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The BME Awards 2018

The BME Awards (Black and Ethnic Minority awards), a night to recognize and celebrate the immense contributions made by Afrocaribbean, Black and Asian students, were held on 6th December at the Citygate Centre. The BME Awards launched 2 years ago by then SUBU President Daniel Asaya.



The award ceremony was organised by Ade Balogun (Students' Union President), with the support of the other full time officers and the Democracy & Equality team. The event was hosted by Lenrick Greaves (Vice President Education) and Lea Ediale (Vice President Activities).

"The BME Awards serves as a period of renewal for Black, Asian and Afrocaribbean communities to connect with their people and cultures and to recognize how much has been achieved, so that they are inspired to continue creating such spaces and discussions for their colleagues and others." Ade Balogun, President of SUBU.

During the planning stages, lots of work was put in to motivating students and staff members to nominate candidates for the awards. This year's event was very well received and the students who attended commented that they enjoyed the night and hope that SUBU will continue to recognize BME students across the university.

The audience enjoyed performances from various SUBU clubs and societies, such as the Performing Arts Society, K-Pop society and the Gospel Choir. Nine awards were presented and received, including Most Inclusive Event, Contribution to the Community, Staff Member of the Year and Student of the Year.

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