



Aaron Jones

Position: Director of Alumni Relations

Industry: Higher Education

Graduating Class: 2008, M.Ed. 2013

Aaron Jones currently serves as African/Black/Caribbean (ABC) Retention Specialist in the African American Resource & Cultural Center at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Aaron provides academic advising, counseling, targeted programming, and advocacy for ABC identified students. Prior to joining UCSC, he worked at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as a Residence Director. He has served and currently serves in many capacities in Higher Education professional organizations locally and nationally including CCPA, WACUHO, and NASPA. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA.

Aaron is a double alumnus receiving both a B.A. in English and a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration & Policy. He has been a member of the Alumni Association since 2009 and is a proud life member. He served on the first officially recognized UCR Alumni Association - Black Alumni Chapter. Over the course of 4 years, he served as Vice President of University and Community Relations, Treasurer, and Chair of Campus Relations. As an undergraduate and graduate student at UCR, he was heavily involved on campus. He co-founded Brothers Leading African Americans through Consciousness and Knowledge (BLAACK), was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pi Epsilon Chapter, served as a delegate and later Graduate Member at Large of the NPHC, was elected Vice President of Academic Affairs and later Executive Vice President of the UCR Graduate Student Association, chaired the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee, represented graduate students on the UCR Chancellor Search Committee, and represented UCR on the Student Advisory Committee to select the UC President. In addition, he lived on the Pan African Themed Hall (PATH), volunteered at several African Unity Days, served on 4 Black Graduation Committees, and helped plan the 2010 African Black Coalition Conference at UCR.

He enjoys movies, reading, writing, and looking at great scenery.