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BLACK LUMBERJACK ALUMNI CHAPTER

An Official SFA Alumni Association Network



**ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

OUR MISSION

The Black Lumberjack Alumni Chapter is an official SFA Alumni Association Network. We are committed to connecting our past, present, and future students by sharing the barrier breaking history at SFA. We strive to support black students through scholarship programs, celebrating the achievements of black graduates and connecting black alumni through entertaining social and networking events.

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OUR VISION

The Black Lumberjack Alumni Chapters goal is to create scholarship opportunities through a network of Black Alumni, preserving the legacy of Black students for the enrichment of graduates entering the real world.

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BRIDGING

THE GAP

PRESERVING THE LEGACY

BLACK STUDENT ENROLLMENT

- 2010 | 2,900
- 2019 | 1,800

BLACK STUDENT GRADUATES

- 2010 | 350/yr
- 2019 | 465/yr

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- Founded:** October 1, 2020
- Regions:** East Texas, Dallas, Houston, Austin/San Antonio
- Mascot:** Black Lumberjack / Black Lady Jack
- Colors:** Black, Purple, Gray and White
- Slogan:** The Culture of the Axe
- Socials:** @blacsfa (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Website:** www.blacsfa.com

THE CULTURE OF
OF THE AXE



OUR HISTORY



In 2001 SFA graduate Micah Love had a vision to create a Alumni Chapter which focused on connecting SFA's African American students.

Over the past 19 years the SFA African American Alumni Chapter has consistently participated in SFA Homecoming, hosted a variety of fundraising events and provided scholarships to African American SFA students.

I was proud to start The SFA African American Alumni Chapter years ago and I'm honored to pass the torch to a new generation of Black Lumberjacks. I believe BlacSFA will continue to enrich and grow the vision for Black students and Alumni for years to come.

- Micah Love

MICAH LOVE

SFA African American Alumni Chapter Founder **SFA '01**

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THE FOUNDING BROTHERS



SAVILLE HARRIS | SFA '10 / '12 – Nacogdoches, TX

TONY HOLMES | SFA '12 / '15 - Houston, TX

JONATHAN COOK | SFA '10 - Houston, TX

DENNIS HAGANS | SFA '14 - Houston, TX

(listed from left to right in photo)

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THE LEADING LADIES



CRYSTAL HOLMES | SFA '13 - Houston, TX

SASHA COOK | SFA '11 - Houston, TX

TAYLOR HOSKINS | SFA '15 - Houston, TX

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BARRIER BREAKER

The Integration of Stephen F. Austin University

By Gail K Beil - Graduate Assistant, Center for East Texas Studies (1998)

In 1964, fourteen years after Wiley College student Heman Sweatt successfully broke down the walls of segregation in Texas higher education, another Wiley student, Willie Gene Whitaker, became the first of his race to receive a degree at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College.

Though technically not the first - Whitaker was preceded in the first summer session of 1964 by an older African American preacher from Lufkin who did not earn a degree - President Ralph Steen used Whitaker's application as the opening gambit finally to integrate the college.

<http://www.sfasu.edu/story/articles/Integration-Beil.html>

**WILLIE GENE
WHITAKER** **SFA '64**
1934 - 2020

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND

A key focus of BlacSFA is to encourage Black Alumni to return to the SFA campus for a one of a kind Homecoming experience.

As a Black Lumberjack SFA was experienced through a different yet unique lens. Our goal it to recreate memorable moments Black Lumberjacks experienced and enjoyed as students.

Black Alumni from different generations will be able to participate in SFA Homecoming traditions while celebrating Black Culture.

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MEMBERSHIP *Equals* SCHOLARSHIP

BECOME A MEMBER AND HELP FUND EDUCATION!

BlacSFA Annual (\$80 Individual)

- Exclusive BlacSFA Alumni T-shirt
- Triannual Sawdust alumni magazine for one year
- SFA Alumni Association decal
- Member identification card
- Special invitations to SFA events
- Free Access to Alumni Corner
- Full access to website features
- Access to Alumni home and auto insurance
- Access to Alumni health and life insurance programs
- Access to e-commerce partners of ShopSFA.com
- [Privileges](#) at SFA's Ralph W. Steen Library
- 10% discount in-store purchase of SFA apparel and gifts at Barnes & Noble College Bookstore *(excluding books)
- Access to SFA license plates issued by MyPlates.com



FREE BlacSFA T-SHIRT

WITH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

B L M JACKS



http://www.thepinelog.com/news/article_2b45ff5c-60bf-11e9-a5c1-bfdb6ebce2eb.html

The Black Lumberjack Alumni Chapter is committed to showcasing and supporting the voices and stories of those who have been affected by police brutality and marginalized by systemic racist systems.

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**The time is
always right to
do what is right.**

- Martin Luther King, Jr.





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