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THE BLACKITY-BLACK GUIDE

BLACK AT PRINCETON



WRITTEN BY BLACK STUDENTS FOR BLACK STUDENTS



FOREWORD

PRINCETON BLACK STUDENT UNION

We are the collective body of Black undergraduate students here at Princeton University. Our purpose as a Black Student Union (BSU) is to promote and sustain an atmosphere that is conducive to the political, cultural, social, professional, and educational growth and success of the African Diasporic community as well as to foster a sense of community among black students at Princeton.

We do this through study breaks, cultural dinners, frequent events, and other community building activities which always include food.

If you are interested in joining the Black Student Union, applications for the executive board open every December and a new board is transitioned every January. If you aren't able to serve for a full calendar year, you can also apply to serve on the Events Committee, Gala Committee, or Fundraising Committee.

Email bsu@princeton.edu for more information.

WELCOME HOME AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE PRINCETON BLACK STUDENT UNION

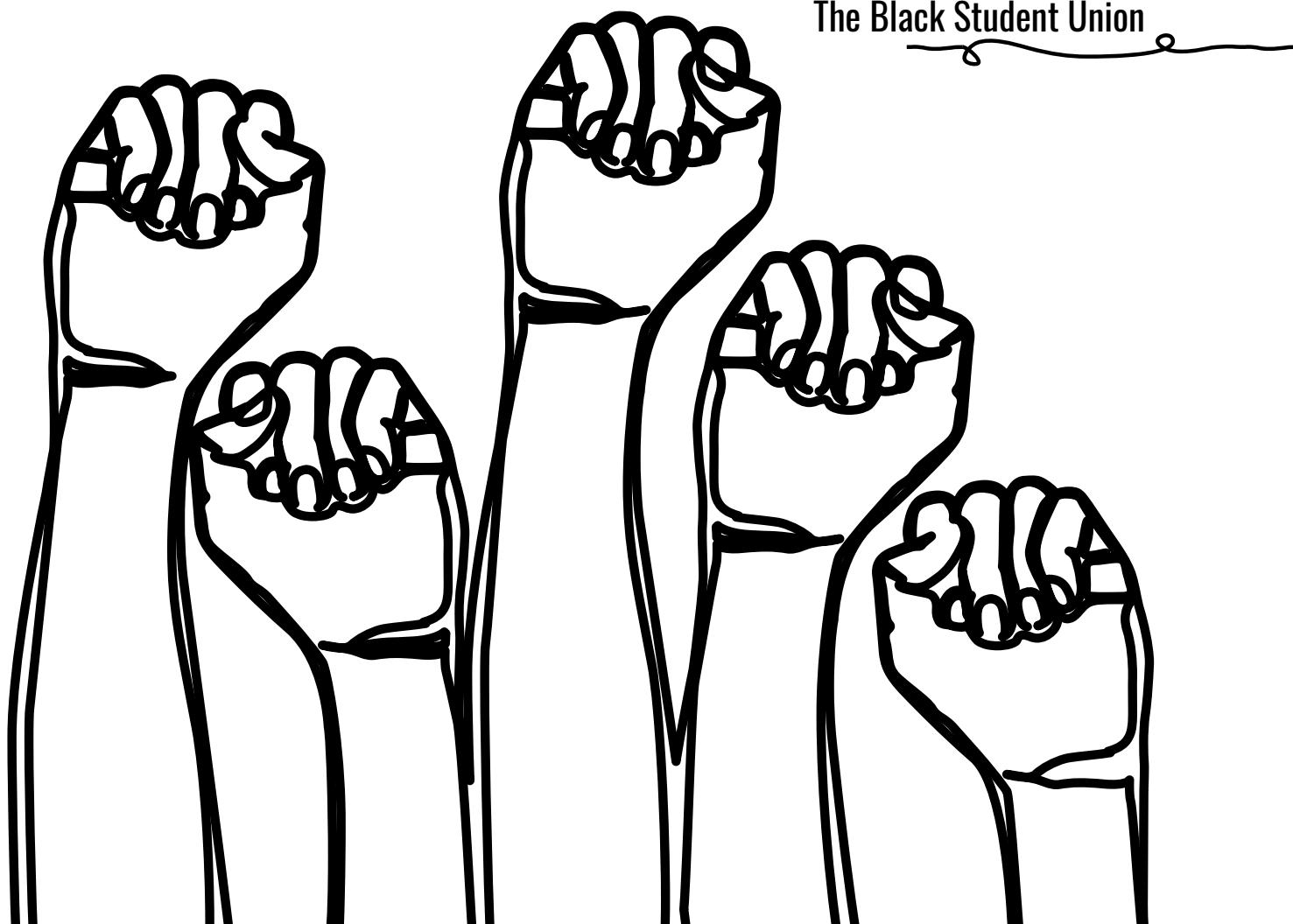
TO THE BLACK MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023:

On behalf of Princeton's Black Student Union, congratulations on your admission and on the accomplishments that have brought you thus far! Now that your Princeton journey has begun, we would like to provide you with a few guiding words to carry with you:

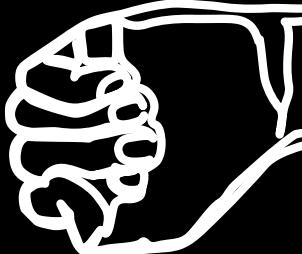
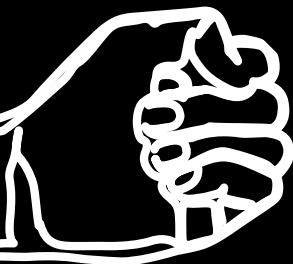
- Black Princeton is a dynamic and diverse community of students of different hues, religions, cultures, nationalities, concentrations, and political beliefs. We aspire to be inclusive and give everyone a seat at the table so don't be afraid to dive right in and say hello to your new community of Black peers, faculty and staff. If you're looking for a good study space or just somewhere to kick b(l)ack with some friends, the Carl A. Fields Center (CAF) is the spot. With its beautiful renovations, the Fields Center is not only the home of affinity spaces for various groups, but also the place for many engaging cultural events. We invite you to come out to the wide array of talks, events, and parties that are held at CAF throughout the year — you won't regret it!
- Undoubtedly, Princeton will challenge you academically, emotionally, and sometimes even physically. Embrace these challenges and allow yourself room to grow. While it is okay not to be okay (Counseling and Psychological Service is a great resource), don't ever let your worth come into question. Regardless of what happens at Princeton or in the world, your blackness matters and is welcome on campus. Always remember, you deserve to be here. Princeton is just as much your community as it is any other student's.

- Never be afraid to ask for help. As the Black Student Union, we exist to build a community that supports the educational, professional, and social experiences of Princeton's Black students. All of us on the Board, and the members of the Black community, are eager and willing to lend a helping hand whenever you need it.
- Princeton, like any other college or university, is not perfect. You will have tough days and you will have great days that you wish will never end. Overall, we hope that you find something greater than a Black population here at Princeton, but rather a Black Community — one that will push you and support you during each of your four years here. The Black Student Union is committed to the growth and strength of this community and we are eager to include you and your perspective in our efforts. It is our hope that you, too, will make Princeton your home and find that it is a community worth the investment.

With Love and Black Excellence,
The Black Student Union



BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Black Student Union

The Black Student Union serves to foster and maintain a community that supports the educational, professional, and social experiences of Princeton's Black students.

Black Pre-Med Society of Princeton

The Black Pre-medical Society of Princeton University seeks to empower the Black pre-medical community to tackle the unique issues that face underrepresented students in medicine, cultivate long lasting connections between Black pre-med students, and provide the necessary support and resources catered to the specific needs of Black students as they ascend towards medical school.

National Society of Black Engineers

NSBE promotes academic excellence through the form of tutoring, mentoring and incentive programs.

Princeton African Students Association

PASA raises awareness on Africa & Africa-related issues and explores/celebrates the diversity of African cultures in order to foster unity/friendship amongst members.

Princeton Association of Black Women

PABW celebrates, unifies and educates the community of black women on the Princeton campus.

Princeton Black Mens Association

OBME promotes and enhances the Black male experience on campus through a range of academic, social and service events.

Princeton Black Talent Pipeline Initiative

PBTPI exists to enhance connection between Black Princeton undergraduate students and Black Princeton alumni through spearheading a mentorship program, and offering professional and internship resources.

Princeton Caribbean Connection

PCC aims to provide all Princeton students a means for celebrating and learning about the Caribbean.

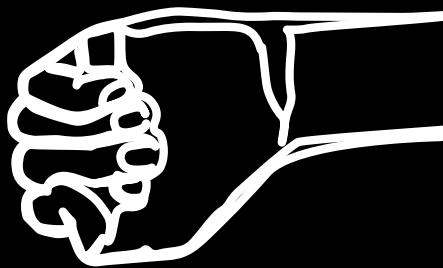
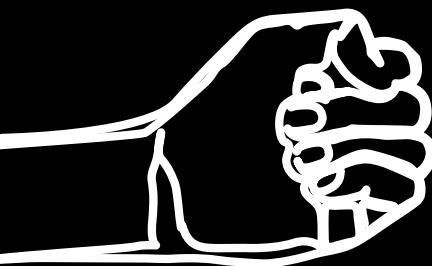
Princeton Ethiopian and Eritrean Students Association

Dedicated to bringing some of Ethiopia and Eritrea to Princeton through various cultural, educational, as well as service-oriented events.

Society for African Internationals at Princeton

SAIP's mission is to provide community and support for international students from the African continent while fostering a stronger awareness of Africa and its diversity.

CAMPUS RESOURCES



AccessAbility Center

The AccessAbility Center is a new student gathering space on campus designed for universal access and intended to foster conversation about ability, access and difference. The mission of the AccessAbility Center is to provide opportunities for students to actively explore differing abilities, envision disability as part of diversity, and understand how difference can enrich the educational experience and lives of those in our campus community.

Carl A. Fields Center

At the Fields Center, diverse perspectives and experiences of race, class, gender and their intersections are supported and challenged, questioned and answered. These values are cultivated through the celebration of heritage months, dialogues and discussions, our Princeton University Mentoring Program (PUMP) and the Carl Fields Fellows peer educator program. Additionally, our Center's student friendly space offers numerous opportunities for relaxation and engagement — comfy lounges, study breaks, movie nights, galas, festivals and more.

Davis International Center

The Davis International Center is committed to providing services and programs that support the growth, development, and welfare of international students and scholars on multiple levels -- immigration regulatory advising and processing, cultural adjustment, social enrichment, and assistance with practical matters related to living in the U.S. The Davis IC also acts as a center for cultural and educational programming that advances cross-cultural understanding and interaction between U.S. and international students and scholars and promotes cultural competency across the University.

LGBT Center

The Princeton University LGBT Center supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual students and employees by providing community-building, education, events and initiatives. Our work seeks to affirm and help students explore their many identities, including a/sexuality, a/gender, race, ability, religion and class. While we center the needs and experiences of LGBTQIA students, we serve the entire campus community, through training, consultation and advocacy.

McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning

The McGraw Center views teaching and learning as processes of inquiry. For teachers, that inquiry entails reflecting on what they want students to learn and deciding how to advance and assess that learning. For students, that inquiry involves the self-conscious questioning and awareness of their approaches to learning. Thus effective teaching and successful learning depend on an understanding of the research on human learning. In our consultations, programs and publications, we translate that research into meaningful ideas for practice for both teachers and students.

Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity

Princeton's institutional equity and diversity efforts are designed to promote equal opportunity and campus diversity. The vice provost and her staff lead initiatives to fulfill the University's commitment to diversity, inclusion and fair treatment of all members of our community, and to monitor compliance with University policies and federal, state and local laws concerning nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Student Activities Funding Engine

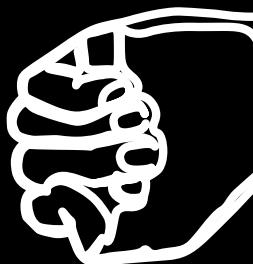
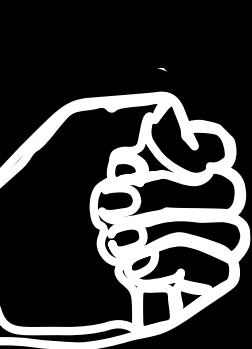
Students seeking financial support for senior thesis research, research related to junior independent work, presentations at discipline-specific conferences, unpaid internships, and special projects can identify funding opportunities and submit applications through the Student Activities Funding Engine (SAFE).

Women*s Center

The Women's Center was originally founded by students 1971, and is currently staffed by a full-time Director, a Program Coordinator, and undergraduate and graduate students. Our mission is to recognize and redress historic and persistent gender inequality at Princeton and beyond. To achieve this we help students learn from the history of women's and other movements for social equality, and empower them to identify systems that reproduce gender inequity in the present and to envision and create a more just future.



BLACK BEAUTY AND HAIR INDEX



A COMPILATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PAST AND CURRENT BLACK STUDENTS

HAIR DRESSERS

BRAIDS AND TWISTS:

Chichi Ilokaa: [@chichi_iloka](https://www.instagram.com/chichi_iloka)

Christiana: [@touchedbytianaa](https://www.instagram.com/touchedbytianaa)

Deamah Dennis: [@deamah_](https://www.instagram.com/deamah_)

SALONS:

Billy Jeans Hair Salon

Casa Aziz (on Mondays students get \$10 off)

Cosmo Bleu

Godfrey Fitzgerald Salon

BARBERS

FREELANCERS:

Tamai: 609.533.5057

Markeise: 609.341.0750

SHOPS:

High Class Unisex Salon

BEST ACCESSORIES

NAILS:

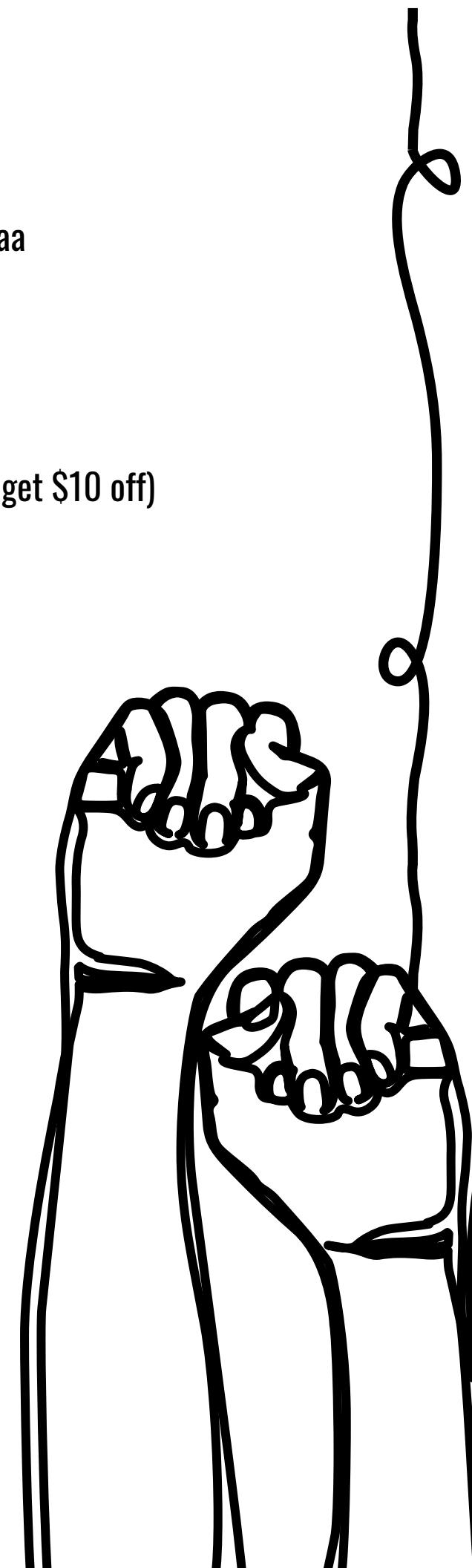
Junie Bee Nail Salon

Princeton Nails

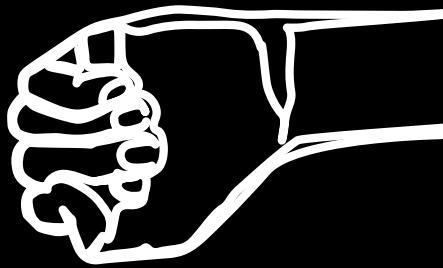
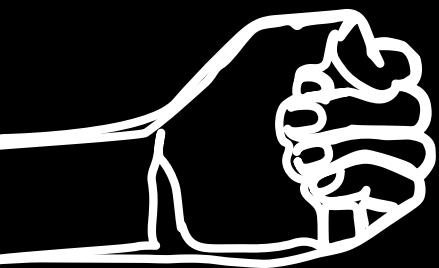
BEAUTY SUPPLIES:

Somerset Beauty Supply

Beauty Plus Inc.



BLACK STUDENT SERVICES



#EyebrowShatching

SERVICES:

Plucking, waxing (wax not included) and trimming
\$5-7

Contact
Facebook: Kirsten Keels



BEAUTYBYLALA

Closure Wig Construction: \$65
Lace Front Wig Construction: \$80
Closure Wig Install: \$20
Lace Front Wig Install: \$35

phone: 9082653191
email: lautinakw7@gmail.com

Nako's Natural Care

Twistouts \$20

Natural hair consultations \$8

Nako's Consults include advice regarding general natural hair care, twistouts, wash n' gos, maintenance, etc. based on your hair texture and porosity. You will receive a personalized hair plan which includes product photos, prices, youtube links, and notes.

cell: 678-368-6527

email: runakoc@princeton.edu

Yosi's Waistbeads

Waistbeads \$8
Anklets \$5

Instagram: @toyosi_elisabeth
GrouMe: Toyosi Oluwole



CAMILLE__BEAUTY

MAKEUP ARTIST

\$20, prices negotiable

Instagram: @Camille__Beauty

Laced by Ari

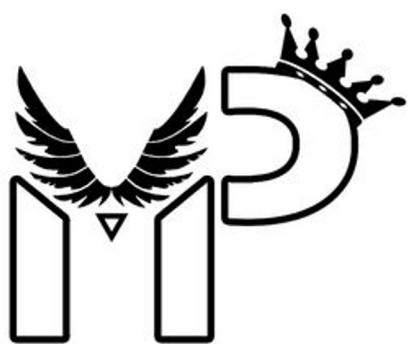
WIGS \$40

MAKEUP \$25

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- MC/Host events, shows, and parties
- Editing/Revising creative writing
- Beginners Studio Training [Logic ProX]
- Consulting on creative projects [albums, songs]
- Performances [Spoken Word, Music, Comedy]

contact
seemalpractice@gmail.com



HELPFUL HINTS

A COLLECTION OF TIPS AND TOOLS FOR SUCCESS SUBMITTED BY BLACK STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF.

- Be intentional.
- If you're ever looking for food, go to the black events. Food is always served at black events.
- Princeton's LGBT center has a plethora of resources for students who identify as LGBTQIA, including people to talk to, study breaks, and books.
- BlaQT+ is a closed group for LGBTQIA+ identified Black people within the Princeton University community. contact Rita Keazer at rkeazer@princeton.edu for more information.
- The Association of Black Princeton Alumni is a club with membership for Black alumni and by reaching out to the organization, it is possible that you may find some help!
<http://www.princeton-abpa.org/>
- Make your face known in your residential college offices and GET TO KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS OF STUDIES!
- The relationships you build with admin and faculty are just as important as the GPA.
- Start playing the long run. Get to know your professors now because Senior year will get here before you know it.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help or support!

