

Drop-In News

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Fall LSAMP/AGEP Executive Meeting held at Auburn



The Alabama Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) and the Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) held its Fall Executive Meeting here at Auburn. The meeting took place over a two day

period – Sunday, September 28, 2003 and Monday, September 29, 2003 and was held at the Auburn University Dixon Hotel and Conference Center.

At this meeting, the alliance discussed future plans as well as current events and happenings at the individual universities and institutions – Alabama State University, Alabama A& M, Auburn University, Miles College, Oakwood College, Talladega College, Tougaloo College, Tuskegee University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama at Huntsville

The executive committee was welcomed to Auburn by Dr. Stewart Schneller, Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics as well as Dr. John Pritchett, the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Bridge to the Doctorate students also were invited to dinner to meet with the executive committee.

This alliance is dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of underrepresented minorities majoring in the science, engineering, or mathematics disciplines.

B.E.A.R Presentation November 13th

On November 13, 2003 The Biomedical Enrichment and Recruitment representative will be on campus. The BEAR Program represents an additional opportunity for underrepresented students to enter medical school at the University of South Alabama.

The objective of the eight-week program is to provide a specially designed, comprehensive, and consecutive, two summer sequential learning experience for underrepresented premedical students, in particular African Americans, during the summers prior to

their junior and senior undergraduate college years.

To be considered for participation in the BEAR program, one must be a first-time sophomore student having completed only two years of premedical training at the time of application. The application deadline is March 1.

If you are interested in this program please plan to attend the information session as well as stop by the Drop-In Center to obtain a brochure and an application.

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GEM Fellowship

The GEM Fellowship programs are designed to offer opportunities for underrepresented minority students to obtain MS degrees in engineering and Ph.D. degrees in engineering and the natural and physical sciences through a program of paid summer internships and graduate financial assistance. **Application deadline: December 1.** For application and more information: http://was.nd.edu/gem/gemwebapp/gem_00_000.htm.

Ford Foundation Fellowships for Minorities

Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level? Then check this website out – <http://national-academies.org/fellowships>. \$17,000 – \$40,000 individual stipends available for minority students.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Fellowships available for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering. Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$27,500 for 12-month tenures, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year. More information? – www.nsf.gov/grfp.

National Department of Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow

As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in disciplines of military importance in science and engineering, the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award approximately 170 new three-year graduate fellowships in April 2004 based upon available funding. The DoD will offer these fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships will be awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in, or closely related to, one of the below listed disciplines. More information: <http://www.asee.org/ndseg/default.cfm>

DEADLINE: January 9, 2004

- * Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- * Biosciences
- * Chemical Engineering
- * Chemistry
- * Civil Engineering
- * Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- * Computer and Computational Sciences
- * Electrical Engineering
- * Geosciences
- * Materials Science and Engineering
- * Mathematics
- * Mechanical Engineering
- * Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- * Oceanography
- * Physics

“You can triumph and come to skill; you can be great if you only will. You’re well equipped for what fight you choose; you have legs and arms and a brain to use, and the man who has risen great deeds to do began his life with no more than you.”

*--Edgar A. Guest
Excerpt from poem,
Equipment*

Graduate School Fair

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We're on the Web!

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

On Monday, October 6, 2003, several Auburn students traveled on behalf of the Minority Drop-In Center to the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The fair was attended by students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee, majoring in science, engineering, and mathematics. This was an excellent opportunity for students to visit with recruiters and graduate school representatives of their choice and receive literature that will assist them in the decision making processes regarding graduate school. Exhibitors included Auburn University, Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, North Carolina State University, The University of Mississippi, The University of Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and The University of Alabama at Huntsville

Those representing Auburn University and the Minority Drop-In Center were: Angela Bell, Charria Campbell, Carma Cook, Tiffany Davis, Jonathan Dixon, Derek Forston, Iris Hill, Jamal Holloway, Angela Peterson, LaToya Peterson, Carl Pettis, Charmaine Porter, Calvin Poindexter, Randall Sharpe, Jana Smith, Herman Turner, and Michele Williams. They did an excellent job representing us!

If you will be a junior or senior next year, keep this opportunity in mind because we go the first week of October every year.

Want to be an Ambassador?

Loving your experience here at Auburn? Wish to give back and help others reach their destiny? Then consider showing your interest in becoming a COSAM Minority Ambassador.

This program will allow you to visit your hometown and high school and serve as a recruiter during your scheduled university breaks.

Mrs. Holland would first like to see who would be interested in serving in such a capacity. If you are interested, please stop by the Drop-In Center and sign up or send Mrs. Holland an email expressing your interest and what high school you attended – hollafm@auburn.edu.

We would really appreciate your help in this matter.

GRE Prep Courses Underway

We have begun the Future Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Faculty Club sponsored GRE prep courses. There was a lot of interest but only ten students could be selected. These selections were based on whether students were science, technology, engineering, or mathematics majors and availability of space. Remember when applying to graduate school you should aim to have a 3.0 GPA. The class will hold four sessions highlighting GRE test taking skills and practice tests. The course is FREE to all participants including the textbook.

Stay tuned for another opportunity in the Spring Semester.



Don't Forget:

- *Future SEM Faculty Club Meeting – October 15, 2003, Foy Union*
 - *Workshops still going on! Check out the schedule on our website!*
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