

Mission & History Statement

The Neal-Marshall Alumni Club (Club), an affiliate of the IU Alumni Association, was originally founded in 1980 to meet the needs of Indiana University African-American alumni and to increase their participation in local and national IU alumni groups. The club received its official university charter in 1981. Today, the club's mission includes addressing the needs of African-American students, faculty, and staff, as well as promoting the awareness of the history, traditions, and legacy of African-Americans at IU. The club is named in honor of the first African-American male and female graduates of Indiana University: Marcellus Neal, BA 1895, and Frances Marshall-Eagleson, BA 1919.

In 1999, the Club's Executive Council, by unanimous consent endorsed the strategic initiatives (prepared by the Vice President for Student Development and Diversity and Bloomington Vice Chancellor) detailed in the "20/20: A Vision for Achieving Equity and Excellence at IU Bloomington," (www.iub.edu/~asd/diversity/2020.html). Nearly two decades after the Club's origin, the hopes and dreams for a system-wide attitudinal change towards African Americans were finally articulated, presented and implemented by the university administration.