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BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CMBAA)

The Establishment of CMBAA Mentoring Program



For a second, think back to your days as a student on the campus of Carnegie-Mellon. Of course you remember all of the great friends and activities that filled your day. But do you remember the challenges of the course work and the difficulties making connections with faculty? Reflect on the stress when you had to face these matters and of course trying to make ends meet as a young college student living and working at a prestigious university where rigor is the norm. Let's face it, being a student at Carnegie Mellon can be tough at times and having someone to reach out to beyond the campus would be helpful, particularly someone who has been through these experiences. An encouraging word from you could mean the difference between a student continuing his/her education at CMU... or not, regrettably.

As a successful member of the black alumni association, who has been through the rigor, you now have the opportunity to reach back to help another warrior make it through. You could be all the difference required.

Vision ...Mentoring Program...

- A small group of alums will meet on campus 4 times each year to run seminars and working panels that will allow us to connect with students and share ideas for their growth and development.
- The students can in turn make us aware of general areas where our help is needed.
- Whether a question about a specific course, internship, or career goal, the *Mentoring Team* will connect specific students to specific alums who are best suited to address the situation.
- The *Mentoring Team* can later follow up with the student and appropriate campus staff as applicable to insure that all issues have been fully addressed.

Leadership... Making a Difference at Carnegie-Mellon

We need many hands on deck here. There is a place for each of you who is interested to be a part of this meaningful work. We would like to develop:

1. Career Panels, both campus and web-based that will guide students with their approach and choices.
2. Rap Sessions, where we can hear the current issues and concerns of the students and they can hear our voices of experience.
3. Workshops to address specific needs made known to us by students and/or CMARC.
4. Field Trip opportunities guided by the Regional Cluster.

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If you are interested to be a part of the Mentoring Team:



Please email your Name, Location, Class, and Ideas to Bill James at Billj@Loopcap.com.