The Office of Black Student Affairs invests in the success of students of African descent by providing a range of cultural, academic, social and connection opportunities at the Claremont Colleges. Our services engage and empower Black students in four ACCESS areas: Advocacy, Collaboration and Community, Education, and Student Success.

We develop various celebrations, facilitated discussions, mentoring, outreach, career workshops and more, individually and in partnership with campus organizations. We offer individual support & advising to Black affinity group leaders, and resource sharing to help build and sustain community for students of African descent. We offer various opportunities to engage with, faculty, staff and alumni. We also offer applicant based grants for travel, emergencies, research and provide a tailored database of scholarships and accessible resources.

Located steps behind the Main House, the OBSA Bungalow is swipe access only M-Th, 7am-11pm and Fridays 7am-4:30pm. Weekend access can be requested for the bungalow only, and for approved events. No events may occur beyond 11pm. Swipe access and reservation forms can be found on our website and linktr.ee. OBSA’s reservation form also includes our space use agreement.

The Office of Black Student Affairs is a shared service within The Claremont Colleges Services and work on behalf of all seven colleges. Founded in 1969 by Claremont Colleges student activists, OBSA continues to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive space for students of African descent, as well as avenues of engagement for faculty, staff and alumni.

OBSA’s professional staff are Lydia Middleton (Dean), Dr. Latreace Cox (Associate Dean), Toni McChee (Administrative and Events Coordinator), and OBSA’s doctoral and undergraduate fellows are Kimani (CGU), Esme (CGU), Zariah (POM) and Sara (POM).

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Centering Black students.