



National African Students' Association

UNITY • EMPOWERMENT • PROGRESS

National African Students' Association, LLC



Why?

“EMPOWERMENT”

Empowering African Student Groups to effect the change we need in Africa. United, we can achieve great success...



History

- Interested universities nominated representatives to the National Planning Committee.
- Founding members developed ideas for National Organization.
- First board elected in Summer of 2008.
- New board elected in Summer of 2009.
- Over 100 institutions now connected.

Mission

- The National ASA exists to unify African student groups in universities across the US. Through this synergy we strive to empower ourselves, create networking opportunities and encourage outreach to Africa.

Unite

- **Unite all African Student organizations across the US through partnership and support in a social network conducive to progress on the African continent.**



Empowerment

- **Provide resources that enable members to achieve their personal and group goals.**



Progress

- “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” – Barack Obama





Outreach Programs

- ‘My Vision (for Africa)’ Contest
- UN WFP partnership
- Africare
- Kiva.org Entrepreneur Loans
- Affiliated with other Non-profit organizations dedicated to benefitting Africa

See our website – www.nationalasa.org/affiliated-programs for more information.



‘My Vision’ for Africa Contest

- Business or Community Service Action Plan
- Compete at the Regional Level
- Finalists from each region compete at the National Level during National Conference, judged by Business Professionals
- National ASA will sponsor winner to actually implement project in community in Africa
- More details to come!

See the website at www.nationalasa.org/MyVision for grant guidelines.



How can you help?





Be A Part of National ASA!

- Find your regional National ASA Chapter leaders and learn about affiliation with the organization
- Encourage your local student group to join the regional branch.



People to Contact

- **Crystal Nnenna Azu (Emory University) – National President, National African Students Association: nationalboard@nationalasa.org**
- **Eric Bisong Ebai (Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania)- President, Northeastern Region: northeasternboard@nationalasa.org**
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- **Aniekan Attang (Texas A & M University) – Director of Finance, Southwestern Region: southwesternboard@nationalasa.org**



Spread the Word

- Give this presentation to African student group on your campus.
- Tell your friends, family, and colleagues.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Will the National ASA overshadow what our individual or local student group is doing?
 - *Not at all, the National ASA is very interested in the development and support of member student groups in addition to the strengthening of a national coalition of African students.*
- Will we need to pay dues to the National ASA?
 - *Yes, there are dues; however, they are very reasonable and all the money goes into the operations of the organization and providing our member institutions with the best support possible.*



FAQs 2

- What if we can't have an ASA at my institution?
 - *The National ASA is implementing "Networks" in which students are directly affiliated with the National ASA instead of through a student group; this option is only available to students for whom there cannot be an ASA at their school.*
- I'm in graduate school. Can I still be a part of the National ASA?
 - *Yes, definitely. The National ASA has graduate students in leadership positions and encourages graduate students to participate in National initiatives and the National conference.*



FAQs 3

- I (or a friend) am/is out of school, how can I be a part?
 - *The National ASA has an administrative board where recent graduates and young African professionals can contribute their skills and expertise.*
- What are some of the ways to take a leadership position in National ASA?
 - *You can apply for any of the open positions within the organization, be a part of the Conference Planning Committee, or be a delegate/representative for your school to the National ASA. Email us for more info.*



Membership

■ Benefits:

- National Conferences
- Participation in international service projects
- National and Regional Support System
- Company Recruitment
- Lasting relationships with African student groups in your region
- Publicity for events and activities held by member institutions
- National Contests and Drawings
- Leadership Opportunities



Membership

- Interested institutions can find the application for National ASA membership at www.nationalasa.org/membership
- Join the Facebook group, *The National African Students Association LLC*, as well as those for your respective regions.
- Encourage others to join these groups in order to receive up-to-date information on our progress.



Contact Us

- Visit www.nationalasa.org
- Email us at nationalboard@nationalasa.org for general inquiries.



***BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN
THE WORLD!***



National Conference

- Look forward to the National ASA conference March 19th-21st 2010, hosted by Emory University's African Students Association.
 - Banquets, Workshops, Social and Professional Networking, Volunteer Activity, and more.

See our website at www.nationalasa.org/annual-conference for more information.