

Drop-In News

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Auburn hosts 1st Annual Faculty Conference



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From July 11-13, 2004, Auburn University's Minority Drop-In Center hosted an intensive three-day Alabama Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation/ Alabama Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (LSAMP/AGEP) summer faculty conference. The conference was designed to help faculty members at various Alabama institutions better prepare science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students for graduate school. It also tried to help graduate faculty members be better mentors and advisors. The conference was held at The Lodge and Conference Center at Grand National in Opelika, Alabama.

During the conference, graduate faculty members from area Alabama institutions gave presentations on prerequisites and required subject knowledge for Masters and PhD degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics, Engineering, and Mathematics. Each presentation was followed by discussion. The presentations and the discussion proceedings were recorded in the hopes of creating a "manual" of information for other faculty members that could not be present as well as for the National Science Foundation, the sponsors of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation and the Alabama Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate.. Schools in attendance were Alabama A & M University, Alabama State University, Auburn University, Miles College, Oakwood College, Stillman College, Talladega College, Tougaloo College, Tuskegee University, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Alabama, and The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

For more information and pictures see www.auburn.edu/cosam/minority.

Another 27 Summer Bridge Alumni



Interesting First Facts

- 1837 - James McCune Smith was the first black to obtain an M.D. degree.
- 1864 – Rebecca Lee was the first black woman awarded a medical degree.
- 1876 – Meharry Medical College was the first medical school founded for the sole education of blacks.
- 1891 – Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, was the first American hospital operated by blacks.
- 1984 – Alexia Irene Canada was the first black woman neurosurgeon in the United States.

On Monday, July 5, 2004 27 incoming freshman arrived on campus to begin their Summer Bridge journey. The 27 students came from all over Alabama, Georgia, and one even came from Arkansas.

As students began their journey, the students were greeted by Dr. Jenda, Mrs. Holland, and the summer bridge counselors (five past summer bridge students). For four weeks, students took two courses equivalent to Fundamentals of Chemistry and Pre-Calculus. Students had to learn very quickly that their high school habits would have to change in order to be successful here at Auburn University. Also during the four weeks, students were visited by various Auburn University officials and staff, went on field trips, and participated in social, team building activities on the weekends. Students were also responsible for a group project that had to be presented to the entire Summer Bridge group on a famous African-American scientist.

On Friday, July 30, 2004, the journey came to an end with a luncheon in Foy Student Union Ballroom. Students were reunited with their parents and families. Donors and Auburn University officials were present as well to congratulate the Summer Bridge students on a job well done. Dr. Samuel Pettijohn, the first African-American to graduate from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree, was the keynote speaker. He encouraged students to make Auburn University their home. He told them to never think of themselves as an outsider at Auburn.

These 27 students are now officially a part of the Summer Bridge alumni group. With these students, the total of students impacted by the Summer Bridge program is 229. These 27 are welcomed as alumni with open arms and are well on their way to becoming successful students here at Auburn University.



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3 New Bridge to the Doctorate Students

We would like to extend a War Eagle to our three new Bridge to the Doctorate students. At the end of the spring term we had three fellowships become available due to various circumstances. We are pleased however to add three more minority students that are excited about pursuing their graduate degrees here at Auburn University under our program. We would like to welcome the following three young ladies:

- Stacy Campbell is a graduate from Tuskegee University in Nutrition Science. She will be studying Biological Sciences here at Auburn University under the guidance of Dr. Marie Wooten.
- Kimberly Kendricks, an undergraduate mathematics and business major from the University of Pittsburgh will be undertaking the Master's program in mathematics at AU.
- Sonya Savage is a 2004 graduate of Alabama State University in Chemistry. Sonya will major in chemistry in her graduate studies here at Auburn University under the direction of Dr. Vince Cammarata.

We wish them great success here at Auburn and know they will do well!!!

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THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!!!!

2003-2004 has been an exciting, fun-filled, productive year. We wish to thank every student that has participated in any of our programs, events, workshops, etc. Without you our office would not exist but it is because of you that we work harder everyday to ensure your success here at Auburn University and your future to come.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact us. We will be more than willing to serve you.

Best wishes and success for your future endeavors where every they may lead you.

