

If elected, what would be your contribution to the legacy of NSBE leadership?

In regards to legacy, I believe it should be of the entire leadership team and not of one individual. If elected, my contribution to the NEB and greater society would be similar to what I push forward to my chapter's leadership: being a NSBE leader exemplifies a dedication to the organization's mission statement and serves as a key opportunity to influence other members to both partake in the goals of the mission statement and make the most of the benefits from being a member. Stepping up as a leader on the NEB presents me with a greater opportunity to share and convey the many positives that come from being actively involved in NSBE. Focusing more on the NEB itself, I believe I can provide a great sense of teamwork, provide a high morale for other leaders and board members, and serve as a strong link between the NEB and chapters.

Candidate Statement

My name is Jarrell Johnson and I want to serve as NSBE's 2009-2010 National Programs Chairperson. For too long have I restrained my leadership to the local level for a fear of taking a task that's "too large-scale for me to handle," but I've come to understand that the challenge of national leadership does not come from stepping up to the plate; it comes from the year-end-review: when the term ends and you look back to ask yourself, "how have I furthered the organization in fulfilling the mission statement?"

I have been blinded by the highlights of the successes of many chapter's in the society, which has lead me to believe that we're all succeeding. Recently I've begun to notice the statistics surrounding the performance of Black students in academia, and more importantly, the success gaps that exist between the society's many chapters. Now, I wonder: how can I contribute the most in moving our community in the right direction? How can I best use my skills to help the society fulfill its mission? The answer lies within the programming.

In examining the role of the National Programs Chairperson, there's one particular area that needs to be focused upon: the success of each individual chapter. The backbone of our society exists at the chapter level, so ensuring their development is of the utmost importance. The role of designing and implementing methods by which the chapters may learn how to create and maintain programs is not an optional duty, it is a primary.

My past experiences in running academic enrichment programs, facilitating institutionalized programming, and serving as a representative to broader communities provides me with the tools necessary to effectively manage, coordinate, *and* develop *uniform* programs that can be shared and benefited from across the entire society.

Choosing to appoint me as the society's National Programs Chairperson is a choice to ensure chapter development. NEB-elect, if you believe that every decision made and every action taken should be done for betterment of our organization at the local level, then appoint Jarrell Johnson as the society's 2009-2010 National Programs Chairperson.