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Grand Launch of the Black Resource Center: Event Overview

Black Academic Success and Engagement Program

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Date: Friday, February 22nd 2019
Time: 5:30 - 7:30
Volunteer Arrival: 4 pm
Speakers Arrive: 5:00-5:15pm
Location: Library 2nd Floor outside of room 234
Expected # of Guests: 50-75
Event Leads: Michael Tadesse-Bell, Candice Harrison, Chance Gabriel and Angela Sivers
Volunteers: ?
Speakers: Ebony Azumah, MC - Welcome & Closing
Golden Venters - Invocation
Dr. Tyrone Cannon, Opening remarks
Michael Tadesse-Bell - BRC update

Minute by Minute

4:00 - 5:00 Volunteers/ arrive to setup registration table and decorations
4:00 Balloons and other decorations arrive
5:30 - 5:40 Guests Arrive
5:40 - 5:45 MC (Ebony Azumah) Welcome
5:45 - 5:50 Invocation - Director of Organizational Effectiveness, Golden Venters
5:50 - 5:55 Opening Remarks - Dr. Tyrone Cannon
5:55 - 6:10 Defining the Black Resource Center & What's to come - Michael Tadesse-Bell
6:10 - 6:15 Staying involved

HARD STOP AT 7:30pm - the Library closes at 8pm

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Panel Script

MC: Ebony

Good Evening,

My name is Ebony Azumah and I currently serve as the President of the Black Student Union and a Diversity Education Intern in the Cultural Centers. I'm a Politics major with a concentration in Transformation, and minoring in Legal and African American Studies. I am honored and humbled to welcome you all to this event as we officially open the Black Resource Center. Before we begin, I would like to invite, Golden Venters, Director of Organizational Effectiveness for Student Life to lead us in our opening invocation.

Golden: [insert invocation]:

Pause for Applause

MC: Ebony

Thank you Michael for those beautiful words. We are so excited to be celebrating this incredible milestone this year. A year where we are celebrating the vision and sacrifices of a group of Black students led by alum and board of trustee emeriti, Adrienne Riley and Dr. Joe

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Marshall who 50 years ago started the Black Student Union. It is also significant because this month, as a country (albeit the shortest month of the year), we highlight the accomplishments of past and current activist, leaders, change makers, laborers, and survivors whom without, I would not be here today. With that said, Happy Black History month.

Pause for Applause

I would now like to introduce you to one of those leaders and change makers. Dr. Tyrone Cannon has been Dean, University Library since August 1995. Prior to coming to USF, he was Senior Associate University Librarian at Boston College. Dr. Cannon began his academic library career at UT, Arlington in Dallas Fort Worth and has worked at libraries at Columbia University and Oklahoma State. Prior to becoming a librarian, he was a clinical social worker.

Since arriving at USF, he has overseen the construction of the Geschke Center, which opened in the fall of 1997, numerous

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renovations to the now Gleeson-Geschke library and is currently leading the charge to develop learning commons within the Gleeson-Geschke library. He served as president of the Association of College and Research Libraries 2003-04, which is the largest division of the American Library Association. He currently serves on the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library Board and on the Marin County Board of Library Commissioners. Dr. Cannon was born and raised in Hartford, CT, and he is proudly a first generation college student.

Dr. Cannon has truly been a visionary as he along with Associate Dean, Shawn Calhoun has strategized different ways to support the Black Achievement Success and Engagement program and specifically the Black Resource Center. We are tremendously grateful for their continued support. Please help me welcome Dr. Cannon as he shares some opening remarks.

Pause for Applause

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Thank you Dr. Cannon for those empowering words. I now invite you to turn your attention to the (screen or middle glass) as we view the Black Achievement Success and Engagement promotional video. After the video we will welcome back Michael Tadesse-Bell to talk more specifically about the Black Resource Center and what's to come.

Michael: [insert]

Pause for Applause

MC: Ebony - Closing of event and directions

Thank you Michael. It is exciting to see the BASE initiative and all of its components launch this year before I graduate . The efforts of past and current Black students will live on through them. The BSU also recognizes the monumental contributions of the entirety of the USF Black community and its organizations. In further celebration of the BSU 50th, we will be hosting an awards gala to honor black faculty,

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staff, and students that have gone above and beyond their roles to create a more safe, successful and connected Black community. The Gala will be a formal event, taking place on April 8th, at 7pm in Lone Mountain 100. Please join us as we celebrate our community. [Insert upcoming BSU events celebrating the 50th].

It is extremely important that we acknowledge President Ft. Fitzgerald and Provost Don Heller for seeing the vision and significance of this initiative and making it a priority. Additionally, we would be remiss if we didn't give a big round of applause to Dr. Candice Harrison, Sr. Associate Vice President of Development, Preston Walton, Dr. Pamela Balls-Organista, Dr. Stephanie Sears and Vice Provost, Julie Orio for not only their leadership but commitment to the success of this community. A special thank you to the BASE student staff, Angela Sivers and Chance Gabriel for their creativity and execution. This event would not have happened without them.

I, again, thank you all for coming and celebrating this incredible day with us. As we conclude this portion of the event, please be sure to

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sign in and indicate if you desire to be on the BRC listserv where you will receive future messaging and forthcoming newsletters from BASE and the BRC. As Michael and Dr. Harrison said, it takes a village to do this work. If you would like to be involved in the development of a student, faculty, staff mentorship program or facilitation of future BRC sponsored workshops, please see Angela and Chance and they will take your information. Angela and Chance please raise your hands so people can see your beautiful faces. Thank you all again. Please partake in some food and the company of one another.

Thank you!

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