BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Presenters: 2018-2019 BGSA Executive Board
Sponsored by the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement
Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Membership Overview
3. Activity
   a. “Speed Kick-it”
4. Upcoming Events
5. Q&A
What is BGSA?
Purpose and Mission

The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) is dedicated to improving the quality of graduate and professional student life at the University of Texas at Austin.

The BGSA’s mission is to promote academic excellence, mentoring, professional guidance, and social support for scholarly advancement of undergraduate students, graduate students, and other members of the University of Texas community within the African Diaspora.
BGSA in Context

One question that probably crossed your mind when walking around campus is...
Where are the Black people?

UT Black Graduate & Law Student Enrollment, Fall 2017

- White only: 45.7%
- Foreign: 27.7%
- Hispanic (any combination): 11.1%
- Black only & Black (2 or more excl. Hisp.): 3.8%
- Asian only: 7.4%
- 2 or more (excl. Hisp./Black): 1.6%
- Unknown: 2.5%
Seriously, where’s the rest of us?

**THIS IS US!**

Over the past 10 years, we’ve stayed under 4%.

In Fall 2017, out of 11,033 total graduate/law students enrolled at UT, there are 416 of us who identify as Black.
There is power in OUR presence!
Who is BGSA?

Meet the individuals at the heart of our organization!
Dr. Ryan Sutton - Faculty Advisor

Director, African American Male Research Initiative (AAMRI)

Research Interests:
• African American youth and mental health, juvenile justice, academic achievement
Mariama Nagbe - President

Hometown: Detroit, MI

School/College: Education

Research Interests:
• organizational theory, race/ethnicity, equity, doctoral socialization
Kathryn Wylie - Vice President

Hometown: The Woodlands, TX

School/College: Education

Research Interests:
• the Black middle class, social mobility, generational wealth
Kinde Wubneh - Treasurer

Hometown: Greenville, NC

School/College: McCombs

Research Interests:
• management-strategy
Taylor Payne - Secretary

Hometown: Houston, TX

School/College: Education

Research Interests:
• race/gender interactions with educational environments and academic outcomes
Who’s Missing? - YOU!
Want to get involved?

There are two ways to get involved with BGSA:
1. Affiliate Member
2. Full Member
Membership Tiers

Affiliate Members Get:

1. General body meetings & social events (monthly)
2. “Lit” Lunch (weekly)
3. Social media updates

Full Members Get:

1. General body meetings & social events (monthly)
2. “Lit” Lunch (weekly)
3. Social media updates
4. Workshop series (1-2 per semester)
5. Discounted tickets for social events
6. Bi-weekly newsletter
7. Access to membership database
8. Access to campus resource database
Activity: “Speed Kick-It”
Speed Kick-It Questions

1. Why UT?
2. Thoughts going into this year?
3. Which school/college are you enrolled in?
4. What’s the best invention of all time?
5. Share a quick story about the picture on your phone screen.
Upcoming BGSA Events

1. Orientation Info Table
   a. Friday, 8/24 @2:15pm (Texas Union Ballroom)

2. Game Night
   a. Friday, 9/7 4-6pm (free food!)

3. 1st general body meeting
   a. Thursday, 9/13 12-1pm

4. 1st “Lit” Lunch
   a. Tuesday, 9/18 12-2pm

Further questions?

Talk to us after today’s session or email us:

utbgsa@gmail.com
Thanks for joining us!