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Welcome to the June 2021 edition of the Wharton Black MBA Alumni Association's monthly newsletter!

If you are receiving this email, you are already a member and there is no need to sign up. If you know an alumni who is not receiving this newsletter, they may send an email with their contact information to membership@whartonblackalumni.org

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Alumni Survey

We invite you to complete this brief survey so we can gather information on the events, types of content, and career resources that are of greatest interest to you. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

[Complete Survey](#)

Upcoming Events

July 5, 2021

Pipeline Angels VC-In-Residence Program is accepting applications.

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July 7, 2021



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Google for Startups Black Founders Fund Africa, is interested in supporting early-stage startups on the continent that are founded by black-led or diverse teams or who are directly benefitting the black community. This non-dilutive \$3million fund is allocated across a pipeline of 50 investable black-founded startups in Africa. The fund is open to all startups that meet the criteria, with priority given to Google for Startups Accelerator & Partner program alumni. This fund will be given along with mentorship support and Google platform credits to help the startups grow.

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August 7, 2021 – August 8, 2021

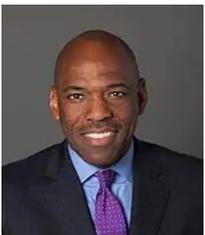
AAMBAA 101 - Alumni needed for Careers Panel (virtual) and Small Group Lunches on Saturday August 7th. If you are interested, please contact Obinna Obilo at obinna.obilo@gmail.com

Alumni Features

We sat down with Advisory Board member Omowale Crenshaw, who discussed his journey from Philly to Colombia, his current venture Grupo Mecca, what success means to him, the impact of BLM around the world and his vision for the Wharton Black MBA Alumni Association.



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Anré Williams has been named Chief Executive Officer American Express National Bank, and Group President Enterprise Services American Express Company. As CEO of AENB, Anré oversees all aspects of American Express' U.S. banking operation, which is responsible for approximately 60 percent of the company's total billings and revenues. In addition, as Group President of Enterprise Services, Anré leads American Express' largest shared services organizations that support the entire company globally, including its technology, digital



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development and analytics, customer servicing, consumer travel, real estate, purchasing and strategic initiatives functions. The organizations he oversees comprise approximately two-thirds of the company's total workforce.

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As featured in the Wharton Alumnae Founders and Funders Association newsletter.

BoCa Flavor, founded by recent Wharton MBA graduate Jelece Morris, is a company dedicated to curating and creating the bold flavors of Caribbean-infused blends for everyday consumption. When the pandemic hit, it pushed Jelece to grow her creative mindset to the limits. While catching up with her best friend from college and sharing business ideas, Jelece noticed the constant theme of food and culture. After months of refinement and development, Jelece turned to her best critics, Jamaicans and Haitians, to try the intense flavors of their signature product. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and thus the flagship product, Taíno Spice, a Caribbean-infused all-purpose seasoning made for just about everything, was created. Taíno Spice was launched in 2020 and they are just getting started on amplifying the goodness of Caribbean Culture with a modern twist.

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Bereavement notice



We extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and classmates of Monique Bell, WG' 2010 who passed away in June 2021.



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Reciprocity Ring: Sharing and Paying It Forward

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Support the African-American
MBA Student Support Fund

With your help, Wharton can continue to increase the number of African-American students who attend the best business school in the world. So far, we have raised \$2.4M of our \$3M goal.

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