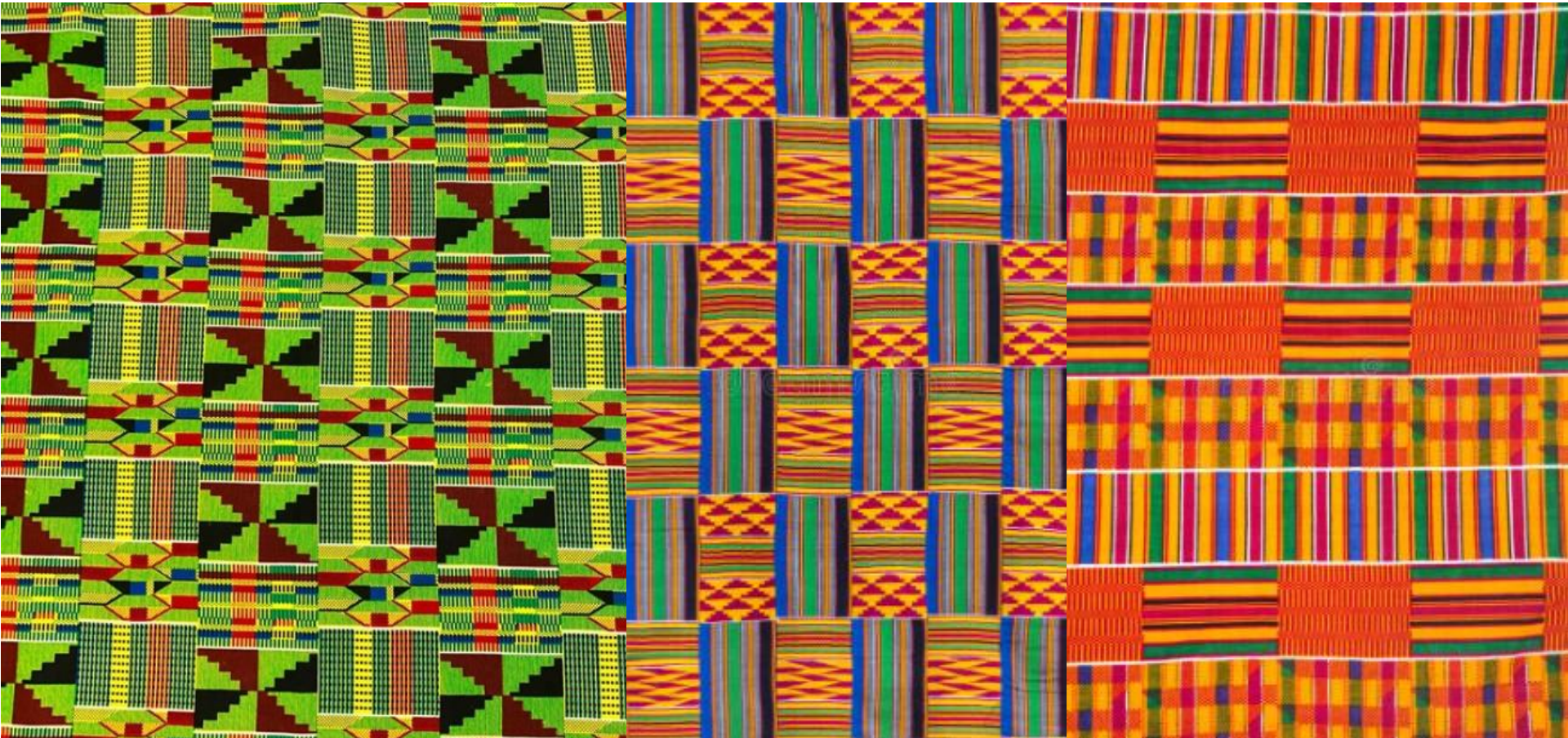


Black Alumni/ae of MIT Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 4pm Eastern



Call Meeting to Order

Welcome – K'Andrea Bickerstaff, Chair

*Success isn't about how
much money you make, it's
about the difference you
make in people's lives.*

-- Michelle Obama



BAMIT FY21 Board of Directors -- K'Andrea Bickerstaff, Chair



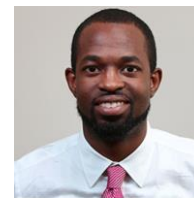
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Bickerstaff SB '89
Chair**



**Kevin Campbell
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**K. Holly M. Carter
PhD '77
President**



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SB '04
Recording Secretary**



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Special Recognitions

- **2021 MIT Alumni Award Winners**

- Harold E. Lobdell '17 Award:
Nelly A. Rosario '94



- The Great Dome Award:

BAMIT Community Advancement Program (BCAP) Team

- Team Chair: Al Tervalon '65
- Fundraising Chair: Marie Harton '10



Special Recognitions (continued)

- **2021 MIT Alumni Award Winners**

- Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, ScD'67 Award:
Keith V. Bevans '95, MEng '96



- Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, ScD'67 Award:
Akil J. Middleton '08, SM '10



Special Recognitions (continued)

- Recognition of BAMIT Service: Admissions Calling Team, Jim Banks, Robert Hillman, Emerson Yearwood, Leslye Fraser, Willard Stanback, Sam Denard, Eva Clarke, Crystal Dixon, Gerald Baron, Rosita Parker, Mawuli Tse, Ato Ulzen-Appiah, Kweku Fleming, Charles Robinson, Cordelia Price, James Clark, Jinx Hinton, Gerald Adolph, Walter Middlebrook, Aden Allen, Valencia Koomson, Kendra Pierre-Louis, Erich Caulfield, Michael Johnson, Linda Sharpe, the Slocum Family, and Adriane Brown;
DiOnetta Jones Crayton and the Office of Minority Education, Eboney Hearn and the Office of Engineering Outreach Programs, Lorry Spitzer and Jaren Wilcoxson and the Office of the MIT General Counsel; and
Moana Bentin, Danielle Reddy, Lizzie Army, Emily Taylor, Alyssa Holland, Joe McGonegal, Susan Grosel, Whitney Espich and the MIT Alumni Association staff.

BAMIT FY21 Recap

- **K-12 STEM Pipeline**
 - **Michael Dixon**
K-12 STEM Committee Chair
- **Programming Highlights**
 - **Patrick Gerdes**
Programming Committee Chair
- **Membership Stats**
 - **Muyiwa Oni**
Membership Committee Chair
- **Treasury Report**
 - **Vincent Kwapong, Treasurer**
Finance Committee Chair

K-12 STEM Pipeline – Michael Dixon

What we do: The K-12 STEM Committee seeks to connect with and engage the Black MIT community, including alumni, current students, faculty, and staff of MIT in order to support getting more Black students engaged with STEM.

Who we are: Michael Dixon (Chair), Eva Clarke, Crystal Dixon, Sam Denard, K'Andrea Bickerstaff, Holly Carter, Heather Cogdell, Maru Colbert, and Gerry Fortune'

What we have done:

1. Survey of BAMIT educators and student mentors, Fall 2020
2. STEM Pipeline Survey Discussion, April 8, 2021
3. Planning for website page(s) to promote STEM opportunities for students and teachers

Programming Highlights – Patrick Gerdes

- **BAMIT Retrospective: Sounds & Vibes of The Ghetto Radio Show, February 27, 2021**
- **BAMIT Research Slam, March 25, 2021**
- **2021 Virtual Black Graduate Celebration, April 24, 2021**
- **MIT Tech Reunion – BAMIT Meetup, June 4, 2021**
- **BAMIT Welcomes Incoming Students, August 14, 2021**



Ahmad Salih deejaying for The Ghetto, 1972



Courtesy MIT Museum

WTBS Staff, 1974



The Ghetto Staff Members

- ▶ Gerald Adolph (Ace)
- ▶ Re Antoine
- ▶ Ted Austell
- ▶ Sidney Burton
- ▶ Lorenzo Boyd
- ▶ James Clark (JayCee)
- ▶ Sharon Clayborne
- ▶ Cothenia Cooper
- ▶ Larry Dean
- ▶ Rudy Dottin
- ▶ Kim Frances
- ▶ Leslye Miller Fraser
- ▶ Doug "D.K." Gilmore
- ▶ Barry Grant
- ▶ Paul Green
- ▶ Kenwood Harris
- ▶ Jinx Hinton
- ▶ Vincent James
- ▶ April (Waters) Jeffries
- ▶ Ann Johnson
- ▶ Leonard Johnson
- ▶ Doug Mayweather
- ▶ Vernon A. McInnis
- ▶ Walter Middlebrook (Walter Tee)
- ▶ Eddie Miller (Starchild)
- ▶ Reginald Moseley
- ▶ Adonis Neblett
- ▶ Samuel Nixon
- ▶ Gene Norman
- ▶ Jerryl Payne
- ▶ Burunda Prince
- ▶ Preston J. Porter
- ▶ Lynne Richardson
- ▶ Ahmad Salih
- ▶ Dana Swann
- ▶ Taylor T. Thompson
- ▶ Gary Wilkes

Thank You!

- ▶ **Panelists:** Gerald Adolph, James Clark, Jinx Hinton, and Ahmad Salih
- ▶ **Moderators:** Rocklyn Clarke Sr. and Alexxis Isaac
- ▶ **Event Support:** MIT Alumni Association, with special gratitude to Moana Bentin, Danielle Reddy, Lizzie Army, Emily Taylor, and Alyssa Holland for their Zoom, registration, and communications assistance.
- ▶ **Event Planning Team:** Patrick Gerdes (Programming Chair), Ahmad Salih, Jinx Hinton, Gerald Adolph, James Clark, Walter Middlebrook, Alexxis Isaac, Rocklyn Clarke Sr., Holly Maze Carter, Kevin Campbell, Muyiwa Oni, Moana Bentin, and K'Andrea Bickerstaff.

BAMIT Research Slam – Patrick Gerdes

- Seven Black MIT alums showcased their research communication skills:
 - **Ange-Therese Akono SM '11, PhD '13**
 - **Toyya Pujol-Mitchell '07**
 - **Elise Myers '14, SM '14**
 - **Danielle Olson '14, SM '19**
 - **Mgcini Phuthi '19**
 - **Samuel Denard '74**
 - **Rod Bayliss III '20, MNG '21**
- Three Black alums were judges:
 - **Aden Allen '02**, Sr. Associate, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
 - **Dr. Valencia Koomson '98, MNG '99**, Associate Professor, Tufts University
 - **Kendra Pierre-Louis SM '16**, Sr. Reporter, Gimlet Media
- 40+ impressed and amazed attendees



BAMIT Research Slam (continued)

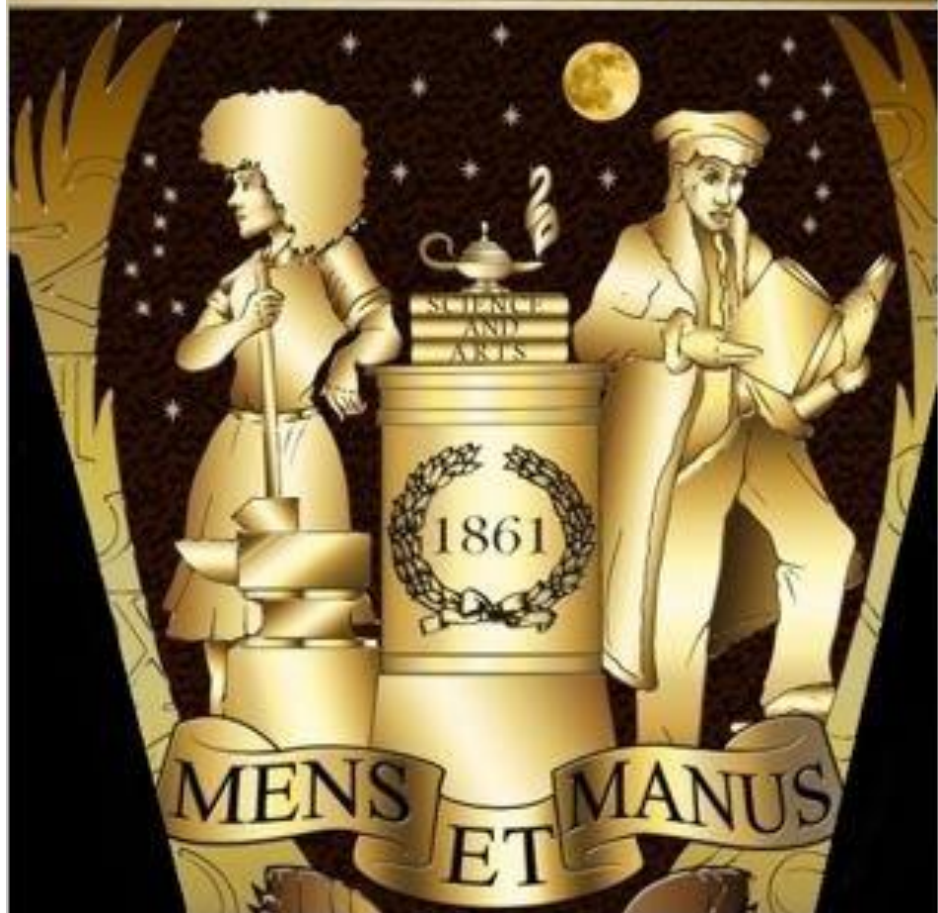
- Participants had 3 minutes to present their research using only 1 slide.
- The 2021 Research Slam winners:

1st place (\$1000): **Rod Bayliss '20, MNG '21**

2nd place (\$500) / Audience Choice: **Elise Myers '14, SM '14**

3rd place (\$250): **Ange-Therese Akono SM '11, PhD '13**

- Thank you Joe McGonegal, Moana Bentin, and the MITAA.



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PRESENTS

2021

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GRADUATE

Celebration

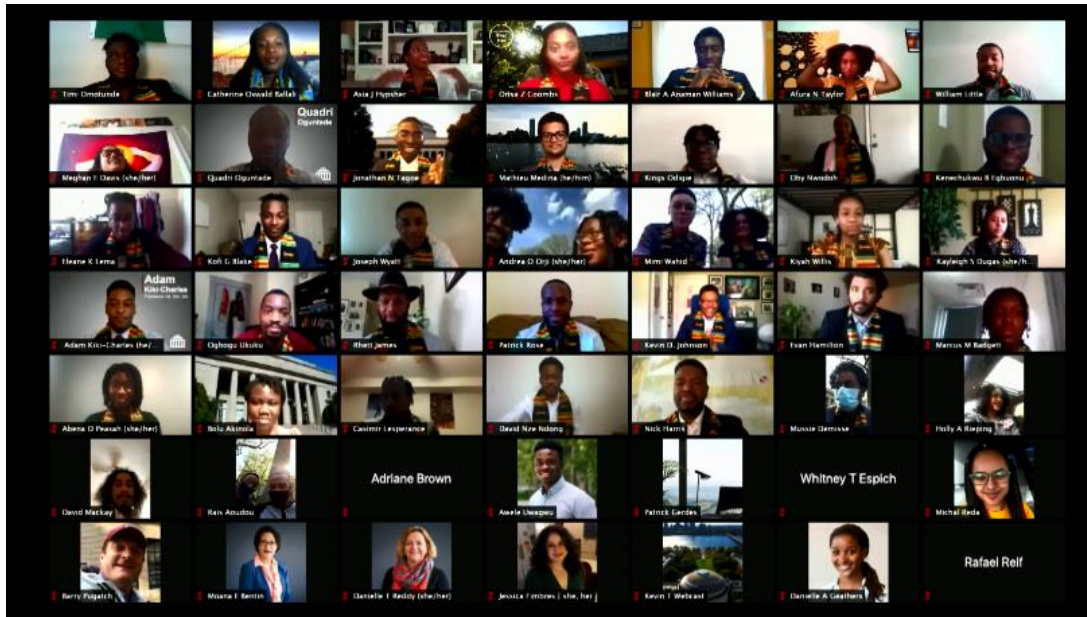
Saturday, April 24, 2021 @ 3pm ET

VIRTUAL

Black Graduate Celebration

MISSION: *The Black Graduate Celebration Committee seeks to successfully plan and execute an annual celebration... specifically honoring the commencement of Black MIT Students. And as new alums, usher them into a legacy of excellence, achievement, and accomplishment.*

– The BAMIT Family



Committee Members

- Vincent Kwapong '88
- Rocklyn Clarke Sr '80
- Tisha Turner MBA '02
- K. Holly Carter PhD '77
- K'Andrea Bickerstaff '89
- Moana Bentin, MITAA
- Patrick Gerdes '84 (Chair)

Recognized 79 Class of 2021
undergraduate and graduate students



Programme

2021: Strengthening our individual and collective resilience

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Patrick F. Gerdes, '84
Black Graduate Celebration 2021, Chairperson

Remarks

L. Rafael Reif
President, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology

Whitney T. Espich
CEO, MIT Alumni Association

Student Speakers

AudreyRose Wooden, '21
Co-Chair, MIT Black Students' Union

William Jackson, '21
Co-President, MIT Black Graduate Students'
Association

Danielle Geathers, '22
President, MIT Undergraduate Association



Keynote Address

Ms. Adriane Brown, SM '91

Calling of Graduates

Honorees announced in alphabetical order

Recognition of the Way Makers

K. Holly Carter, PhD '77

Charge to the Graduates

K. Holly Carter, PhD '77

Closing

K. Holly Carter, PhD '77

Online Fellowship with students and guests

K'Andrea Bickerstaff, SB '89
K. Holly Carter, PhD '77
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Membership

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BLACK ALUMNI/AE OF MIT

Membership Committee

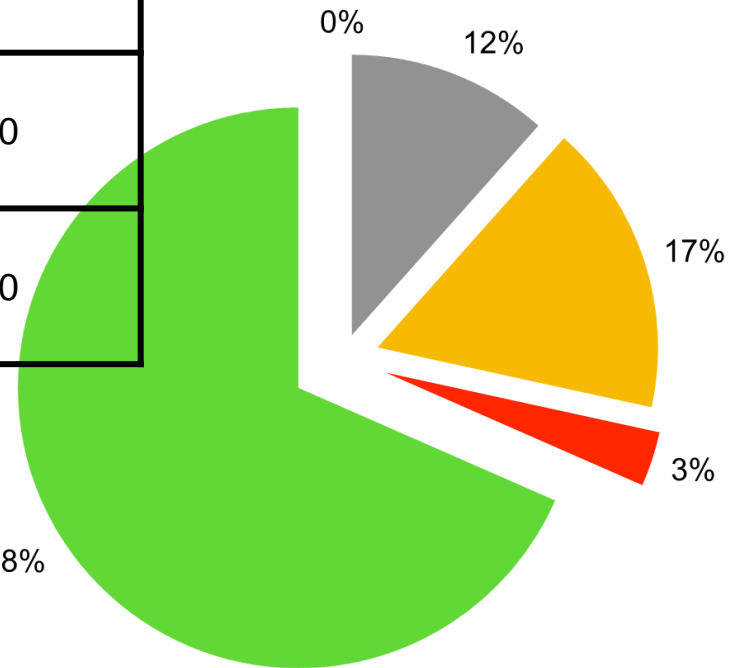
The Membership Committee seeks to connect with and engage the Black MIT community, including alumni, current students, faculty, and staff of MIT. More specifically, the purpose of this committee (per [Section 7.2.5 of ByLaws](#)) shall be to:

- 1. Maintain the membership list** and prepare and distribute a membership roster at least once a year;
- 2. Oversee the development of the annual membership drive** including the collection of dues; and
- 3. Develop and maintain a long-range plan for increasing and maintaining participation** from all eligible sectors of the MIT alumni/ae body and others eligible for membership.



FY21 BAMIT Memberships

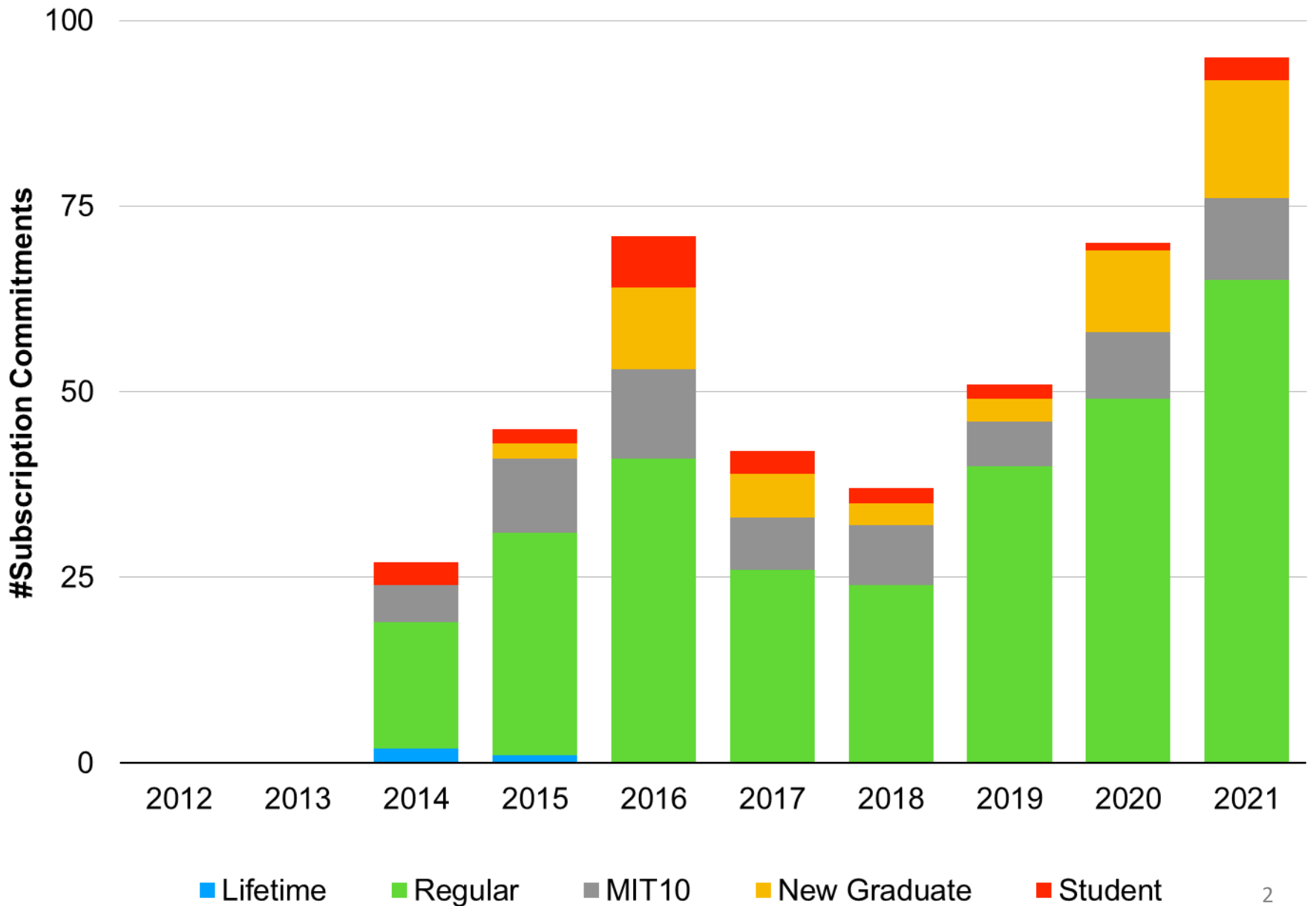
Type	Status	Count	Total	Dues Amount
Regular	Joined	30	65	\$50
	Renewed	35		
MIT 10	Joined	5	11	\$25
	Renewed	6		
Recent Grad	Joined	14	16	\$0
	Renewed	2		
Student	Joined	2	3	\$0
	Renewed	1		



Lifetime Memberships = 206

■ Lifetime
 ■ MIT10
 ■ Recent Grad
 ■ Student
 ■ Regular

Membership Subscriptions Sold by Fiscal Year



■ Lifetime ■ Regular ■ MIT10 ■ New Graduate ■ Student

BAMIT Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report

– Vincent Kwapong



BAMIT Finance Committee

Purpose:

- Present the annual BAMIT budget
- Make recommendations to the Board of Directors and committees on use of funds
- Recommend policies related to BAMIT's financial operations
- Recommend strategies for investing BAMIT's assets
- Oversee auditing or review activities related to BAMIT's accounts, vendors, and financial operations.

FY21 Financial Overview

- Total funds on July 1, 2020: \$32,222.54
- Total funds on June 30, 2021: \$27,895.50
- Major Income:
 - Dues: \$3,881.00
 - Donations: \$3,015.00
- Major Expenses:
 - BCAP Donations: (\$1,940.62)
 - FY20 Debt to MIT (BGC 2020, ALC 2019): (\$3,629.45)
 - FY19 Debt to MIT (BGC 2019, ALC 2018): (\$6,157.24)
- Liabilities
 - FY21 Debt to MIT (BGC 2021) to be paid in FY22 (\$2,341.15)

In Memoriam – Dean Mary Olivia Hope

Sekazi K. Mtingwa Scholarship

Guest Speaker: Burunda Prince



Mary Olivia Hope (1922–2021)

MIT Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, 1971–1983



Mary O. Hope, shown ca. 1971. Courtesy MIT Museum

The Sekazi K. Mtingwa Scholarship



Dr. Sekazi K. Mtingwa '71

Merit-based award provides full funding to attend a **U.S. Particle Accelerator School Session**

Eligible: graduate and undergraduate STEM students, identifying as having African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American or Alaskan Native ancestry.

Congratulations Dr. Mtingwa!

Burunda Prince



Leader, Innovator, Value Creator

MIT Class of '83
Course 10

Harvard MBA

Chief Operating Officer at the
Russell Innovation Center for
Entrepreneurs

Mother of three adult children
living in the U.S. and Australia

Passing the Torch

BAMIT Board of Directors for FY22

Thank You Retiring Board Members

Looking Ahead





**K. Holly Maze Carter PhD '77
BAMIT National Chair**

Congratulations Holly!

BAMIT FY22 Board of Directors – Holly Carter, Chair



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SB '89

Laying the Foundation for BAMIT's Future

Staying connected and supportive of one another

- Key Issues for Board Focus FY22
 - Organization Fiscal Solvency
 - 2022 Board elections
 - BAMIT Membership Engagement
 - Active Programs
 - BAMIT Legends Recognition - Clarence Williams, Shirley Jackson, etc.
 - BGC – April
 - Research Slam



Q & A

Closing Remarks

Adjournment



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THANK YOU
for attending the
2021 BAMIT Annual Meeting!

