

Meeting Summary for Black Alumni Council

February 16, 2026

Quick recap

The Black Alumni Council meeting focused on reviewing past events and planning upcoming activities for 2026. Randy discussed previous successful events like breakfasts and a fish fry and mentioned potential plans for Spring Alumni Weekend. He shared details about the upcoming College of Charleston Summit on April 4th and the Black Alumni Collective meeting in Pittsburgh from May 28th to 31st.

Meredith provided updates on officer nominations for the Black Alumni Council, which will be voted on in May.

The group also discussed a new Lowcountry Oral History Initiative led by Dr. Alexis Johnson, inviting alumni to participate in interviews.

The conversation ended with a brief discussion about the upcoming Spring Alumni Weekend events and potential collaborations.

Next steps

- Randy: Finalize plans for a potential fish fry event during Spring Alumni Weekend (May 1-3), including collaboration with others and securing venue, within the next couple of weeks.
- Randy: Roll out more information about participation in the College of Charleston Summit on April 4, 2026, to interested alumni.
- Randy: Send out additional communications to alumni groups regarding upcoming events and opportunities as new information becomes available.

Summary

Spring Alumni Weekend Planning Discussion

Meredith and Randy discussed the upcoming Spring Alumni Weekend events scheduled for May 1-3. They noted that Friday night is currently planned as a casino night in the TD Arena, pending legislative approval, and discussed the possibility of organizing a fish fry event to collaborate with other groups. Meredith mentioned that ticket sales for Spring Alumni events would begin in the next 10-15 days, and they agreed to finalize details for the BAC event soon.

Event Schedule and Planning Discussion

Meredith and Randy discussed the schedule for an upcoming event, including an Alumni Association annual meeting at 4:30 pm on May 1, followed by a 5:30 pm event, a 1770 Society event, and a casino night. They agreed that any additional activities planned for Friday should not start earlier than 7:00 pm to avoid conflicts with other events. Randy mentioned he would work on finalizing plans in the coming weeks, including securing a venue.

Black Alumni Council Update

Randy provided an update on the Black Alumni Council's activities, including past events like breakfasts and tours during Spring Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, and upcoming initiatives such as the College of Charleston Summit on April 4th and the Black Alumni Collective at the University of Pittsburgh from May 28th to 31st. He also mentioned a new Lowcountry Oral History Initiative led by Dr. Alexis Johnson, inviting alumni to participate in 30-minute interviews to document their experiences. Randy encouraged feedback on potential new events, such as a fish fry and shared that past fish fry events had been well-attended.

Black Alumni Collective Conference

The discussion focused on the upcoming Black Alumni Collective conference in Pittsburgh, which will feature tracks for students, professionals, and Black political advocacy. Darryl expressed his intention to attend, sharing his experience at previous conferences and the motivational stories of alumni who faced segregation. Meredith provided an update on the nominations process for the next slate of Black Alumni Council officers, which will be voted on at the annual meeting in May. The current term for officers will end on June 30th, with the new slate taking office on July 1st.