50th BSA/BSU Anniversary Celebration
(1967/68—2017/18)

THE IMPERATIVE OF INCLUSION:
A CELEBRATION AND THE WORK THAT REMAINS

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50TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF RECEPTION
OCTOBER 14, 2017

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SPRING CONFERENCE AND GALA
MARCH 22-23, 2018

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The Steering Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the University Administration and the Student Senate for their support of the 50th BSA/BSU Anniversary Celebration.

Background:
The Millersville University Black Student Union/BSU was founded in the 1967-68 academic year by a dozen or so students of Millersville State College as the Black Students Association/BSA. Its vision was, and continuing legacy is, inclusion in all aspects of university life, including student admissions, faculty and staff, academic programs, and student life. Thousands of students from underrepresented backgrounds have become MU alumni and highly productive members of their professions, communities and society as a whole. Moreover, the evolution of inclusion at MU has been invaluable in enriching the lives and careers of students, faculty, staff and others of all backgrounds who have been part of this University community over the past fifty years.

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KEY EVENTS
Open to alumni, students, friends and all other members of the University community

50TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF RECEPTION
October 14, 2017 at 12:30-3:00 p.m.
(No registration required)
Drop-in, Light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments, Luek Hall 100

SPRING CONFERENCE AND GALA (MARCH 22-23)
March 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
(No registration required)
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ibrahim X. Kendi
Reighard Hall All Purpose Room, Student Memorial Center
About the Keynote Speaker:

March 23, 2018
(Registration required for all following events at www.millersville.edu/BSA-BSU50th)
9:00 a.m. Conference Welcome and Opening Session
McComsey Hall
9:40 a.m.–3:45 p.m. Advancing Inclusion Sessions:
These sessions will focus upon campus and societal issues pertaining to advancing inclusion. They are intended to promote awareness, dialogue and inspire constructive engagement. Panelists and speakers will be accomplished MU alumni with expertise appropriate to each topic as well as other experts.

• 9:40-10:50 Boosting Educational Achievement
McComsey Hall
This session will focus primarily upon K-12 school improvement, college academic support programs, and closing the STEM achievement gap.

• 11:00-12:10 Politics and Social Justice
McComsey Hall
This session will focus upon confronting such anti-democratic, societal trends as increasing obstacles to voter registration and gerrymandering, criminal justice abuses and disparities, and hate speech.

• 12:10-1:00 Lunch Break, Gordinier Hall

• 1:10-2:15 Economic Advancement
McComsey Hall
This session will focus upon increasing economic engagement as distinct from political engagement, including but not limited to, advancing economic empowerment through entrepreneurship.

• 2:35-3:45 The Work That Remains
McComsey Hall
This session will focus upon the concerns of BSU students, alumni, faculty and friends, especially on improving retention of students and staff, graduation and the campus climate at MU.

6:15-8:45 p.m.
GALA in Lehr, Gordinier Hall
This will be a festive evening of fellowship consisting of a reception, banquet and semi-formal dance. Tributes will be paid to honorees during the evening.
• Reception - 6:15 p.m.
• Celebration Banquet - 7:00 p.m.
• Semi-Formal Dance - 8:45 p.m.

Our Goals:
To celebrate the 50 year legacy of the BSA/BSU at Millersville University and the evolution of inclusion here, as well as the notable achievements and contributions of alumni, students, faculty and staff of color at MU and in society during this era.
To engage celebrants to become involved in “The Work That Remains” to further the advancement of inclusion at MU and in society at large.