**BIGGER QUESTIONS**

The University of Arizona (UA) is a school of believers, difference makers, and leaders. The diverse perspectives and values of our community are what make the UA campus so great. Here, we strive to enrich the experiences of our African American students – and students of all backgrounds – by challenging you to think beyond expectations and raise bigger, more daring questions in the classroom and in your own life. We value your talents and skills to help us make our community, Arizona, and the world a better place.

**BETTER ANSWERS**

Whether it’s in the classroom, during an internship, or elsewhere we encourage you to find better answers to today’s most pressing challenges. The UA’s community of students, staff, and faculty come from Arizona, other states, and countries around the globe. Together, we create a place where all voices are acknowledged and respected. It’s this inclusive environment and your valuable contributions that make us one of the world’s finest universities.

**BEAR DOWN**

While you’re here, take advantage of our world-class academics and engagement experiences. You’ll complement your major with internships, research efforts, studies abroad, and other work-ready opportunities to help you gain invaluable professional experiences. When you graduate, you’ll be ready to serve your community, because you’ve already started. Your Wildcat experience will also give you access to new friends, influential mentors, leadership involvement, and social networks.

So what are you waiting for? Read on to learn why the UA is the right fit for you.
CONNECT TO YOUR COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA BLACK ALUMNI (UABA)
The University of Arizona Black Alumni (UABA) is made up of accomplished graduates and former students of the UA who live throughout the world. Associate memberships are available to UA graduates, former students, and others who support the goals of the organization.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)
The mission of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ASA)
The mission of the African Student Association (ASA) is to promote unity and understanding among African students at the UA.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE LIFE SCIENCES (AALS)
The mission of African Americans in the Life Sciences (AALS) is to promote knowledge, camaraderie, and individual professional and academic growth for those pursuing careers in the sciences.

BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BGSA)
The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) is on campus to support students of color through their educational and social endeavors as they pursue degrees of higher education. We pool together minority graduate students from all over campus with the intent of building a strong network amongst students here on the UA campus.

BLACK RETAIL ACTION GROUP (BRAG)
The Black Retail Action Group (BRAG) is an organization dedicated to the inclusiveness of African Americans and all people of color in the retail industry. We support all students interested in careers in the retail industry across diverse majors.

BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)
The UA’s Black Student Union (BSU) fosters a positive community for students through initiatives in cultural awareness, academic excellence, and social action. We create an environment for students to share ideas, voice concerns, and engage in common interests.
ELGIE M. BATTEAU HONOR SOCIETY
As the first African American honor society on our campus, we are dedicated to encouraging and nurturing academic success and professional development at the UA and within the Tucson community. We achieve these goals through our pillars of scholarship, leadership, and service with collaborations between many different groups within the area.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is an advocate for the recruitment, retention, and educational development of students of African heritage and other minority law students enrolled at the UA James E. Rogers College of Law. Our foundation is built upon sharing our knowledge and engaging in philanthropic endeavors on the UA campus and the city of Tucson.

SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ELLER AFRICAN AMERICAN HONORARY
The Eller African American Honorary is comprised of business students committed to excellence. Our mission is to advocate and advance African American students based on three pillars: community, professional development, and service. We provide a space for members to share experiences, learn from professionals, and give back to the community.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS
As members of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), we aim to explore a diverse array of topics while expressing our interests, perspectives, and opinions through artistic forms of journalism. While there will be a focus on current events, issues, and topics that directly affect the black community, this club is all-inclusive and people of all backgrounds are more than welcome.
GET INVOLVED

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT AFFAIRS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
The African American Student Affairs (AASA) Internship Program provides hands-on experience with community building, facilitating workshops, and giving presentations that advance knowledge of social justice and issues relevant to the Black community. This internship course will require students to attend a series of workshops and training that explore issues related to identity, equity, facilitating discussions on difficult topics, and maintaining dialogue across social groups. In addition, interns will plan and coordinate annual community events such as the Fall Welcome, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Kwanzaa celebration, and the Graduation and Convocation Ceremony.

HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER
The University of Arizona’s African American Cultural Resource Center was established in 1991, a year and a half after students protested in front of the Administration Building asking for more resources and attention to be dedicated to supporting diversity and the unique needs of Black students on campus. From that protest, the students established an area dedicated to developing leadership, promoting social justice, and improving academic skills. The building that housed the newly formed cultural unit, formerly belonging to the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, was renamed the Martin Luther King Jr. Building and is now affectionately referred to as “the MLK.”

Over the decades African American Student Affairs, housed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Building, has maintained our commitment to providing a comfortable and dynamic space for students and advancing diversity at the UA.

BLACK IS BACK. JOIN THE NEW BUILDING LEADERS AND CREATING KNOWLEDGE (BLACK) COMMUNITY.
The word “community” literally means to give among each other. The Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge (BLACK) themed community provides a comfortable, fun and dynamic space for students interested in spending time giving and receiving support from their peers, and engaging in exploration of the African American experience on campus as well as nationally.

Through a partnership with AASA, students can expect engaged dialogue about a variety of topics, group study sessions, organized opportunities to volunteer in the community, and excursions off campus. Participants in this community share common interests in excelling academically, exploring the histories and experiences of people of African descent, and a desire to develop their understanding of leadership and personal identity. Additionally, students who participate in this community have access to a faculty fellow from AASA for mentoring and advising, can earn course credit through the AASA Internship Program, and can take advantage of multiple opportunities to build relationships with local and campus community leaders.

TAJARAYE LAMBETH
Freshman
Pre-Business
I selected the University of Arizona because it was the perfect place for me to grow up, find myself, and learn who I really am while still being able to visit my family on the weekends. I also knew I wanted to study business, dance, and the performing arts, and the UA is ranked highly in all of those areas.

NICOLLETTE BUCKLE
Graduate Student
Geosciences
I chose the University of Arizona because the geosciences program is one of the best in the country. I was interested in the science of climate change and wanted to learn from experts who are doing meaningful work.
My decision to attend the University of Arizona was based primarily on the internationally known cancer epidemiologists on faculty. Getting a chance to work with them has not only broadened my research portfolio, but also provided me with the skills and training to launch my career.

I really liked the campus, and the computer science department seemed beneficial to my area of study.

WILLIAM ONWUAMAEGBU  
Pre-Computer Science

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MARVIN Langston  
Graduate Student  
Epidemiology

The mission of African American Student Affairs (AASA) is to facilitate a support system that helps students achieve academic excellence and an enriching African American cultural experience at the University of Arizona. AASA provides opportunities for students to learn more about leadership, social justice, and creating community.

The mission is achieved through a focus on four key areas:
- Building community among currently enrolled students.
- Providing personal and leadership development opportunities.
- Advancing the ongoing development of a culturally competent campus community.
- Supporting diversity initiatives at the UA.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

WILDCAT WELCOME BACK
The Wildcat Welcome Back is a celebratory dinner put on every year by the African American Community Council. It is an opportunity for students to get connected with people from the African American community as well as discover jobs and internships, meet mentors, and get the chance to win prizes.

AASA DIASPORA DINNER
The African American Student Affairs (AASA) Diaspora Dinner gathers UA students, faculty, and staff from across the Diaspora of African peoples at the University and within the greater Tucson Community. The event allows individuals to come together annually to celebrate the rich heritages found within those in the Diaspora, build community, and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Black History Month is a month-long celebration of Black experiences, stories, history, and culture here at the University. Guest speakers, workshops, lectures, and healing spaces are created throughout the month by AASA staff, student leaders, and community members. The month of events ends with the Annual Block Party.

AASA CONVOCATION
This special ceremony is our annual celebration of the achievement of African American scholars at the UA and includes the opportunity to personally acknowledge all of those who’ve helped support students through their academic journey, as well as performances, and words of encouragement from key University and community leaders. The event is free and includes a traditional Kente Graduation Stole.
**APPLY**

**3-IN-1 APPLICATION:**
When you apply to the UA, your application is considered for:
• UA Admission
• Honors College Admission*
• Merit Scholarships*

*test scores required

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**NEXT STEPS**
Already admitted? GREAT! Get started and sign into your Next Steps Center. In your Next Steps Center you will be able to submit your enrollment fee, sign up for orientation, take your placement exams, etc. For log in information and questions:
nextsteps.arizona.edu | 520.621.5293

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**COME SAY HELLO!**
At Arizona Experience, you can spend a full day on campus with us. This program offers conference-style sessions on academics, financial planning, and student life that show you the full UA experience. You can also take a campus tour and talk to UA representatives. If you're not able to spend a day with us, schedule a tour. Our ambassadors will be happy to show you around and give you a look at UA life. Check the website for available dates!
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