



Hi friends and fellow Swatties,

Welcome to the inaugural Swarthmore Alumni of Color newsletter!

The mission of Swarthmore Alumni of Color (AOC) is to support and engage the diverse, multicultural, and vibrant community of Swarthmore College students and alumni who self-identify as students and alumni of color, members of an underrepresented or minority racial or ethnic group, or who represent a variety of national origins and nationalities. We plan to expand our presence in the years to come, including tailored events, engagement with the student community, and partnerships with college stakeholders.

[Read more about our plans and meet the volunteers on our website.](#)

If you would like to continue receiving this quarterly newsletter, please let us know by filling out this ["stay in touch" form](#).

In solidarity,

The AOC Steering Committee

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Upcoming Events



Join us on campus during [Alumni Weekend](#) (May 31–June 2)! On Friday, May 31 Swarthmore Alumni of Color will offer tours of the new Hormel–Nguyen Intercultural Center at Sproul Hall.

The 2019-20 academic year will mark significant milestones in the history of the College, including the 50th anniversary of the [Black Cultural Center](#), the 50th anniversary of the [Black Studies Program](#), and the 25th anniversary of the [Chester Children's Chorus](#).



With these occasions in mind, the 2019-20 academic year will be dedicated to [Celebrating Black Excellence at Swarthmore: Honoring Our Past, Imagining Our Futures](#). Special events, performances, historical highlights, and more will take place throughout the year, and will be open to all members of the community. Details about specific programming will be announced closer to the start of the fall semester.

Recent Events



Thanks to a gift from James Hormel '55 (pictured) and Michael Nguyen '08, Sproul Hall is newly renovated and houses the Intercultural, Interfaith, and International Centers for the Hormel–Nguyen Intercultural Center. [Read more about the dedication.](#)

Tour the new Hormel–Nguyen Intercultural Center with representatives of the new Alumni of Color volunteer initiative Friday, May 31 during [Alumni Weekend](#).

The [Womxn's Leadership Summit](#), held on March 23, aimed to reflect, embrace, and instill bravery in womxn-centric communities. The theme of this year's summit was "Brave You" and featured workshops, a live musical performance by Cecily Bumbray '12, and speaker and activist CeCe McDonald.



 Asian and Pacific Islander, Asian American, and Pacific Islander American identifying students and allies hosted the Tri-College Asian Students Conference April 12–14. Events included an open mic with Philadelphia poet Cynthia Dwi Oka, the opening speech by professor, activist, and civil rights lawyer Arjun Singh Sethi, and the keynote address given by Asian American journalist and LGBTQ rights activist Helen Zia.

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