

### Scholarship



#### AOFYE Social Media



Going to the convention? The Commission for Admissions, Orientation and First-Year Experience will be having an open business meeting on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Taft A Conference Room.



We invite all commission members and those interested in joining the commission to attend this meeting. You will have a chance to meet the chair and the other directorate board members. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about the future of AOFYE.

Shareika Fisher, Assistant Director of First Year Experience, shares with all of us her thoughts on her love of higher education, which is something we can all relate too, right?

In this post, you can learn more about what Shareika was celebrating during this “month of love” and why she enjoys this professional career more than the careers she dreamed about.

Were you inspired by Shareika’s post and want to write your own piece of advice or letter to yourself? Complete the [AOFYE Blog Interest Form](#).

### Recognition

#### Dear John: Secretary John F. Kelly

Who’s in? Who’s out? There has been a lot of discussion on our college campuses, on news media and in your local coffee shop about the first 5 weeks of the Trump Presidency. One of the most referenced topics is Executive Order 13769, entitled Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States, or colloquially known as the “Trump Travel Ban.”

In case you missed it, on January 31<sup>st</sup> the American Council on Education (ACE), along with ACPA and 30 other higher education associations sent a letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, General John F. Kelly. In this letter, these organizations reaffirmed the fact that the United States is “the destination of choice for the world’s best students faculty and scholars.” Furthermore, the letter goes on to state that the United States has benefit from the wealth of talent that has come to study at American colleges throughout this country’s history. Current estimates show that international students contribute \$32.8 billion dollars to the U.S economy.

You can access the letter to Secretary Kelly on the [ACPA](#) website.

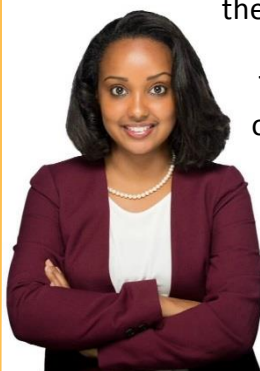
### Networking

#### AOFYE Research Grant Award Winner

The 2017 AOFYE Research Grant Award Winner is...

*Nina Daoud, University of Maryland—College Park*

Nina’s research is entitled, ***Portraits of the (In)visible: Examining the Intersections of Race, Religion, and Gender for Black Muslim Women in College*** and is co-sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.



The directorate board of AOFYE congratulates Nina on her research grant award.



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