

Cornell University

Student Assembly

1 **Resolution 44: Approving Special Projects** 2 **Funding Request for Scholars Working Ambitiously to** 3 **Graduate**

4 *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$1,000.00 of Special Projects Funding to Scholars Working
5 Ambitiously to Graduate (SWAG) to assist in funding of Thee BlacBook.

6 *Sponsored by:* George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7 *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 05/01/23, 6-0-0

8 *Type of Action:* Recommendation

9 *Originally Presented:* 05/04/2022

10 *Current Status:* New Business
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12 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B:
13 Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of
14 approving funding requests.

15 **Whereas**, lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special
16 Projects Funding as follows:

17 Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service
18 through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student
19 life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category
20 spending.

21 **Whereas**, lines 304-307 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process
22 of Special Projects Funding as follows:

23 Rule 8: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400
24 and under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, at large, may reverse an Executive
25 Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should
26 be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

27 **Whereas**, Thee BlacBook is a yearbook that highlights different aspects of Cornell's Black
28 community. This magazine is a product of the collaboration between many organizations under
29 the BSU Umbrella.

30 **Whereas**, SWAG plans to post on social media and in GroupMe's for people to sign up to get a
31 yearbooks.

32 **Whereas**, SWAG is using our Alana funding, and looking into getting other organizations to
33 help fund the excess cost.

34 **Whereas**, the expected student impact of this project is 100 students.

35 **Whereas**, SWAG is seeking \$1,000.00 in special project funding to cover the cost of
36 publication.

37 **Whereas**, Thee BlacBook is accessible and inclusive because the yearbook is meant to highlight
38 communities, events, and organizations not in the Cornell yearbook.

39 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,000.00 Special Projects
40 Funding disbursement to Scholars Working Ambitiously to Graduate.

41 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
42 the cost of Thee BlacBook publication.

43 Respectfully Submitted,

44 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

45 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

Return Address

Presto Yearbooks
14 Glenwood Ave
Raleigh, NC 27603
919-827-1932

Order #2125

Purchased: Friday 21 of April, 2023 (02:34:05)

Delivery Address



Payment

American Express:
Number:
Expiration:
IP:



Billing Address



Products



100 x Thee BlacBook 22-23
Apple, v1
• Binding Options : 8.5"x11" Imagewrap Hardcover Photo Book, Economy 120 Paper
Order Again

Total

\$4,279.00

Sub-Total \$4,279.00

FedEx (Fedex Ground) \$78.00

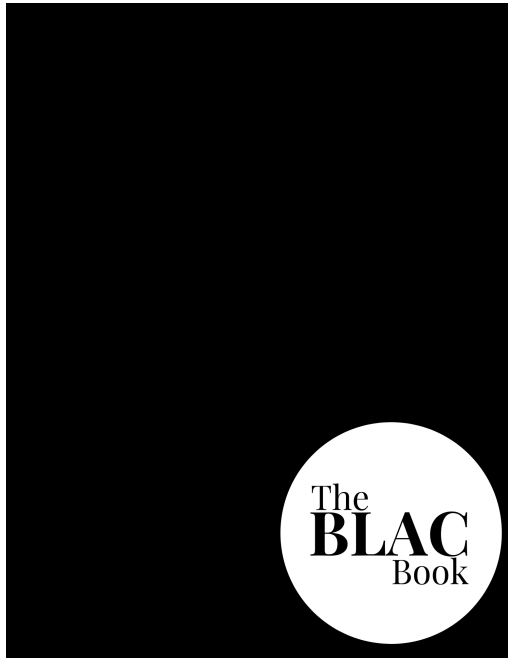
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Total \$4,699.32

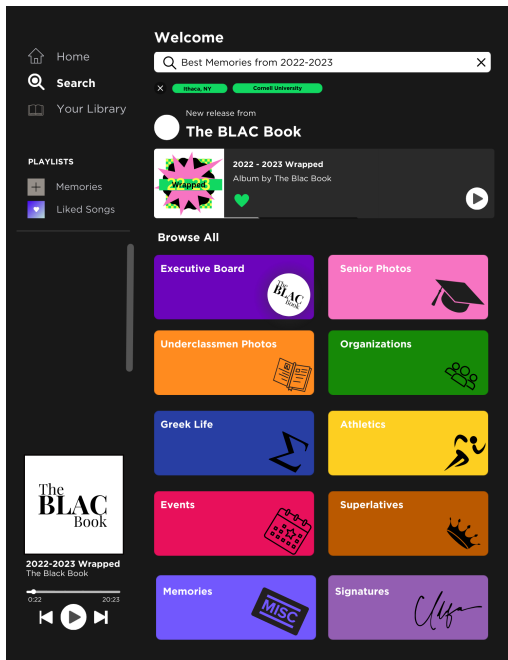
Status History & Comments

21 Apr 2023 (02:34) Processing
We would prefer to have the books by May 4th 2023

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BLACK CONVOCATION 2022-2023

Beginning a new tradition, this past fall Cornell's Black Students United held a Black Convocation for members of the class of 2026. I. The event started with a beautiful rendition by the Baraka Kwa Wimbo gospel a cappella ensemble. There were addresses made by BSU E-board members Tofunmi Olabode '24, Mar'Quon Frederick '24, and Obioha Chijioke '24. They offered advice, encouragement, and congratulations to the incoming class of freshmen. Guest speaker Professor, Derrick Spires provided words of wisdom. Black convocation looks to be a truly heartwarming event that each incoming class of freshman is sure to never forget.

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PASA X Blac Book



In one of the most anticipated events of the year, Cornell's Pan-African Students Association and The Blac Book completely sold out Cornell Cinema and put on an absolute show! They hosted a game show where 2 teams rapped, rhymed, and quizzed the audience into laughing all night long. The event was a homage to MTV's hit game show Wild 'n Out, and featured the Black and Red Squads, who practiced and bonded to battle for bragging rights. The Home Squad, featured the "Wild 'n Out Girls", "D.J. Red", and "High Cannon". In a night to remember, the Black Squad took home the win, with Rhema Onyia '24 taking home MVP honors.



Hood Jeopardy Mix
Winners- Black Squad Mix
Champion Mix
Let Me Holla Mix
Pick Up & Kill It Mix
Kick Em' Out The Class

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PASA Presents....

AFRIK!



The Pan African Student's Association (PASA) recently hosted the most exciting black event of the year - Afrik. This fashion show was a stunning showcase of black designers, featuring a display of rich cultural designs from the African continent, as well as African American clothing. Afrik, which was held on March 4th in Barton Hall, marked the start of a week-long celebration of fashion at Cornell University. It was the biggest and most attended black event of the year, with students from all over the campus (including non-black ones) gathering to celebrate black fashion and culture.

