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**Derrick Raphael '06**  
President  
Association of Black  
Princeton Alumni (ABPA)



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Derrick Raphael was a junior at Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville, NC, when he first learned about the ReachOut56 Fellowships. This signature program, founded by the Class of 1956, awards grants to students to create a position at and then work with a public service organization. Derrick was determined to get into Princeton and to win one of those Fellowships. He succeeded at both. Following graduation, he worked with the Cumberland County School System to create a comprehensive college preparation program to support socio-economically disadvantaged youth, with an emphasis on those who were often the first in their families to go through the college placement process. In addition to creating the Fayetteville-Youth Education Program, in which 40 students enrolled, Derrick gave presentations to over 500 students throughout the county.

Derrick has been in the education management sector since being awarded his fellowship, from college counseling at a Bronx high school to focusing on education law and policy while at Duke University School of Law. Now living in Toronto, he is the founder and CEO of the Global Trailblazers of Today (GTT), an education management company working with students from around the world.

Derrick's involvement with the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA) has equally deep roots. He became aware of the ABPA while still a student. Shortly after receiving his law degree from Duke, Derrick joined the ABPA board and began serving as Secretary in 2014. Since July 1, 2017, Derrick has been the President of the ABPA. He notes that he is "learning on the job," consulting with past ABPA leaders and enjoying his work with the leadership of other Princeton alumni affiliated groups. He is looking forward to recruiting new board members and to further strengthening ties with both undergraduate and graduate students as well as all black alumni.

Derrick's thoughts as the leader of the ABPA: "It is a great group – and it's easy to do well when my colleagues are so good!"