



Dear Alumni:

The Black Alumni Reunion Committee invites you to participate in the *2008 All Classes Black Alumni Reunion/Project 500 Commemoration* student networking evening. Identifying a career path is one of the most difficult transitions facing undergraduate students. **We hope that you will be able to serve as a resource for our students by talking with them one-on-one about “how” and “why” you chose your career path.**

The Black Alumni Reunion student networking session entitled, “Prep for Success”, is scheduled for *Thursday, November 6, 2008* at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Please mark your calendar and consider joining us. To thank our alumni participants, the Black Alumni Reunion Committee, along with the University of Illinois Alumni Association will host a complimentary reception in the Alice Campbell Alumni Center for the first hour (from 5:00 to 6:00pm). The “Prep for Success” program will be from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Dr. Renee Romano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will attend as our special guest.

As a participant/mentor you will be assigned a current University of Illinois student at the Urbana-Champaign campus. Student participants will be reminded that the student networking session represents a chance for them to meet with alumni for real conversations about life after college, not a job fair. Students will be encouraged to ask such questions as: How did your degree help you initially in your career? How did your degree advance your career? What courses were most helpful in your career? What can I do right now to be successful after college?

The only other expectations of being a mentor would be to have at least 1 conversation each month with your assigned student. If you would like to participate in this event, **please return your completed form by Friday, October 10, 2008** to Domonic Cobb, Assistant Provost, 203 Swanlund Administration Building MC-304, 601 East John Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

Mentors will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis until all students have been matched. If you have questions, please contact Domonic Cobb at (217) 244-9096 or Dan Duster at 773-456-1064. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Alicia Gilmore-Catching

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Chair, Black Alumni Reunion

Dan Duster

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Black Alumni Reunion University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**“Prep for Success” Student Networking Session
Thursday, November 6, 2008**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Degree: _____

Year: _____

Major: _____

Degree: _____

Year: _____

Major: _____

Degree: _____

Year: _____

Major: _____

Company Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Work Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Please briefly describe your job responsibility.

2. Please list in REVERSE chronological order (current position first) your jobs/career since graduating from the University of Illinois.

3. WILL YOU ATTEND STUDENT NETWORKING NIGHT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, from 5-8pm? **Please note you must be present to participate.**

YES

NO

Pertinent information will be used to produce a career information booklet for student participants. Please mail your material to Domonic Cobb, Assistant Provost, 203 Swanlund Administration Building, 601 East John Street MC-304, Champaign, IL 61820 by October 10, 2008. Thank you for your participation!

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