

Statement from the Board of Directors of the ABPA:

The Board of Directors of the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA) stands together with the University community as it engages in the current conversations on issues of race and social justice. We are heartened by the activism of the black students on campus, and share many of their frustrations in light of our collective experience as black Princetonians and blacks in America. Past and present racial tensions on campus and across this country are a discouraging social reality. We urge our community to actively participate in a constructive dialogue that advances the causes of equality and respect. In light of the recent conferences for black alumni, the diversity of the University's Board of Trustees, the establishment of the Department of African American studies, and the mobilization of the Connect Campaign, our community is poised, more than ever, to continue shifting the paradigm by working with our evolving University. We commit to helping hold the administration, its leadership and each other accountable to follow through with actions that achieve real progress. ABPA continues to strive to strengthen relationships within the black community and provide a platform to make the resources of black Princetonians more accessible to the University community. We welcome the enthusiasm and energy created by this dialogue and invite your engagement. ABPA is always willing to assist our students, President Eisgruber, and the broader community, in achieving a more welcoming, diverse and inclusive Princeton.