

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## Volunteer Board Overview



# Black Alumni Chapter

## Who We Are

- 14 Member Board
- 1 OUAA Member Liaison
- Graduation year range between 1974 and 2015
- Existing for almost 50 years

## Our Purpose

- The mission of the Black Alumni Chapter is to enrich and engage the lives of Black alumni, students, and friends, and to promote Oakland University by fostering a culture that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- The vision of the Black Alumni Chapter is to strive to connect and build relationships among Black alumni, students and community members to advance our growing university and build a legacy which develops, supports and propels students towards achieving their full potential.

# Accomplishments & Goals

## Accomplishments

- Establishment of the Manuel Pierson Endowment
- 100% Giving for over 4 years
- Providing Scholarships for students, through various methods, including Keeper of the Dream, CMI, and Retention Funds
- Helping the University develop and foster a culture that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Providing Black Alumni positive ways to engage with the University and current students (annual barbecue, homecoming activities, workshops, etc.)
- Development of Black Alumni History Project – an initiative to preserve the stories of Black Students and Alumni at OU

## Goals

- Help establish another Endowment Fund, Karl Gregory Fund
- Update/complete a new strategic plan
- Continue to promote alumni relations and DEI through initiatives/events
- Succession planning and bringing on new board members
- Establish a financial literacy and wealth development program for students and alumni
- Develop a Black Alumni Owned Business Directory

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