



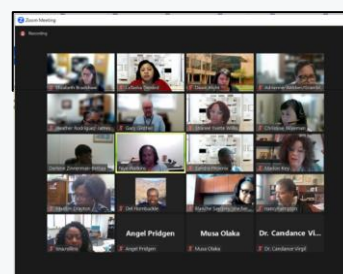
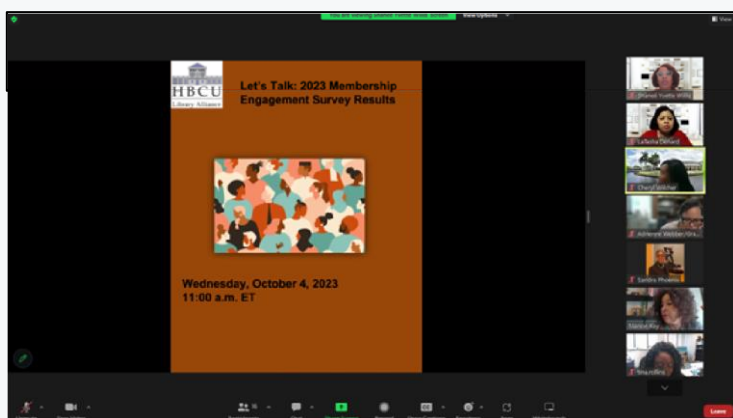
Fresh Faces at the HBCU Library Alliance!

We're thrilled to introduce the newest additions to the HBCU Library Alliance staff. These passionate individuals bring their unique talents and perspectives to help transform and strengthen member libraries. Thanks to support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the HBCU Library Alliance is implementing a new infrastructure model to support existing programs and create new programs. The onboarding of new staff is essential in increasing our ability to develop service models to benefit our members. Follow this [link](#) to read more about "Accelerating Financial Growth: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance."

Click on each picture below to hear them describe their exciting work and vision for the future!



Staff Bios



Let's Talk: 2023 Membership Engagement Survey

On October 4th, we hosted a virtual *Let's Talk* session for members to discuss key insights and takeaways from the 2023 HBCU Library Alliance Engagement Survey. Three essential findings include:

Mapping to Upcoming Work and Partnerships: The event revealed exciting opportunities for future collaborations and partnerships that align with our plans for a Spring Workshop Series featuring member-led sessions.

Resources and Support: Attendees emphasized the importance of establishing a clearinghouse and creating value for our members through partnerships with allied funders and organizations.

Data-Driven Decision-Making: Discussions underscored the significance of data-driven decision-making, tracking student outcomes, and supporting interns in campus libraries. These insights will shape the direction of our future professional development offerings.

[Read the Survey Results Here](#)

It is professional and personal.



George Lightfoot
Storer College



Ollie Lightfoot Tolbert
Saint Paul's College



Marion Lightfoot Taylor
Saint Paul's College



Marion Taylor Key
Delaware State University
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University

A Legacy of HBCU Matriculation: The Fundraising Philosophy of Our New Development Officer

The HBCU Library Alliance welcomed Development Officer Marion Key on August 28. She has begun her important work to create a diverse financial portfolio with multiple revenue streams to sustain the HBCU Library Alliance.

On October 25, during a session with Board members, Marion discussed her background in fundraising to amplify Black voices, the "1 Alliance: Preserving Our History" end-of-year campaign, and the Board's role in ensuring the campaign's success.

Marion shares "After almost 17 years as a Development professional, I am proud to transfer my skills on behalf of the mission of the HBCU Library Alliance. The critical work of the Alliance is far-reaching to support our members and the students that they serve.

The work of the HBCU Library Alliance is as personal as it is professional. As a 4th generation HBCU graduate, I am reminded of the urgency of this work and its cultural relevance for our institutions. I am honored to work with our staff who work tirelessly and passionately for our community."

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Inspiring Progress: A Video Message from Our Executive Director

Building Capacity

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded the HBCU Library Alliance a \$365,000 one-to-one challenge grant in 2018 for [“The Building Capacity for Humanities Special Collections at Historically Black Colleges and Universities”](#) project. The HBCU Library Alliance must raise \$365,000 to fulfill the obligations of the challenge grant.

This program is designed to build capacity for the long-term preservation and conservation of collections at member libraries. The program offers various preservation planning services such as collection surveys, treatment and rehousing services, and educational programs. Follow this [link](#) to learn more.



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