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The PASS Mentoring Program Training was held on Sept. 14, 2010 in SCC 122. The mission of PASS is to promote academic success for students by providing a healthy learning and social environment. Minority freshmen are paired with upper classmen in their major areas for a smooth transition from high school to college. The program seeks to create a "family away from home" environment to help freshmen reach their academic and social potential at Auburn University. Mentors arrived by 5:30 p.m., signed in, and were given training manuals. Mentees arrived by 6 p.m., signed in, and were matched with their mentors. Each mentor/mentee pair completed a "Getting to Know You" Activity and exchanged contact information.

Refreshments were served in SCC 239. Total attendance was 28 participants and 3 staff.

COSAM OFFICE OF DIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

The COSAM Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs held its annual Open House in conjunction with the College of Sciences and Mathematics Open House on Aug. 25, 2010. The Open House included meeting the staff, enjoying refreshments, and gaining information about the services offered by the Office of Diversity, such as the Workshops for Excellence Tutoring Program, PASS Mentoring Program, Monthly Forums, Counseling, Advising, and Social Support. The event was attended by many COSAM students. We look forward to their attendance at the spring Open House.

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COSAM'S PASS MENTORING PROGRAM

BELIEVE
Broadening Experiences in Leadership and Intellect to Evoke a Veracity for Education in COSAM

College of Sciences and Mathematics, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

Upcoming Events & Programs

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events.

September 1  PASS Mentor/Mentee Applications Due
September 7-8  Watch and Learn Film Series Auburn University Multicultural Center
September 14  PASS Mentor/Mentee Training
October 19  "Undergraduate Research and Internship Informational" Forum

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Summer Bridge 2010

Twenty-one pre-college students were selected to participate in Summer Bridge 2010, COSAM’s outstanding academic enrichment and stimulating learning experience. The program has served 397 minority students during a total of 14 summers! The students participated in a four-week intensive program that includes: non-credit instruction of mathematics and chemistry courses; educational development of study skills, time management and financial literacy; and enhancement of social skills.

The students, from Alabama and Georgia, quickly adjusted to the fast-paced schedule of classes, constant studying, and interactive activities. Participants went on several field trips to East Alabama Medical Center, the Hyundai Manufacturing Plant, the Rosa Parks Museum, the Civil Rights Memorial, the George Washington Carver Museum, and departmental visits in the College of Sciences and Mathematics. The Summer Bridge program concluded with the 14th Annual Awards Luncheon on July 1, 2010.

We extend a hearty welcome to the 2010 Summer Bridge students and program highlights, check out eBridge class and wish them well as they matriculate. For more information, go to the following link: http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/undergrad_studies/fye/

10 Tips for Better Time Management

1. MAKE CLASS TIME YOUR BEST STUDY TIME. Come prepared
   - Review notes from previous class
   - Listen attentively
   - Paraphrase what the professor says in your own words

2. MAKE A DAILY LIST. Prioritize the items
   - Keep 8 short - 5 or 6 items - both academic and personal
   - Set small specific goals - i.e., read 5 pages in Psychology chapter

3. MAKE A WEEKLY SCHEDULE. Schedule all classes, work, extracurricular activities, sleeping and eating, study time, and blank spaces to fit in necessary activities as they come up

4. USE YOUR DAYLIGHT HOURS AND MINUTES. Set up blocks of time for study
   - Find a quiet place to study
   - Ease yourself into material by pre-reading first
   - Use time in between classes
   - Review notes right before and after class
   - Memorize important terms (3x5 cards)
   - Make a list

5. MAKE A SEMESTER CALENDAR. Wall or desk calendar for major exams, due dates, and meetings. Pocket calendar (reminder of classes, appointments, meetings, errands)
   - Allow at least one and a half hours per day (6 days/week) for regular studying

6. DON’T PROCRASTINATE. Don’t set questions about material accumulate

7. CONCENTRATE ON ONE THING AT A TIME. Be active in what you are doing at the time
   - Plan and take study breaks, study 30-40 minutes with 5-10 minute breaks

8. USE YOUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE. Set deadlines and reward yourself

9. BE REALISTIC IN YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF YOURSELF.

For up-to-date information from the COSAM Office of Diversity, sign up for our listserv by sending an e-mail to dropincenter@auburn.edu or by visiting www.auburn.edu/cosam/diversity

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Announcements


The COSAM Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs will host “Survival Tips for Undergraduates,” our Monthly Forum, on Sept. 28, 2010 at 6 p.m. in SCC 115.

Orientation Leader Applications Now Available

Applications for Camp War Eagle Counselors, the Freshman Student Program, and the Transfer Student Program, are now available. Interested students are encouraged to attend information sessions. Applications are due Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. For more information, go to the following link: (http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/undergrad_studies/fye)