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2021 BLACK EXCELLENCE CELEBRATORY

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The Black Excellence Celebratory is a pre-commencement celebration to honor African and African American students who through unbending determination have successfully completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from Oakland University. The Celebratory is representative of African and African American culture and heritage, encompasses or embodies the value of community and scholarship, and concludes with a Kente Stole presentation. This is a Celebration for Graduates to be recognized for their accomplishments and will provide a charge to them for the future. Students are honored together form similar commendations and their families also get the opportunity to celebrate their hard work and commitment.





PROGRAM

Welcome

Omar Brown-El

Senior Director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives

Student Address

Kayla Jones

Graduate Student and Admissions Adviser

Association Black Student Alumni Address

Dr. Sharman Davenport

Oakland University Black Alumni Association

Keynote Address

Norris Chase

Executive Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Bradley University

Senior Vice President of Student Affairs Address

Glenn McIntosh

Senior Vice President of Student Affairs &

Chief Diversity Officer

Closing Remarks

Omar Brown-El

Recessional to Stage



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Theawiana Bracewell — Academic Affairs and Provost Office
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- Our Volunteers at the Drive-In

