

# Drop-In News

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## Bridge to Doctorate Students Represent in DC

While some were resting over Spring Break, nine of the ten Bridge to the Doctorate students spent three days in our Nation's Capital, Washington, DC.



Students attended the annual National Science Foundation's Division of Human Resource Development's Joint Meeting from Sunday, March 28 through Tuesday, March 30, 2004. The conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City which is located in Arlington, VA.

During the conference students participated in sessions where funding opportunities for graduate school were discussed as well as a presentation of a panel about demystifying the professoriate panel.

All students enjoyed the opportunity and experience and realized that they were among an elite group of students nationwide.

## 2004 Summer Bridge Reception

On Monday, April 26, 2004, the 2004 Summer Bridge Reception will be held in the O.D. Smith Hall Lobby from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. This reception is for any student who has participated in the COSAM Summer Bridge Program. This reception will give students the opportunity to fellowship with past students as well as give the program's staff and COSAM faculty members the chance to mingle with students.

If you are interested in participating, PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday, April 21, 2004 by emailing or phoning the Minority Drop-In Center at [dropincenter@auburn.edu](mailto:dropincenter@auburn.edu) or 334-844-4663.

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See us at:  
[http://www.auburn.edu/  
cosam/minority](http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/minority)

## Student Opportunities

### *2004 Collegiate Inventors Competition*

The Collegiate Inventors Competition seeks to stimulate excitement and interest in technology and economic leadership. It is an international competition that encourages college students to actively practice the skills of science, engineering, mathematics, technology and creative invention. The program recognizes the working relationship between a student and his or her advisor where projects lead to inventions that can be patented.

Grand Prize award: \$50,000 student; \$5,000 advisor

Graduate award: \$25,000 student; \$5,000 advisor

Undergraduate award: \$15,000 student; \$5,000 advisor

More information: <http://www.invent.org/collegiate/>

**Deadline: June 1, 2004**

**Don't miss this opportunity!**

## Special Thanks to COSAM Minority Ambassadors

Upon heeding the call to become COSAM Minority Ambassadors, 11 COSAM students visited their high schools during the recent Spring Break. These eleven students attempted to recruit talented students from their high school to come to Auburn and to consider a major in the College of Sciences and Mathematics. We are extremely thankful for these students and their assistance!

The eleven students were: Mary Aboko-Cole, Charria Campbell, Christopher Davis, Evelyn Franklin, Tanya Holloway, Brandon Holloway, Tenika Johnson, Kimberly McGrue, Demetre Phillips, Deondra Robinson, and Edward Turner.

If you are interested in an opportunity such as this, please contact Mrs. Holland in the Minority Drop-In Center.

## Workshops Still In Session

Don't forget as you begin to prepare for final examinations that the Drop-In Center is still conducting tutorial workshops. The schedule can be accessed through our website. Even if you have not registered this semester, you still can during the final examination period.

Remember, preparation is the key to success! Best wishes on your finals!