### “Raising the B.A.R.: Celebrating Black Excellence at Virginia Tech”

### Call for Award Nominations for the 2018 Black Alumni Reunion

We are accepting nominations for the Virginia Tech Influential Black Alumni Awards which will be presented during the 2018 Virginia Tech Black Alumni Reunion (BAR). This is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our black alumni who epitomize the standards listed in the below award categories.

The honorees will be recognized at a special awards ceremony to highlight and celebrate their accomplishments and commitment to excellence. The awards ceremony will be on Friday, April 13, 2018 as part of the many reunion activities. In addition to submitting a nomination, be sure to make plans to attend the 2018 BAR during the weekend of April 13-15.

**Award categories**:

Ut Prosim – Recognition of an alumnus/alumna who embodies the spirit of Ut Prosim, demonstrated by their commitment to serving the university or his/her community.

Philanthropy – Recognition of an alumnus/alumna being for their generous financial support of Virginia Tech.

Outstanding Recent Alum – Recognition of an alumnus/alumna who graduated within the last 10 years and has demonstrated substantial accomplishments in their careers. Consideration is given for contributions to their profession and community.

Athlete of the Year – This award category recognizes a former Virginia Tech athlete who has contributed greatly to their profession, community, and/or Virginia Tech.

Entrepreneur of the Year – Recognition of an alumnus/alumna who is a pioneer in the business world and has grown or owns a thriving business.

Educator of the Year – Recognition of an alumnus/alumna who has contributed significantly to the field of education. Nominees may teach at any level.

**Past Recipients:**

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| Apryl Alexander | Greta Harris | Wayne Robinson | Pierre Thomas |
| Sharnna Artis | Adriane James | Dr. Winston & Marilyn Samuels | Glenn Valentine |
| LaTron Brown | Calvin Jamison | Dr. Glenda Scales | Dr. Bevlee Watford |
| Dr. Jamika Burge | Harold Martin, Sr. | Marguerite Harper Scott | LaChelle Waller |
| Ericke S. Cage | Kunmi Otitoju | Bruce Smith | Jim Watkins, D.D.S. |
| Bruce Carver | Irving Peddrew | Ben Stallings | Matt Winston |
| Jerry Gaines | Kimble Reynolds | Tyrod Taylor | Charles Yates |

**Nomination Process:** Nominations will be accepted beginning September 1, 2017 and are **due on or before November 30, 2017**. Awards may vary from year to year, based on nominations received.

Please include the following with your nomination:

* Award category
* Name, phone number and address for nominator
* Nominee name, major(s) and class year(s)
* Nominee contact information (phone and email)
* Professional title
* Letter of recommendation must accompany nomination
* Any other relevant information (i.e. resume, vita, recognition, published work or articles, video, etc.)

Virginia Tech Black Alumni Reunion

April 13 – 15, 2018

Blacksburg, Virginia

**2018 Influential Black Alumni Awards Nomination Form**

**\*\*\*Submit on or before November 30, 2017**\*\*\*

**AWARD CATEGORY:**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

First and Last Name (required) / Name While Attending Virginia Tech, if different

Class Year(s) Major(s)

Professional Title:

Address City State Zip Code

\*Telephone (required) \*Email (required)

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

First and Last Name (required) / Name While Attending Virginia Tech, if different

Address City State Zip Code

\*Telephone (required) \*Email (required)

Please email or mail this form along with a letter of recommendation and any other supporting materials, such as resume, vita, recognition, published work, video, etc. **by November 30, 2017** to:

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