April 14, 2008

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 Ministries Program
    Black Student Union
    Caribbean Student Association
    Charles Drew Pre-Medical Society
    Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
    Dimensions
    Dynamic
    Eclipse Newsmagazine
    Community Roots
    Echelon Fashion Society
    Ethiopian Student Association
    Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
    Maryland Gospel Choir
    NAACP (UMCP) Chapter
    National Association of Black Accountants
    National Association of Black Journalists
    Pan-Hellenic Council
    Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
    Society of Afro-American Studies
    Shades of Harlem Performing Ensemble
    Nyumburu Jazz Club
    Thurgood Marshall Pre-Law Society
    Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
    Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
    Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
    A Woman's Worth
    BAN

….and any other Black Organized group

FROM: Anne R eese Carswell, Associate Director
Nyumburu Cultural Center

SUBJECT: Nyumburu 28th Annual Black Student Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Criteria and Information Letter

This year’s Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 6:30p.m 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 2007 and Spring Semester 2008.

For student organizations wishing to be considered for their services and programs done in 2007-2008 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 30, 2008 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 30, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. (NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:30 P.M. ON Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**

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 (1st place), outstanding (2nd place), and significant (3rd place) contributions towards the enrichment of the academic and non-academic life of the Black community at UMCP (pictures, fliers, etc.)

2. **Greek Organization of the Year**: Awarded to three top ranking Black Greek organizations that demonstrated the most outstanding (1st place), outstanding (2nd place), and significant (3rd place) public service contributions (pictures, fliers, 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, fliers, 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 30th** 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 30th**, Room 1120-G in the Nyumburu Cultural Center.
- The Awards Banquet is **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Nyumburu Cultural Center - Multi-Purpose Room. **All Are Welcome!!**
Nyumburu Cultural Center Awards

1. Student of the Year
   
   **Eligibility Criteria:**
   1. Nominees must be currently a registered student at the University of Maryland, College Park.
   2. Good academic standing (cumulative GPA 2.5 and above).
   Must have obtained at least 30 credits.
   
   **The categories in which candidates will be judged are:**
   - Outstanding character and leadership.
   - Volunteer and supporter of time and self of others programs (not including finance).
   - Service to the community (on and off campus).
   - Campus and community recognition/honors.

   **In order to compete for the award, student must:**
   1. A written letter of support from faculty, staff, other students or self nomination.
   2. Submit resume (optional) or document demonstrating accomplishments and academic information.

2. Greek Organization of The Year *(Fraternities and Sororities)* - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
   1. Fraternity and or Sorority organizations must have an overall GPA 2.5.
   2. Organization must be in good standing with the University.
   3. Must have done at least three community service project
   Must fill out a [Nyumburu form](#) for each sponsored & co-sponsored program

3. Service Organization of The Year
   (Maryland Gospel Choir, Black Explosion, Eclipse, Jonah Liturgical Dance Ministry, Woman Worth, Echelon Fashion Society, Dimensions, Community Roots, etc.) - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
   Organization must be in good standing with the University.
   Must do at least three thought provoking program or publication.
   Must fill out a [Nyumburu form](#) for each sponsored & co-sponsored program

4. Student Organization of the Year *(Traditional Student Groups)* - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
   1. Organization must be in good standing with the University.
   2. Must do at least four thought provoking program or publication.
   3. Must fill out a [Nyumburu form](#) for each sponsored & co-sponsored program

5. Pre-Professional Organization of the Year - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
   (Black Engineer Society, Black Business, National Association Black Journalist, Thurgood Marshal Pre-Law, and Charles Drew-Pre-Medicine, National Association of Black Accountants, etc.) Place
   1. Organization must be in good standing with the University.
   2. Must do at least three thought provoking program or publication.
   3. Must fill out a [Nyumburu form](#) for each sponsored & co-sponsored program

*Greek Organization of the Year Award, Pre-Professional Organization of the year, & Student Organization of the year

   **Eligibility Criteria:**
   The organization through its leaders and members must:
   - Be recognized by or registered with the Office of Campus Programs.
   - Demonstrate what was done to develop membership.
   - Show campus involvement.
   - Demonstrate Diversity in programming.
   - Indicate involvement of chapter members.
   6. Chapter must have a overall 2.5 GPA.

   **To compete successfully, it is necessary to:**
   List types of activities/programs organization has planned. Pictures, flyers etc. may be use to document events. Organization must answer all questions listed on Nyumburu forms.
6. **Dr. Ulysses S. Glee  Community Service Award**  
(2 Students- Male & Female)

*Eligibility Criteria:*  
Nominees must be currently enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park.  
Good academic standing (cumulative GPA 2.5 and above).  
Completion of at least 60 credits.  
Must fill out a Nyumburu form for each sponsored & co-sponsored program.

**The categories in which candidates will be judged are:**  
1. Service to the community (on and off campus).  
2. Exhibits leadership skills.  
Involvement in community activities with services orientation.

**In order to compete for the award, students must:**  
1. Provide a written letter of support from faculty, staff, other students or self nomination.  
Submit resume (optional) or document demonstrating accomplishments and academic information.  
Selection committee may use judgment where applicable.

7. **Dr. Julia Davidson  Academic Achievement Award**  
(2 Students- Male & Female)

*Eligibility Criteria:*  
Nominees must be currently a registered student at the University of Maryland, College Park.  
Must have an overall grade point average 3.5 or better at University of Maryland.  
Must fill out a Nyumburu form for each sponsored & co-sponsored program.

**The categories in which candidates will be judged are:**  
1. Must be a senior student who has displayed outstanding involvement and leadership to the campus community.  
2. Evidence of campus and or community recognition/honors.

**After selection student must:**  
Submit resume (optional) or document demonstrating accomplishments and academic information.  
Provide an unofficial/official transcript.  
Selection committee may use judgment where applicable.

8. **Rosa Parks  Labor of Love Award**

*Eligibility Criteria:*  
Nominees must be currently a registered student at the University of Maryland, College Park.  
Exhibits love and humility in character.  
The Director and Associate Director of the Nyumburu Cultural Center will choose the recipient of this award. The award can be presented to a student, and or faculty, staff or community volunteer.  
Must fill out a Nyumburu form for each sponsored & co-sponsored program.

**The categories in which candidates will be judged are:**  
Volunteer and supporter of time and self of Nyumburu’s programs.  
Strong advocate of the mission of the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

9. **MOST CREATIVE INFORMATION PACKET**

To compete for this award:  
1. Creativity (pictures, flyers, etc.).  
Neatness  
3. Must be pictures for this Academic year ONLY

10. **Nyumburu Cultural Center**

**New and Rising  Outstanding Organization**  
An organization that has been on campus 3 years or less.  
An organization that is registered by Campus Programs.  
An organization that is making an impact on campus life.
Things to include in the Description of Your Events for Fall Semester 2007 and Spring Semester 2008

**You may submit flyers, newspaper clippings, pictures, etc. in a scrapbook or photo album to support your event**

(Due Wednesday, April 30, 2008)

Name of Sponsoring Organization________________________________________________________

Co-Sponsoring Organization____________________________________________________________

Name of the Event____________________ Purpose of the Event ____________________________

Date, Time & Place____________________ No. of persons in attendance ____________________

Type of audience____________________ Success rate: (scale 1-5, 5 being highest) __________

Method of Advertising________________ Which organization initiated the event? __________

What did the initiating organization do for the event? __________________________________

What did the cosponsoring organization do to assist with the event? ______________________

COMMENTS (optional)________________________________________________________________

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Feel free to duplicate this form if necessary

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