



MAKUU 101

SUMMER 2009

WELCOME CLASS OF 2013!

Each class of The University of Pennsylvania has a distinct personality, one that defines their activities, studies, and ultimately, their legacy. As staff that are here to serve you, we wait anxiously for your arrival. Will you be civic minded and care for the community? Will you be creative and bring a new season of arts and culture to the campus? Are you political geniuses that have new innovative ways to make this campus and the community work? Each year we wait, wondering what the next class has in store.

When you arrive, you'll note that the upperclassmen seem to be set in their ways. But take a closer look and you'll see yourself a few stages in the future. We know that the current students are phenomenal and we welcome you into the student body. Did you know that your fellow students are launching a mentoring program just for you? ([BSL](#)) Did you know that a new pre-med student group has formed? ([MAPS](#)) As Makuu staff, we welcome you to Penn and invite you to impact this great institution in the manner most true to your heart. But before you go taking over campus, get to know what's already here.

The **Makuu: Black Cultural Center** is just one of the many guides to Penn that are available to you. Like a small city, Penn has society, politics, civic service, art and a distinct flow of activity. The breadth and depth of our curriculum leads to this atmosphere and the campus mirrors much of what can be expected in the larger world upon

graduation. Located right on Locust Walk, Makuu: Black Cultural



Makuu staff (clockwise): Daina Richie (Associate Director); Connie Gordon (Office Coordinator); and Dr. Karlene Burrell-McRae (Director)

Center is here to help you navigate through your undergraduate career and this campus. You've done the work of getting admitted; now you must do the work to graduate! Luckily, the path can be enjoyed through fellowship with friends and varied learning experiences. From performing arts groups to study abroad, whatever you want to bring to your experience at Penn, we here at Makuu can help you in achieving.

In this brief newsletter, please find links to the major resources on campus and our fall calendar. The full student activity calendar will be available when you arrive. Expect online announcements from Makuu with information on classes of interest, campus events, internships, community service and job opportunities, and student activities. The newsletter is how we connect to you. You are welcome to *connect to us* by visiting the office at 3601 Locust Walk or attending the many events we sponsor and co-sponsor during the year. We look forward to meeting you!

www.vpul.upenn.edu/makuu/

ATTENTION FUTURE CAMPUS LEADERS! BECOME A PAUL ROBESON FELLOW!

[Apply to become a Paul Robeson Fellow!](#) Our Paul Robeson Mentoring and Leadership Program will provide you with opportunities to engage the university and Philadelphia communities to the fullest extent. Your connection to this wonderful program will offer you many leadership connections and social outings. Some of the resources provided through the Paul Robeson Mentoring and Leadership Program are:

- Alumni mentoring
- Upper-class student mentoring
- Tickets to local performances and events
- Meetings with successful leaders of the University and Philadelphia community

Apply online on the Makuu Homepage:

www.vpul.upenn.edu/makuu/

Who is eligible?

All first year students may apply to become a Paul Robeson Fellow. Space is limited! In order to be considered, please *submit a completed application via email* to Makuu@dolphin.upenn.edu by September 2nd. Any questions can be directed to Daina Richie, Associate Director of Makuu, at richie17@upenn.edu.



CAMPUS RESOURCES: HIGHLIGHTS



Career Services
<http://www.upenn.edu/careerservices/>

Center for Africana Studies
<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/africana/>

Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships
<http://www.upenn.edu/curf/>

Civic House
<http://www.upenn.edu/civichouse>

College Houses & Academic Services
<http://www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/>

Computing facilities
<http://www.upenn.edu/computing/home/menu/facilities.html>

Counseling and Psychological Service (CAPS)
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/caps/>

Equity and Access Programs, VPUL
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/>

Greenfield Intercultural Center
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/gic/>

Kelly Writers House
<http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/>

La Casa Latina
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lacasa/>

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lgbtc/>

Library
<http://www.library.upenn.edu/>



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<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/makuu/>

McNair Scholars Program
http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/mcNairScholars_home.html

Office of Health Education
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/ohe/>

Office of Multicultural Programs (Engineering)
<http://www.seas.upenn.edu/dean/multi.html>

Office of Student Life
<http://www.upenn.edu/osl/>

Pan-Asian American Community House
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/>

PENN Portal
http://medley.isc-seo.upenn.edu/penn_portal/view.php

Penn Women's Center
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/pwc/>

Pre-Professional Access Programs
http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/academicEnrichmentPrograms_home.html

Recreational Facilities
<http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/facilities/>

Weingarten Learning Resources Center
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/>

Wharton Academic Advising
<http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/advising/>

Women's Health
www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/wh.html

**MAKUU/UMOJA ABBREVIATED
 FALL 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



SEPTEMBER: 10th **We Are Family (w. CAS, AARC)**
 Location TBC
 4:00pm—6:30pm

11th **Welcome to the Neighborhood**
UMOJA Activities Fair
 College Green
 Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

16th **Makuu and La Casa Latina**
Open House
 Arch Auditorium
 4:00pm—6:00pm

DECEMBER: 3rd **Annual Kwanzaa Karamu**
 Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall
 6:00 pm— 8:00pm

4th *****UMOJA WEEK*****
 -9th Networking Workshop * Arts Night *
 Community Discussion * Featured
 Speakers * Youth Fun Day

