of “Tweeted Times.” She exhibits tireless passion and high standards of quality—enhancing her students’ education and the professional development of teachers. She and her husband live in Connecticut.

THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Mary Ann Friesen, RN, PhD Nursing ’08, is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) with more than 30 years’ experience in nursing in a variety of roles including clinical nursing, education, performance improvement, and consulting. Currently, Friesen works as the nursing research and evidence-based practice coordinator for Inova Health System, the leading health care system in Northern Virginia. Friesen has been published in a number of journals and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences. She supported the planning for the
School of Nursing’s 40th anniversary celebration and serves on the Advisory Board for the College of Health and Human Services.

**THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

**Steve Gladis**, MA English ’84, PhD Education ’95, is a speaker, author, executive coach, and authority on the subject of leadership. As CEO of Steve Gladis Leadership Partners—a leadership development company—he is the author of 20 books on leadership and also an adjunct professor at Mason. He works with businesses, associations, and U.S. government agencies, and he speaks regularly at conferences and corporate gatherings. A former faculty member at the University of Virginia, Gladis also served as an FBI special agent and was a decorated officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. His company donates a significant portion of corporate profits back to the community. His latest books, *Smile. Breathe. Listen: The 3 Mindful Acts for Leaders* and *Positive Leadership: The Game Changer at Work* are available on Amazon.

**THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

**Matthew Greer**, BS Biology ’94, is a successful serial-entrepreneur. After graduating from Mason in 1994, Greer founded Evolve Communications and Soapbox SBX, two companies that focus on providing wireless broadband and technology services, as well as Evolve Now, a Virginia-based investment group. Most recently, Greer co-founded the Caboose Brewing Company in Vienna, Virginia, which has quickly climbed the ranks of Washington’s top regional breweries. A great supporter of George Mason and the College of Science, he’s partnered with the Alumni Association for the “Science of Beer” event during Alumni Weekend 2015, and for several other Mason alumni chapter events.

**THE COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**Durell R. Comedy**, BFA Dance ’08, graduated magna cum laude from Mason with a BFA in Dance Performance. He has since worked and performed with the Metropolitan Opera, Troy Powell, and Kyle Abraham. Comedy was a member of the Limón Dance Company from 2009 to 2015, performing principal and soloist roles. He has also worked as a soloist dancer in Baltimore Opera Company’s *Aida* and performed with Washington National Opera in 2013-14 as a principal dancer and dance captain. A former fellowship student at the Ailey School and a 2014
adjunct faculty member at Mason, he is now an apprentice with Mark Morris Dance Group.

**THE DISTINGUISHED LAMBDa ALUMNI AWARD**

Bradley Blankenship, BA Psychology ’00, is an outspoken champion of LGBTQ inclusiveness. Since graduating from Mason, he has earned a master’s degree and PhD in higher education, worked with the Massachusetts Governor’s Commission of Gay and Lesbian Youth, and served professional organizations assessing LGBTQ inclusiveness across South Africa. He has sailed around the world and spent three years as the live-in high school homeschool teacher for John Cougar Mellencamp’s sons. His book, *The Christmas Truck*, was recognized as the first children’s Christmas book to feature same-gender parents and has been translated into multiple languages. Blankenship currently works with SitStayRead, using therapy dogs to implement literacy curriculum in schools.

**THE DISTINGUISHED LATINO ALUMNI AWARD**

Adriana Marcela Bonilla, BA Government and International Politics ’11, is a 26-year-old proud Latina and Washingtonian, and serves as the Wilson High School site supervisor for the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC). LAYC is a nationally recognized multiservice agency serving all low-income youth in the District of Columbia and Maryland’s Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties. As president of the university’s Hispanic Student Association from 2010-11, Bonilla carried out the association’s mission to unite, educate, and empower the Hispanic community and received a campus Leadership Award for her efforts. Her next steps are to join the Peace Corps and then attend graduate school.

**THE NEW CENTURY COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

Mandi Fisher, BA Integrative Studies ’08, graduated from Mason with a concentration in family studies, and a minor in social work. She is now the project manager for Healthy Families, a program of Northern Virginia Family Service. Fisher manages a team of home visitors who work one-on-one with vulnerable families and provide them with critical support and resources to enhance their children’s health and development. Fisher came to this role after serving as a first-grade teacher in Phoenix, Arizona, as a Teach for America Corps member, where she also earned her graduate degree in elementary education from Arizona State University. Fisher’s leadership and commitment to serve exemplifies Mason’s ideal graduate as an engaged citizen, working to help those in her community.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Sumeet Shrivastava, MBA ’94, is an accomplished executive and proven business leader with more than two decades of experience in the government IT industry. As president of ARRAY, Shrivastava has guided the company through the transition from small business to a competitive aerospace and defense service provider. Shrivastava has been committed to the Mason community throughout his career. He was the 2015 School of Business Alumni Service awardee and a member of the 2013 20 Prominent Patriots in Business class. He currently serves on the school’s Innovation/Entrepreneurship and Government Contracting Advisory Boards and is the president-elect of the School of Business Alumni Chapter.

THE SCHOOL FOR CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Maya Kapsokavadis, BS Conflict Analysis and Resolution ’09, recently completed her term as the flagship 4 coordinator for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies based in Kathmandu, Nepal. In this role, she supported the government of Nepal and partner agencies in coordinating preparedness work around community-based disaster risk reduction in the nation. She designed, implemented, and monitored programs in South/Southeast Asia for the past five years, which includes substantial time in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, and Pakistan. She applies her interest in technology toward the power of open data and use of evidence based decision-making within humanitarian and development programming alike. Kapsokavadis’s experience also includes highly developed project management, proposal development, complex grant management, and funding expertise. She has working proficiency in French, Spanish, Greek, and Nepali and is pursuing a certificate in high performance leadership from Cornell University.

THE SCHOOL OF POLICY, GOVERNMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Denise Turner Roth, BA Government and Politics ’99, was appointed by President Obama as the 21st Senate-confirmed Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) on August 5, 2015. Drawing on 18 years of public service, Roth continues GSA’s efforts to deliver the best value in real estate, acquisition, and technology services to government and the American people. Roth arrived at GSA
in March 2014 as deputy administrator, providing overall organization management that helped improve performance throughout the agency. Before joining GSA, Roth served as the city manager for the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, where her leadership helped pave the way for several new and creative management changes in the city. In December 2015, Roth was the keynote speaker for Mason’s Winter Graduation, where she received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Mason. She was recently named one of D.C.’s “Top 50 Women in Tech” by FedScoop for her use of technology as a force multiplier to push government and industry to the next level.

THE VOLGENAU SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Mahfuz Ahmed, BS Electrical Engineering ’93, is the principal founder, CEO, and chair of the Board of Directors of DISYS, a global IT staffing and consulting services business. Since 1994, Ahmed’s focus has been on strategic planning, new business development, financial management, operations, and overseeing DISYS services. DISYS has grown 68 percent annually over the last eight years, a testament to Ahmed’s knowledge, persistence, and focus on the precise industry and technology solutions for clients. He was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to Mason’s Board of Visitors, where he is vice chair of the Research Committee and a member of the Finance and Land Use Committee and the Academic Programs, Diversity and University Community Committee. In addition to his Mason degree, Ahmed is an alumnus of Harvard University.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Congressman David W. Jolly, JD ’01, represents Florida’s 13th Congressional District. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in March 2014. Now in his second term, he serves on the House Appropriations Committee, sitting on three Appropriations Subcommittees. Among other issues, Jolly has introduced legislation to improve the effectiveness of Congress and improve hospital care and medical services for veterans. Since being elected to office, he has spoken at a number of Capitol Hill alumni events for Mason’s School of Law. An attorney by profession, Jolly’s prior career included working in a traditional law practice, creating and operating several businesses, and serving in a staff position on the Hill. Shortly after graduating, Jolly created a scholarship for part-time law students.
THE SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Caroline Thomas, BS Biology ’16, is pursuing a BS in Biology with a concentration in microbiology. Since her freshman year at Mason, Caroline has been actively involved in research. She has conducted research on dendrite morphology at the Cox Laboratory in the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, and during her sophomore year she received two Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research (OSCAR) grants to pursue her lab research. During her junior and senior years, she was selected as an OSCAR fellow.

Thomas became president of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor society at Mason in her sophomore year and continues to act as a senior advisor. She was one of six students selected nationally to receive the Alpha Lambda Delta Trow Scholarship. Currently, Thomas is president of Mason’s chapter of the American Society for Microbiology. In 2013 she was accepted into the Early Selection Program at the George Washington University School of Medicine and will begin to pursue her medical degree in fall 2016. She has been on the dean’s list for each semester at Mason and was the recipient of the Provost Academic Achievement Award from fall 2013 to spring 2016.
THE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Michael W. Nickens, DMA, completed his academic degrees from the Manhattan School of Music, Yale University, and the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty of the George Mason University School of Music in fall 2006 as director of the pep band (Doc Nix and the Green Machine) and as an assistant professor of music. At Mason, he taught courses in sight-singing/ear training, popular music in America, an improvisatory music ensemble, brass methods, applied tuba, and composition, and regularly collaborates with the Mason School of Dance. In addition to the Green Machine, Nickens launched Mason’s drumline program, as well its fife and drum corps.

During the summers, he has taught tuba, jazz performance, composition, improvisation, chamber music, large ensemble performance, and theory at the Performing Arts Institute at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania; the Music, Art, and Theatre Camp in Evanston, Wyoming; the Northern Arizona University Music Camp in Flagstaff, Arizona; and Mason’s Potomac Arts Academy. Nickens has also coached a professional marching ensemble, “Mix It Up,” at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia.
THE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Scott E. Hine, BS Decision Science ’85, is a member of the leadership and management team within the Department of Energy where he provides program and project management guidance and oversight of a multi-billion dollar research and development (R&D) portfolio. He has more than 25 years of direct portfolio, program, and project management experience within the federal R&D domain.

Hine was a member of the Alumni Association’s Strategic Planning Committee and played a vital role in the development of a new strategic plan. He just completed his term as an at-large director on the Alumni Association Board and is currently on the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee.

Outside of work and his Mason-related activities, Hine serves as a commissioner on the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Board; he was appointed to this position by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2006.

In addition to his degree from Mason, Hine also has an MS in Systems Engineering from Binghamton University. He is certified as a project manager by the Project Management Institute and George Washington University.
THE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Martin A. Dunphy, BS Marketing ’90, MBA ’91, is an Irish entrepreneur and founder and long-term CEO of Marlin Financial Group (Marlin), which he founded in the living room of his home in London in 2002. Marlin was consistently ranked in the top 100 fastest-growing companies in the United Kingdom from 2008 to 2014 with average yearly sales growths of 55 percent. With sales in excess of $150 million, Marlin was sold in 2014 to a U.S. public company for $485 million. Prior to this, Dunphy set up Asia Telecommunications in 1996 with branches in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and mainland China. During his time there Dunphy learned Mandarin. He subsequently spent three years with International SOS in Beijing and London.

Dunphy hails from Waterford, Ireland. He received a soccer scholarship to George Mason University where he was captain of the team and still holds the school record for the most saves. In addition to a BS in marketing and an MBA from Mason, Dunphy is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School. In 2012, he established an endowed scholarship with George Mason University’s Patriot Club in support of its soccer program. In 2014, he established the Poleberry Scholarships in Ireland, aimed at teaching young students how to be entrepreneurial. Dunphy set up Ascot Capital Partners in London in 2015 to invest in small and emerging entrepreneurial companies.
PAST RECIPIENTS
OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

THE ALUMNUS/ALUMNA
OF THE YEAR

2015  Dayton I. Moore
2014  Dale “Dusty” Wince
2013  Patricia H. Roberts
2012  Sean T. Connaughton
2011  Anne K. Altman
2010  Deborah A. P. Hersman
2009  John Paul Phaup
2008  Jeffery K. Taubenberger
2007  Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda
2006  D. Jean Wu
2005  Edward J. Newberry
2004  Zainab T. Salbi
2003  J. Gregory Bedner
2002  Michael G. Anzilotti
2001  Julie A. Holdren
2000  Teresa M. Klaassen
1999  Jonathan C. Thacher
1998  Thomas J. Webb
1997  Lovey L. Hammel
1996  Katherine K. Clark
1995  Susan E. Rook
1994  Barbara A. Esstman
1993  Rob S. Muzzio
1992  Camille T. Barry
1991  James S. Corrigan
1990  S. Anna Kondratos
1989  Jay W. Marsh
1988  Ray F. Smith
1987  James W. Hazel
  Bruce E. Johnson
  Mariann H. Johnson
1986  Richard C. Bausch
  Dennis C. Daley
  Judith M. Garcia
  Kathleen S. Katz
1985  M. Constance Bedell
  Nancy L. Zimmerman
1984  Frances F. Batchelder
1983  Gilbert L. Sager
1982  Carl F. Henrickson
1981  Joann P. DiGennaro
1980  Elizabeth G. Clements
1979  James W. McCarthy
1978  Elbert J. Jarvis II
1977  Anita L. Capps
1976  Michael A. Alexander

THE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

2015  Michael P. Gallagher
2014  Sirena Johnson
2013  Helen J. Ackerman
2012  David C. Atkins
2011  Kaylene H. Green
2011  Robert E. Green III
2010  John T. Niehoff
2009  Jeffrey R. Johnson
2008  Penny C. Welke
2007  Bruce E. and Mariann H. Johnson
2006  James J. Laychak
2005  Alan H. Harbitter
2004  Barbara Parker Granieri
2003  Jennifer A. Hess
2002  Carolyn A. Taylor
2001  Craig B. Young
2000  Joseph A. Heastie
1999  Juliana Kuo
1998  Lisa A. Mayne
1997  Lucy Canary Church
1996  (See Golden Medallion Award)
1995  Doris H. Kidwell
1994  Brian C. Drummond
1993  Scott McGearry
1992  Donna S. Mills
1991  Eileen J. Feuerbach
1990  Jonathan C. Thacher
1989  Mark W. Bisbee
PAST RECIPIENTS OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

THE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

2015  William B. Miller
2014  Padmanabhan Seshaiyer
2013  Marion F. Deshmukh
2012  Linda Apple Monson
2011  Don M. Boileau
2010  Todd B. Kashdan
2009  Peter J. Boettke
2008  Harold A. Geller
2007  Roger W. Wilkins
2006  Rick S. Davis
2005  Cynthia M. Lont
2004  James B. Young
2003  Doris A. Bitler
2002  Lloyd E. Duck
2001  Don E. Kash
2000  Stuart S. Malawer
1999  Karen K. Oates
1998  Toni-Michelle Travis
1997  Anthony J. Maiello
1996  Robert T. Hawkes
1995  Kenneth A. Kovach
1994  Roberta M. Conti
1993  Bruce B. Manchester
1992  Kevin A. Avruch
1991  Henry J. Bindel Jr.
1990  Mary C. Silva
1989  Sheryl A. Friedley
1988  Peter Klappert
1987  Brack Brown
1986  Hale N. Tongren
1985  Walter E. Williams
1984  Warren D. Decker
1983  Michael R. Kelley
1982  Carol J. Sears
1981  Kenneth A. Kovach
1980  Kitty P. Smith
1979  Michael G. Emsley
1978  John A. Oppelt
1977  Hyman I. Feinstein
1976  John R. Linn
1975  Stephen T. Early Jr.
1974  Margaret C. Duffner

THE SENIOR OF THE YEAR

2015  Raquel Friedmann
2014  David Lucas
2013  Quoc “Ricky” Tran
2012  Kevin R. Loker
2011  Mariana X. Cruz
2010  Devraj Dasgupta
2009  David W. Lieu
2008  Mona K. Singh
2007  Andres G. Maldonado
2006  Ryan M. Lowry
2005  Rysheda M. McClendon
2004  Edwinnia T. Smith
2003  Amit Sinha
2002  Cassandra P. Foster
2001  Sabrina Dagostino
2000  Maria Sonia Montero
1999  Jason William Eakes
1998  Nancy A. Riffe
1997  Heather D. Dawson
1996  Jenna Van Hook
1995  Angela Y. Peabody
1994  Vickie O. Tyler
1993  Denise E. Marriott
1992  James W. Yoo
1991  Julie Ann Austin
1990  Mary D. Ryabik
1989  Donald G. Cooper
1988  Catherine J. Rogers
1987  Felicia H. Johnson
1986  Richard Vergot
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| 1986 | Judy Bray Cook  
      | David A. Ehrlich  
      | Kimberly Jones |
| 1985 | Karen A. DeMartino  
      | Frank J. Doherty |
| 1984 | Debora A. Drury |
| 1983 | Barry L. Mark  
      | Michael C. Cooper |
| 1982 | Kathryn L. Kafka |
| 1981 | Lisa McGrady |
| 1980 | Anthony J. Young |
| 1979 | Margaret C. Langford |
| 1978 | Jeffrey W. Hetrick  
      | John R. Willett |
| 1977 | Diane S. Erickson |
| 1976 | Bernard W. Hite |
| 1975 | Michael D. Pritz |
| 1974 | John L. Wiley |

**THE GOLDEN MEDALLION AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

- 2012: Alan G. Merten
- 1996: George W. Johnson
- 1984: John C. Wood
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Christopher M. Preston  
BS Management ’96  
President

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MA International Commerce and Policy ’06  
President-Elect

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JD ’04  
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BS Public Administration ’94  
Vice President, Member Involvement

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BA History ’92  
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BS Marketing ’06  
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BA Government and Politics ’00

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BS Information Technology ’06

Conaway B. Haskins III  
BS Government and Politics ’99

L. Allen Johnson, Jr.  
BA English ’99

Sirena G. Johnson  
BS Accounting ’99

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Black Alumni Chapter  
David C. Atkins, BS Decision Science ’90

College of Education and Human Development  
Jugnu Agrawal, MEd Special Education ’07, PhD Education ’13  
Anthony J. DeGregorio, BSEd Physical Education ’84, MS Physical Education ’89

College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Jason Reis, BA Economics ’93

College of Science  
Walter L. McLeod, MS Chemistry ’94

College of Visual and Performing Arts  
Shannon L. Baccaglini, MM Performance ’06

Lambda Alumni Chapter  
Alex M. Gant, BA History ’08

Latino Alumni Chapter  
Cristian A. Pineda, BA Communication ’12

School of Business  
E. Ryan Najjar, BS Management ’13

School of Law  
Benjamin W. Owen, JD ’13

School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs  
Kyle Green, MA International Commerce and Policy ’13, MPA ’14

Volgenau School of Engineering  
Mariana X. Cruz, BS Civil and Infrastructure Engineering ’11
“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”

—JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

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