

Black Student Fund Report

November 2011

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North Carolina State University

Enthusiasm



- 20 Graduating Scholars
- 77 Colleges & Universities
- 90 Acceptances

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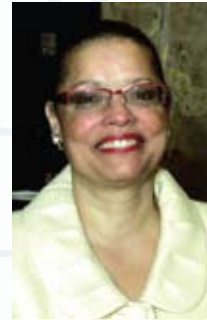
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Dominic Vedder, BSF Scholar, Class of 2011. This photo shared by the Vedder family, demonstrates Dominic's confidence as he proudly wears the BSF Alumni Kente Cloth Stole during his graduation ceremony from Sidwell Friends School. His confidence, energy and positive thinking are inspirational and will hold him in good stead as he matriculates to Morehouse College.

From The Executive Director



For nearly five decades, the Black Student Fund (BSF) has contributed to the successes of African American students and to the growth and development of equitable learning environments within the BSF community of independent Member Schools. As Executive Director of the Black Student Fund, I am excited to share some thoughts about our work over the past year.

People often ask how, in a single word, I would describe the organization. After much thought I am drawn to a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson: “*Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved.*” In a word “**enthusiasm**” can best describe the last twelve months for the Black Student Fund.

In the face of our current economic challenges, diminished revenues, rising costs of education and change of leadership, the Black Student Fund endures. Over the past year the organization has improved existing systems, created infrastructures, and assembled a dynamic staff whose combined excitement, passion and intellectual capital propel us into the 21st century and beyond.

This spring, twenty BSF Scholars celebrated their high school graduation, received numerous academic scholarship awards, and obtained 90 acceptances to 77 colleges and universities. We are so proud of these Scholars that the names of these schools appear throughout this Report as a testament of their achievements.

The Black Student Fund, our Scholars and families, Member Schools, and investors take pride in and celebrate the successes of our Scholars. In partnership, we acknowledge that the success of a Scholar is accomplished not in isolation but with the support of community. Together, we are developing the leaders of tomorrow!

There is a fervor among Black Student Fund staff, Scholars and donors. We plan to carry this **enthusiasm** into the next year. Only together can we ensure that the Black Student Fund remains enthusiastic and strong for our students and their families.

Jeanie Collins Carr
Executive Director

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 North Carolina A&T State University
 North Carolina State University
 Oberlin College
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 Ohio Wesleyan University

BSF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Alexandria Country Day School
 Beauvoir
 The Bullis School
 Burgundy Farm Country Day School
 Capitol Hill Day School
 Connelly School of the Holy Child
 Edmund Burke School
 Episcopal High School
 The Field School
 Foxcroft School
 Georgetown Day School
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 The Kingsbury Day School
 Landon School
 The Langley School
 The Lowell School
 Maret School
 McLean School of Maryland
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 The Sheridan School
 The Sidwell Friends School
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 Washington Episcopal School
 Washington International School

Enthusiasm



Members of the BSF Scholars Class of 2011: Donte Allison, Ariel Batallan Burrowes, M'Tep Blount, Bakari Boone, Wynston Bouknight, Dieneria Brown, Terri Bullock, Alexis Davis, David Flood, Aaron Green, Amos Green, Antione Hudson, David Mitchell, Deonte Overby, Candace Reeder, Ashley Reyes, Jailen Robinson, Dominic Vedder, Jasmine Walton, and Tia Watkins.

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These 20 graduating Scholars will attend the following colleges and universities in fall 2011: American University (2), Bryant University, Colby College, Columbia College Chicago, Grinnell College, Howard University (2), Lafayette College, McDaniel College, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T State University, Ohio State University, Stanford University, State University at New York at New Paltz, University of Delaware, University of North Carolina Wilmington, University of Miami, Ursinus College and Yale University.

- Penn State Harrisburg
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Rice University
- Rollins University
- Rutgers University
- St. John's University
- Smith College
- South Carolina State University
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- State University of New York- New Paltz
- State University of New York- Purchase
- Suffolk University
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Towson University
- Tulane University
- University of Colorado
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Delaware

Annual Independent School Fair

The BSF Annual School Fair provides an incredible networking opportunity for area families to meet under one roof with representatives from over 50 private day and boarding schools.

Over 4,900 attendees learn first-hand about each school's programs, community, admissions requirements and financial assistance.

- 2011 marks the 39th Annual School Fair
- Since 2009, Latino Student Fund has been a School Fair participant
- The Fair features interactive seminars focused on school admissions procedures and personal finance



The Leadership Institute

Offered to all BSF Scholars and families, the **Black Student Fund Leadership Institute** (BSFLI) educates and informs. Featuring professional guest speakers, the **BSFLI** provides the strategies, techniques, and skills needed to successfully prepare for transition from middle school to high school, and on to college.

Scholars develop an understanding of the importance of building academic and career networks. **BSFLI** offers information sessions that allow both students and adults to explore key topics and build skills to successfully apply to and enter the college or university of their choice.

- This past year, nine BSFLI seminars were held
- Topics included college preparation and financial aid, a mock SAT exam, networking, and career options



Essential Support Services

BSF Essential Support Services is a comprehensive program that provides BSF Scholars and their families with necessities that allow students to focus on their education.

The program meets the fundamental needs of the entire family with food, clothing, and crisis intervention.

These services distinguish BSF from basic scholarship programs and account for much of BSF's remarkable retention and college entry rates.

- This past year three BSF families were assisted with utility payments
- BSF Member Schools donated children's gifts and clothing for winter holiday distribution
- Through the generosity of Lockheed Martin, groceries for ten Thanksgiving dinners were distributed

University of Maryland

University of Maryland,
Baltimore County

University of Maryland,
Honors College

University of Miami

University of Missouri

University of North Carolina,
Wilmington

University of Penn-Wharton

University of Richmond

University of South Carolina

University of Vermont

Ursinus College

Vanderbilt University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute
& State University

Wagner College

Washington University

Yale University

York College

Programs, continued

The Institute for Cultural Inclusion (ICI) & Education Employment Network (EEN)

These two programs are designed to assist BSF Member Schools in building inclusive, equitable learning environments.

ICI offers a series of professional development courses in cross-cultural communication for education professionals and administrators to foster and sustain equitable, inclusive learning environments for all children.

ICI course offerings provide pragmatic approaches for educators to expand their knowledge and techniques in teaching from a culturally and racially broadened perspective.

ICI (previously known as ERE) has graduated more than 600 heads of school, faculty, and administrators.

EEN refers career professionals to Member Schools, in a collaborative effort to facilitate hiring of a more diverse and inclusive faculty and staff.

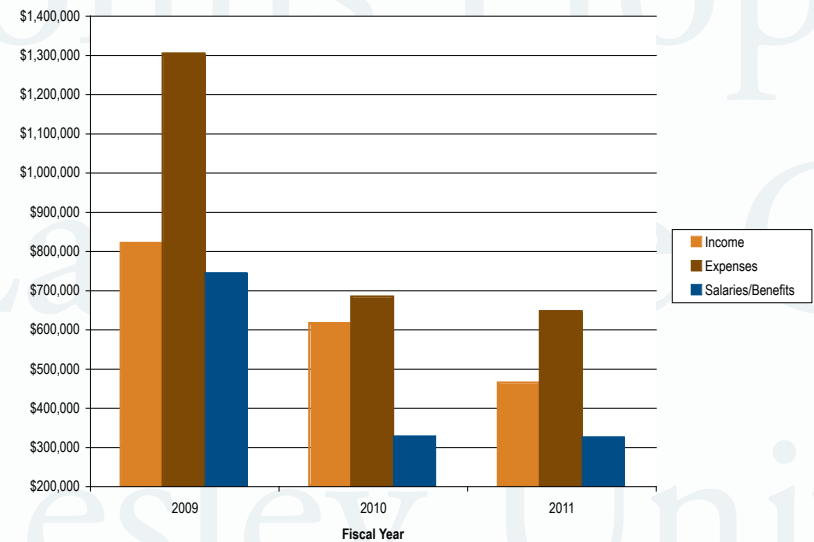
Both **ICI** and **EEN** contribute to the recruitment and retention of African American faculty, administrators, and students in independent schools.



- This past hiring season, **EEN** assisted over 30 teacher and administrator candidates in their hiring searches
- Two Candidate Interview Days were held with the participation of nine BSF Member Schools
- Eight EEN candidates were hired in teaching and administrative positions for the 2011-12 academic year

Finances

“In the face of our current economic challenges, diminished revenues, rising costs of education and change of leadership, the Black Student Fund endures.”



This summer the BSF mailed an urgent appeal to our supporters requesting donations to help us meet our fiscal budget. Although we did not reach our goal, we greatly appreciate the significant response we received.

We continue to explore new sources of revenue and ways to expand our donor base. With *enthusiasm* we look forward to a more prosperous future.

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