With Gratitude

A letter from AAAM President, Samuel W. Black, as he reflects on his tenure and involvement with AAAM, both past and present. At the conclusion of the 2016 conference, Sam’s term as president of AAAM will end. He thanks all for allowing him to serve the AAAM board. As immediate past president, he will remain an advisor to the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserve Your Room at Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center

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American Alliance of Museums Museum Assessment Program (MAP)

MAP has helped over 4,600 small and mid-sized museums of all types strengthen operations, plan for the future, and meet standards.
Claudine Brown Remembered, Revered as Advocate, Mentor

Former Assistant Secretary for Education and Access, Claudine K. Brown was remembered for her contributions to the Smithsonian, and her life was celebrated by the Smithsonian through music, dance, and art. More than 400 guests attended whose lives were touched by her inspirational leadership and tireless advocacy for education that went beyond the National Mall to communities worldwide. Patricia L. Bartlett, Chief of Staff at the Smithsonian Institution, informs all of the Claudine K. Brown Fund for Education.

Smithsonian Grand Opening is Fast Approaching

The Grand Opening of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) will be on September 24, 2016, and all organizations are invited to join NMAAHC as a co-celebrant during this special and historic moment. This is the opportunity to uplift African American history and culture, and there are a few ways to celebrate such as hosting a watch party, signature event, or social media campaign to celebrate wherever you are.

National Museum of African American Music To Open in Nashville, TN

The National Museum of African
American Music (NMAAM) is set to open in 2018 in Nashville, TN, and it will tell the rich story of the development of American music from the beginning of our country's formation up through the birth of hip-hop and beyond. NMAAM is slated to open in 2018, and is headed by President/CEO H. Beecher Hicks III.

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