NYUMBURU CULTURAL CENTER

April 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: African Student Association
    Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
    Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
    Alpha Nu Omega Fraternity, Inc.
    Alpha Nu Omega Sorority, Inc.
    Black Business Association
    Black Engineers Society
    Black Government and Politics Society
    Black Explosion Newspaper
    Black Graduate Student Association
    Black Honors Caucus
    Black Male Initiative Program
    Black Ministries Program
    Black Student Union
    Caribbean Students Association
    Charles Drew Pre-Medical Society
    Community Roots
    Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
    Dimensions
    Dynamic
    Eclipse Newsmagazine
    Echelon Fashion Society

     Ethiopian Student Association
    Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
    Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.
    Leaders In Action
    Maryland Gospel Choir
    NAACP (UMCP) Chapter
    National Association of Black Accountants
    National Association of Black Journalists
    Nyumburu Jazz Club
    Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
    Pan-Hellenic Council
    Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
    Society of Afro-American Studies
    Shades of Harlem Performing Ensemble
    Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
    SOUL
    Thurgood Marshall Pre-Law Society
    Woman's Worth
    Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
    ....and any other Black Organized Organizations

FROM: Anne Reese Carswell, Associate Director
       Nyumburu Cultural Center

SUBJECT: Nyumburu 30th Annual Black Student Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Criteria and Information Letter

This year’s Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Nyumburu Cultural Center Multi-Purpose Room. The Black Awards Ceremony is an annual event designed to celebrate the achievements of all Black student organizations for the Fall Semester 2009 and Spring Semester 2010.

For student organizations wishing to be considered for their services and programs done in 2009-2010 academic year judging will be based on the quality not quantity of programs and the resources available to your organization to execute these events.

Black Student Organizations are allowed to present their members with awards. We are asking that all organizations wishing to participate in this segment of the program RSVP by Wednesday, April 28, 2010 to me at 301-314-7759 or carswell@umd.edu. Organizations participating in this segment are asked to indicate the approximate number of awards to be distributed. Due to time constraints, organizations may have to limit the number of awards.
If you would like to nominate yourself or know someone else who should be nominated for **Student of the Year**, **Ulysses S. Glee Community Service Award**, **Julia Davidson Academic Achievement Award** and **the Rosa Parks Labor of Love Award**, please submit a brief statement explaining why he/she is deserving of each award they will be considered for. **Organizations applying for #1, #2, and or #3 listed below** must complete the EVENT Forms enclosed, (you may support with pictures, flyers, etc.) and a letter stating the reason as to why your organizations should be selected. You may get a supporting letter from your advisor or someone who is familiar with the work your organization has done. Please send the nomination letter to the Nyumburu Cultural Center by **Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 at 4:30 P.M. (NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:30 P.M. ON Wednesday, April 28, 2010.**

As in the past, the organizational awards will be based on outstanding services provided to the community in the following three categories.

1. **Student Organization of the Year**- Awarded to three top ranking black student organizations making the most outstanding (1<sup>st</sup> place), outstanding (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and significant (3<sup>rd</sup> place) contributions towards the enrichment of the academic and non-academic life of the Black community at UMCP (pictures, flyers, etc.)
2. **Greek Organization of the Year**- Awarded to three top ranking Black Greek organizations that demonstrated the most outstanding (1<sup>st</sup> place), outstanding (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and significant (3<sup>rd</sup> place) public service contributions (pictures, flyers, etc.)
3. **Pre-Professional Society of the Year**- Awarded to the top three Black pre-professional societies for the most outstanding, and significant contributions in helping students obtain a sense of awareness of their respective disciplines and to foster rigorous academic and experiential learning (pictures, flyers, etc.)
4. **Student of the Year**- Presented to a Black student for outstanding character leadership, and scholastic achievement with emphasis on quality of demonstrated community leadership (undergraduate student).
5. **Julia Davidson Academic Achievement Award**- Awarded to a male and female student that has exemplified a grade point average of 3.0 or better and has been involved in extra curricular activities.
6. **Ulysses S. Glee Community Service Award**- Awarded to a student who exemplifies leadership and who has been involved in service to the community on and off-campus.
7. **Most Creative Information Packet**- Take pride in the packet that you present, (pictures, flyers, etc.) Creativity.
8. **Rosa Parks Labor of Love Award**- Awarded to a student/volunteer who has been dedicated, loyal, and supportive of the programmatic endeavors of the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

**Things to Remember**

- Please if possible submit flyers and or pictures to support the **Event Forms**.
- **RSVP by April 28th** if your organization will be presenting awards and the number of people you will be inviting ( x47759).
- All information packages are due by **4:30pm Wednesday, April 28th, Room 1120-G in the Nyumburu Cultural Center.**
- The Awards Banquet is **Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Nyumburu Cultural Center - Multi-Purpose Room. All Are Welcome!!**