Joseph L. Robinson, II ’04
President, Association of Black Princeton Alumni

Alumnares

A varsity letter-winner on the football team, Joe Robinson ’04 was also known as a leader in the volunteer arena when a student. In addition to sharing the Arthur Lane ’34 Award given by the Varsity Club, he also received the Allen Macy Dulles ’51 Award. This award goes to the senior whose activities best exemplify “Princeton in the nation’s service.” While a student, Joe volunteered with six organizations for underserved children, and he created his own community service project that brought children to campus for tutoring, mentoring and tennis instruction.

Joe’s commitment to service didn’t stop after graduation. Indeed, it expanded to include Princeton itself. Over the past ten years, while working at Isles in Trenton, while in New York City with a real estate development firm, while at Northwestern in business school, and now while in Chicago in investment banking, Joe has volunteered for Princeton. He has been a P-rade marshal and an Alumni Schools interviewer. Perhaps, though, the bulk of his volunteer time has gone to the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA).

It began in 2006 with the first Coming Back conference for black Princeton alumni, which introduced Joe to the ABPA and the wide range of black alumni experiences. Joe joined the ABPA, became an officer in 2008, then President and a member of the Alumni Council’s Executive Committee in 2014. As President, he played a major role in the planning of the third black alumni conference, Coming Back: Reconnecting Princeton’s Black Alumni, held on campus October 16 through 18:

“I see the conference as a wonderful gesture. The first one in ’06 was cathartic for many black alumni; the second in ’09 was a celebration and laid the groundwork for the Connect initiative. And now this conference elevates the conversation, engaging black alumni as partners to share our talent and passion with the University community.”

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