

National Association of Black Social Workers  
Office of Student Affairs: Annual Report  
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The Office of Student Affairs remains committed to motivating, educating and communicating with current and potential student chapters and their advisors to build the bridge to the national organization. The success and sustainability of the OSA team is dependent upon the leadership, guidance, communication, and support of the Executive Committee; support of the elders and village within the organization, collaborative involvement of student chapters, and the leadership provided by the national officers of OSA.

The 2012-2013 OSA administration continues its obligation to the legacy of OSA, choosing to energetically inspire students' engagement in organizing, defending, advocacy for and giving back to the black community. We believe in and are committed to the principles of Sankofa and the African values that infuse the organization of NABSW.

2012-2013 OSA administration Theme:

*The New Generation of Black Social Workers: Reclaiming Our Culture, Our Purpose, and Our Communities.*

2012-2013 OSA Officers

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| *Zakia Pugh-President                             | * Shane Satterfield-1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| *Michael Alexander-2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | *Michelle Bair-Treasurer                           |
| *Lia Andrews-Secretary                            | *Shawn Johnson- Parliamentarian                    |

***Administration Highlights***

Executive Committee Collaboration

- ❖ OSA has been working with the national administration to ensure shared knowledge and facilitation of goals is achieved. OSA officers have begun to work with their National counterpart, increasing communication and mentoring through use of technology, emails, and online tracking tools. Scheduling one on one time as needed or time to accomplish task specific goals with efficiency and transparency.

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Organization of Subcommittees:

The 2012-2013 administration structured subcommittees to ensure the success of the partnership with the National office committee chairs and student chapters.

Student Handbook & Special Projects—President  
Community Service & Conference—1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Membership & Transition—2nd Vice-President  
Website, Newsletter & Use of Social Media —Secretary  
Scholarship & Fundraising—Treasurer  
Sankofa & Nominations—Parliamentarian

Students attending the 45<sup>th</sup> National Conference had a host of activities to participate in sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. OSA Officers worked hard and diligently to provide enriching activities for students. We are happy to have had NABSW, OSA, and the host chapter come together as the full membership of NABSW to empower the Jacksonville community through pairing with the Clara White Mission Center to conduct our Day of Service in similarities of a Veteran Stand Down event. At our Day of Service, participants were able to give a hand to a vet and people in need. Students actively engaged veterans and the community and were able to experience systems operating within systems on micro, mezzo, and macro levels in the delivery of services by providing participants a setting to where they had

access directly to education, housing, employment and legal assistance, cosmetology needs, and various services.

To empower our minds, OSA hosted the Student Symposium, “The New Generation of Black Social Workers: Reclaiming Our Culture, Our Purpose, and Our Communities”. Within the symposium, OSA was able to revive the Sankofa Mentorship Project led by our very own OSA Parliamentarian Shawn Johnson and Sondera Malry along with with several others within the organization. Also, a Southern Style OSA dance was held! This year, we party hopped and enjoyed true southern style dance were local and conference Greeks were able to represent their organization; southern style.

The OSA Special projects committee worked on several projects including conference planning and also the national voting initiative. We sold Our Voice, Our Vote t-shirts and we nearly sold out of those shirts. Special projects also reached out to student members to display their achievements and work in their communities at conference during the OSA Poster Presentation. In collaboration, with the Website/Communications Committee, OSA encouraged student chapters to support national voting initiatives as adopted by the National Executive Committee.

OSA continues to speak on behalf of students at each Steering Committee Meeting and through our administration. We continued to utilize various means of communication including the OSA Communications Room at [www.nabswstudentaffairs.blogspot.com](http://www.nabswstudentaffairs.blogspot.com), Facebook, and the Harambee Vision Student Newsletter and the OSA generic email accounts. OSA continues to reach out to all student chapters to provide them with support and guidance through the year through, one-on-one outreach from each OSA Officer, in order to aid in communication sharing and offer support and mentorship to each student chapter.

With the assistance of the scholarship committee, OSA recognized the 2012 scholarship recipients at the Cenie “Jomo” Williams Luncheon. Scholarships included the Cenie "Jomo" Williams Tuition Scholarship, Dr. Joyce Beckett Tuition Scholarship, Emma and Meloid Algood Tuition Scholarship, Selena Danette Brown Book Scholarship, Stella M. Browne Scholarship, Guyunn Family Book Scholarship, OSA Community Leadership Tuition Scholarship and the Dr. Theresa L. Roberts book scholarship.

OSA continues the legacy of excellence and good financial stewardship among this office and encourages student chapters to do the same. This year, OSA created a new T-shirt promoting the organization while raising awareness for the need to fight against voter suppression; we continued sale of the various versions of the Sankofa t-Shirt and the Kente cloth graduation stoles. The Sankofa T-shirts and Kente cloth graduation stoles were available for purchase during conference. The Office of Student Affairs will continue to uphold the mission and values outlined by the National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. and will continue to advocate “by any means necessary” that our mission and values be central to building and maintaining student chapters.

In summation, OSA has assisted three new student chapters in joining NABSW bringing our total student chapter membership to 26; we will continue to work with two universities who are in the formation stage. We collaborated with the national executive committee and our respective treasurers worked together to sale tri-colored logo t-shirts and padfolios (with the NABSW logo) at conference. A result of the October conference committee meeting was to have Black-Out Bingo for students and new conferees. The goal of this project was to help students and new attendees make connections and learn members of the organization; this has successfully happened! At the October SCM we were also asked to be sure to send the scholarship information to the membership to ensure all chapters had the opportunity to inform their students to apply; this also happened. Additionally, we prepared a special conference newsletter which highlighted conference expectations and how to prepare yourself for attendance. Last but certainly not least, we are excited announce that we were able to express our appreciation to Clara White for being an awesome host location by presenting the staff with an enscripted vase and a scholarship donation for the purchase of two books for students in their culinary program!