Greetings From The 2013-2014 Executive Board

The Black Student Union

The Scott-Crowley Administration

President's Address

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Summer 2013

2013 Summer Preview

We Are Here
As I embark on my journey into senior year I look upon the horizons of new beginnings with great confidence. I can vividly remember my first summer at FSU and how intimidated I was at its massive size. Fortunately, I found my niche within the welcoming arms of the Black Student Union which has changed my life for the better. For three years I witnessed the tribulations and drastic growth of this agency. Now as I stand on my platform of leadership I shall utilize the wisdom, traditions, and morals of my forefathers. To be a proud heir of a culture of wonderful leaders I am motivated to get as many others to witness the endless possibilities we can achieve for ourselves. This issue is just a preview of things waiting to manifest within the great culture of our community. Students old and new I welcome you to witness another paramount year of our beloved BSU and I hope you feel motivated in helping us assist our black community on all fronts.

Summer waves and sun are a perfect backdrop of peace and tranquility amongst all students. This is the time to kickback with the BSU. We want you to leave the pressures of the fall semester waiting in the distance and use this time to develop yourselves as students and getting familiar with your personal goals and aspirations. However, even in our educational endeavors there is still a need to serve our communities and continue to shape the history for those behind us. I encourage each and every one of you to adopt new mindsets of pushing yourselves beyond your expected limitations and get involved with us however possible. From just being a general body member, joining a COBOL organization, or just being a mentor to others, every student has a part of the cycle of experiences taking place within our black community.

There is always a calm before a storm and this kickback season is the peaceful recharge period before the frenzy of individual challenges that await each one of us. Our team has put our energy in making this issue show the essential memories we shouldn’t neglect of summer while still giving you the support and knowledge to help you advance as students. Therefore, I ask of you to not only experience this issue but by continuing this bond created off the page and into the community that my cabinet, executive board, and its supporters are continuing to help ascend into a better tomorrow.

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Hopeful expectations of Harold
Dear Readers,

Hello my name is Ternisha Williams. and i serve as the Incite editor. This issue is filled with a hodge podge of fun and happiness. What I like most about this issue is that we didn't over think it. We let it come very organically and easily. Some of my favorite pictures in this issue are those that display our sense of happiness, family, and love for the Black Student Union. Each individual was so much fun to work with. They were comical, enthused, genuine and beautiful.

I am excited about the memories and relationships that can be made while serving as the editor of The Incite Magazine for The Black Student Union. Physically I am a rather pygmy, but my vision for this magazine is behemothic.

Our goal for this magazine is to design a publication displays the individuality, morals, values, and culture of the students here at The Florida State University. We are working diligently to produce a masterpiece that will embody the reality of student life on campus. We hope you enjoy! The best is yet to come.

Yours Truly,

Ternisha Williams

editor

{NOTE FROM THE EDITOR}

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MY SUMMER PICK

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CABINET, SECRETARY

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PR & MARKETING

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SOCIALS & EVENTS

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[ALMOST] Fearless Leaders

EVEN LEADERS HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE! SO WHERE DID YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD START WITH THE BLACK STUDENT UNION

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YOUR OTHER 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Teni Ayaji   |   Ebonique Brooks   |   Caleb Cineas   |   Jacque Futch   |   Jordan Gregory   |   Andy Moreno   |   Joyce Phillipe   |

MarCherie Thompkins   |   Laurence Thompson   |   Shalisha Thornton   |   Kelshay Toomer   |   Sheldon Williams   |   Moise Zamor

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Taylor Crowley
CABINET, VICE PRESIDENT

I was a contestant in the Black Student Union Pageant in the Fall of 2012. I practiced day and night, and I knew I had everything down to a T—until the actual pageant night. The second I stepped out on stage for my introduction, my mind went completely blank and I made up an entire speech on the spot. After all but sprinting off the stage, I was on the verge of tears. I was so worried that I would end up on every social network looking like a fool. In the end, I was a contestant in the Black Student Union Pageant in the fall of 2010. I remember my friend and I not being able to figure out which committee to join, so we ended up joining both and attended every event after that. The members were extremely friendly and welcoming and that was when I fell in love with the BSU and knew that this was an organization that I wanted to be a part of!

Jonetta Grant
SOCIALS & EVENTS

Upon entering FSU, the first event that I attended was a BSU GBM. I remember feeling so inspired by the eloquence and knowledge possessed by the African-American executive board and cabinet. BSU allows me to see that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Jeffery Francis
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Food, what more can I say about it? Personally, I love food and writing for Incite led me to some of the best food you can find in Tallahassee. Finding a restaurant to review was an arduous task. It was an uphill battle of sorts that required me to eat off of my friends plates whenever we would go out to eat. My friends and I went to Up in Smoke, Lindy’s, Los Compadres, and that’s just the tip of the iceberg. I ate everywhere in the name of the Black Student Union, and I have to admit, I enjoyed every bite.

Bianca Voltaire
HEALTH & ATHLETICS

Coming from South Florida, Tallahassee (specifically Florida State) was definitely such a culture shock. I was so happy when I found out about the Black Student Union because they provided a place that felt like a home away from home.

Tiffanie Swan
MASTER COORDINATOR

I remember the first Black Student Union event I ever attended as a freshman—fall semester general body meeting. I remember thinking that the BSU was so exclusive and that it was an honor to be involved. Little did I know, as a tuition paying student, I was already a member! I joined the Master Coordinator committee and fell in love, but I remember thinking that I could never work as hard as Amber Lodman and D’mitri Brome and I had no intention to even try. But here I am three years later, holding the Master Coordinator position and ready to work and instill in other students the same drive they instilled in me. In students who think their dreams are too far-fetched.

Jennifer Gaspard
MEMBERSHIP

Coming in as a transfer student in the spring, my new life seemed as though it would be very overwhelming. A friend of mine told me that the first thing I should do is attend the Black Student Union’s general body meeting, and I am so grateful that she did. I was introduced to a group of intellectual African American students that were set on being a guide and friend to everyone. That experience has motivated me to be the best student and it inspired me to achieve all that I can achieve in my time at Florida State University.

Kianna Talley
HOMECOMING

My first encounter with the Black Student Union was during my freshman year when I applied for the Essence of Ebony Scholarship. For the application, each contestant had to write about a time in which we felt out of place, having to put on this façade of being someone or something we weren’t. For most of my childhood, I grew up in a predominantly black neighborhood. In my later middle school years, my family and I moved to a suburban area in which I would now be going to a predominantly white school. I felt as though I would be forced to act differently in order to fit in. However, that wasn’t the case. I must say, getting a chance to experience people of other races and cultural backgrounds has helped me become more relatable and sociable to people other than my own. That being said, I feel as though I no longer have to form a façade in order to blend in with the crowd. Here at FSU, the campus is so diverse and it prides itself in its diversity, making us one huge Seminole family. A family I will always cherish!

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Lake Ella
First Friday at Railroad
Black Archives Museum
Cosmic Bowling
Skat World Tallahassee
Student Life Center: Movie Theater
Governor Square Mall
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