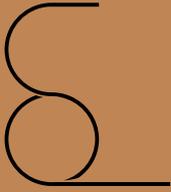


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noun

the ability to assess and initiate independently : *use your initiative, and common sense.*

[in sing.] the power or opportunity to act or take charge before others *have lost the initiative and allowed their opponents to dictate the subject of the discussion.*
an act or strategy intended to overcome a difficulty or improve a situation *his new approach to something : a new initiative against car crime.*

a proposal made by one nation to another in an attempt to improve relations *: diplomatic initiatives to end the conflict.*
[with adj.] a Middle East peace initiative.

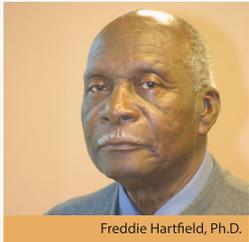
(the initiative) (esp. in some contexts) the right of origin

The
Hartfield
Initiative

Please be part of the success experienced by a UAPB student!



Several converging circumstances have resulted in a critical gap between the growing number of students with severe financial assistance needs and available resources for meeting that need. At UAPB more than 90% of students require some form and level of assistance.



Freddie Hartfield, Ph.D.

While the extent of student need has remained relatively constant, significant changes are noted in its defining characteristics. Rural and small town poor are now joined by the urban poor, with all of the complexities that the urban descriptor suggests. Some students

attending the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) are from families who may be or have been homeless, who have a history of family unemployment, and/or who simply present themselves on campus with the announcement, "I want to go to college". And yet, when they have been able to put together sufficient funds (often from a variety of sources: jobs, loans, family and friends, and various forms of aid) many of the students have performed outstandingly both in the classroom and in campus leadership positions.

The HARTFIELD INITIATIVE addresses the critical need that was discussed in the previous paragraph. The

brainchild of Dr. Freddie Hartfield and expanded by Bishop Chester Thompson, the Initiative has as its goal to raise \$100,000 over a five-year period (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2017) All funds donated to the Hartfield Initiative will be matched dollar-for-dollar through a grant from the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional Service, Title III Program.



Reverend Chester L. Thompson, Jr.



Due in large part to UAPB's mission, the institution educates a disproportionate number of students who would not be able to afford a college education without assistance beyond grants and loans. Hardship cases are not uncommon to UAPB's students; all too often, such situations are very common. Each year, approximately \$400,000 - \$600,000 in donations is made available to students for tuition, fees, books, and school supplies

Though the financial resources are lacking for the majority of UAPB's students, the zeal and ability to excel academically is not. The debate team ranked sixth place in overall competition; students in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program are among the nations brightest scholars; the Industrial Technology majors are in demand for internships; and graduates are heavily recruited by Fortune 500 companies.

"The Hartfield Initiative has become my latest passion, mission and goal in Life. I am committed to using every ounce of mind, body and spirit to continue this worthwhile effort to be a blessing to others."

CHESTER L. THOMPSON, JR.

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