It was my pleasure to attend the Women of Color at Penn 25th Anniversary Celebration. The reason I attended the exciting event was that a member of our Board, Nicole Maloy, W ’95, was honored for superior achievement as Director of Multicultural Outreach at Penn. In her position, Nicole created and implemented unique programs that provided an opportunity for diverse alumni to connect with one each other as well as with current students, faculty and staff, rediscover the University, and celebrate together. Nicole’s department launched Penn’s first conference specifically for alumni of color and LGBT alumni in October of 2010. The following
year Nicole’s team started “Penn Spectrum on the Road” which hosted regional receptions across the county.

Nicole is such a treasured member of our Board of Directors. She is always so enthusiastic and willing to contribute in any way she can. There is always a smile on her face and a great idea on her lips.

The National Institute for Women of Color (NIWC) proclaimed March 1, 1988 as the first National Women of Color Day. That year, Penn held its first Women of Color at Penn awards celebration.