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Going Above and Beyond

By Leslie Currab

The 2nd Annual Student Leadership Conference entitled, "Leaders of Tomorrow: Going Above and Beyond," was held February 27th-29th in Atlanta, Georgia. Student Support Services, Upward Bound, and Educational Talent Search are proud to announce that a total of 67 student participants attended this Leadership Conference. Among those students who were in attendance, three brought home cash award prizes for their stellar efforts in debate and essay writing. In between the debate and essay competitions, the student participants attended many informative leadership workshops, which highlighted important issues such as "Leading Through Tough Times," "Is there HOPE for H.O.P.E.," and "Moving from Conflict to Collaboration." This conference allowed for Andrew College TRiO Program Participants to network with other colleges and to create lasting bonds with other TRiO Programs and strengthen their leadership skills.

Alethia Penn and Lauree Beth Thurmond were among the top winners during the conference. Both ladies competed jointly in the debate competition. These young ladies were chosen to represent Andrew College and Student Support Services in the debate on "Should National Security be an Economic Priority for the United States." Alethia and Lauree brought home the second place prize and \$250 each. These young ladies performed with poise and confidence as they debated against teams from Morehouse College.

Also bringing home a cash reward, was James Booth. James walked away from the Essay Contest with \$100 for his third place performance. James competed with many other college students from across the state of Georgia.

The TRiO Programs at Andrew College are very proud of all the students and their accomplishments at the 2nd Annual Student Leadership Conference. We want to extend our appreciation to the students who not only participated in competitions, but who were present to attend the workshops.

Planting Seeds on Higer Ground

By Gwendolyn Fonsworth & David Milliner

The future seems bright for the south-west Georgia area due to the fact that many of the region's youth are being exposed to scores of academic, cultural and moral activities set to enhance the lives of all connected with the endeavors. The Andrew College UB program has, and continues to be, a phenomenal aid to the development and growth of the community. Since January, UB participants and community supporters have been involved in numerous enrichment efforts.

The Battle of the Bands inside the Georgia Dome nestled in the heart of Atlanta was one of the first experiences of 2004. Thirteen participants from Early, Randolph-Clay, Stewart-Quitman and Terrell counties' high schools attended the highly spirited arena. In February, UB staff and 16 participants from the six county target areas attended the Georgia Student Leadership

Conference in which students engaged in a college fair, various workshops, a scholars bowl, a talent show and the TRiO Day celebration. Motivational Speaker, Johnny Wimbrey, lodged an impressive mindset on the group.

Fourteen honor roll students from the area traveled to Savannah on April 1st-2nd to observe a traditional format for paying tribute to those who conduct themselves in a becoming manner and who earn outstanding grades. Later that same month, 28 students from the concentration assisted in a community oriented project surveying Fort Gaines during an Academic Saturday event.

May 8 held the likes of "...Grillin' Games & Grads..." as a part of the final Academic Saturday for this fiscal year. This opportunity posed as the kickoff for the 2004 Summer Component Planting Seeds on Higher Ground: Developing Higher Heights, Higher

Ideals & Higher Standards.

All of these efforts help to maintain a focus of augmentation and improvement in academics, social and comprehensive behaviors. UB continues to plant those seeds and cultivate the productions.



Several students pose for a group photo while touring Armstrong Atlantic State University during an April Honor Roll trip to Savannah

Raising Your Expectations to Excellence

By Santee Archer

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) program at Andrew College had an eventful summer. Our glories lie in the completion of the regular school year, the summer trip, and the two week academic component which was themed, "Raising your Expectations to Excellence."

ETS hailed the top ranking students in two of our four target high schools, graduating both the valedictorian and salutatorian. In Calhoun County, Britteny Bryant, the daughter of John and Wanda Williams, was the valedictorian. She has been a member of ETS for the past five years. She plans to attend Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida and major in pharmacology. Calhoun County's salutatorian was STAR Student Daniel Coleman, the son of the late Daniel Sr. and Beverly Coleman. In the absence of his parents, his older sister Danielle became his guardian and academic encourager. Daniel has been in the ETS program since the 7th grade. He is aspiring to become an electrical engineer technician. He is continuing his road to success at Georgia Southern University. At SQHS, the valedictorian and STAR student was ETS participant, LaTonya Wright. Her parents are Nathan and Betty Wright. LaTonya has been in ETS since March 1998. Nursing has peaked her interest, and she

will be attending Darton College this fall in the RN Program. The SQHS salutatorian was Albany State Presidential Scholar Shannon Crimes, the daughter of Jovita Stewart and Ricky Crimes. She has been in ETS for the past six years. She'd like to be an accountant. All four graduates have been admirable students gaining honor and respect from their peers and teachers. They have worked hard to attain their high ranking GPAs above their classmates. With sustained hard work and dedication, they will continue to achieve the goal of excellence. In raising expectations this year, ETS took its longest cultural trip ever. Forty students, along with the ETS staff and chaperones, traveled to the nation's capital, Washington D.C. While in the city, the students visited a number of historical sites, as well as touring the campuses of Howard University and America University. Among the locations visited were the White House, the Capital Building, the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Aeronautical Museum, the Department of Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Arlington Cemetery, Changing of the Guard, and much more. Several students found the entire process of how each dollar bill is made fascinating, while other students were impressed by the monuments and memorials. This trip

was primarily for those students who maintained honor roll, faithfully attended sessions, and were well behaved students free of disciplinary actions.

The 2nd Annual Academic Summer Component for grades 6 - 8 was a success. It was designed to give students an academic buffer during the summer months and to heighten their awareness of academia when returning to school the next term. A total of 45 students from Calhoun, Randolph, Stewart, and Quitman, came out for the educational enhancement in English, Math, Science and Technology. Students covered several topics in each class. Some of the highlights were; the foundations of published writings, financial management, the dynamics of flight, creating e-mail accounts and the workings of digital cameras. The program was concluded with an awards ceremony and trip to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, Georgia.

ETS's momentous summer was awesome. The staff looks forward to continuing the morale this coming school term with more sessions, cultural activities, field trips and encouraging students to raise their expectations to excellence.

EOC Keeps Building Success

By Gloria Strode

As the Educational Opportunity Center continues to embrace the target areas associated with Andrew College the word is being spread that it is never too late to build success. More than 1,000 participants are involved with EOC and departmental personnel keep striving to build even more success in the lives of adults looking to further the didactic outlook. The spring semester held so many accolades and so many achievements that it creates a great number of expectations for years to come. One highlight, in particular, comes in the form of Makeithan Campbell, son of Andrew College's Business Office Bursar, Lola Moses. Mr. Campbell displayed a determined will to

accomplish a goal. He recently completed requirements for the GED as a part of Albany Technical Institute in Albany. Yolanda Washington, another diamond emerging from her surroundings, graduated this spring as well and she plans to enroll in the Albany Technical Institute Program. Candice Pierce entered Andrew College through the EOC Program. She is defying the odds as she has already acquired her GED as a full-time mother of two children. Reaching beyond her circumstance, Candice is excelling academically and moving toward her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. If we can believe it, we can achieve it! The focus is clear: EOC plans to keep building success.



Makeithan Campbell poses of a picture before receiving his GED

With High Honors

By Leslie Currah

As the 2004 academic year drew to a close, faculty and staff must say their last goodbyes to our honored graduates. This year's SSS graduates are a very unique group of intelligent young men and women. The SSS Program is honored to be sending these distinguished graduates off to their next destinations.

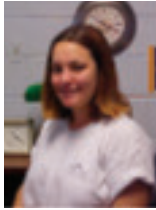
But before caps and gowns were put on and before Dr. Palmer, President of Andrew College, said his last words to the 2004 graduating class, the Andrew College SSS graduating participants were recognized for their stellar achievements and participation in the SSS program during the annual Student Support Services Graduate Luncheon. On April 21, 2004, Student Support Services paused to honor those SSS participants graduating from Andrew College. The Luncheon was held in the private dining hall and included guest speakers, Dr. David Seyle, Mr. Donta Truss, President Palmer and Dr. Adolph Brown, III. Dr. Adolph Brown III, professor of Psychology and Department Head at Hampton University, was the distinguished guest speaker for this event. Dr. Brown left the graduates with some powerful thoughts on "A Guaranteed Prescription for Success." Congratulations to the 2004 SSS Graduates on their outstanding years of participation and academic achievement!



Monique Coleman poses for one last picture in front of Old Main before walking across the stage to receive her Associate Degree from Andrew College

SSS

Student Spotlight



Jennifer Massot is an active Student Support Services Participant at Andrew College. She has continuously made the Dean's List maintaining a GPA well above a cumulative 3.0. Jennifer comes to Andrew from the island of St. Maarten. She is currently majoring in Early Childhood Education and plans to transfer to either Barry University or Armstrong Atlantic University upon receiving her degree from Andrew. Jennifer is optimistic about her future and is keeping an open mind about her educational options. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys surfing the Internet, talking to her friends and family, and watching Disney movies. Like most SSS Participants, Jennifer has high aspirations for her education and for her career. She plans to get her Doctorate in Education so that she can move from the classroom to the principal's office and from the principal's office into the Superintendent's office.

EOC

Student Spotlight



Candice Pierce is a determined young lady who has a concentration and focus so strong that circumstances, unexpected experiences and life itself are no match for her internal strength. Her stamina has been proven over and over again as she continues in her quest to climb towards higher heights. Candice has encountered challenges and hurdles that many would have succumbed to. Although she counts all of her circumstances as joy she admits that the road has not been easy. "It is a steady race to run," Ms. Pierce said. "I have read and I have been told that the race is not given to the swift or the strong, but the one that endures and I believe that if I just hold on a little while longer then I will get to a point where my life starts evening out." Candice recently entered Andrew College through the Educational Opportunity Center program following the acquisition of a GED. She is the proud mother of two and she continues to raise a strong family. Ms. Pierce's grades are super and her balanced strategy of building success is holding true.

UB

Student Spotlight



Octavius Balkcom Early County High School's outstanding Region 1-AA line-backer and member of the undefeated regular season Bobcats, Octavius Balkcom, is headed to Auburn University to suit up for the blue and orange Tigers and Coach Tommy Tuberville's nationally ranked football team.

Balkcom is a four-year participant in the UB program. He says that Upward Bound changed his life, and he is thankful for all the opportunities the program has provided for him.

"I cannot say enough about all the great times I have had with the Upward Bound program from Andrew College," Balkcom said. "It may be hard to believe right now, but when I look back over my life in a few more years I am sure to be even more appreciative."

Balkcom plans to major in Physical Education and minor in Drama. He enjoys attending church, participating in track and field events and, of course, playing football. Balkcom has desires of playing professional football in the National Football League and, ultimately, becoming a legendary head coach, enabling others to raise their level of expectancy.

ETS Student Spotlight



Crystal Jane Martin is a 7th grade student at Randolph-Clay Middle School. She is the daughter of Adella Thomas and Edgar Martin, Jr. Crystal is very active taking part in many activities, clubs, and sports. She is a member of the Junior Beta Club, After School Program, cheerleading, and cross country team. Her hobbies are surfing the Internet and talking on the phone. Last year she was crowned as Junior Miss Randolph Clay. Crystal is the only student at her school to stay on the 2003-2004 Principal's Honor for the duration of the academic year. She hopes to become a lawyer in her adult life.

UB Student Newly Crowned Miss RCHS

by David Milliner

Adorned in her Miss RCHS crown and draped with the winners' sash, Upward Bound student Robin Belcher hoists her 1st place trophy and lovely bouquet of flowers as she begins to take in the excitement of sweeping every category of the Caribbean Queens Pageant held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 22, 2004 in the Wylene Curry Theater on RCHS's campus. A native of Fort Gaines, Ga., Miss Belcher is the 17 year old daughter of Lola & James Spann and a member of New Judson Baptist Church. Robin is a rising senior at RCHS and plans to obtain a Masters' Degree in nursing on her way to becoming a Nurse Midwife.

This vibrant young lady enjoys playing softball, singing and talking with friends. Miss Belcher has been a participant in the Upward Bound program since her 9th grade year in 2001.



Student Support Services Student Feature

That Tru Love

by Tim Parham

When I first saw you I knew it was meant.

Your beauty, your smile, baby it was heaven sent.

Baby, the way you worship God turns me on

That's how I know if it's God's will, our love will grow strong.

But I'm not trying to move fast or even slow down,

I'm trying to stay on the speed limit and be heaven bound.

Even though we're going our separate ways,

The love we have for God will always stay.

Whenever I'm feeling down or I just can't see the light,

Girl you are the phone call or the face shining ever so bright.

Educational Opportunity Center Student Feature

by Tamara Jones

If I study, I will learn.

If I try, I will succeed.

If I fail, I will try again.

If I began, I will finish.

If I succeed, I will be free.

If I quit, I will crumble.

New Employees



David Milliner, Educational Opportunity Center Educational Advisor

A native of Albany, Ga., David J. Milliner, works as an Educational Advisor with Andrew College's EOC program. The 31-year-old former English instructor holds an A.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in English, both from Albany State University. Milliner has also earned a M.A. in Educational Theology from Bethany Divinity College, where he is currently enrolled in the Educational Theology doctoral program. He and his wife, Tasha Renee', have been married for 10 years and they have a 10-year-old daughter, Brianna Chantal.



Betty Fair, Upward Bound Program Assistant

Betty Fair, the Upward Bound Program Assistant, is a graduate of Andrew College. She is currently attending an extension of LaGrange College working toward a degree in Organizational Leadership. Mrs. Fair is married to Reverend Jimmie L. Fair, Sr. and they have two children, Jimmie L. Fair, Jr. & Bree Summers D. Fair. She and her family are greatly grounded in faith as her husband pastors two churches, one in Clay County and one in Leary. Mrs. Fair brings to the TRiO programs a wealth of enthusiasm and an eagerness to help staff set goals for students on the path to success.

TRiO FAMILY FORUM

Congratulations to Ruby Knauls (ETS Administrative Assistant) who has completed all requirements for receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership from LaGrange College at Albany, Georgia.

The TRiO Staff would like to congratulate and encourage the following members on continuing their educational endeavors,

- Brenclveton Donta Truss (TRiO Director) is attending Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama, earning a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership Policy and Law.
- Santee Archer (ETS Educational Advisor) is attending Troy State University in Albany Georgia, earning a Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology.
- Betty Fair (UB Program Assistant) is attending laGrange college in Albany, Georgia, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Organizatiional Leadership
- David Milliner (UB educational Advisor) is attending Bethany Divinity School of Dothan, Alabama, earnig a Doctoral Degree in Educational Theology

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Director's Corner

Fishing for a Fantastic Format!

By B.D. Truss

During the course of a workday, a work-week and throughout everyday lives people meet challenges, hurdles and obstacles all while garnering strength to keep going forth in the name of Power. Most people tend to climb uphill looking for assistance and encouragement. The TRiO family at Andrew College takes pride in going the extra mile to ensure that all connected with the effort of furthering the cause of education are willed toward the promise of greatness.

Along this path, individuals can sometimes overwork themselves and, at that point, those employees usually attempt to seek motivation, albeit internal or external. Professionals the world over often search for solutions to a common dilemma. Many ways of boosting morale and increasing output have been tried however none have had such an impact as the one introduced during a staff retreat in Atlanta August 2-3.

The Fish Philosophy is a proven method of regenerating personal drive and embellishing today's work ethic. Stephen C. Lundin, Ph.D., Harry Paul and John Christensen have written a book concerning the simplistic yet dynamic formula for fostering success in any given arena.

The TRiO family along with area presenters watched a video production centered around a popular Seattle fish market and its strategy for appealing to the good nature of passersby. The book associated with this outstanding idea was presented to each staff member as well. This market sells an astronomical amount of fish, but it also sells energy, happiness and purity simultaneously. The art of making friends is clearly spelled out in this ingenious work and the basic elements of the ideals are the foundations for the TRiO family's New Attitude.

The first step in selling fish, selling anything or just creating an environment in which excitement pushes onlookers to want to be a part of what is going on is to "Play." Playing draws attention and delivers emotions a shot in the arm, administering the most profound of medicinal elements. Laughter is good for the heart and good for the soul. The TRiO family learned this step due to the staff retreat and vows to implement the order in a controlled setting, escalating the fervor for furthering education.

The next step in the Fish Philosophy is to "Make Their Day." Kind words, uplifting salutations and a welcoming spirit promotes good will. Compliments make others feel good and make people want to buy whatever is being sold. In order to sell education to the masses the staff agreed to make the days of participants.

"Being There" means ensuring an avenue is available for others to become involved in the atmosphere. Imagine a fun-filled fish market where compliments are thrown around just like the product and the market is open when people need it to be open. Participants in the TRiO programs need the staff to do these same things. Employees have committed to making sure this process takes place.

The final and most comprehensive step of the Fish Philosophy is to "Choose Your Attitude." Most customers would not like to buy fish or anything for that matter from a grumpy, mean or indifferent vendor. No matter what is being sold the seller must show himself friendly or his inventory will begin to stockpile. Educators must appear to be approachable and must be able to make others feel comfortable working with them. Attitude always determines altitude. A positive attitude will yield positive results.

The TRiO family at Andrew College has already implemented this concept known as the Fish Philosophy. It is a proven method of generating a pleasant workplace that breeds success in all things it touches. The staff came away from the interaction hungry for more FISH.

2004 Graduates

ETS

Corderrell Baldwin, Patrice Bennett, Shante Billings, Jessica Bolden, Leroy Bouyer, Lacedric Brown, Britteny Bryant, Ashley Cannon, Robert Cobbs, Daniel Coleman, Sha'keythia Cooper, Shannon Crimes, Donald Culpepper, Vontrese Currington, Marquence Curry, Adian Daile, Eddie Davis, Mark Davis, Sophia Davis, Whitney Davis, Marcus Ellington, Jarvis Epps, Alexia Faggins, Valeisha Faggins, Dominique Fields, Eric George, Kalisha George, Derrell Gilbert, Jennifer Gilbert, Lamar Glover, Krystal Grace, Terika Gray, Lekeyvaous Greene, Jerel Hancock, Elton Hanks, Jeramie Hardamon, Charshayla Henry, Britney Hill, Michelle Hilton, Michelle Hutchins, Iesha Jackson, Sharrelle Jackson, Crystal James, Helen Johns, Gabriel Johnson, Tatvona Jones, Shamilda Kegler, Jewell Lane, Latoya Love, Tommy Martin, Latishia Mason, LaQueisha Massey, Donzella McCray, David McElroy, Kemario McFolley, Michelle Means, Jermaine Mells, Shameka Menette, Darquita Mitchell, Bridget Owens, Travious Owens, Bonnie Perkins, Kelton Powell, Jacquetta Price, Kim Reddick, Marcus Richard, Chadrick Richardson, Patrick Sealy, Natasha Shaw, Sloane Smith, Tymeshia Spann, Shuntuta Spencer, Trenecia Starling, Latoya Streeter, Jessica Stringer, Cartina Thomas, Damita Thomas, Tommy Threadcraft, Cassandra Timpson, Marcellous Timpson, Shameshia Timpson, Ashley Troupe, Dennis Turner, LaShunna Walker, Tajuanna Walker, Terra Webb, Tiffany Whitlock, Ashley Williams, Koni Williams, Qwanda Williams, Janet Wimberly, Latonya Wright, Miranda Wright, Brackins Young, II

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