

VOLUNTEER OFFICER EXPERIENCE

The Communities Executive Council  
and Alumni Relations recognize the

**Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association**

for their exceptional and memorable 50th milestone celebration  
accomplished through strong leadership, community mobilization,  
intentional programming, and community strengthening initiatives.

*Kim Buresh '90*

**CEC President**

*Ali Ward '92*

**CEC Vice President**

*Carolyn Gray Kimberlin*

**Alumni Relations**



## Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association

Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association, Native American Alumni Association of Dartmouth, and Women of Dartmouth all had milestone years. BADA and NAAAD celebrated 50 years, and Women of Dartmouth was a key partner in commemorating 50 years of coeducation at Dartmouth and recently becoming an official 501(c)(3) organization.

The Communities Executive Committee and Dartmouth celebrate and congratulate the **Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association** (BADA) with a milestone award. The weekend of May 27–30 was unforgettable as Dartmouth welcomed back a record number of over 300 Black alumni in celebration of 50 years of BADA with many attendees returning to Hanover for the first time.

Highlights of the weekend included:

- tours of new facilities and important campus updates;
- the welcome reception at the Irving Institute giving special recognition to BADA founding member Garvey Clarke '57;
- the Black Board of Trustee Experience chat;
- the Black Philanthropic Impact at Dartmouth presentation;
- and the Celebration Gala Dinner and Awards Program.

This program magnificently recognized and honored scores of Black alumni for founding numerous organizations contributing to Black life at Dartmouth and the BADA community and whose service to the College had a transformative impact on our alma mater. The central gathering place for the reunion was a blinged-out tent on the Shabazz lawn, where BADA hosted luncheons, informal mentoring sessions, impromptu meet-ups, student/alumni networking, and late-night parties. Decor at the tent was provided by interior designer Everick Brown '86.

Saturday's lunch and kid's fair was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Reunion activities concluded with a moving memorial service featuring Dartmouth gospel choir alumni and an old-fashioned family reunion cookout. The deep connections within the BADA community were on display all weekend. Lauded by many as the best Reunion ever, BADA's 50th was one for the history books. Before turning the program over to Ali, we welcome hearing from Maria Cole of BADA.

