



ARCHON ANTOINE M. GARIBALDI
Candidate for Grand Sire Archon-Elect
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Boulé Service

Archon Antoine M. Garibaldi was inducted into Alpha Alpha Boulé in May 1992. An active member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity for 28 years at the Grand level and in his three Member Boulés of Alpha Alpha (1992-96), Epsilon (1997-2011) and Iota (2012 – present) in the Southeastern, Northeastern and Central regions, respectively, he seeks to lead the fraternity as Grand Sire Archon-Elect in 2020 utilizing his extensive managerial, educational and professional experiences in the federal government, elementary, secondary, and higher education and his extensive local and national contributions in civic and non-profit organizations. His interest in serving as Grand Sire Archon-Elect is driven by his belief that Sigma Pi Phi's 5,000 Archons have the expertise and talents to remedy the adverse educational and societal trends affecting the futures of our young Black males. Currently Chair of Sigma Pi Phi's Grand Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Postsecondary Education Access, and as Sire Archon-Elect and Past Grammateus of Iota Boulé, Archon Garibaldi has chaired or served on the following 13 Grand Committees over the last sixteen years.

- Grand Resolutions Committee (2004-06)
- Chair, Grand Social Action Committee (2006-08)
- Grand Boulé Foundation Board (2006-08)
- Grand Executive Committee (2006-08)
- Vice Chair, Grand Social Action Committee (2008-10)
- Grand Commission on Young African American Males (2012-14)
- Grand Public Policy Committee (2012-14)
- Grand Public Policy Committee (2014-16)
- Grand Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (2016-18)
- Chair, Program Committee of the Young Adult Career Symposium (2016-18)
- Grand Committee on the Bicentennial of Archon Frederick Douglass (2016-18)
- Chair, Grand Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Postsecondary Education Access (2018-2020)
- Grand Executive Committee (2018-2020)

Among the preceding committees, two were inaugural committees that he was appointed to because of his expertise with and research on African American males and HBCUs: the Grand Committee on Young African American Males and the Grand Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

His Grand Committee organized the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Forum II at Morehouse College in April 2019, which was sponsored by a \$25,000 grant he wrote and received from The Kresge Foundation. His article summarizing the forum was featured in the summer 2019 issue of **The Boulé Journal** and the speeches and panel sessions are available on **Boulé TV**. He also contributed to the first HBCU Forum in May 2017. Beginning with Houston in 1996, the 2020 Grand Boulé will be Archon Garibaldi's thirteenth consecutive biennial. He attended all five regional Boulés in 2019 as well as numerous Member Boulé meetings and events since 1992. He is the recipient of the Harvey C. Russell Legacy Award and his Archousa Carol is a W. E. B. DuBois Legacy Awardee.

Professional Experience and Accomplishments

Archon Garibaldi is in his 19th consecutive year as the president at two universities, and he has had a varied and comprehensive career in the federal government and all levels of education. He is University of Detroit Mercy's 25th president and the **first lay and African American** leader of this three-campus, 143-year old Jesuit- and Mercy-sponsored institution, which has professional programs in law, dentistry and architecture. Detroit Mercy is the largest Catholic university in Michigan, nationally ranked among the top 20 percent of American colleges and universities selected for review by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education Survey* and one of only four universities in Michigan ranked among the top 200 "Best National Universities" by *U.S. News and World Report*. Detroit Mercy is also ranked highly among "Best Value Schools" and "Best Schools for Veterans." Prior to Detroit Mercy, Archon Garibaldi was the sixth and **first African American** president of Gannon University for ten years in Erie, PA. Before becoming president of Gannon in 2001, Archon Garibaldi was selected in 1996 as the **first Provost and Chief Academic Officer** of Howard University, his undergraduate alma mater. Between 1982 and 1996, he served successively as Professor and Chairman of the Education Department, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the **first lay** Vice President for Academic Affairs at Xavier University of Louisiana. Archon Garibaldi's early career also includes experience as an elementary teacher in Washington, DC; principal of the St. Paul (MN) Urban League Street Academy; and as a federal researcher and administrator who contributed to the U.S. Department of Education's landmark report, **A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform** (1983).

As president of University of Detroit Mercy and Gannon University, Archon Garibaldi has been nationally recognized for his managerial transformations in enrollment, fundraising, financial productivity, endowment growth and strategic planning, as well as his establishment of innovative economic development programs and community collaborations. In addition to increasing enrollment through strategic initiatives such as innovative scholarship programs and resetting tuition rates, Archon Garibaldi exceeded a \$100 million campaign goal a year ahead of schedule and ultimately raised a record-breaking \$114.6 million at the end of December 2019. An additional \$50 million was raised during this same period through competitive grants submitted to federal and foundation sources. He has also nearly tripled Detroit Mercy's endowment in less than nine years. In August 2015, Archon Garibaldi co-founded with The Kresge Foundation an economic development organization, Live6 Alliance (live6detroit.org), to strengthen the Livernois Avenue and McNichols Road commercial and neighborhood corridor, which is adjacent to Detroit Mercy's McNichols campus. Archon Garibaldi's reputation for similarly successful leadership efforts in academic excellence, fundraising and community engagement at Gannon, Howard University and Xavier University of Louisiana are also well documented during his 30 years at those institutions.

Publications and Scholarship

Archon Garibaldi is the author of 11 books, including his award winning and nationally recognized New Orleans Public School System study and report, **Educating Black Male Youth: A Moral and Civic Imperative** (1988), and **Black Colleges and Universities: Challenges for the Future** (1984); and more than 90 research articles and chapters. He has also served as an expert witness on behalf of HBCUs in the Alabama and Mississippi higher education desegregation cases in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He has been honored by his peers as a Fellow of both the American Educational Research Association and the American Psychological Association, where “exceptional psychologists who have made unique, outstanding and national contributions to the field...” are recognized.

Archon Garibaldi currently serves on more than a dozen national and local boards, including Georgetown University; Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA); Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau; Invest Detroit; Brother Rice High School and many others. He has previously served on the boards of Seton Hall University (NJ) and University of St. Thomas (MN); as well as the following higher education boards: American Council on Education (ACE); Association of Governing Boards Presidents Council; Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) and Horizon League Athletic Conference, both of which he chaired; National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO); National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Honors

Among his numerous honors, Archon Garibaldi has received four honorary doctorates from Our Lady of Holy Cross College (LA), Seton Hall University (NJ), Gannon University (PA) and University of Saint Thomas (MN); as well as the Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota; the Howard University Alumni Award for Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement in the field of education; the Papal Honor of Knight of St. Gregory the Great; the National Service Award from the International Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and “Person of the Year Award” from the University of Notre Dame Club of Erie. In 2018 and 2019, he was named one of metro Detroit and Michigan’s most powerful business leaders in “The Detroit 500” publication of *DBusiness* magazine, and he was selected among *Crain’s Detroit Business* “100 Most Connected People in Detroit” in 2015.

Education

Archon Garibaldi is a native of New Orleans and received his undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* in Sociology with a minor in Philosophy from Howard University and his Ph.D. in Educational and Social Psychology from the University of Minnesota.