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K!dSpark Conference

COSAM’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs served to encourage and promote education in the sciences at the K!dSpark Conference, a day-long conference at Boutwell Auditorium coordinated by AT&T Alabama and Junior Achievement of Greater Birmingham, on April 2, 2011. A table was set up for students and parents to visit during check-in time 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Parents and students were encouraged to start planning for college early especially if interested in careers in mathematics and sciences.

COSAM Office of Diversity representatives also served as Career Representatives in three networking sessions. The two hour “Job Shadow” type of Experience for 8th, 9th, and 10th grades provided an opportunity to discuss a variety of majors students can pursue related to science and technology and the careers that are related to those majors.

More than 400 Birmingham and Montgomery area middle and high school students and their parents gained valuable advice on how to prepare for future careers at K!dSpark. Speakers included Birmingham Mayor William Bell and Fred McCallum, president of AT&T Alabama. The event was organized by long term Summer Bridge supporter and AT&T Pioneer Bell Rogers. K!dSpark was funded by AT&T Pioneers, a volunteering arm of AT&T as part of its 100th anniversary.

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Study Forum and Informational

COSAM Office of Diversity presented a Study Forum and Informational on Mar. 23, 2010 in SCC 118 at 6 PM. The purpose of the forum was to create an environment where students can network with other students to have an impact on their course grades. The forum stressed the importance of time management as a quality for success. Topics covered during the forum included Group Study, Study Skills/Time Scheduling, Principles of Effective Time Management, and Networking.

Students discussed how they prepared for courses such as Biochemistry, Mammalian Physiology, and Physics. Students shared various approaches to studying and taking notes such as using a tape recorder in class, writing short hand notes and filling them in after class, rewriting notes immediately after class, and using note cards. Studying independently and then coming to a group study session was also discussed. The forum concluded with an informal question answer session followed by refreshments in SCC 239.

L.E.A.D. “Exploring Your Possibilities… College Major Exploration Tours

The Loachapoka’s Exploring Auburn Days (L.E.A.D.) was held on Apr. 20, 2011. The program title was “College in 3D: Experience Your Future Now.” The “Explore Your Possibilities … College Major Exploration Tours” brought six students from Loachapoka High School to visit the COSAM Office of Diversity in the Science Center Classrooms Building.

The presentation included general information about applying to college, what to expect while attending, and why COSAM is a great option. Students expressed an interest in majoring in Physics and Biomedical Sciences as well as concentrations in Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dentistry, and Pre-Pharmacy, and Pre-Physical Therapy.

Additional topics discussed include COSAM Quick Facts, Scholarships, and the COSAM Office of Diversity. This discussion included information about the Summer Bridge Program, Workshops for Excellence Tutoring, PASS Peer Mentoring, and COSAM majors. The presentation concluded with an invitation for students to attend Minority High School Visitation Day in the fall and to contact the COSAM Office of Diversity with any additional comments or questions.

Birmingham Minority Yield Reception

COSAM’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs attended the Auburn University Birmingham Minority Yield Reception at Sheraton Birmingham/ Jefferson Civic Center on Apr. 4, 2011. This reception brought together many talented students committed to attending Auburn University in the fall of 2011. A total of 14 students at the reception were interested in COSAM majors.

The event was sponsored by the Office of University Recruitment and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. The reception included an Auburn University presentation, guest speaker, Dr. Dale Coleman from Animal Science, and a five student panel for a question/answer forum.