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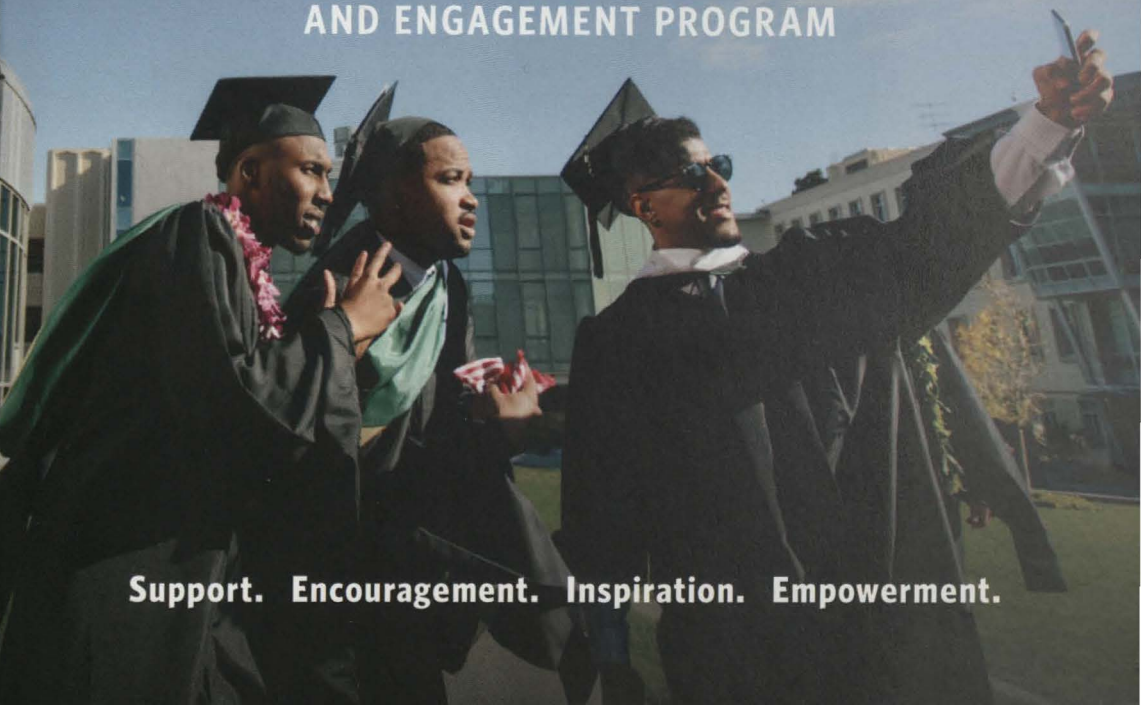
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# BASE

BLACK ACHIEVEMENT SUCCESS  
AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



**Support. Encouragement. Inspiration. Empowerment.**





## Let's make history **together.**

Racial disparities in higher education are a part of our nation's history. And today, black college students across the country still struggle with the underrepresentation and isolation that can make it hard to do well — and to graduate.

Here at the University of San Francisco, we're working to change history with BASE, the Black Achievement Success and Engagement program. Grounded in the Jesuit commitment to inclusion and excellence, BASE supports, encourages, inspires, and empowers black-identified students across three areas:

**The Black Resource Center** provides a safe, supportive space for black undergraduate and graduate students to connect with each other and to receive mentoring plus academic, spiritual, and emotional support.

**The Black Scholars Program** offers high-achieving black students specialized honors coursework — along with internship, mentorship, research, and service opportunities — that prepares them to serve the needs of underserved communities through their chosen careers.

**The Black Living-Learning Community** allows first-year and sophomore students to live together on campus; share an interest in the historical, intellectual, and political traditions of black Americans; and engage with the Bay Area black community through service-learning classes.

With its comprehensive coverage, BASE creates a climate in which black students at USF feel included, feel supported, and feel equipped and inspired to change the world for the better.




2018-19 Black Living-Learning Community Cohort.

## First in his family, Mike'l Gregory makes his mark.

Mike'l Gregory was accepted to 22 universities and colleges — including the University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, and UC Berkeley. He chose USF because of the BASE program.

"I want to be in an environment that really cares about the needs of African American students and what I'm going through," he said. Mike'l is the first in his family to attend college. He plans to become a pediatrician. He, along with 12 fellow founding members of the Black Scholars Program, lives on campus with nearly two dozen other first-years and sophomores in the Black Living-Learning Community.





*"We know that black students who attend USF are successful, but we want to build upon their success — both in numbers of students and the quality of their experience."*

Adrienne Riley '71 MA '74, trustee emerita

## Program Goals

The BASE (Black Achievement Success and Engagement) program supports, encourages, inspires, and empowers black-identified students at USF. The goals of the program:

- recruit and retain more black students
- close the graduation rate gap between black students and their peers
- strengthen the relationships of black students with their peers, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators
- strengthen the engagement of black students at the university and in the Bay Area community
- create pathways for black students to move through this university and into rich and rewarding careers

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