

# THE INSIDER

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## Welcome!

### Inside the BGSA

For approximately ten years, the Black Graduate Student Association at the College of William and Mary has been inactive. At the beginning of the school year, several students took the initiative to reinstate the organization to bridge the gaps among the various graduate programs and to instill a sense of unity and support within the Black community.

Since the reinstatement of the organization, the executive board has re-established our membership with the National Black Graduate Student Association, acquired a budget, collaborated with businesses in the local community, and strengthened relationships with Black alumni.

### Purpose of the BGSA

- To promote and encourage professional competence
- To support mentorship among graduate and professional students for the benefit of the Black undergraduate community and the community "at-large"
- To sponsor Community Service projects
- To assist in the recruitment and matriculation of Black students to the various graduate and professional school programs
- To act as a referral service for Black graduate and professional students
- To provide moral support by encouraging social interaction among Black graduate and professional students.

### 2006/2007 Events

- **Welcome Back Cookout**
- **Professional Forums**
- **Guest Speakers**
- **Homecoming Tailgate**
- **Community Service**



### The Executive Board

**President:** Felecia Arbuah

**Treasurer:** Roddy Moore

**External Vice President:** Makedo Wisseh

**Secretary:** Treda Smith

**Internal Vice President:** Erica Holloman

**Historian:** Jobila Williams

# HAPPY HOUR

Come celebrate the end of the school year with the BGSA at  
Paul's Deli  
Enjoy good company, food and \$1 Coronas  
Thursday May 4, 2006  
7-10pm



## Summer Spotlight

The Black graduate students here at the College of William and Mary continue to strive for success. Therefore, we wanted to recognize those individuals who will continue to demonstrate ambition during the summer and upcoming year.

- **Linda Oramasionwu:** Summer Associate, Venable LLP in Washington, DC
- **Shukita L. Whitaker:** Intern, Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney Office; Intern, Accounting Department of Pembroke Construction Company.
- **B. Shawan Gillians:** Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, Charleston, SC; Buist Moore Smythe McGee, Charleston, SC; Ford & Harrison in Spartanburg, SC
- **Bereket Bisrat:** Received grants from the law school and the Virginia State Bar to intern at the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Hampton
- **Megan L. Clark:** Intern, Legal Aid Society of Virginia; Intern, Newport News Public Defender.
- **Erica N. White:** Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP, a law firm that specializes in public finance law, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Jasmine Roberts:** Phillip Morris, Richmond, VA, Marketing Research Analyst
- **Antionette Bishop:** MBA Intern, The Bond Market Association, Washington, DC
- **Roddy Moore:** Summer Associate, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Baltimore, MD
- **Lauren Davis:** IBM, Pre-professional Financial Analyst
- **Tamika Hurdle:** Summer Associate, Arch Insurance Group, New York, NY
- **Ebony Walton:** Optimal Solutions LLC. Statistical analyses for the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.
- **John D. Owens III:** Associate Attorney, Roger Towers, PA, Jacksonville, FL
- **Lamont Maddox:** Graduating May 2006 JD/MBA, Virginia Bar in July 2006, Williams Mullen in Norfolk, VA in Corporate Law
- **Treda Smith:** I am going to Potsdam, Germany in May to attend the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Science Steering and Evaluation Panel (SSEP) meeting.
- **Makedo Wisseh:** Equity Research Summer Associate, Citigroup Global Markets, New York, NY
- **Jobila Williams:** Higher Education Intern, The College of William of Mary, Academic Advisor; J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Academic Counselor; University of Virginia, Transition Program Assistant Director

*\* For those who were unable to submit their information for the newsletter, feel free to send us your success stories throughout the summer to be featured in the fall edition.*

## Thank You For The Support

*We look*

*forward to your participation in the upcoming years, and appreciate your efforts to  
expand and strengthen the  
Black Graduate Student Association.*

For more information, contact us at [bgsaxx@wm.edu](mailto:bgsaxx@wm.edu)