Events & Programs

October  4  PASS Activity Sheet Due
October  5  Loachapoka Exploring Auburn Days (L.E.A.D.)
October  6  Birmingham Minority Reception
October 19  Lunch ‘N Learn “Resumes” and L.E.A.D.
October 20  Minority High School Visitation Day
October 27  Mobile Minority Reception
November 3  November Forum “Dream of Becoming a Physician”

MINORITY HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION DAY

Minority High School Visitation Day 2011, hosted by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA) in the College of Sciences and Mathematics (COSAM), was held on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Auburn University Student Center Ballroom. The participation of administrators, faculty, staff and student volunteers made COSAM's 8th Annual Minority High School Visitation Day 2011 a huge success. The total attendance was 128. High schools represented included Daphne, Southwest DeKalb, Dawson Street Christian School, Starhope Elmire, Loachapoka, Muscle Shoals, Holy Innocent’s Episcopal, Opelika, Smith’s Station, and counselors representing several Shelby County schools. Volunteers, including two COSAM Leaders, arrived early to receive instructions related to their various assigned stations. A light breakfast was provided for our guests during registration. Charles Savrda, interim dean COSAM, enthusiastically welcomed participants. The greetings were brought by Timothy Boosinger, interim provost and vice-president of Academic Affairs, Ainsley Carry, vice president for Student Affairs, and Lawrence Wit, COSAM’s associate dean for Student Affairs. Bianca Evans, minority programs coordinator for COSAM Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, also extended greetings and introduced Session I: Recruiting, Financial Services and Scholarships.

After a brief break, Session II: Academic and Pre-Professional Programs followed. Our special lunch guests were stationed at designated tables where students sat and engaged in lively discussions with faculty in their major field of interest. After lunch, Session III highlighted COSAM ODMA’s student support programs and student organizations. Eddrina Miller, Kyle Adams, Marissa Bolling and representatives from four student organizations in COSAM participated in the panel discussion. The program concluded with closing remarks. Participants were then released to the student recruiters for the event-ending Auburn University campus tour.
Loachapoka Exploring Auburn Days (L.E.A.D.) Presentation

COSAM’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs participated in “Explore Your Possibilities...College Major Exploration Tours” sessions on Oct. 5th and Oct. 19th. The presentation included general information about college, what to expect while attending, and why COSAM is a great option. Students expressed an interest in what to expect while attending, and what information about college, what is less than the one you are capable of living.

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Resume Tips

- Use a font size of 10 to 14 points.
- Use non-decorative typefaces. Choose one typeface and stick to it.
- Use action verbs to describe your experience; (e.g., “created,” “developed,” “increased.”)
- Do not exaggerate the importance of your achievements.
- Omit personal information such as age, marital status, height, weight, and gender.
- Minimize jargon and abbreviations and be concise.
- A tailored cover letter may be used to accompany a resume.

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Announcements

The COSAM Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs attended the 4th Annual Graduate Student Recruitment Bridge Program: Morehouse/Spelman College Visitation Luncheon on Oct. 6, 2011. Minority High School Visitation Day was held on Oct. 20, 2011 in the Student Center Ballroom. Minority High School Visitation Day was held on Oct. 6, 2011 and at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza in Mobile, Ala. on Oct. 27, 2011. The Auburn University Minority Receptions brought together many outstanding students interested in sciences and mathematics. Total prospective students in attendance with interest in COSAM was 25. Several Auburn Alumni also attended including Brian Gosa, Summer Bridge ’99 Alumn and the first alum to receive the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Auburn University’s Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2006.

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Minority Recruitment Receptions

COSAM’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs represented COSAM at the Marriott Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. on Oct. 6, 2011 and at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza in Mobile, Ala. on Oct. 27, 2011. The Auburn University Minority Receptions brought together many outstanding students interested in sciences and mathematics. Total prospective students in attendance with interest in COSAM was 25. Several Auburn Alumni also attended including Brian Gosa, Summer Bridge ’99 Alumn and the first alum to receive the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Auburn University’s Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2006.

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Black Student Union (BSU)

The objectives of BSU are to represent the interests and concerns of black students at Auburn University; to bring together all aspects of black student life for the purpose of improving the campus environment; discourage and abate institutional and individual acts and symbols of racism; promote Auburn spirit and tradition of excellence. http://www.auburn.edu/bsu

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October Lunch ‘N’ Learn: Resumes

Eddrina Miller, counseling intern, conducted a session describing the “Do’s and Don’ts” of the resume. The session included the purpose of a resume, types of resume, and standard resume components. The session ended with a discussion of resume writing resources on campus. The next topic is “Test Anxiety” to be held on Nov. 9, 2011.

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For up-to-date information from the COSAM Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, 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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Organizations Spotlight

National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE)

The objectives of this organization are as follows: to increase the awareness of professional opportunities in the fields of chemical engineering and chemistry; to establish, emphasize and strengthen existing academic support channels; to increase each member’s sense of cultural responsibility; and to promote professional advancement in the fields of science, specifically chemistry and chemical engineering.

http://www.eng.auburn.edu/organizations/NOBCChE

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Dream of Becoming a Physician?

Diversity Recruitment and Enrichment for Admission into Medicine Presentation

November 3, 2011
SCC 115 at 6 pm
Presenter: Dr. Hattie Myles from the University of South Alabama

Learn about making your DREAM become a REALITY

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