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Unity Circle at Kwanzaa

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**Replace A Student Campaign**

*We would love you to help us find new students just like you— students who are ready to lead!*

*Please send us their:*

- Name*
- Address*
- Phone Number*
- Email Address*
- High School*
- Graduation Year*

- Your Name*
- Class Year*
- Address*
- Phone Number*
- Email Address*
- Relationship to the student*

*Application fee may be waived for students who apply as a result of your referral.*

*Would you be willing to escort the student to a campus visit?*

*Would you be willing to represent the college at a local college fair?*

*Please review our student referral site:  
[http://www.mbc.edu/forms\\_pub/alum/refer\\_frm.asp](http://www.mbc.edu/forms_pub/alum/refer_frm.asp)*

Call the admissions office for more information or to set up private appointments 540-887-7019



Tonquise Jabari '03 & Justine Ryan '14



**SISTA FRIENDS**

*Alumnae □ Student Mentoring Program*

In Support of the  
**Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community**

## The Sista Friends Program

The Sista Friends Program is an alumnae-student mentoring program designed to foster a unique support system for first year Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community members. Alumnae mentors will be asked to draw from their experiences to provide guidance and valuable strategies for coping and succeeding at Mary Baldwin College and beyond.

The success in the growth of our African American student community over the past thirteen years demonstrates that high touch relationships yield strong student retention. Through the Sista Friends Program we hope to help foster close and continuous connections between alumnae and current students that will make an impact on the recruitment, retention, graduation and overall success of our students.

This fall will be the third year for the Sista Friends Program; it will serve the students who will participate in the Ida B. Wells Gateway. When possible, first year Ida B. Wells students will be matched with an alumna from her same geographic area taking into consideration factors such as: proposed course of study, personal interests and career field.

The first formal Sista Friends gathering will take place during orientation week. Using the Wall of Honor as a backdrop, we will host our third Annual Legacy Tea to introduce new IBW members to our legacy of innovation and leadership.

Since 1998 our Annual Kwanzaa has been a signature event that celebrates our first year class. For this reason, we will ask our Sista Friends to make a commitment to attend the celebration in January 2012 in support of the Ida B. Wells community. Further commitment will be for sista friends to connect with their mentee in person during fall, winter and spring breaks and via email or snail mail at least once a month. Since their experience, wisdom and presence is valued by our program, we also ask that Sista Friends help support our Ida B. Wells curriculum by speaking for a class or a large group campus event.

Alumnae who would like to support the Sista Friends Program but are unable to commit to serve as a sista friend due to time constraints or geographic limitations, may consider offering financial assistance in planning periodic gatherings such as a winter break reception or a back to school event for new students. Another area where we could really use their help is by participating in a replace a student campaign. We would love alumni to help us find new students just like them—ones who understand what it means to be a student leader.

It is my desire to make the Sista Friends Program a lasting tradition that helps sustain the work of the Office of African American and Multicultural Affairs and promotes leadership and academic success.

When I hear alumnae speak about their MBC journey, one of the things that is evident in every story is the emphasis placed on the relationships that were formed along the way. Serving as a Sista Friend may be the very thing that helps a young, gifted, African American woman reach her goal of graduating from Mary Baldwin College. From personal experience, I can tell you that the mentor-mentee relationship can be an experience filled with limitless joy.

*Rev. Andrea Cornett*

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L-R Kristina Aguillard '10 and Tonquise Jabari 03



## Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community

One of Mary Baldwin's seven leadership gateway programs for entering students, the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community is a unique academic and residential program designed to address the transitional needs of first-year African-American students. Participants live in community in a culturally diverse freshman residence hall and are enrolled in a designated section of MBC101, an orientation course, which offers students tools for succeeding in college, cultural exploration, and leadership development. Additionally, students enroll in a general education course taught by their advisor. Students also engage in co-curricular programming focused on civic engagement, leadership and the celebration of diversity.

The success of the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community is due in part to the mentoring that takes place on all sides. Faculty, staff, residence life staff, peer and alumnae mentors are all committed to helping each first year student become her best self.

## Leadership Gateways in the Residential College for Women

As part of the admissions process, prospective students choose one of nine leadership gateway options designed to build community, connect students with others having similar interests, and provide structure and support to make a successful transition to college. Incoming students must apply to be members of the IBW Living Learning Community. For information on this gateway, visit <http://www.mbc.edu/student/AAMA/gateway.asp>