



College of Arts and Sciences

THIS WEEK IN ARTS AND SCIENCES

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I. STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Students in the department have wrapped up a number of competitive internships. **Jon Dourus**, senior biology major was accepted into UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine's highly competitive MED (Medical Education Development) Program. Ninety percent of the students completing this program gain entrance into medical or dental school.

Akaia Lloyd (junior biology major), **Kalada Kineke** (sophomore computer science major) and **Sarem Hailemariam** (senior biology/chemistry major) were accepted into Shaw University-UNC Undergraduate Program in Prostate Cancer Research and Training (SUUPPRT). This 10 week program provides students with intensive mentored prostate cancer research at UNC-Chapel Hill during the summer followed by two semesters of training in prostate cancer research and community outreach at Shaw University.

STEM students **Letitia Beckett**, **Desma Green**, **Dominique Johnson**, **Tiffany Roy Powell**, **Pamela Robinson**, **Chaniqua Scott**, and **Courtney Scott** participated in the Jamaica MoN* Project *Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT) of NCMHD through The Institute For Health, Social and Community Research (IHSCR) at Shaw University. The main focus of research at the IHSCR is on

prostrate cancer, a disease that afflicts a disproportionate number of African American men. The 10-week Jamaica MoN residential summer internship at the University of the West Indies allowed students to conduct research on the attitudes and behaviors of Jamaican men related to their awareness, knowledge, attitudes and beliefs, behaviors and risk perceptions related to prostate cancer and screening.

Department of Mass Communications

Last week the department began securing orders for new equipment thanks to MCO senior **Greg Moore** and May 2009 Graduate **Kevin Parkinson**. They wrote a grant proposal to the Cooperating Raleigh Colleges in April. The grant total is \$7,500.00. The CRC issued a call for proposals earlier this year for member institutions for equipment needs to “improve quality of programming” on Channel 18. Parkinson and Moore, did the research on the items, completed the costs sheets, wrote the justifications and made the pitch how Shaw would contribute to the overall quality of programming. The Department of Mass Communications is making purchases of equipment that will also improve the quality of instruction for Mass Comm majors –included in the deal are the department’s first HD cameras –the new standard in 21st century media.

MCO junior **Deone Lowther** has published an article in The Triangle Tribune. You may read “Brothers give back to the community” in the Sunday, July 26th edition of the paper.

II. FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Derek Greenfield and **Dr. Carol Bunch**, QEP Co-Directors returned from Houston where they participated in several days of workshops during the 2009 SACS Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation.

Dr. Ademola Ejire wrapped up another successful year of his noted summer research program. The environmental science for area high school students in grades 9 – 12 culminated Thursday 7/23/ 09 with student presentations at The EPA Research Triangle Park Campus. The Research Apprenticeship Program has run for the past 19 years was funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency for the next five years in the amount of \$1, 300, 000.

Dr. Deva Sharma finished the first week of the Innovative Science and Mathematics Workshop. Shaw University is hosting a two-week workshop for five Science and Mathematics faculty from Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). The workshop is designed to aid professors at these sites in the teaching of Science and Math. This year’s participants are: Kate Bertin (Colstrip, MT), Taylor Dotson (Chunook, MT), Al Widrowicz (Sioux City, IA), Steve Smith (Cass Lake, MT), and Natalie Davis (Browning, MT). The Workshop faculty include: **Dr. Deva Sharma – Director, Dr. R. Kumar, Dr. G. Ndip, Dr. Lee Ponting, and Dr. K. Satagopan**. [This is our fourth and last] The workshop includes hands-on activities, lectures, and field trips to the Nuclear Energy and Biodiesel

Generation facilities. The TCU Workshops have been funded by a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Richards, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy has announced, Cambridge Scholars Press will publish his next book, *War Time Preaching and Teaching*. Richards says the work explores “the hermeneutics (science of interpretation) and homiletics (art of preaching) of both Rudolf Bultmann and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.”

I. College Wide News

The College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Team, comprised of Administrative Assistants and Department Chairs met Thursday, July 23, 2009 for a training session on “Getting Started With assessment.” This will be the first of four required trainings for the team before the start of the Fall 2009 semester.

The College of Arts and Sciences launched last week, “Academics After Dark.” The retention plan targeted to freshmen will include a study hall every Monday night proctored by the interim dean and three activities during the semester. The effort is a partnership with the Office of Academic Success and The Office of Student Activities.

If you have news of note during a given week, please email dmarshall@shawu.edu by noon on Saturdays during the year.

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