

Bert Wright Position: President Industry: Entrepreneurship

Graduating Class: 1999

Bert Wright calls himself a "Social Entrepreneur." He has chosen to unplug from the corporate world and work for himself as a full service insurance agent. He provides coverage for life, health, auto, home and commercial needs. Bert believes that solving issues affecting our community requires an entrepreneurial approach. He has proven that it is possible to combine a passion for helping others while making money. Bert is a strong advocate of recycling dollars within the Black community. He is married to Xkizin Wright (c/o 2005) and has been an active member in the local community for several years. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his work.

During Bert's tenure as a student at UCR, he was very active. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He served as secretary and president of the collegiate chapter. He was heavily involved in the African Student Alliance. Bert was one of the first residents of Pan African Theme Hall and eventually became the first male resident advisor. He played a role (alongside his classmate, Amber Wilton, c/o 1999) of the first Black Graduation ceremony held in the Humanities theater. Bert is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and continues to stay connected to the campus through his involvement on the Grier Concerned Citizens Chancellor Advisory Committee and coming back to speak to the students throughout the year. This provides him an opportunity to influence the experience of Black faculty, staff and students. Keona A. Henderson

Position: Secretary

Industry: Women Empowerment/Law Enforcement/Real Estate

Graduating Class: 2008

Major: English

Keona Henderson graduated from UC Riverside in 2008, with a Bachelor's Degree in English. While at UC Riverside, Keona participated in the Winter 2008 UCDC program, the Afrikan Black Coalition (ABC) conference, and was a member of African Americans in Humanities (AAH). In 2015, Keona returned to the ABC conference as a presenter to discuss the importance of networking and collaboration among black women.

As UCR Black Alumni Secretary, Keona is



responsible for transcribing the board meeting minutes, as well as some corresponding duties. Keona has a fiery passion for the empowerment and unity of women. As a result, in 2013, Keona founded Positive Women Meet Up (PWM), a networking platform for women. What began as a passion project for Keona, has now developed into a business. Keona hosts quarterly women empowerment events, an annual natural hair care event, and continues to empower women through her keynote speeches. Keona is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Queen Elizabeth Chapter no. 8, where she volunteers her time to serve the community.

Providing uplift to young women, traveling, producing dynamic events, family and all things black culture are always at the top of her list. Keona currently works as a Probation Officer for the county of Riverside. She is also a licensed and active Real Estate Agent. Keona resides in San Bernardino, with her husband and two children.



Tiffany Young Osuji

Position: Treasurer

Industry: Social Services

Graduating Class: 2008

Tiffany Young Osuji works in Health and Human Services for the County of San Bernardino as a social worker. In her capacity, Tiffany works with at risk youth and their families to address and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Tiffany graduated from UC Riverside in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Tiffany went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work. While at UC Riverside, Tiffany participated in the UCDC program in 2008, the Commencement Review Committee in 2007 and 2008 and the UC Riverside Early Academic Outreach Program in 2006 that helps prepare students for admittance into college.

Tiffany enjoys traveling, working with children and spending time with her family.



LaShe Rodriguez Position: Director of External Communications Industry: Public Relations/Communications

Graduating Class: 2010

A long time Riverside resident, LaShe Rodriguez is a 2010 graduate of the University of California, Riverside where she double majored in Theater Media and Cultural Studies. She has continued her career working in the community as Senior Field Representative for California State Assembly-Member Jose Medina, representing the 61st Assembly District where she was the liaison between the district and member by keeping an awareness and involvement of key issues and affairs in the Riverside Area. She also maintained relationships presenting information on current legislation to local government, private interest groups, and the community.

Ms. Rodriguez worked her way through college, learning the value of education and hard work. While working with the community through the UCR Women's Resource Center she planned, organized, and managed activities and programs. As an Orientation Leader in the Office of Student Life, she provided a welcoming environment for thousands of UCR's incoming first-year students. Today, Ms. Rodriguez continues to pursue her passion for education, community and local government. Concurrently, she is pursuing her Master's Degree in Communication Management at the University of Southern California and is Campaign Manager for re-electing Jose Medina for Assembly. She resides in the city of Riverside and enjoys the outdoors, spending time with family and cooking.



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.



Victorino Moreria

Position: Immediate Past President

Industry: Higher Education

Graduating Class: 2007

Victorino received his BA in Sociology in the winter of 2007. During his time as an undergrad at UCR, he was involved in several organizations. But the organization that he is most proud to have been part of is the Nigerian Student Association (NSA) to which he was also one of the founders. His experiences at UCR helped guide him to a career in higher education as an academic advisor. He currently works as an academic advisor at UCR and is glad to be carrying on UCR's legacy of producing graduates that impact their surrounding community.