





#### Greetings community partner!

We are excited to launch the first quarterly newsletter highlighting UC Davis' support for African American students and communities.

In our inaugural issue, we are particularly proud to announce a new **African American Initiative** at UC Davis. The initiative will enhance outreach, recruitment and retention efforts for African and African American students. As part of this effort, we are establishing a network among community and faith-based organizations that provide academic preparation services to African American youth. Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity Adela de la Torre join us in supporting this initiative.

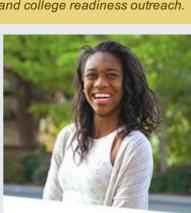
We are also ecstatic to share that a new UC Davis **Center for African Diaspora Student Success** will be opening this fall. Kayton Carter,
director of Strategic African American Retention Initiatives, will oversee the
center. We welcome you to be part of the movement to see even more
African American students succeed at our top-ranked university!

#### Walter Robinson

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management UC Davis Student Affairs

### Milton Lang, Ed.D.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Campus Community and Retention Services UC Davis Student Affairs



### Meet Mariah Watson

Mariah Watson is the first
African American female to
be student body president
at UC Davis. Overseeing a
\$13 million budget, she
credits our Black
Leadership Retreat with
getting her started as a
leader on campus. From
Los Angeles, Mariah says
that UC Davis feels like
home. She is an
international relations and
philosophy major and



proudly holds a 3.9 GPA.

9th in the U.S. for granting degrees to

students of color

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Education 2013–14







**UC Davis Faculty Spotlight** 

Dr. Milmon Harrison, a UC Davis graduate, has been teaching here since 1998. As director of

the African American and African Studies

My passion is to provide comprehensive support services to underrepresented college students who need them, and I am thrilled to be UC Davis' Director of Strategic African American Retention Initiatives.

The new Center for African Diaspora Student
Success will bring students, faculty and staff
together to engage in all aspects of campus
udents to develop as leaders, succeed academically

life. We will inspire students to develop as leaders, succeed academically and become change agents in the world.

Prior to coming to UC Davis, I was the Oakland site director for the College Track college-prep program, and I'm looking forward to helping the high school and community college students that you serve find success at UC Davis.



### Read The Black Pages

The Black Pages is our annual guide to UC Davis and community resources for African American and African students. Check out the 2015 edition.



# Important Dates

Oct. 16–18. Black Leadership Retreat

Late Oct. Center for African Diaspora Student Success opening

#### Financial Aid Resources

General Scholarships

Multicultural Scholarships

Financial Literacy

Net Price Calculator



Dr. Harrison teaches regularly on African American culture and has written a book, <u>Righteous Riches</u>: the Word of Faith Movement in Contemporary African American Religion. <u>Read his blog</u> to learn more, and see his <u>reading suggestions</u> for books about the African American experience.



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# Campus Community Book Project

This summer, the <u>Special Transitional Enrichment</u>
<u>Program</u> (STEP) invited more than 220 first-year
students to UC Davis for four weeks of orientation
and preparation.

STEP students discussed the <u>Campus</u>

<u>Community Book Project</u> title, *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap.* 

"The book helped my friends and I consider different points of view and reaffirmed the importance of a college education," said Jordan Keys, a freshman biochemistry and molecular biology major.





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