

NUF

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THE END OF YEAR EDITION



THE ROAD AHEAD


NATIONAL
URBAN
FELLOWS



WISHING YOU PEACE

As this year comes to a close, it is time for a massive collective exhale! Together, we managed through widespread uncertainty. We survived existential threats to our bodies, our communities, and our larger body politic. We said goodbye to too many, way too soon.

My wish for all of us during this holiday season is that we reflect on all of the lessons, big and small, that 2020 taught. I wish for us to use this wisdom to make us kinder, stronger, more patient, and more steadfast. And finally, as we face the New Year, I wish that we can recommit to those things that are most important to each of us and for all of us.

This edition provides a few highlights of NUF from 2020 and a few peeks ahead:

- **Call for New Board Members**
- **Comcast Award to NUF**
- **Class of 2022 Recruiting Reminder**
- **NUF Alumni Spotlight - Tony Allen**
- **Alumni on the Move**
- **Class of 2020 Updates**
- **Giving Tuesday/End of Year Giving**
- **and...the Best NUF Class**



President & CEO
LISA RAWLINGS

As we prepare to celebrate this holiday season and welcome in the New Year, may we all embrace and share in the spirit of peace.

CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

National Urban Fellows is looking to expand its Board of Directors. Diverse candidates across an array of skills and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We hope to prioritize the following dimensions:

- **Sectors:** Corporate, Foundation, and Government
- **Regions:** West Coast, South, and Midwest
- **Expertise:** Communications, Technology, Leadership Development, Racial Equity
- **Racial and Ethnic Diversity:** Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino/Hispanic, and Indigenous/Native Community Members

To apply, please

1. Complete the **[NUF Board of Directors Candidate Application](#)**.
2. Send an email to info@nuf.org with the subject: "NUF Board Statement of Interest".
3. Attach a resume or CV and a brief bio.

Announcing...



an investment in a shared commitment to
creating new opportunities for
underrepresented communities.



\$500,000 COMCAST AWARD

NUF is thrilled to announce a \$500,000 commitment from Comcast NBC Universal. The support will enable NUF to further advance its mission and make key enhancements to accelerate and scale our impact.

2020 was difficult on several fronts and this award comes at a critical juncture for NUF. It allows us to strategically reposition and invest in the infrastructure needed.

We value the engaged support from our new Interim Board Vice-Chair **Donna Frisby Greenwood**. Without her efforts, this award may not have been possible.

While we are confident that this award will allow us to make significant progress, we still have much work to do! As we move into 2021, we will be guided by the words of our Interim Chair, **Miguel Centeno**, "Fearlessly Forward!"

Reminder

The Class of 2022 application closes on Jan. 30, 2021. Apply now for a chance to claim your seat.

...Oh snap

Let's do this!

WE SAVED A SEAT FOR YOU

LEARN MORE AT [NUF.ORG](https://nuf.org)

CLASS OF 2022 UPDATE

Applications for the NUF Class of 2022 are now open! Please share this unparalleled opportunity to earn a fully-funded graduate degree, gain hands-on experience, and build a meaningful community. We are looking for talented early to mid-career professionals committed to equity, integrity, and social impact in your networks. Learn more [here](https://nuf.org).

**Now more than ever, our nation
needs well-prepared committed
leaders that reflect all of
America. NUF stands ready to
answer that call."**



NUF ALUMNI

A COMMUNITY OF COMMITTED CHANGEMAKERS

NUF alumni are the living embodiment of our mission! We are the courageous leaders committed to social justice that NUF's founders' envisioned over five decades ago. Numbering over 1700, we serve in elected office and in government at the local, state, and federal levels. We are leading nonprofits, foundations, and at least one university. We champion marginalized groups' rights, advocate for more humane policies, expand educational access, protect the environment, and promote more inclusive economic policies. We are so proud of this leadership, and we want to tell our stories.

GET RECONNECTED!

If you are an alum looking to reconnect, please join our Alumni Communities ([LinkedIn](#), and [FB](#)) and complete our [NUF Alumni Survey](#).



TONY
ALLEN, PHD

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This year, Tony Allen, Ph.D. ('97, ALOC '10) was named the President of Delaware State University. He is a two-time NUF alum from the MPA Fellowship and America's Leaders of Change (ALOC) and was Chair of the NUF Board of Directors from 2013-2015. Dr. Allen was recently appointed as the Chair of President-elect Biden's Inaugural Committee. According to a [recent account](#), he said that "This year's inauguration will look different amid the pandemic, but we will honor the American inaugural traditions and engage Americans across the country while keeping everybody healthy and safe."

We are excited to celebrate this historic occasion and look forward to safely enjoying the festivities of this unprecedented Inauguration.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE!

This section recognizes and celebrates alumni for their achievements in leadership and service this year. Kudos on work well done!



Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, '92

was promoted to serve as the Chief Volunteer Officer at Lighthouse Guild in July 2020 (New York, NY)



Joanna Jackson, '01

was promoted to serve as the Vice President, Programs at Weingart Foundation (Los Angeles, CA)



Ron Kim, '05

was re-elected to serve in the New York State Assembly with 70% of the vote (New York, NY)



Njemile Davis, '05

was appointed to serve at the Global Development Lab, at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in November 2020 (New York, NY)



George Suttles, '07

was selected to serve as the Executive Director of the Common Fund Institute (New York, NY)



Brandon Ray, '07

was selected to serve as the Program Manager of Community Operations at Amazon.



Nurys Camargo, '08

was appointed to serve as a Commissioner to the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (Boston, MA).



Randy Lopez, '09

Vice President of Community Programs at the Wyandotte Health Foundation was elected as the President of the School Board (Kansas City, MO).



Erick Estrada, '10

Community Manager at the Community Foundation of South Jersey earned his Ph.D. in Public Affairs - Community Development from Rutgers University-Camden (Philadelphia, PA)



Nikole Collins-Puri, '10

CEO of Techbridge Girls was named the 2020 Nonprofit Professional of the Year and 2020 Bay Area's Most Influential Woman (Philadelphia, PA).



Yuh-Line Niou, '11

was re-elected to serve in the New York State Assembly and voted 2020 40 under 40 in Government and Politics by Forbes (New York, NY).



Ontay Johnson, '11

was selected to serve as Executive Director of EmpowerEd Families (Indianapolis, IN).



Kalisha Davis, '11

was selected to serve as the CS Equity Curriculum Project Director at the Kapor Center (Detroit, MI)



Anna Kohn, '11

was selected to serve as the Director of Food Programs at Lighthouse of Oakland County (Detroit, MI)



Troave Profice, '11

was selected to serve as the CEO of Bricolage Academy (New Orleans, LA)



Sylvia Pérez Cash, '11

was aselected to serve as the Senior Vice President Operations at HACR - Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (Los Angeles, CA)



Lisa Rawlings, '11

was selected to serve as the President and CEO of the National Urban Fellows.



Aingyea Fraser, '12

was selected as a Next Gen Fellow (Trenton, NJ)



Dr. Lonie Haynes, '12

was selected to serve as the Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at AmerisourceBergen (Philadelphia, PA)



Angie Benton, '12

was selected to serve as the Program Manager of Product Discovery at Center for Policing Equity (Los Angeles, CA)



Chanell Scott Contreas, '12

was selected to serve as the Executive Director of ProsperUS Detroit (Detroit, MI)



Ebony Meeks Laidley, '12

was promoted to serve as the Deputy Chief of Staff on the New York City Council (New York, NY)



Derrick Baylor, '12

earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Houston, TX)



Steven Brian Raga, '14

was selected to serve as the Northeast Regional Manager of Policy and Advocacy at the Susan G. Komen Foundation (New York, NY).



Erin Nicole Jordan, '14

was promoted to serve as the Director for Corporate Social Responsibility at Paramount Pictures (Los Angeles, CA)



Michael Collins Jr, '16

was promoted to serve as the Senior Program Officer for Most Vulnerable Populations at Enterprise Community Partners (New York, NY)



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Ibrahima Souare, '18

was selected to serve as the Community Development Officer at LISC NY New York, NY)



Christina Cheeks, '18

was promoted to serve as a Service Line Administrator at Eskenazi Health (Indianapolis, IN)



Rachel Leon, '18

was selected to serve as the Executive Director of the Park Foundation (New York, NY)



Maggie Mayer, '18

was selected to serve as Associate Director, Managed Organizations at Arabella Advisors (San Francisco)

CLASS OF 2020 UPDATES



BISHARA

Senior Manager,
Policy & Strategic Initiatives,
Towards Employment



CARI

Program Manager, Equity &
Economic Development,
Cuyahoga County



BRIANA

Initiative Associate,
Hope SF
San Francisco Foundation



JESSICA

Comms. & Engagement Associate,
Asian American
Journalists Association



BERNADETTE

Principal,
O&G Racial Equity Collaborative



RHONDA

Director of Communications
U.S. Representative
Kweisi Mfume



OMAR

Director,
Partnerships & Outreach,
NYC Campaign Finance Board



ANGELIQUE

Ohio Policy &
Outreach Manager,
Alliance for the Great Lakes



NISHAT

Consultant,
Election Defenders
Initiative



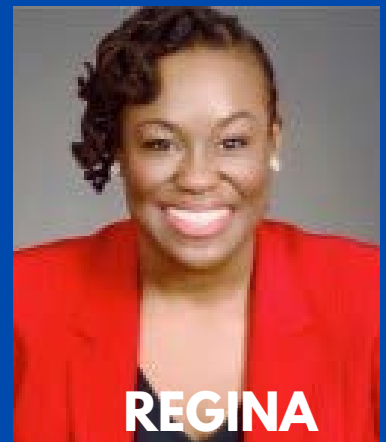
ANNKA

Department Analyst II,
Marin County



WIZZY

Monitoring, Evaluation &
Learning Specialist,
DAI



REGINA

Inclusive Growth Strategy
Lead Partner,
Microsoft



ALUMNI-DRIVEN CAMPAIGN RAISIES OVER \$3,500

On December 1, 2020, the NUF Alumni Advisory Board launched a Giving Tuesday Campaign. The "My WHY" campaign highlighted the many reasons that alumni and other members of the NUF family support our beloved organization. In one day, NUF raised over \$3,500! The Alumni Advisory Board worked with alumni to develop social media posts that highlighted their motivation. Thank you Alumni Board for your creativity and initiative! You can check out several of their posts in the next few pages.

For those who missed the campaign would still like to give, we invite you to consider NUF among your end of year giving plans by donating here and continuing to share your stories of #NUFLove by emailing info@nuf.org with the heading "NUFLove".





#NUFLove





I believe in investing in social justice and the commitment to elevating leaders to make a difference!



NUF CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF MY LIFE AS A LEADER!



Congratulations!



THE BEST CLASS



CLASS OF 1995

NUF is proud to celebrate this phenomenal group of leaders. This year, they commemorated their 25th NUF anniversary and supported NUF as donors and on the Board of Directors. This class boasts three Board members: **Donna Frisby-Greenwood** (Interim Vice-Chair), **Natoya Walker-Minor** (Executive Committee At-Large), and **Alice Yoo** (Interim Treasurer). Through their tireless efforts, advocacy, late nights, and expanded networks, these dedicated alumni have played a major role in securing transformational funding and significantly strengthening organizational capacity and oversight!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

NOTE TO ALUMNI: If you think that YOUR class is the best class, please submit a class photo and an explanation for why you think your class is the best class to info@nuf.org with the title: "Best Class" and your class may be featured in the next edition.

#NUFLove!

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OPRAH WINFREY



December 2020