



# Columbus Academy

August 4, 2020

Fellow Alums,

In the interim I was invited and gave the Commencement Address for the Class of 2020.

Just prior to that, an event that had been building in the Academy-Bexley community was shared in the Columbus Alive news outlet. To say the least it was timely to the protest surrounding George Floyd's murder.

You can find [my remarks here](#), which additive to all of yours, have prompted continued efforts by the Academy to engage in correcting many of your concerns.

See you soon.  
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On Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 9:37 AM Columbus Academy on behalf of L. Mahon Brown '97, Curtis T. Jewell '97, Victor Thorne '92 and Bemnet S. Tesfaye '15 <alumni@columbusacademy.org> wrote:

August 3, 2020

Dear Columbus Academy Black Alumni,

Following the impressive turnout and dialogue from the CA Black Alumni Virtual Town Hall, we have presented your feedback and have been constantly engaged in discussions with Columbus Academy on revamping the culture of our school.

There have been several fruitful discussions on addressing structural racism within the institution as well as developing new methods to promote engagement of this unique community. At this time, we would like to convene a second time to further develop the program to continue the implementation of change at Columbus Academy.

As such, we are hosting a CA Black Homecoming via Zoom on **Sunday, August 9th from 5-6 PM EST (2-3 PM PST)**, specifically for Black CA alumni, faculty and

staff. In this session, we will share with you the progress that has been made in the past few weeks along with discussing our plan of action for the future.

Some topics of discussion will include:

- A recap of all communications with CA as well as the introduction of an action plan to address race and inclusion
- Solidifying the CA Black Alumni Network
- Networking opportunities within the Black Alumni Network
- Development of the CA Black Mentorship program for current students and their families

[Click Here for the Zoom Link](#)

Please share this message with other Black alumni, and Black CA faculty and staff as you see fit. This is an opportunity for our community to come together for an open discussion and to decide upon the future our involvement with Columbus Academy.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 9th

L. Mahon Brown '97

Curtis T. Jewell '97

Victor Thorne '92

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