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Good evening family and friends,

Please read the attached and join with me in celebrating this historic event.

Thank you.

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[View photos](#) from the Black Alumni Scholarship Fundraiser

Greetings Alumni!

Today we celebrate the 56th anniversary of the desegregation of the University of Georgia. It is important that we stop to remember the fortitude, courage and grace displayed by Charlayne Hunter-Gault (ABJ '63) and Hamilton Holmes (BS '63) as they created a path for all of us who have come behind them. We are grateful to the first black students who arrived in Athens as freshmen in 1962. On Thursday, January 12, the university will honor Harold Black, Ph.D. (BBA '66), Mary Diallo, Ph.D. (AB '66, MA '73) and Kerry Miller (BS '66) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Black and Diallo have shared their UGA journey below.

Our legacy is that of successful students who have proudly taken their place in the Bulldog Nation. Let us never forget that we are standing on someone's shoulders while pulling someone else up onto ours. In that spirit, 35 years ago professor James Simmons Jr. and Horatio Lanier (ABJ '77), with the support of faculty, staff and alumni, established the Black Alumni Scholarship to support Black excellence on campus. This is why I am proud to share that our Black Alumni Scholarship Fundraiser raised the funds to award an additional scholarship to a deserving student. Please enjoy the pictures in the photo gallery to see what you missed if you were not there. If you have not given to the scholarship, you can do so [online](#).

Please join us in 2017 as we continue to recruit, retain, engage, donate and serve. Email ugaatl@uga.edu with comments, questions and suggestions. Check your inbox for emails regarding upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you there!

Go Dawgs!

Dominique Holloman

(AB '01, BS '01, MED '04, JD '04)

President



Alumni Spotlight



Harold Black, Ph.D. (BBA '66)

Honoring UGA's first African American four-year students

Last week, the highly anticipated film *Hidden Figures* starring Taraji Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae was released in theaters nationwide. The film tells the story of African American women engineers and mathematicians who helped John Glenn to become the first American to orbit Earth.

For black alumni at UGA, we have some hidden figures in the form of the first three African American first year students to enroll at the University of Georgia and graduate four years later— Harold Alonza Black, Ph.D. (BBA '66), Mary B. Diallo, Ph.D. (AB '66, MA '73) and Kerry Rushin Miller (BS '66). UGA will officially recognize the 50th anniversary of their graduation at an event titled “[Conversations with the Class of 1966: UGA's First Black Freshman Graduates](#)” on Thursday, January 12. [Learn more about these alumni and their experiences at UGA.](#)



(L-R): Yvette Daniels (AB '86, JD '89), Malena Cunningham Anderson (ABJ '80), Mary Frances Early (MMED '62, EDS '71) and Myrna White (ABJ '81) at the Women of UGA Holiday Luncheon in December.

Mary Frances Early Graduate Student Support Fund

The new Mary Frances Early Graduate Student Support Fund, once endowed, will replace the current Mary Frances Early Scholarship that the Graduate and Professional Scholars Organization (GAPS) awards each year. Mary Frances Early (MMED '62, EDS '71) was the first black student to graduate from the University of Georgia, and she graduated with a master's degree in music education. GAPS was founded in 1984 by Anthony Granberry (MS '86, MA '91) and Samuel Matchett (JD '84), two black students who encouraged more institutionalized academic and social support for historically underrepresented graduate and professional students at UGA. For more information about Graduate and Professional Scholars, visit gaps.uga.edu.

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Winter Warm-Up: Black Alumni Scholarship Fundraiser

The [UGA Black Alumni](#) Affinity Group hosted “Winter Warm-Up: An Evening of Soul, Spirits & Scholarship” on Thursday, December 1 at American Spirit Whiskey in Atlanta. Attendees enjoyed touring the distillery and learning about whiskey from owners (and Georgia graduates) Charlie Thompson (AB '99, MBA '03, JD '03) and Jim Chasteen (BBA '98). A portion of the ticket price supported the Black Alumni Endowed Scholarship. [Read more.](#)



Scholarship Recipient Update: Charles Orgbon III '17

Charles Orgbon III, a recipient of the Black Alumni Scholarship, has taken full advantage of opportunities on and off campus during his time at Georgia. Orgbon has spoken about climate change, conservation and environmental literacy at President Barack Obama's [White House Frontiers Conference](#), and written about his experiential learning experience in Spain for the [Huffington Post](#). The environmental economics and management major was recently offered a full-time position with Deloitte upon graduation. Congratulations, Charles!

Upcoming Events

Conversations with the Class of 1966

Thursday, January 12 at 5:00 p.m.

[UGA Chapel](#)

14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.

Freedom Breakfast

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 a.m.

[Tate Student Center](#)

UGA Night at the Hawks

Friday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

[Phillips Arena](#)

Holmes-Hunter Lecture

Thursday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.

[UGA Chapel](#)

2017 Alumni Seminar

February 17-18

[Athens, Georgia](#)

Mary Frances Early Lecture

Wednesday, April 5

[Georgia Museum of Art](#)

Minority Admitted Student

Reception

Tuesday, April 11

[Atlanta, Georgia](#)

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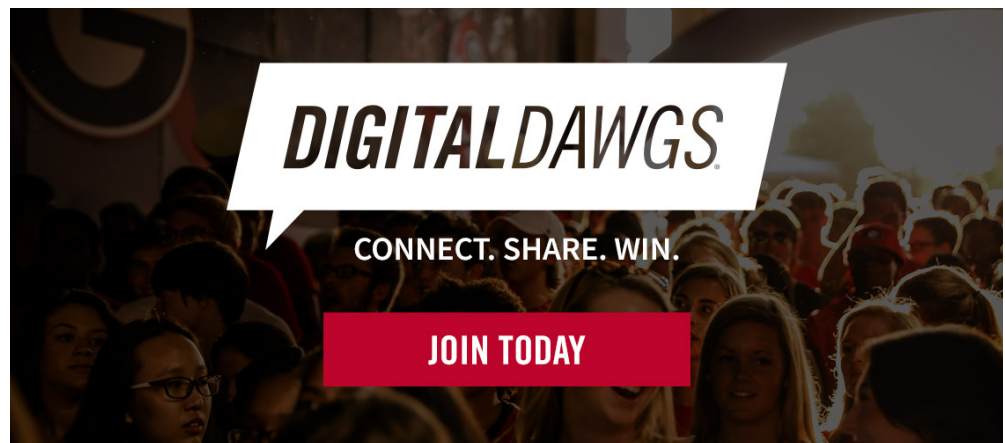
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[Athens, Georgia](#)

[2017 Bulldog 100 Celebration](#)
[Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m.](#)
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- [Black Alumni Affinity Group](#)
 - [Department of Intercultural Affairs: Multicultural Services and Programs](#)
 - [Office of Institutional Diversity](#)
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