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IMSA's Black Student Union



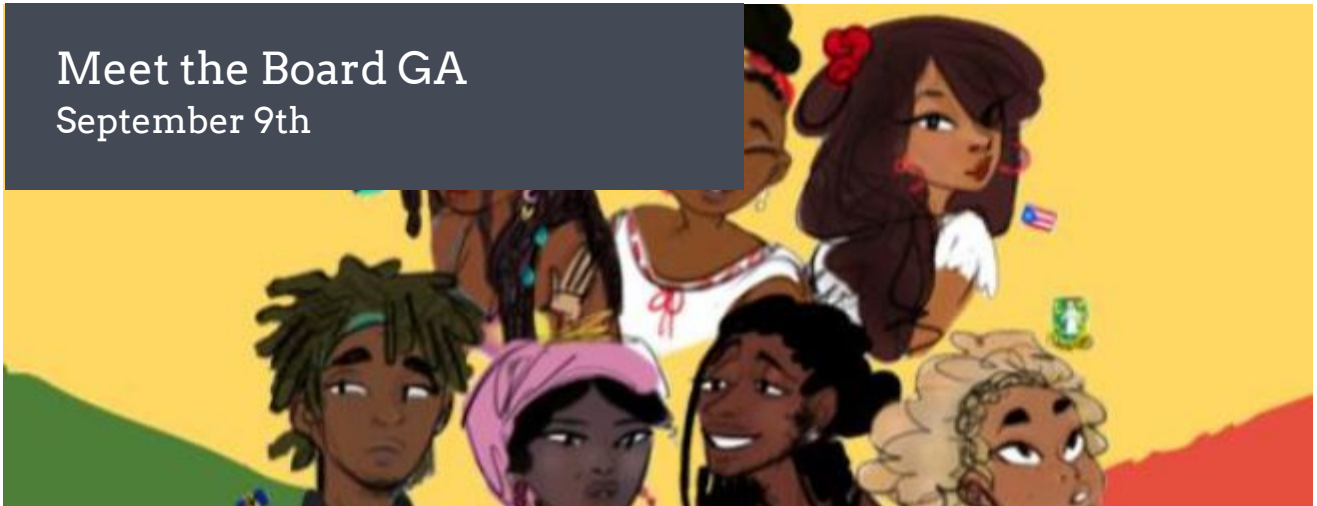
BSU: MIDYEAR UPDATE

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First Quarter Projects

Meet the Board GA September 9th



This GA was a collaboration with Alma Latina where we introduced our organizations, board, cross-cultural show, the application process, and a glimpse at a couple of upcoming events. The community was encouraged to attend and get involving in either culture club.

black@ISMA Town Hall September 16th

...y times during
ic staff
about multiple
black students on multiple occasions. it was
often comments about their grades in a way
that connected to their blackness. i remember
once hearing one of them comment that it
wasn't worth their time to work with the

The town hall addressed the blackatISMA account that was created this summer. This meeting shed light on the racial indifferences brought up on the account and worked with administration to crush any racism or ignorance within the IMSA community.

Police Brutality Courageous
Conversation
October 7th



At our first courageous conversation this year we discussed police brutality's roots and its recent impact on the Black Community. We covered topics from prison-industrial complex, blue wall of silence, to second hand trauma.

Reimagining Africa Video
October 15th



Mid-October we worked with ISP to produce a video to address biases and stereotypes surrounding African countries. Our goal was to help the student body gain a perspective they may not have considered before, one different than what is typically portrayed in the media.

black@ISMA Town Hall 2

October 21st

mix our names up
n though we would
two only black girls,
we aren't even recognized as two individual students, just
one of "those" students. By failing to even remember the
names of their black students they make their apathy
towards the success of black students in the class explicit.
And the awareness of the black student's neglect in the
class is shown in grade performance and lack of

The second blackatISMA Town Hall was scheduled after the community expressed concern with not enough discussion time on the topic. It was designed to be discussion-based, hearing opinions from the community and expressing concerns to administration.

Modern Tragedies in Africa

GA

October 29th



This GA aimed to shed light on the prevalent modern social issues happening in some African countries. It discussed issues such as SARS in Nigeria and Child Trafficking in Ivory Coast. It also provided resources that could help provide support or raise awareness.

October-Present

Second Quarter Projects

Democrats vs. Republicans
and the Black Community GA
November 18th



At this GA, BSU dove deep into the stances of each major political party and politician, and discussed the ways in which they affect America's black community. It touched on the racial stances of Joe Biden, Donald Trump and other major political influences.

Grassroots Law Project (GLP)
On-going



GLP is a aims to "radically transform policing and justice in America." IMSA's branch of GLP was founded by Erin Yoo. The GLP branch has three main goals: Defunding the Police, Diverse Curricula, and Prosecutor Accountability. The branch's endeavors are ongoing.

Equity and Excellence Review

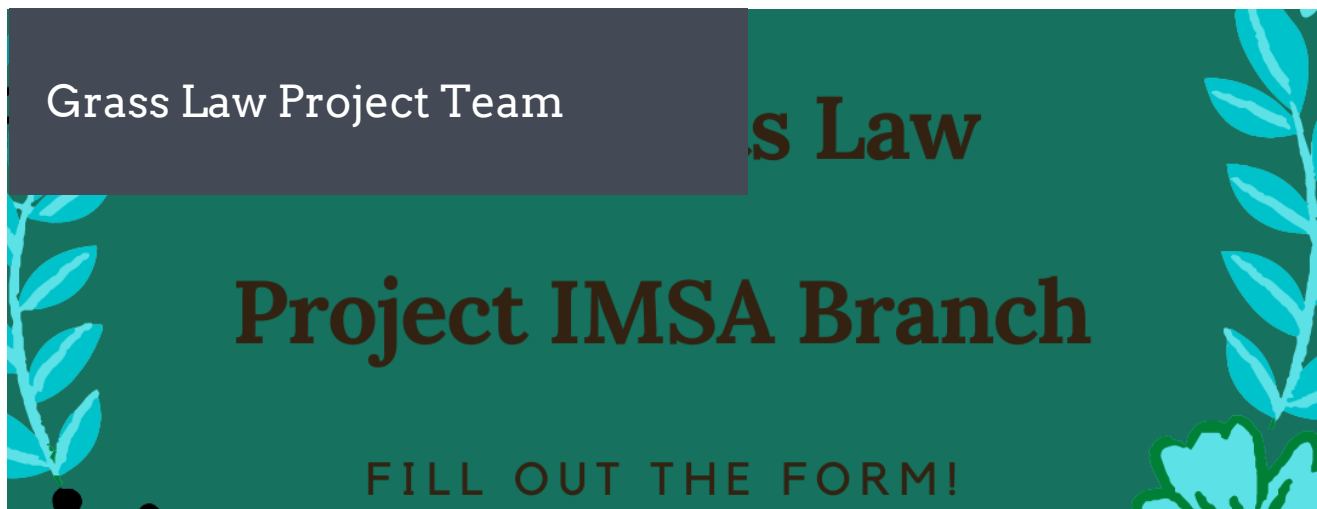


Following the Events of the black@ISMA Town Hall, BSU has committed itself to reviewing and attempting to improve IMSA's Equity and Excellence plans. We plan to work with administration to create a transparent process with clear steps towards punishment for bias incidents.

Black Caucus



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Historically, Black History Month at IMSA has been a time for multiple events that celebrate black culture. We hope to continue this going into next semester, and the board is still planning exactly what will go down. Stay tuned!

Black Student Union Board

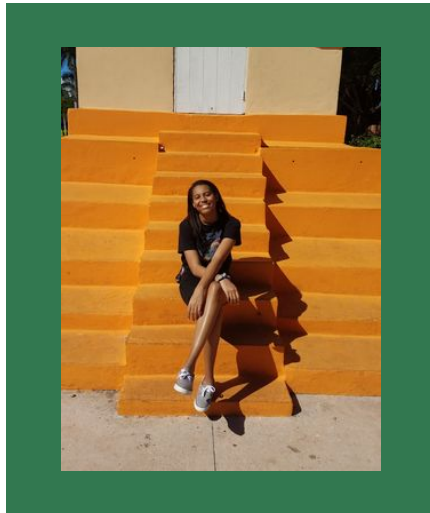
President: Samantha Taylor



I've been in BSU since my sophomore year. I worked my way from assistant Harambe director to Junior rep to now BSU president. I truly enjoy my time being a part of the BSU because it enriches my IMSA experience. I've been able to meet new people and hold awesome events that allow me to learn and inform the student body about black culture and the black experience.

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Vice President: Courtney Caglonotti

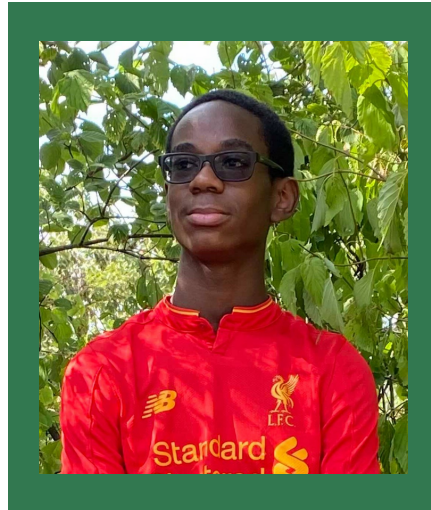


Hi I'm Courtney and I'm currently BSU Vice President! I am a senior and I've actually been on board for 3 years now (my entire time at IMSA). One of my favorite parts about BSU is just being able to spread my culture and show IMSA campus some of the parts that make up who I am as a black student. I also like how we can be a catalyst for change and stand up for black students equity and equality on campus. Please look forward to what BSU has planned for next semester!

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Senior Representative:

Muyiwa Arowolo

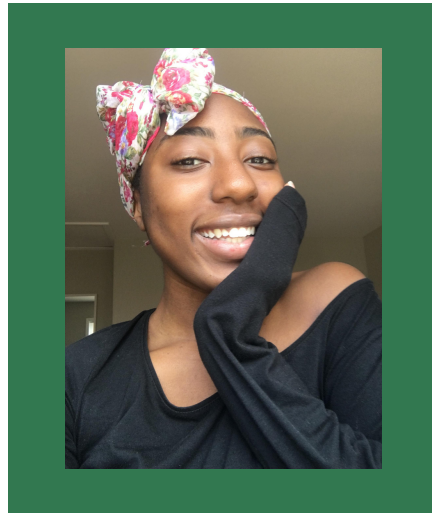


Yoooo! I'm Muyiwa Arowolo, BSU Senior Representative. Prior to this year I went to some BSU events, but this is actually my first year on board. Being on board has allowed me to go beyond just being involved with the community, and has made me take steps to educate both myself and my peers. It's been great becoming more aware in terms both culture and social (in)justice issues. Looking forward to next semester!

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Junior Representative:

Joanna Menendie

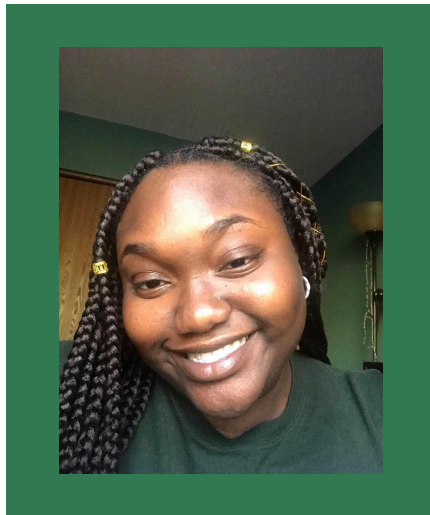


Hi! My Name is Joanna Menendie and I'm BSU's Junior Representative! Last year I was Co-Assistant Harambee Director so this is my second awesome year on Black Student Union. Being fortunate enough to represent my year in this club has been one of the highlights of my year. My favorite club events are the general assemblies where we speak on very controversial topics and have a productive conversation during the GA. Being on BSU appoints you the responsibility to inform IMSA's student body of issues in the Black American and African communities, and that responsibility leads to leadership skills and all-around growth!

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Harambee Director:

Feyikemi Ogunleye



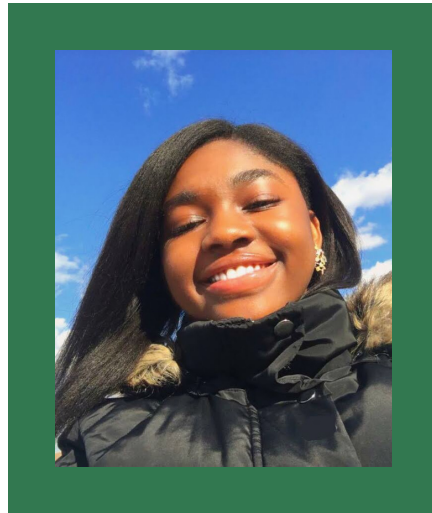
My name is Feyikemi Ogunleye and I am the this years Harambee Director! This is my first year on BSU and throughout this semester, I have learned a lot and grown.

My position on BSU has allowed me to very expressive and creative and I am grateful for that.

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Assistant Harambee Director:

Olamiji Fabamigbe



Heyyy! I am Olamiji Fabamigbe and I am the Harambee Assistant Director. It's my job to collaborate with the Harambee Co-Assistant Director and the Harambee Director to pull together BSU's annual culture show. I'm not limited to just that, as I also aid the board in putting together various general assemblies and events. My short time in BSU has taught me how to improve my skills in empowerment for my own race, advocacy for the things I believe in, and leadership in not only our black community at IMSA, but overall as well. I love the civil and courageous discussions we have and through it all, I learn so much and am eager to continue working with BSU to offer the IMSA community even more things on being a black student at IMSA and in America.

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**Culture Club Liaison &
Diaspora Committee Leader:**
Moorea Gay



My name is Moorea Gay and I am the Culture Club Liaison and Diaspora Committee Leader for BSU. My roles in BSU have given me the opportunity to ensure that IMSA's students are informed of the current state of issues faced by the Black community in society and at IMSA. I love being a part of BSU because I am able to collaborate with other board members and Culture Clubs to realize my passion of educating others about Black culture. BSU has helped me to grow as a leader and has continued to empower me to confront racial and social justice issues.

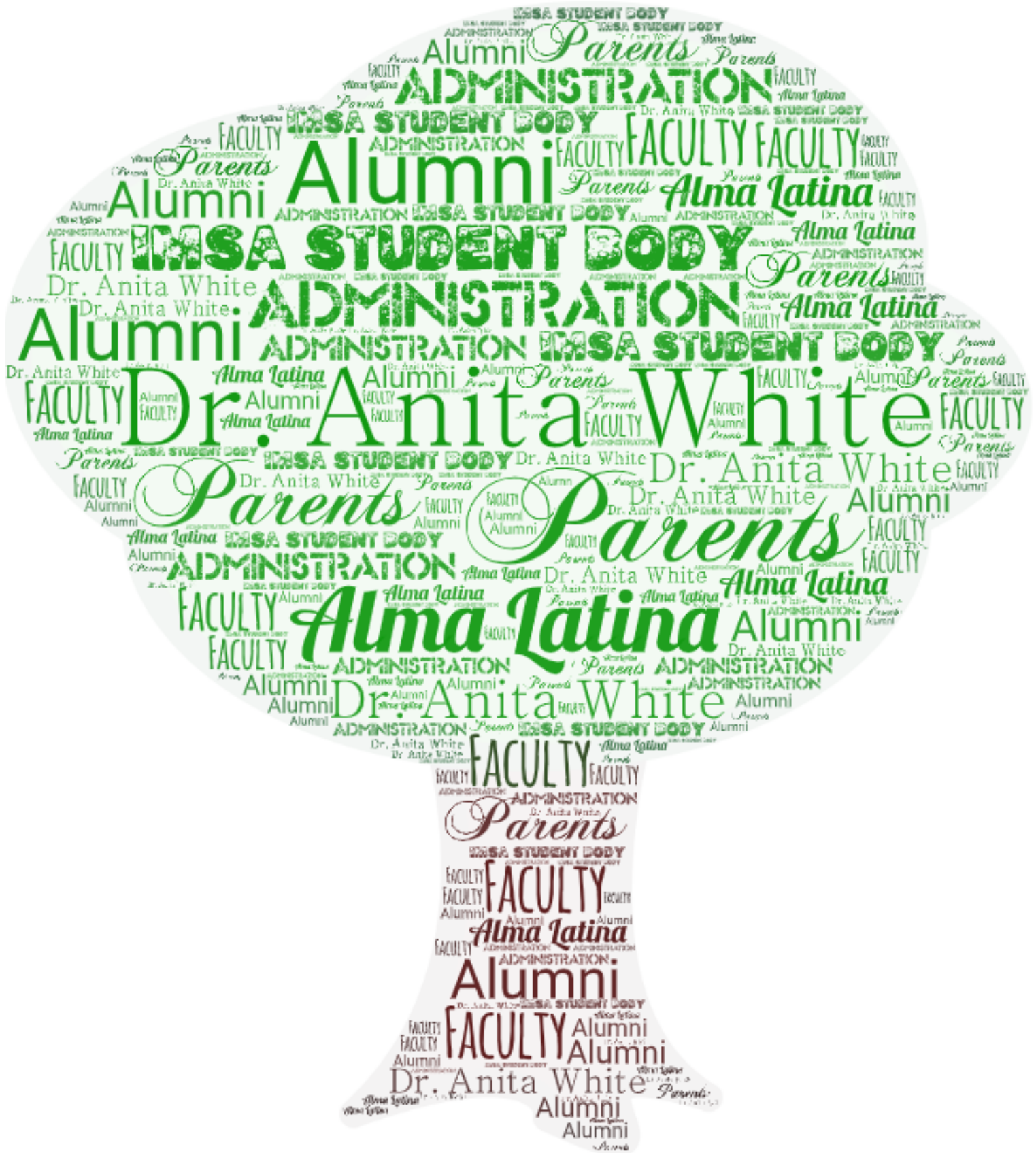
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Diaspora Committee Member:

Daunovan McCullough



My name is Daunovan McCullough, and I am a member of the Diaspora Committee. As part of this branch of BSU, I educate the student body on the different traditions, cultures, and current events of multiple groups of Black people, such as those in the Caribbean and different African countries. I love being part of BSU because I get to learn about my culture and other cultures, and then educate others about them.



A Big Thank You To...

