

MESSAGES TO OUR BLACK SCHOLARS



Dear Black Graduates of 2021,

YOU made it to the finish line during a time of uncertainty, political unrest, and mentally draining online environment. Yet, you all still rose to the occasion to see it through and proven to yourselves that you're more than ready to take the world by storm. Do not let the current circumstances take away the fact that you achieved something that so many wish they could do. African Student Programs (ASP) is proud of you and know that the best is truly yet to come. Know that we, ASP, Black Faculty & Staff (BFASA), and the Black Alumni Chapter (BAC), are here to support you even after graduation. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if/when you ever need it. We leave you with the words of poet, Kristen Janine, as you embark on this next chapter in your life.

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"Sit.

Reflect.

Revere.

Respect.

The strength of our ancestors.

The power in our veins.

Honor their sacrifices.

The freedoms accomplished through pain.

May we never forget that powerful grit.

May our passionate resolve NEVER refrain."

– Kristen Janine

Again, know that we're here for you. We love you and wish you nothing, but the best on the next steps in your life.

Onward and Upward,

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