From the Vice Chancellor’s Pen

Spring Semester 2010 brought great honors and one great challenge to the Division of Academic Affairs. The entire campus completed a well-received self study for a change in role and scope in preparation for the Ph.D. degree in Aquaculture Fisheries. This culminated more than three months of intense review, committee meetings, and writing. The site visit by an external review team, selected by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, concluded that the university is ready for a role and scope change to offer one doctorate degree in Aquaculture/Fisheries. Sincere thanks are extended to all who contributed to this historic and legacy enhancing process.

The ROTC Program and the university community applauded with great pride the return of Brigadier General Aundre Piggee, a former UAPB cadet, as featured speaker for the 137th Founders’ Day Program. The university’s commitment to help produce the leadership for the U.S. Military remains a priority. Two First Lieutenants were commissioned during the May 2010 Commencement. The faculty and staff showed continuing productivity. Through external grants and contracts, $17,419,458 was generated to support research, students, faculty development, infrastructure, etc. The university’s academic programs are strengthened and stakeholder support is increased by the outcomes of these grants and contracts. Our students continued to excel and broadened their experiential and theoretical knowledge in more than 100 internships, co-ops, and practica across the U.S. with two studying abroad.

The performing and visual arts brought honor to the university through competitions, tours, concerts, and creative work. The Doc Jones Debate Team is listed among the top 20% of all of the International Public Debate Association (PDA) debate teams in the nation. The Vesper Choir performed with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra at the Robinson Music Hall, and the Ross Players won first prize for their Superior Performance of “Home” at the 73rd Annual National Association of Speech and Dramatic Arts (NASDA) Conference. An art education major, Mr. Stephan Jones, presented a memorable senior exhibit on “Colors” and has received a scholarship to study for the MFA at Boston University. Mr. Henri Linton, chair for the Department of Art, was chosen by the university to create the official gift for Mrs. Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States of America. His landscape of an aerial view of the Arkansas Delta was a masterpiece.

The culminating and most historic moment for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was the delivery of the May 8, 2010 Commencement address by The First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Michelle Obama. Her compelling address, warm presence, and press coverage was a “mountain top” experience. Preparing for Mrs. Obama’s visit brought together an interdisciplinary team of community and university organizations whose cooperative spirit and collaborative planning with the White House staff resulted in a well coordinated reception and visit. Our deepest gratitude is extended to each person who gave assistance.

Our greatest challenge for the Spring 2010 semester was the Nursing Program (BSN). This program remains challenged by low pass rates on the licensure examination, NCLEX, and by student grievances. A Plan to Increase the Viability of the Nursing Program was developed by the university in May 2010. Conditions have also been set by the Arkansas Board of Nursing, the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and by the National League of Nursing. As the plan is broadened to incorporate those conditions, with new leadership in place, and with faculty vacancies being filled by August 16, 2010, we are positioned to increase the viability and outcomes of the BSN program.

As we commence the 2010-2011 Academic Year, it is important to extend thanks to all who contributed to our well being during the 2010 Spring Semester. This includes Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., the President and staff of the University of Arkansas System; the Director and staff of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education; the alumni; all external funding agencies, advisory groups, and donors; the faculty, staff and students; and to all who came as presenters, recruiters, and consultants.

Through your collective input, we experienced growth. Your continued involvement is invited and will be essential as we scale the heights before us.

Mary E. Benjamin, Ph.D.

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Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Cynthia Troutman, assistant professor in the Addiction Studies Program, and Dr. Jerry Ingram, assistant professor of gerontology and addiction studies, are co-investigators on a Diversity-promoting Institutions Drug Abuse Research Program (DIDARP) R24 grant application. The purpose of this grant is to increase the institutional capacity to conduct drug abuse and addiction research. It also proposes to foster the research career development of a diverse cadre of faculty. Ideas for pilot studies from Dr. Yong Wui, assistant professor of business, and Dr. Therthenia Lewis, Social and Behavioral Sciences, are included. The application is on target for submission to NIDA during Fall 2010.

Dr. James Hall, dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Alabama, was invited to present the results of his analysis on the strengths and weaknesses of the research and pilot studies that are a part of the proposal.

Drs. Ingram and Troutman conducted a qualitative research study exploring factors associated with substance abuse among African American early adults (ages 18-25). Samples were drawn from three sites: (1) UAPB students, (2) Department of Corrections males incarcerated in Little Rock and (3) DCC females incarcerated in Pine Bluff. The results will be used to select key variables for further study.

Dr. Ingram and A. L. Curl are co-authors of an article, “Anticipatory socialization for retirement: A multilevel dyadic model,” which has been submitted to the Journal of Gerontological Social Work. It is presently under review.

Dr. Michael J. Lynch III, assistant professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, attended and participated in a Military History Instructors Course on May 3-14, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Offered through the Combat Studies Institute, this was a three-semester hour accredited graduate level course which involved an intensive study of U.S. military history, including significant wars, military operations, and battles in U.S. history, weapons capability, inter-war military actions, leaders, and analyses of military operations. With this training, Dr. Lynch has the requisite background to develop a U.S. Military History course to be taught at UAPB. Military history is a required course for ROTC cadets, but has not been taught at UAPB. The course will be available to all UAPB students.

Dr. Gloria Davis, assistant professor in the Social Work Program, completed Blackboard Training in preparation for during Summer I 2010. She will also develop an online Research Methods course for Fall 2010.

Dr. Bettye Williams, professor of English, presented a paper, entitled “Zora Neale Hurston: A Personal Geography of Coping, Hoping, and Dreaming,” at the 2010 Oxford Round Table Conference at Wadham College, Oxford, England.

The theatre area offered its first Theatre Camp June 7-25, 2010 in the Green Room of the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center. The camp was presented in collaboration with the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education.

Professor Henri Linton, chair of the Department of Art, was presented with the 2010 Patron of the Art Award at the annual meeting of Arkansas Young Artists Association in Little Rock, Arkansas on March 16th. The award was given in recognition of his outstanding contributions, dedication and loyal service to art education. Mr. Linton was also one of several Arkansas African American artists selected to participate in the Art in the Air Professional Art Show held at the UA System Winthrop Rockefeller Institute at Morrilton April 30-May 21, 2010. At the event, he served as the curator of an exhibition of paintings by Mr. John Howard, former chair of the Art Department.

Twenty-five works by Dr. William Detmers, professor of art, were placed on display at the Arts and Science Center of Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff. He also presented an exhibition of paintings by Mr. John Howard, former chair of the Art Department.

Mr. Husny Dahlan, assistant professor of art, coordinated the Art Department’s team for the Festival of Chairs, a charitable table enterprise that benefits children in Jefferson and Lincoln counties. The department received a second place prize for one of its entries made during the period of April 3-29, 2010.

Mr. Milton Jackson, associate professor of music, performed at a reception honoring Krista White, winner of America’s Next Top Model. He also performed in a jazz festival at Pinnacle
Mountain State Park in Little Rock, Arkansas and the National Teachers’ Convention at the State House Convention Center, also in Little Rock.

Mr. Harold Fooster, assistant band director, served as a guest clinician for the Southwest Memphis Area Honor Bands. He also escorted the UABP Drumline to St. Louis, Missouri to perform in the Show-Me Sound Showdown Drumline Festival and Recruitment Fair. The event was held at the Chaifetz Arena on the campus of St. Louis University. Additionally, Mr. Fooster served as an adjudicator at the Dayton Battle of the Bands held at Trotwood-Madison High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Student Accomplishments

The Doc Jones Forensic Association achieved the national ranking of 12th place, solidifying it as ranking in the top third of all the International Public Debate Association (IPDA) debate teams.

Stefan Jones, a 2010 graduate in art education, was awarded a Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship to attend Boston University, where he will pursue a Master’s of Fine Arts degree in painting. The fellowship of approximately $40,000 annually will cover tuition, fees, health insurance and a $19,000 stipend for living expenses.

Spring graduate and biology major, Quiana Childress made headlines during the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff’s historic May 8, 2010 Commencement when First Lady Michelle Obama cited her as an example of overcoming adversity and graduating summa cum laude with a 3.935 GPA. Consequently, Childress was featured as ABC World News “Person of the Week” hosted by Diane Sawyer on May 14th. She has accepted a 1-year NIH/NIEHS biomedical research internship in lung transplantation at renowned Research Triangle Park, NC. She has been accepted into medical school. She was also awarded a $25,000 scholarship from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

The UABP Vesper Choir performed the concert version of Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra in the Robinson Theatre in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jennifer Pegues, Jacob Hurley and Natalie Williams, music majors, sang as soloists in the production. The singers studied privately with Dr. Heidi Gordon, assistant choir director.

The Pep Band performed at the NCAA Basketball Tournament in Dayton, Ohio and Jacksonville, Florida. It was noted by ESPN and CBS commentators during the national broadcast of the tournament at both sites that the band was an outstanding performing group.

The UABP Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Darryl Evans, participated in a master class, Tips for the Jazz Ensemble. The master class was presented on March 12, 2010 by Ronald C. McCurdy, professor and chairman of the Jazz Studies Department at Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

The Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South had several outstanding performances during the season, highlighted by a performance at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. An all female band was formed and featured in a performance for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Little Rock, Arkansas.

School of Agriculture, Fisheries & Human Sciences

Two SAFHS Ronald McNair Scholars, Devethia Deloach (plant science, ’10) and Calvin Fisher (fisheries biology, ’10) attended the Oklahoma State University Research Symposium in April 2010. They presented their original research to OSU faculty, students and other McNair Scholars from around the country.

Department of Agriculture

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Bihu Huang presented her research, “Genotypic Differences in Straighthead Resistance of Rice Cultivars” to the Rice Technological Working Group Meeting in Biloxi, Miss. in February 2010. Dr. Mohammad Jalaluddin presented “Motivational Strategies for Recruiting Talented Students in Agricultural Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff” at the NACTA/SERD Conference, at Pennsylvania State College in June 2010. Dr. Shahidul Islam and Lurie Anderson presented their research “Extending the Vase life of Cut Roses (Rosa hybrid) by Different Chemicals” at the 94th Arkansas Academy of Science in Little Rock in April 2010.

Several faculty attended professional meetings in Arkansas and elsewhere: Alicia Farmer, Grantsmanship Workshop, Association of Extension Administrators in Atlanta, GA; Dr. Ondieki Gekara, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists Annual Meeting and Conference in Orlando, FL; Shannon Hendrix, Academy VII Spring Training, NAFSA: Association of International Educators in Atlanta, GA; Association of Extension Administrators Grantsmanship Workshop in Atlanta, and the Association of International Educators Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO. Ms. Hendrix also travel with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff International Programs Tour Group to France, Belgium and the Netherlands in March 2010. The tour was organized by Mrs. Dorothy Holt.

Student Accomplishments

Sixteen students graduated from the Department of Agriculture with B.S. degrees in agriculture. Thanks to scholarship donors who provided 13 students with $13,450 for the 2010-2011 academic year.
Nine current students have completed summer internships to further their academic and professional development toward graduation. Charley Hunter, Gladys Fennoy, Jasmine Garner, Eugene Lewis, Brian Mixon and Taurean Morrow interned at the National Resources Conservation Service in Kansas, Minnesota and Ohio; Brittany Williams interned at Eli Lilly, Little Rock; Britanni Stone interned at the National Park Service in Porter, Ind.; and Kayler Hudson interned at Reed-Collier Drugs in Pine Bluff.

Animal science majors Iesha Anderson, Jazmyn Carter, Devethia Deloach, Aerial Smith, Tiffanie Vanzandt and agricultural business majors Antonio Burkett and LeaVannah Davis attended the Egg and Poultry Association International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta in January 2010. Six agriculture students attended the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences conference in Orlando in March 2010: Dominique Young, Jessica McAfee, Antonio Burkett, Alicia Whitley, Jennifer Griffin and Sylvester Barrow.

Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries

The original 112 Aquaculture Research Station ponds built in the early 1970s are under renovation with expected completion before December 2010. USDA and Arkansas state matching funds provided the $1.4 million for this much-needed project. The Spring Roundup was held on April 23, 2010, for faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students. Awards were presented to the four graduating undergraduate students – Leonardo Matthews, Candace Rodgers, Elliott Kittel and Calvin Fisher. The American Fisheries Society (AFS) and U.S. Aquaculture Society (USAS) gavels were passed on signifying leadership transfers to new club officers: Clint Peacock, graduate student, president AFS; Nicholas Barkowski, graduate student, president USAS; Brandon Baker, graduate student, vice president AFS/USAS; and Daniel Grigas, graduate student, secretary AFS/USAS for the 2010-11 academic year.

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Rebecca Lochmann, a fish nutritionist, was recognized for her research in catfish nutrition by the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas during the Arkansas Aquaculture 2010 Conference in Hot Springs. Faculty in the department attended numerous meetings, including: Catfish Farmers of Arkansas in Hot Springs, Ark., C. Engle, Y. Chen, M. Dey, G. Selgen and A. Goodwin; Arkansas Bait and Ornamental Fish Growers Association, Lonoke, Ark., Y. Chen, M. Dey, C. Engle, A. Goodwin and G. Selden; Appalachian Environment Workshop, Star City, W. Va., Y. Chen; Aquaculture 2010, San Diego, Calif., M. Dey, C. Engle, A. Goodwin, and A. Kelly; Recertification Workshop for Pesticide Applicators, Monticello, Ark., B. Duke; Triploid Grass Carp Inspector Training, A. Kelly; Cooperative Agriculture Pest Survey Committee Meeting, Arkansas State Plant Board, Little Rock; and Costs and Benefits of Climate and Energy Policy for Agriculture and Forestry, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock, H. Thomforde.

Student Accomplishments

Undergraduate students receiving bachelor’s degrees in Fisheries Biology in Dec. 2009 were Bryan Paul, Scott Donaldson and Byron Burns. Graduate students receiving master’s degrees in Aquaculture/Fisheries include Brad Fontaine, Miles Thompson and Christy Adelsberger. Fall 2009 Dean’s List recipients were Ryan Fletcher, Candace Rodgers, Calvin Fisher, Elliott Kittel and Maya Warner. Brett Timmons has been selected as the Aquaculture/Fisheries Center Outstanding Member for 2009-2010. Ganesh Thapa won the Dr. Willingham Award in overall graduate presentation for his research “Consumer Preferences for Seafood in the Northern Region of the USA” at the 2010 Student/Faculty Research Forum. Abed Rabbani won first place in graduate level area of Aquaculture/Fisheries at the 2010 Student/Faculty Research Forum for his research titled “Determination of Catfish Importation in the USA: An Application of an Augmented Gravity Model.” Abed Rabbani and Ganesh Thapa each received the International Association of Aquaculture Economics and Management (IAAEM) 2010 Travel Award to attend the Aquaculture America 2010 Conference in San Diego, Calif. Pratheesh Oman received honorable mention for the 2010 IAAEM dissertation and thesis awards. New Faculty/Staff - Yushun Chen joined the Aquaculture/Fisheries Center in January 2010, as assistant professor of water quality. He holds a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from West Virginia University, an M.S. degree in zoology from Chinese Academy of Sciences and a B.S. degree in Aquaculture/Fisheries from Hunan Agricultural University. Marian Alley joined the Watson Memorial Library stationed in the Aquaculture/Fisheries Research and Extension Library as a library technician in September 2009. She holds a B.S. degree in wildlife ecology and conservation from the University of Florida.

Department of Human Sciences

The Department of Human Sciences held its Strategic Planning Retreat at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church on March 5, 2010. Dr. Jacquelyn McCray, dean emeritus of SAFHS, served as a consultant for the development of a new departmental strategic plan in preparation for self study reports for the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education.
Senior nutrition and dietetics majors recently completed 108 hours job-shadowing registered dietitians and food service directors in private and state-owned healthcare and educational settings: U.S. Renal Care, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Pinnacle Pointe Hospital, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, White Hall Nursing Home and the Watson Chapel School District. Students further participated in multiple Tele-Medicine Web-Counseling sessions sponsored by the Area Health Education Center of UAMS. These experiences enhance students' knowledge and understanding of the wide scope and application of nutrition and dietetics knowledge prior to enrolling in the dietetic internship.

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Janette Wheat received the 2010 Unsung Shero Recognition Award presented by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership for her role in supporting student achievement. Dr. Ying Gao-Balch has developed and taught the Elementary Nutrition course online. Drs. Jyotsna Sharman, Makuba Lihono, Ying Gao-Balch and Lucille Meadows attended the annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Exposition of the American Dietetic Association and the national workshop “So You Want to Meet Accreditation Standards?” sponsored by the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education of the American Dietetic Association in Denver, Colo., in October 2009.

Student Accomplishments

Human Development/Family Studies students participated in fall 2009 internships in Pine Bluff: Shannon Amos and Brenda Spears - Gabe Meyer East Head Start; Dachana Austin - Dollarway District Parent Center; Tonya Boston - Jefferson County Community Center; Nashanda Brown - Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office; Saroya Fortune - Townsend Park Elementary School; Lesha Guest and Kamilia Turner - David C. Vaughn Head Start, Kosmic Kidz Learning Center; Felicia Moore - Childcare LINKS - Child Care and Referral Department; Stacey Murphy and Kierra Stinson - Jenkins Memorial Center; Tonya Smith - Dollarway Early Intervention Center.

Nutrition and dietetics students Deidre Quarels, senior, and Deborah McAfee, junior, serve on the Didactic Program in Dietetics Committee bringing suggestions and comments from their class peers to improve the program and progress toward re-accreditation. Deborah McAfee (junior nutrition/dietetics) has qualified for the Certified Dietary Manager and the Certified Food Protection Professional Exams.

The School of Education has continued its professional development activities. Dean Calvin Johnson, attended the NCATE/TEAC Redesign Team Washington, DC and the American Association of College for Teacher Education (ACTE) 62nd Annual Conference, in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Johnson presented “Hosting a Teacher Quality and Retention Institute” at the Thurgood Marshall Member University and Professional Institute (MUPI) Conference in Nashville, TN and “Changing From Within” at the 10,000 Black Men Summit at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. He also served as a Judge for the Walton Family Foundation Scholarship Award.

Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. William Torrence, Chairperson, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, authored an article “Fit and Bold for Life!” for the UAPB Black & Gold Fit & Bold Wellness Program Newsletter (Jan/Feb/March 2010). He completed PATHWISE Mentor Training for the Arkansas Classroom Observation System for novice teachers, and was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Additionally, Dr. Torrence presented a paper, “Relationship Between Youth & Adult Physical Activity,” at the UAPB 23rd Annual Student/Faculty Research Forum; and facilitated “The Great Discussion: Healthcare Reform, Drug Abuse, & Social Aspects of Poverty,” for the UAPB Office of Student Leadership & Involvement Lecture Series in January.

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Professor Glenda Kennedy attended the 2010 CEC Convention and Expo on in Nashville, TN; the IRIS Faculty Seminar in Little Rock, AR and the Student-Arkansas Education Association (S-AEA) Spring Conference at Philander Smith College. Dr. Kennedy was joined at the SAEA by four UAPB students, Loytoya Chitman, Arnita Davis, Lakisha Williams and Jeremy Cegers, who spoke on the topic, ”What is a Resource Teacher? ”

Dr. Brenda A. Martin participated in training sessions at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference in Washington, DC.
Dr. Martin served as discussant for a research symposium during the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO and received a certificate for completing PATHWISE mentor training. She is a member of the Editorial Board for the Workforce Education Forum Journal and serves on the Editorial Board for the Career and Technical Education Journal.

Dr. Todd Garner, Associate Professor, participated in the Pathwise Training Program-Mentoring Training. Dr. Garner also attended the Social Studies Education SPA Report Program at OBU in Arkadelphia. Dr. Garner and his Adaptive Physical Education class participated in the Special Olympics Track and Field program.

Mr. Chad Sanders, instructor, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for completion of training to teach UAPB web courses for 2009-2010. He completed PATHWISE training and 60 hours of professional development for renewal of his Arkansas Teaching License. Mr. Sanders also continues to place in athletics competitions, including the Arkansas Grand Prix Series and in regional and national competitions. He placed fourth at the National Championships in Richmond, VA to earn a spot on Team USA to compete and represent the United States in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ms. Lucretia Williams, instructor, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, renewed her certification with American Red Cross for Water Safety Instructor/Trainer.

Adult Education Program
The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff recently acquired the Adult Education Program. The program serves adult learners through adult basic education classes which are designed for adults functioning up to the 8.9 grade level. General adult education classes prepare adults who score at the 9th to 12th grade level. Program highlights include free GED classes and testing, open enrollment (allowing one to begin GED classes immediately), computer training, and free textbooks. Registration and testing for classes are scheduled in 4-hour increments three times daily on Monday and Tuesday at 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information, please call (870) 575-8206 or email kittlerl@uapb.edu.

Currently, there are 26 UAPB graduates (pending official results) and 117 students (since arriving at UAPB) currently enrolled in GED classes.

Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society in Business, Management and Administration welcomed eighteen (18) new members. Membership is extended to juniors and seniors in the upper twenty (20) percent of the business class. Inductees included Tangria Ashley, Phylicia Bolton, Andrew Brooks, Ashanti Brown, Michelle Brown, Candiea Bush, Darshun Cash, Brandon Ford, Stephanie Forté, Rita Gates, Miriam Meadows, Melissa Myers, Kortney Peterson, Shelby Porter, Teressa Reams, Shannon Smith, LaTonya Strickland, and Andrea Surratt.

Tyson Foods, Inc. (Bentonville, AR) held a seminar for business students to discuss internship opportunities within their corporate office.

The SBM received a four year grant for Internationalization of the Business Curriculum and Faculty Development. The grant is sponsored by the Institute for International Public Policy – United Negro College Fund Special Programs, Centers for International Business Education and Research, and the United State Department of Education.

School of Business and Management

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The SBM also partnered with the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s Small Business and Technology Development Center for a seminar on how to start a small business.

The Accounting Club participated in Lion Fever Day and Memphis Day. This year sixty (60) students were recruited from the Memphis area.

Faculty Activities
Lawrence Awopetu obtained his second Masters Degree (MACC) from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Dr. Barbara Grayson served as a paper reviewer for the National Symposium on Student Retention.

Dr. Eddie Hand and Dean Carla M. Martin attended the HBCU Globalizing Business Schools Conference in Memphis, TN. This conference was sponsored by the University of Memphis for HBCU’s interested in creating an International Business Program.

Student Accomplishments
Shannon Smith, a Business Technology Education major, was the University’s top Spring 2010 graduate and the top graduate for the School of Business and Management.

Brandon Ford, an Accounting major, represented the School of Business and Management on the Student Panel during the 2010 National Alumni Association Summer Conference in Memphis, TN.
Andrew Brooks, a Business Administration major, received an eleven (11) week internship opportunity as a Marketing Specialist in the Office of University Relations and Development.

General Studies Program

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Program continues to provide services and career opportunities for students, especially non-traditional with a distinct story and distinct goals. The General Studies Degree gives students a unique opportunity to develop a multidisciplinary and carefully focused course of study which fulfills traditional university requirements. The flexibility of the program, coupled with individualized programming, make it an attractive option for non-traditional students.

During Spring Commencement, 22 students were awarded baccalaureate degrees in General Studies, bringing the total BGS degrees awarded during 2009-2010 school year to 40. The Division is proud that BGS graduates continue to use their degrees as a path to graduate study and careers in professional areas such as business, education, public relations, public health, and other professions.

Dr. Janice Coleman joined the Office of University College during the 2010 Spring Semester as Interim Assistant Dean and BGS Advisor. “Daily interaction with prospective BGS students affords me the opportunity to not only serve, but also to inform students of the multiple avenues to be taken to ensure their success in the field,” reported Dr. Coleman.

Act 971 Implementation

Act 971 is being implemented at UAPB. The Act, recently passed by the Arkansas Legislature, requires that state-supported institutions adopt a developmental program exit examination that will provide a score comparable to ACT or SAT scores in order to determine if students are prepared for college-level course enrollment. This post-test is to be implemented for developmental education students, effective fall 2010. The COMPASS examination is being used by UAPB to satisfy this state mandate. Dr. Jewell Walker serves as Chair of the Act 971 Committee and is coordinating this initiative for UAPB. Other members of the Act 971 Committee include Dr. Jerry Lewis, Dr. Charles Colen, Dr. Yolanda Paige, Dr. Janice Coleman, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Ms. Willette Totten, Dr. Mary Brentley, Ms. Sheena Terrell, Mr. William Bryant, and Ms. Joyce Vaughan.

Freshman Early Payment, Testing and Registration

University College, in conjunction with the office of Student Financial Services, implemented a new process for freshmen who were planning to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff during fall 2010. The Early Payment, Testing and Registration process replaced the traditional summer orientation program for freshmen. This new procedure placed more emphasis on students completing their financial arrangements prior to enrolling for classes and also enables the University to implement testing mandated by Act 971. Nine days were designated to host groups of 100 students during the summer; in addition, advisors worked with students on an ongoing basis throughout the summer.

TRIO Faculty/Staff Retreat

The TRIO Student Support Services Staff attended a Planning and Preparation Retreat in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The purpose of the workshop was to plan for the 2010-2011 school year. TRIO SSS calendar of events, activities and job assignments for the upcoming school year were completed. Other items on the agenda included professional development travel for the staff, cultural discovery trips for program participants, discussion of web page contents for the program’s web page to be linked to the university’s web site, orientation assignments, and power point presentations about the TRIO SSS Program.

Facult/Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Jewell Walker and Dr. Linda Okior (Assistant Dean, SAFHS) presented a workshop at the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference held in Chicago. The session title was “An Enrollment Management Model for At-Risk Students at an HBCU.” Drs. Walker and Okior also participated in the ArkACRAO Support Staff Workshop held at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Their presentation was entitled, “Significance of Support Staff in Enrollment Management…Yes, You Make A Difference!”

Ms. Emma Allen and the Reading Component of TRIO Student Support Services sponsored the program’s fourth annual “Final Fun Days” Workshop. The workshop consisted of test-taking strategies, developing correct study habits, note-taking, and stress/time management tips.
Dr. Mary Brentley presented the Commencement Address for St. Peter’s Catholic Church on May 20, 2010. During her address, she encouraged the sixth grade graduating class to continue to read and build their vocabulary during the summer, to be mindful of helping others to accomplish their goals, and to focus on character building activities that were taught to them at St. Peter’s School to catapult them to the junior high school level.

Ms. Florence Caine assisted with planning and coordinating Memphis Day. She also coordinated the annual Athletics Award Banquet.

Ms. Bobbie Bradley, Mrs. Annette Fields, Mrs. Cheryl Hutchins, and Ms. Pecola Anderson assisted with the University College exhibit. Ms. Florence Caine also worked with the Recruitment Office to coordinate Lion Fever Day, and BAS Faculty members (Dr. Mary Brentley, Ms. Bobbie Bradley, Mrs. Annette Fields, Mr. Cedric Jackson, and Mrs. Cheryl Hutchins), along with other departments, greeted approximately 1,000 students. Dr. Mary Brentley was a program presenter for both activities. She provided updates for the 2010 Fall Semester.

Mrs. Lenette Burns and Mr. Yves Celestin (ASDS) volunteered as Proctors for the CAAP/Rising Junior Exam, which is administered by the Student Counseling Assessment, and Development Center. Mrs. Lenette Burns served on the Registration Committee for the Mary E. Benjamin Educational Access Conference.

Faculty/Staff Professional Development

Dr. Mary Brentley attended the National Association of Developmental Education Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Jerry Lewis, Mrs. Janette Johnson, Ms. Pecola Anderson, Mrs. Lenette Burns, Dr. Janice Coleman, Dr. Jewell Walker, Ms. Bobbie Bradley, Ms. Florence Caine, Mrs. Annette Fields, Mrs. Cheryl Hutchins, Mr. Cedric Jackson, Mr. Andrew Tulloch, and Dr. Mary Brentley attended the Seventeenth Annual Mary E. Benjamin Conference on Educational Access.

Dr. Jewell Walker and Dr. Janice Coleman attended the Arkansas Student Success Symposium held at the University of Central Arkansas.

Mrs. Annette Fields, Dr. Jerry Lewis, Mrs. Janette Johnson, Ms. Pecola Anderson, Dr. Janice Coleman, and Dr. Jewell Walker completed Blackboard 9 Training, which was sponsored by the Center for Teaching, Learning and Advising. Dr. Jerry Lewis also attended Smart Board Training.

Mrs. Cheryl Hutchins and Mrs. Annette Fields attended the Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education Conference at the University of Central Arkansas.

Ms. Florence Caine attended the NCAA Advisement and Compliance Workshop.

All BAS faculty members (Annette Fields, Florence Caine, Bobbie Bradley, Cheryl Hutchins, Cedric Jackson, and Andrew Tulloch) attended the Faculty Development Online Workshops including College Learning Strategies, Hands on Activities to Help Students Discover a Major, and Successful Communications.

Dr. Jerry Lewis attended the 7th Annual Clearing the Air In Communities of Color Conference sponsored by the UAPB Minority Initiative Recipient Grant.

Mrs. Lenette Burns and Mrs. Ericka Reams participated in the following Title III Program Administration 2010 Faculty/Staff Development Seminars: How to Design Attention-Grabbing Brochures, Catalogs, Ads, Newsletters and Reports, March 25; Administrative Professionals Seminar, April 28; Successful Communication, May 27; and Conflict Resolution.

TRIO Student Support Services faculty/staff have been engaged in several professional development activities. Emma Allen, Student Support Services Coordinator, and Julia Hadley, Mathematics Coordinator, attended the Association for Tutoring Profession (ATP), held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Donna Mooney, English Coordinator, attended the AASAP Spring Leadership Conference in Magnolia, Arkansas. Mrs. LaNell Ross, Academic Advisement Specialist, attended a COE Seminar entitled “Improving College Admissions Outcomes and Securing Financial Aid for All TRIO Programs” in Bloomington, Illinois.

Student Accomplishments

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

Nine new members were inducted into Alpha Beta Tau Chapter during the 2010 Spring Semester. The new members are Stephen Broughton, Zina Conley, Cynthia Davis, Karissa Hence, Jazlyn Jackson, Kandice Lee, Shandrea Middlebrook, Katrina Poney and Shakeysha Shelton. Kandice Lee was elected president for 2010-2011, replacing Quiana Childress who graduated during the Spring Commencement after serving as president for the past two years. Ms. Lee is a senior Chemistry major.
Honors and Awards

Each year, University College recognizes students for their academic achievement and exemplary service during the annual Honors and Awards Convocation. In recognition of outstanding academic performance, a plaque was presented to 9 freshmen who had attained a 4.00 GPA in 15 or more semester credit hours: Recipients were Ninfa Barnard, Angelica McClendon, Hordan McClendon, Cornell Nichols, Jasmine Richardson, Antonio Richmond, Taaja Smith, Holly Sutton, and DeVaughn Watts. Other award recipients were Danny U. Burl and Frank Dorsey (plaques for Freshman Class Service Award); Quiana Childress (TRIO Scholastic Achievement Award); Sharita Jasper (a plaque for “Most Improved Reading Student”); and Aundrea Landrum (a plaque for Orientation Assistant of the Year). The following students were recognized for outstanding achievement in one or more subject areas on the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP, also referred to as the Rising Junior Exam): Sammy Alverson, Britnee Bailey, Tashundra Brown, Monica Carrillo, Shelia Carroll, Deja Evans, Lasonya Guy, Mark Hale, Frank Hampton, Brandi Johnson, Jamoris Miller, Shaneka Patterson, Kiana Pollard, Larrasha Proctor, Caitlin Rowland, Gekisha Shaw, Vanessa Smith, Arthur Thomas, Avery Wheeler, and Lakisha Williams.

Freshman Class Hosts Pizza Party

Officers and members of the freshmen class sponsored the 2010 Upward Bound Pizza Party. Mrs. Bobbie Bradley, Freshman Advisor, Ms. Florence Caine, and Mrs. Annette Fields attended and represented BAS. Upward Bound students are encouraged to enroll at UAPB annually during this event.

TRIO Student Support Services Awards Banquet

The TRIO Student Support Services held its 8th Annual Spring Awards Banquet, in the Black and Gold Room of the L.A. Davis Student Union. The theme of the banquet was “Accentuating the Positive in TRIO.” Plaques were awarded to program participants for their achievements and Quiana Childress received special recognition and an award for being the “Overall Achiever” in the program. Graduating Peer Tutors of the program were also honored for their services.

The Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education has been involved in numerous projects throughout the campus and the Delta region.

Dr. George Herts and Mrs. Bonita Corbin represented the division at several planning meetings in Gould, Dumas, Lake Village, and Eudora.

The UAPB Partnership with the Gould Community Center has been expanded to include the City of Gould as a partner.

The division is developing a new partnership with Dumas, AR as a part of a consortium of higher education institutions in the Delta. The university will be offering web courses for that site once the agreement is in place.

The UAPB North Little Rock Site sponsored “The Lion Speaks” lecture series implemented to offer additional exposure for students at that site. The lecturers were Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., State Representative Tracy Steele, Attorney John Walker, Attorney Sheila Campbell, Judge Marion Humphrey, and news anchor Pamela Smith. Dr. George Herts served as respondent for each program which gave the students and faculty an opportunity to actively participate. Program sponsors were Dr. Minnie Hatchett, site director, and Ms. Othello Faison, site instructor.

In collaboration with UAPB’s School of Education, instruction was offered to Early Childhood Education students in Phillips County.

The division has collaborated with the Center for Teaching, Learning and Advising to increase the number of online course offerings.

Dr. George Herts, Interim Dean for the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, is volunteering his service and representing UAPB as consultant for the implementation of a six-week summer program on the study of Egyptian life and culture for the youth at St. Mark Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Ms. Sheila Bryan serves as the Report Coordinator for the 2009-2010 Division II NCAA Self-Study report.

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES HONORED AT BANQUET

Twenty-six members of the Honors College in the 2010 graduating class were honored at a banquet sponsored by the Honors College on May 4, 2010. In attendance was Dr. Mary E. Benjamin, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who assisted the Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Carolyn Blakely, in recognizing students for their accomplishments. Twelve of the students were also members of Alpha Chi, a national honor society, and received cords for both the Honors College and Alpha Chi.
Quiana Childress, the graduate with the highest grade point average, and Terrel Sharp, the re-elected president of the Honor Student Association, received gifts and special recognition. Reflections of their experiences with the Honors College were presented by Brittany Henry ’12, Jasmond Smith ’11, and Quiana Childress ’10.


HONOR STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING

Eight members of the Honor Student Association attended the national meeting for the Arkansas Mu Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme of this year’s conference was “Multiple Talents, Multiple Opportunities.”

In addition to attending various sessions reflecting the theme of the conference and research by students in attendance, Quinton Bryant, student representative, presented an oral presentation titled, “Unique Ionic Liquid-Derived Silver Nanostructures for Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering.”

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Honors College has been named after its dean, Dr. Carolyn F. Blakely. During the annual Honors College banquet (May 4) for students graduating from the program, the 2010 graduating seniors announced that the administration had approved the renaming of the Honors College to “The Carolyn F. Blakely Honors College” in recognition of her commitment to providing special academic challenges to students capable of responding to such challenges.

During Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr.’s tenure as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, he requested Dr. Carolyn Blakely, then Professor of English, to spend a summer developing a proposal for an honors program at the University. Working closely with Dr. Floyd Goodwyn, also a member of the English Department at that time, Dr. Blakely recruited about fifteen students who committed themselves to engaging in a program that required them to devote serious attention to pursuing academic excellence.

The program was visible and attracted more students. A small conference room was provided containing one computer, a limited library, and some music listening equipment. Included among those early students were Dr. Ruth Jones, now a physicist who works for NASA and Dr. Antonie Rice, the current chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics at UAPB.

After Dr. Davis became Chancellor, he asked Dr. Blakely to develop an Honors College. Housed in a suite of offices in Dawson-Hicks Hall, the College now contains state-of-the-art computer equipment, appropriate study space and is now populated by one hundred fifty students.

Traveling with Dr. Carolyn Blakely, dean of the Honors College and advisor to Alpha Chi were: Tiffany Anderson of Stone Mountain, GA; Quinton Bryant of Sherwood, AR; Sharon Dobbs of Dumas, AR; Miriam Kaleen of Pine Bluff, AR; Tiara Ligon of Chicago, IL; Yvonne Manning of Pine Bluff, AR; and Kraven McKenzie of Little Rock, AR. Dr. Blakely also served as a judge of competitive papers for a graduate fellowship. The national meeting will be held in San Diego, California next year.

ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Five students were inducted into the Arkansas Mu Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society during a ceremony held on April 26, 2010. Alpha Chi is a co-educational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. As a general honor society, Alpha Chi admits to membership students from all academic disciplines. Membership in Alpha Chi recognizes previous accomplishments and provides opportunity for continued growth and service. As a phrase from its constitution suggests, Alpha Chi seeks to find ways to assist students in “making scholarship effective for good.” To be eligible for membership in Alpha Chi, a student must have completed at least 48 hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or must rank in the top 10 percent of one’s class. In the case of transfer students, at least 24 hours must have been completed at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and both the overall GPA and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff GPA must meet these standards. Those inducted were: Jazmine L. Askew, Stephen T. Broughton II, DarShun C. Cash, Quiana M. Childress, and Brittany S. Henry.
The success of the program over the years is evidenced by the facts that they maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25 or better to maintain eligibility for the program; they are accepted into graduate and professional schools; and the alumni roster reflects numerous careers, such as medical doctors, attorneys, educators, dentists, and physicists.

Dr. Blakely, a 1957 graduate of Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (now UAPB) says that she is appreciative of the honor and recognition and remains committed to serving her students.

At the May 2010 Commencement, the Golden Lion Battalion commissioned two second lieutenants, 2LT Elizabeth Love and 2LT Steven Steen.

Each summer the UAPB ROTC program supports Cadet Command’s Leader’s Training Course (LTC). The LTC is the premier leadership program of its kind in the United States. An intense four-week introduction to Army life and leadership training of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, the aim of the course is to motivate and qualify Cadets for entry into the Senior ROTC program. While attending LTC at Fort Knox, KY., Cadets gain an experience that runs the gamut of Army life and the responsibilities of being an officer. The course instills confidence and decision-making abilities to become a leader, in the Army and in life. This program is designed for college students, typically between their sophomore and junior years. Upon successful completion of the course, graduates can take part in ROTC at UAPB as a third-year student in the four-year program. This summer, UAPB’s ROTC program sent seven Cadets to LTC (five from UAPB and two from UAM). Four of the five UAPB Cadets were eligible to compete for a two year scholarship; one Cadet has already been awarded her scholarship and the remaining three have been offered scholarships which will begin in FALL 2010.

Each summer the UAPB ROTC program supports Cadet Command’s Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), also known as Operation Warrior Forge. This training event is the U.S. Army Cadet Command’s most important training and assessment event for an Army ROTC Cadet or National Guard Officer Candidate. This summer six UAPB Cadets successfully completed LDAC; one was commissioned at LDAC to the grade of Second Lieutenant (2LT Ashley Bolden) and in October 2010 the remaining five will receive notification of their first assignment as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.

Army ROTC Scholarship Opportunities

ROTC offer two, three, three ½ & four-year scholarships to scholars athletes leaders attending UAPB. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees, $600 per semester for books, and a monthly stipend of $300.00 for freshmen, $350.00 for sophomores, $450.00 for juniors and $500.00 for seniors. UAPB provides an additional incentive of paying for room and board for ROTC scholarship students. Also, ROTC offers Student Loan Repayment Programs and a bonus of $5,000 for contracting Juniors. For scholarship and enrollment information, contact LTC Tommie L. Walker, the Professor of Military Science (PMS), located in the Army ROTC building (Hazzard Gym) at (870) 575-8445.
Academic Records had a tremendous year full of achievement, exhilaration, and prowess. Erica Fulton and the Academic Records staff, hosted the ‘first’ ArkACRAO Support Staff Workshop at UAPB on March 22, 2010. Forty-five participants, including facilitators, convened at the S.J. Parker 1890 Extension Complex. Fellow ArkACRAO members, Regina Carter (UALR-Registrar’s Office), Mary Jones (UAPB Admissions) and Lee Hardman (UAPB Recruitment), contributed to the success of the workshop in various roles. Session topics included: Professionalism and Ethics…Our Guiding principals (Attorney Carla M. Martin-UAPB) Empowerment: “Support” for the Support Staff (Mrs. Michelle Crater-Grice-UAPB) The Nuts and Bolts of EEOC (Mrs. Debra Moser-EEOC Memphis, TN) Significance of Support Staff in Enrollment Management (Dr. Jewell Walker and Dr. Linda Okiror-UAPB)

The venerable ‘Roll Call’ was held during the luncheon which also provided opportunities for sharing and networking. There was lots of good food, door prizes, and camaraderie. Gin Brown, ArkACRAO President-Elect, gave a rousing overview of ArkACRAO and upcoming events in the organization. Erma Bredlove, from the Arkansas Department of Health, shared updates pertaining to immunization requirements and other health related issues. The workshop culminated with a ‘Lion Country’ Tour led by Lee Hardman. Those who remained toured the University Museum and Cultural Center and the Harrold Complex Living and Learning Center. The evaluations from participants were overwhelmingly positive!

Library Satellites

The goal of the library is to assure access to the records of humanity which are necessary for the successful pursuit of academic programs by the faculty, students, and staff of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff community. In reaching this goal the library now has five (5) satellite libraries/centers located on campus and at the university’s North Little Rock site. Each of these satellite sites now has a full-time degree staff person available to assist faculty, students, and staff with their research and/or media equipment needs.

The library satellite libraries/centers are: (1) Word Instructional Resources Center (WIRC) in the School of Education; (2) Aquaculture/Fishers Research and Extension Library (AFREL) in the Department of Aquaculture/Fisheries; (3) Addiction Studies Resources Center (ADRC) in the Addiction Studies Program; (4) Bell Learning Resources Center (BLRC) provides graphic, photographic, and media equipment to faculty; and the (5) North Little Rock Library Site supports university classes offered in the Little Rock area.

Library Technical Services

The library has added Blackboard Pharos PHIL (Payment Headquarters In Location) Station management system which will allow UAPB patrons to add money to their current Student ID for printing. The PHIL Station will also allow community patrons, such as SEARK students, Alumni and others to purchase copy cards to print using the libraries Pharos Unprint Management System.

Library Printing System

Pharos Unprint System serves to manage and optimize print. Pharos Systems enables the library to make fact-based print and copy management decisions, illuminate library printing environment by exposing the hidden reality of uncontrolled printing costs, and track and measure total enterprise print and copy expenditures, including equipment, maintenance, and supply costs. Pharos helps library patrons print less, reduce their printing costs, lessen their impact on the environment, and enhance their printing security.

Pharos supported the library’s commitment to make every patron’s printing experience easy and environmentally smart by implementing a solution that:

- Helps patrons make fewer printing mistakes, thereby reducing the amount of paper that is tossed into recycling bins (or trash cans);
- Gives patrons 100% confidence that what they print will not be seen by anyone else before it reaches their hands; and
- Enables patrons to pay for printing (and copying) with just a swipe of a UAPB Student ID card

The system tracking, printing and copying activity maximizes cost recovery and facilitates print monitoring, print tracking, and print security.
The process of teaching and learning at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is no longer confined to space within the walls of the classroom. UAPB faculty and students are continuously on the move, yet are accomplishing their work as usual through online connectivity. In the Spring 2010 the Center for Teaching, Learning and Advising assisted more than forty faculty members in obtaining the skills needed for online instruction, assisted faculty in the development of online courses, and awarded Certificates of Achievement for completion of Blackboard Training. The following data provides supportive evidence of the Center’s impact:

- As of Spring 2010, UAPB offers seventy (70) fully internet online courses.
- Online enrollment during Spring 2010 totaled 1,250.
- During 2010 Summer I, five (5) online courses served a total of 69 students enrolled.
- Forty-four faculty members were served during the Spring 2010, an increase of 10% over the previous year. All forty-four (44) have received Certificates of Achievement.
- During Summer II, five (5) online courses served a total of 125 students enrolled.

Center Staff Participates in Conferences

ACWHE. Dr. Verma Jones and Mrs. Dora Sanders represented the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff at the Arkansas Council of Women in Higher Education Spring Conference, held in Conway, AR. Although designed primarily to attract women, this professional development activity is important to all university employees. The workshops offered sustainable approaches to everyday challenges faced by employees, especially women in higher education. Participants reviewed strategies for creating balance in the day to day challenges of the workplace, while maximizing resources in the current economy in spite of budget cuts. Practical tools were introduced to assist in accomplishing goals in and outside of academia.

During the campus reports, Dr. Jones provided a brief UAPB update. Mrs. Sanders was member of the planning committee.

USDLA. While attending the United Distance Learning Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, Mrs. Dora Sanders gained valuable information which has equipped her for the new technology integration with Blackboard Learn. The conference presented information which has allowed her to maximize resources that facilitate a smooth and orderly transition to Blackboard Learn. She will to use the resources in UAPB’s Blackboard Training Sessions.

Bb WORLD. As a participant at the Blackboard World 2010 Conference held in Orlando Florida, Mrs. Sanders was able to network with professionals who shared ideas, concerns, perspectives and Best Practices related to Blackboard. Participants were introduced to new industry trends, Blackboard’s latest software, solutions and services, as well as plans for the future.

Dr. Verma Jones, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, was a participant at the National Conference of Academic Deans held in Conway, AR. The conference, held at the University of Central Arkansas, featured outstanding speakers, case studies and active dialogue on current topics relevant to the work of provosts, deans and associate deans. This informative conference introduced both experienced and new administrators to fresh perspectives and an expanded network of colleagues in an informal, relaxed atmosphere.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Faculty Receive Blackboard Training

With the transition from WebCT to Blackboard, the following faculty members received training to adapt their classes to the new system:

- Mrs. Carolyn Alexander
- Mrs. Juanita Anthony
- Dr. Anissa Buckner
- Dr. Charles Colen, Jr.
- Mr. O.C. Duffy
- Mrs. Alicia Farmer
- Ms. Shannon Hendrix
- Ms. Zohreh Howard
- Dr. Jaheon Koo
- Ms. Alandrea Minor
- Dr. Joseph Onyilagha
- Dr. Luc Patry
- Dr. Antonio Rice
- Mrs. Felicia Webb
- Dr. Young Wui

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Advising Presents Upcoming Faculty Development Sessions

Assessment for Improvement vs. Assessment for Accountability
- October 19, 2010
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Proven Strategies for Managing Disruptive Student Behavior
- November 30, 2010
- 1:00pm-3:00pm

Blackboard Training Sessions are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Dates to be announced for the months of October, November and December

The Center for Teaching and Learning and Advising is funded by the UAPB Title III Program
At the request of the alumni, a student panel was organized by the Academic Deans and Directors Council to speak on “Becoming a Professional at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff” during the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Alumni National Summer Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Six undergraduates and one graduate student gave informative and poignant descriptions of their life experience that led them to the University as well as their experience in the University academic environment. Pictured above are: Seated (L-R), Mr. Clyde Williams, Ms. Quiana Childress, Mrs. Cynthia Thomas and Mary E. Benjamin, panel moderator. Standing (L.R.) Mr. Brandon Ford, Mr. Wei Lei, Mr. Hannibal Bolton, (National Alumni President), Mrs. Dana Shavers, Ms. Laswanique Gray and Mrs. Margaret West, Assistant Conference Coordinator, Memphis Tennessee Chapter.

One highpoint of the 2010 Fall Faculty/Staff Seminar was the honoring of faculty/staff/administrators who have served the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for twenty years or more and who were not previously honored. The luncheon was moderated by Dr. Bettye Williams. Standing with the honorees are Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr. and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Mary E. Benjamin. The honorees are: Front Row left to right Ms. Corless Kinchen, Mrs. Stephanie Pugh-Williams, Mr. Edward Jones, Mr. James Vaughn, Mrs. Dana Mooney, Mrs. Ruthie Johnson, Ms. Julia Hadley, Dr. Carole Engle, Dr. Andrea Stewart, Ms. Zohreh Howard, Mrs. Maplean Donaldson, Mrs. Verna H. Cottonham, Mrs. Shirley Sanders, Dr. Irene Henderson, Ms. Lanell Ross and Mr. Elbert Bennett. Row 2 from left: Mr. Richard Redus, Dr. Lawrence Mwasi, Mrs. Erica Fulton, Mrs. Pauline Thomas, Mrs. Cheryl James-Hutchins, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Dr. Miah Adel, Ms. Emma Allen, Dr. Calvin Johnson, Dr. Bernita Patterson, Mr. John Kuykendall and Dr. George Herts. The University extends sincere thanks to each employee for choosing to make worthy contributions for two or more decades here in the Arkansas Delta.
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