

History of the Cuyahoga Community College Black Caucus

The CCC Black Caucus was first established in late 1969 under the name Black Faculty Caucus. During a time when much of the country was in turmoil, dealing with racial and other issues, the Caucus dealt with its share of trials and tribulations as it concerned those black students attending the institution. Under the leadership of a number of dedicated and insightful faculty members, the Caucus fought to resolve issues that concerned students, as well as employment issues that concerned faculty.

A number of programs and initiatives have been developed during the Caucus' 25 years. They include a short term loan program for students who are in need of books, a mentoring program through which several CCC black students have been the beneficiaries of the wise counsel of the caucus members, the endowment of the Frances Franklin Scholarship Fund from which an annual scholarship award is presented, participation in the recruitment efforts of the institution as it concerns acquisition of qualified black faculty and staff, as well as a growing list of pertinent committee involvements.

The Caucus has co-hosted the Conference on Black American Affairs sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, inaugurated a faculty research initiative to encourage members to conduct scholarly research, and participated in the renaissance of the African American Museum by way of a significant donation to the refurbishing of its physical structure.

In 1992, the Caucus saw fit to expand its membership to include a larger segment of the College community. Today, with a revised constitution that reflects the greater membership and involvement of the Caucus, members continue to dedicate themselves to working for the best interests of Cuyahoga Community College Black students and black faculty and staff members.

~CCC Black Caucus
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