



AFRICAN AMERICANS
at William & Mary | 2017

BUILDING
on
the **LEGACY**

DESEGREGATION OF WILLIAM & MARY

50th Anniversary of African Americans in Residence

2017-2018



Black Student Pioneers at W&M

- **1944** – During WWII, William & Mary hosted a school for naval chaplains. First recorded enrollment: Lieutenant James Russell Brown, who became the first African American Chaplain in the U.S. Navy.
- **1951** - (March) The College of William & Mary admitted Hulon Willis as a student in a graduate program because the program was unavailable at Virginia State.

(August) The second African American student to be accepted, but the first to receive a degree from the College of William and Mary, was Edward Augustus Travis.

- **1955** - Miriam Johnson Carter was admitted to the law school. She was the first African American woman to attend William & Mary but withdrew at the end of 1955-56 academic year.
- **1963** – Oscar Houser Blayton was the first undergraduate student but withdrew after his sophomore year.

These students were not permitted to live on campus.

The First African American Students in Residence 1967-1971



Janet Brown



Karen Ely



Lynn Briley



Trends and Milestones*

*Information courtesy of Institutional Research Website's most current data.

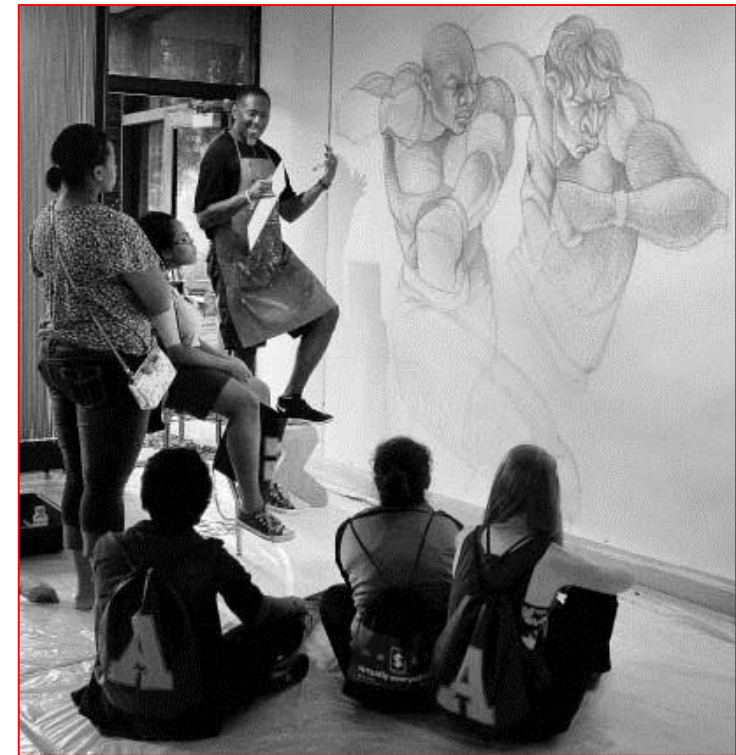
Student Enrollment

Faculty

Curriculum

Celebration Highlights

- Mural Project
- Muscarelle Exhibition
- Swem Library Exhibit
- Speakers and Performances
- Department/Program Commitments
- Collaborations with Schools of Business, Education, & Law
- Current Student/Alumni Involvement
- Community Involvement



Goals

- 1) Increase engagement:
current student & alumni
community
- 2) Initiative(s) beyond commemoration year

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Jody Allen, Lemon Project Director
- Jayne Barnard, Academic Coord. 100th
- Lynn Briley, Alumna 1971 (honoree)
- Janet Brown, Alumna 1971 (honoree)
- Karen Ely, Alumna 1971 (honoree)
- Amirio Freeman, '71
- Leah Glenn, Assoc. Prof. of Dance
- Fanchon Glover, Chief Diversity Officer
- Earl Granger, Assoc. V.Pres. Development
- Artisia Green, Asst. Prof. Theatre
- Malerie Gamblin, '71

Jacqueline Griffin-Allmond, Ctr. for Student Diversity

Shanta Hinton, Asst. Prof. Biology

Kelly Holdcraft, Sr. Dir. Alumni Engagement

Vernon Hurte, Dir. Ctr. For Student Diversity

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