



Bakari Award

The Bakari Awards is an annual ceremony and rites of passage program held by The Prep's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, to celebrate the achievements of our students of color. The name Bakari is Swahili for "fulfilling a noble promise". Held prior to commencement activities, graduating seniors are inducted into the African American and Latino Alumni Association and are presented with Kente cloth that many wear during their graduation ceremony.

History & Mission

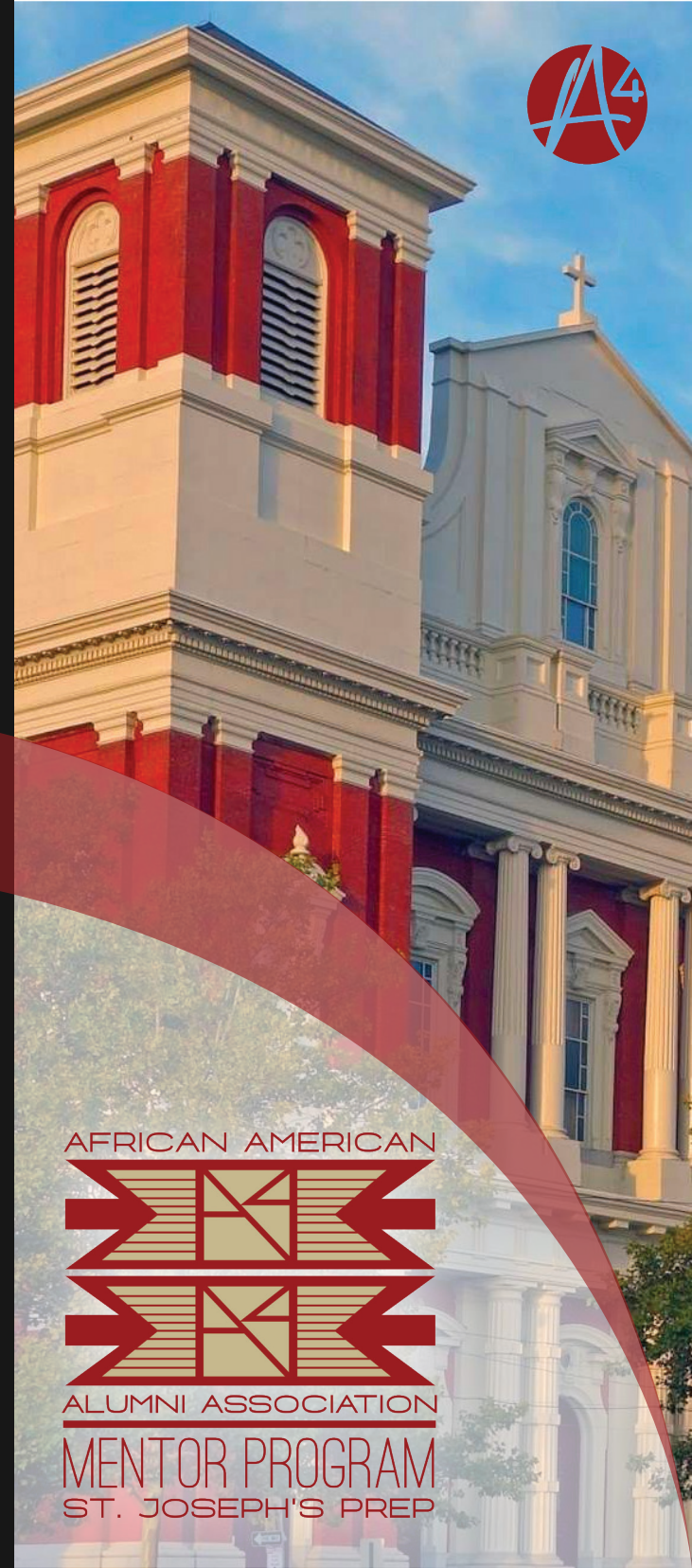
The African American Alumni Association was founded in 1990 by a group of St. Joseph's Preparatory alumni to promote good will and camaraderie among its members, to promote brotherhood, community and increase retention of currently enrolled student members, to promote the interests and general welfare of St. Joseph's Preparatory School, and to maintain and advance the cause of higher education.

CONTACT US

If you would like to learn more or would like to support one of our initiatives, you can reach the A4 board at SJPREPA4@gmail.com.



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College Tours

For nearly 20 years, A4 facilitated annual summer visits to colleges and universities around the country for Black and Latino students at The Prep. These trips facilitated conversations with students of color on campus life, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and to provide an on-campus experience for students to see some of the best institutions of higher education up close and personal.

Community Building Opportunities

One of the bedrocks of A4 is a focus on community. We work with the Mission and Ministry Office to identify opportunities for our members to participate in community service events. We hold quarterly meetings, either in person or virtually to ensure that all members of the African American and Latino Alumni Association have the opportunity to fellowship with other members and stay informed about the work of the organization.

Mentoring

Our alumni embrace the phrase “Man for Others” which is often used at The Prep to describe a commitment of service to others. For our members, this lifetime commitment to service starts by reaching back to students that now travel the same halls we once walked. Select members of A4 engage with Prep students of color to share insights, resources and shared experiences from attending the Prep and beyond.

Admissions Support

Our organization has partnered with The Prep admissions office to advance, promote and exemplify a commitment to diversity at St. Joseph’s Prep through inclusion. We have hosted panels for prospective families on the multicultural experience at the Prep. Our alumni also work as ambassadors for The Prep in their everyday lives, sharing their experience of receiving a world class Jesuit education to encourage talented young men of color to pursue the opportunity of a Prep education.

