

# *Lifting Every Voice as we Climb*

*Our theme this year, Lifting Every Voices as We Climb, represents the very best tradition of African Americans. It is not a tradition of educated sisters and brothers looking down on others and paternalistically showing them how to model values of the Black Bourgeoise. Rather, it is a self-help tradition, where each of us will be lifted by the knowledge and skills of others, no matter the level of formal education. On this campus, each college, each student, each person in the larger community is a potential climber lifting the rest of us.*

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