

ΣAB TAMPA BAY ALUMNI NETWORK



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What to expect!!

2017 is at its midpoint. Don't worry, The Tampa Bay Alumni Network (TBAN) has a full 2nd half of the year ready for you! The Tampa Bay Alumni Network is reaching out to you for support and involvement as only you can help us become successful. We have planned out events that are family friendly as well as brothers-only events. These events are designed to get you involved in TBAN whether it's a happy hour, family picnic or brother bonding events.

TBAN has put in hard work to make sure that all brothers have the opportunity to be fully engaged. The challenge is put forward to you as a brother to become involved in TBAN. For the remainder of the year we have a handful of events lined up. March of Dimes walk in May, 3 general body meetings, Family BBQ, Golf outing, B-Ball tournament and two workshops.

During our last General body meeting we received great feedback on engagement. We have multiple lines of communication such as social media, email, text and phone calls. Be prepared to receive a few texts, calls and emails. We want you to play a part in TBAN and our community. In the following newsletter you will find more details on upcoming events, brother spot light, projects we are working on and community events. You will also see the pieces on our mission to 100. Please help us reach that goal.

New Alumni

TBAN will like to congratulate our newest Alumni brothers in the Tampa Bay Area. We welcome you to join the network with open arms. Don't forget your 1st year is free, if you join right after graduation. We look forward to seeing you join TBAN. Congratulations on your accomplishment!

University of South Florida (Psi Chapter)



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Anton “Yeem” Syvolavong
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Keep the Money Purple: Brother Owned Businesses Spot Light Brother Roberto “Curioso” Torres



Roberto is the co-Founder and Managing Partner of Black & Denim Apparel Company & The Blind Tiger Cafe. He is an entrepreneur specializing in the areas of accounting, audit, operations, logistics and financial services segments. He brings his expertise in retail and operations, both as a consultant and an executive, to assist start-ups and early companies with strategic, operational and expansion plans.

Black & Denim is a Lifestyle brand rooted in the Americana, Music & Lifestyle. Over the last six years, he has helped and advised numerous companies in the realm of retail, apparel, merchandising and technology. Roberto is a proud Seminole having earned a BS in Accounting and a BS in Finance from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. A Native from Panama, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

The Blind Tiger Café is a speakeasy inspired coffee house in the heart of the Historic Ybor City District. Founded in November of 2014, the Café has a Coffee, Tea & Vegan pastries offerings. It houses the flagship store for Black & Denim. It welcomed a second location on November of 2015 in the Historic District of Seminole Heights. The Blind Tiger Café is now roasting coffee since November 2015 through The Lab Coffee (a collaborative roasting concept) and currently working on its 4th location in the Tampa Bay Area.

In the community, Roberto is the Marketing Committee Chair for the Ybor City Development Corporation. He is also member of the Board of Advisors to the John P. Lowth Entrepreneurship Center, at the John Sykes College of Business for the University of Tampa. Roberto is also the President of StandUp Tampa. Under the leadership of the

Tampa/Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation, it is a group of young executives that are passionate about highlighting the City of Tampa as THE place to start your business or further your professional career.



**FSU
Spring '98
Rho Alpha Chapter**

TBAN 3rd annual Golf outing at Innisbrook
September 9th 2017- 8AM TEE Time
To register and more information please visit
www.slbttban.org/golf/



SLB in the Community

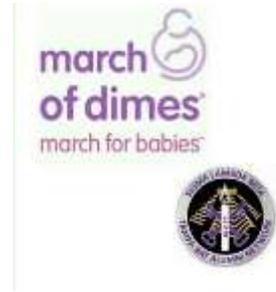
March of Dimes

March of Dimes will take place on May 13th 2017. TBAN has a registered team with March of Dimes. This event will take place at Amalie Arena in Channelside. Walk starts at 8:30 am, we will be meeting at 7:30am. To register for our team please visit:

<https://www.marchforbabies.org/team/SLBTBAN>

This event is family friendly and it's free.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



Recap of Financial Workshop

The Financial workshop took place on April 6th 2017 at the University of Tampa campus along with SLG TBAA. Our guest speaker Matthew Michini did an awesome presentation on 401k and planning for the future. If you missed the workshop, you can find it on our Facebook page.



Networking/Mentoring- Project Bridging the Gap

Bridging the gap between the undergrads and the alumni network to build a true transitional relationship and taking our organization to new heights.

Focus Groups - we will be holding a few focus groups to find out what the young brothers are needing the most help with. The items we may cover include: Mentorship, Career Placement, General Advice, Recreation, and whatever else comes up from the discussions. The first one will be held on May 20th at Brother Keyur's house. If interested, please contact Brother Keyur at kpatel@ftstampa.com.

Brother Portal - The purpose of our own community is to build to our brand and give brothers direct access to other brothers who they would like to engage with. From connecting to seeking out a mentor, or to send a group message in order to set up a game of basketball; the options are endless! Having our own dedicated community will increase the engagement levels for both young and older brothers to reconnect with each other.

Mentor Program - The idea here is to have a one on one, direct relationship with a younger brother to help guide them to the career path they would like, whether that is to help them with classes, internship placement, or just general advice. There is a dedicated person for that young brother to reach out to for the good times and the bad.

Once we have our first focus group, we will be able to share more ideas, until then; these are just concepts that we all collectively feel will help the overall process.

Are You an Active Member?

Operation 100

The Tampa Bay Alumni Network has only been around for a few years now and look at what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time! We are in the process of opening up our own scholarship fund with the Education Foundation of SLB along with growing our bank account, so that we can nourish our brothers, community and our future.

We went from a handful of active Brothers a few years ago to currently having 30 active TBAN members today! The goal of TBAN is to reach 100 active TBAN members by the end of 2017. If you are not yet an active TBAN member, please sign up today and help us build on our legacy.

You might say well I don't live in the Tampa Bay area? Well guess what, we have members in Orlando, Miami and even NYC. For those brothers from outside the Tampa area, you can still be involved. Our meetings are live streamed, our newsletter and social media will keep you up to date and you will see the benefits in the long run.

When I was a Little Brother, I was given a poem with the title, "Are You An Active Member, Or Do You Just Belong?" We will continue to take this organization to the next level but we need for each and every one of you to be an "Active" member.

TBAN challenges all of our local alumni to step up and join the movement. All of our current members have joined for many different reasons: reconnect with SLB, network, to give back, mentor or just to socialize; this is what makes TBAN great. WHY not join!

TBAN dues are \$100.00 per year or \$8.34 a month. You can sign up to become an active member of the TBAN and pay your dues by contacting Brian Gomez at Bgomez@mail.usf.edu.

****We have currently reduced our 2017 dues to \$60.00 for the remainder of the year. If you are interested, please let us know.****

Thank you for your belief in The Tampa Bay Alumni Network of SLB. My Brothers, the future is ours!

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS



Brother Julio "Tattoo" is organizing a Festi Cruise, Please reach out to him for more details.

Every Friday until 5/26/17
Concerts in the park –Downtown

Tampa Bay Margarita Festival 5/27/17 Downtown

Seagrapes Wine & Food Festival 5/12/2017
FL Aquarium

Sunset Music Fest 5/27/17-Raymond James

Jazz in the Bay 5/13/17- Downtown

Temple Terrace Craft Brew Fest
5/13/17-Woodmont Park

Tampa Beer Run 6/10/17-Al Lopez Park

Chance the Rapper 6/14/17-Amalie Arena

U2 6/14/17-Raymond James

Enrique Iglesias & Pitbull 6/22/17-Amelie Arena

Disney's The Little Mermaid 7/11/17
Straz Center

CONCACAF 2 games 7/12/17-Raymond James

UPCOMING TBAN EVENTS 2017



May 13th @ 7:30am– March of Dimes Walk
May 18th- TBAN General Meeting- Blind Tiger
 Ybor 7pm
July -Family BBQ
August - TBAN General Meeting
Sept. 9th- Golf Outing-Innisbrook
Oct. – Men's Health Workshop
Oct. -Battle of the Betas B-BALL Tournament
Nov. - TBAN General Meeting

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