

Program

2026 Welcome Pinning and Affirmation Ceremony

Networking/Social Time

Invitation to Network

Kathryn M. Shirley MBT '97, USC BAC Student Engagement Committee

Processional - Blessing by Drum

Opening Drumming Performance

Brother Hanif and the Uncommon Sense

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Najuma Smith Pollard, *Assistant Director of Community and Public Engagement, USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture*

Black National Anthem

Welcome

BAA Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Faithé Clary, *Associate Director, USC Black Alumni Association*

Special Greetings

Alumni Association Greeting

Joycelyn Blizzard, *Assistant Vice President, Alumni Affinity Engagement*

Faculty and Staff Greeting

Cynthia Brass, *President, USC Black Staff and Faculty Caucus*

Career Center Greeting

Lori Shreve Blake '88, *Senior Director of Career Engagement, USC Career Center*

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA) Greeting

Greedley F. Harris III EdD '26, *Director of Strategic Partnership, Student Culture & Community*

Black Student Assembly (BSA) Greeting

Analicia Scoggins, Madison Tetteh & Tatiola Sobomehin,
Co-Presidents

Black Graduate Student Network (BGSN) Greeting

Jazmine Chism, *President, Black Graduate Student Network*

Fraternity and Sorority Life Greeting

Ronald Atkinson II, *Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life*

USC National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greeting

Elizabeth Smiley and Christian Sharp, *Co-Presidents*

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Libation Ceremony

Opening Drumming Performance
Brother Hanif and the Uncommon Sense

Libation Ceremony Begins
Sister Abrafi Sanyika

Our Legacy: Daniel Prince '00 , MA'02
Our Ancestors: James “Jay” Prewitt EdD '23
Honoring the first USC Black Student: Professor Lyndia Johnson
Honoring the first Black Justice CA: Professor Terry Allen
Honoring the first Black Journalism Graduate: Nii-Quartelai Quartey '06
Honoring the first Black USC All American: Julie Rousseau
Honoring USC BAA Founder: Damarea Parker
Honoring SCion Families: Patrick Holloway '85
Our Relationships: Raphael Henderson '82
Our Traits: Simeon Stewart '92, MBA '17

Pinning Ceremony & Circle of Affirmations

3:40 p.m. **Explanation of Pin and Andinkra Symbols**
Kyle Webb MBA'16

Circle of Affirmations
James Ward III '11

Closing
3:52 p.m. **Closing Remarks/Invitation to Reception**
Faithe Clary

Group Photo
Incoming Students

3:57 p.m. **Reception**