Letter from the Editor

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For 10 years, the Stony Brook Chapter of SAAB has served as the model initiative to assist men of color with their personal, academic, and professional development. Student Affairs pioneers such as, Associate Dean, Cheryl Chambers have advocated and invested resources toward the recruitment, retention, and graduation of Black and Latino male college students. It important to share and highlight the accomplishments of these students that continue to thrive in this University.

I would like to take this opportunity to share the Stony Brook University Chapter of the Student African American Brotherhood National Organization (SAAB) Newsletter. Throughout the year, we will be sharing a monthly newsletter with you to highlight upcoming events, SAAB chapter member highlights, stories of past events, opportunities for men of color, and resources to assist faculty and administrators with understanding the lived experiences of Black and Latino male college students.

We would also like to utilize this newsletter to showcase special faculty and staff that serve as SAAB supporters and allies. We believe in the West African (Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria) proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.” In order for our students to be successful, it is important that every member of this community extend their time, resources, and guidance.

Please take a moment to read the interview and SAAB Mentor highlight. As a chapter we hope that this gives you some insight about our young men, and how they are modeling the behavior for other college men of color to follow. In February, we will be launching our Spring Edition Newsletter that will highlight: events from the end of the fall semester, provide scholarship opportunities, and introduce the launch of the SAAB Podcast Series.

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SAAB at SBU: http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studentaffairs/saab/index.php

SAAB National: www.saabnational.org

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