

Belles travel to NYU to participate in Americorps

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Twenty-four Bennett students participated in a new program called Project SafetyNet Oct. 13, at New York University.

Project SafetyNet is a part of the 1993 National Community Service Trust Act. These programs are under a community service organization called Americorps.

Americorps is nationwide and assists students with monetary in completion of their college education. The students were chosen based on their background and past experiences.

Riley Kline, field coordinator for social work and director of Outreach Services, and Cynthia Pulliam, director of the Challenge of Opportunity Program accompanied the students on their trip.

The students from Bennett, Ri-

chard Stockton College, New York University, Morehouse College, Johnson C. Smith University, and Manhattan College gathered at New York University's Tishman Auditorium in Vanderbilt Hall to discuss the planning of community activities.

The seminar, conducted by NYU faculty offered training in areas such as conflict management, active listening, and paraphrasing.

At the conference, students proceeded to the Loeb Student Center for a Convocation in which they marched in by schools.

On the final day of the conference, student members of Project SafetyNet participated in their very first hands-on community service activity.

Members painted various graffiti-infested parking lot walls, telephone booths, fences, and poles. "I was very impressed with the

Bennett student's work ethic," Kline said.

"They were willing to complete all assigned tasks without any negative feedback whatsoever," he added.

"I learned that it is very important to be a volunteer because you can make a difference in someone's life without profit," Jenora Turner, Los Angeles, junior said. "And that is what makes volunteering special."

Media pros visit during two-day program

*Second annual
"Local Media Days"
program held*

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For the second time in as many years, local media professionals visited the mass communications classes for the "Local Media Days" event Sept. 28-29.

According to Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt, chair of Mass Communications, Speech, and Theatre, the event consists of two days Department during which students meet media professionals and are informed of summer internships, while experiencing the advantage of one on one contact. In addition, the professionals are given the chance to observe the capabilities of future media practitioners.

The event this year exposed students to different areas of media jobs ranging from voice coaching to broadcast community affairs managing.

Among the professionals attending were: Shirley Frye, Community Affairs Manager for WFMY, and Barbara L. Hamm, a 1978 graduate of Bennett College and news director from Norfolk. Hamm was also the featured speaker of the Sept. 29 ACES.

"I thought it was great," said Antoinette Rochelle, a senior Psychology major from Washington. "Barbara Hamm gave much insight into what it takes to succeed. I enjoyed the ACES program."

Tamu Johnson, a sophomore Mass Communications major from Houston, said, "I thought Local Media Days was informative. It brought up jobs that I didn't know about."

Dr. Brogdon-Wyatt was also satisfied with the outcome.

"It was a successful Local Media Days. I am also glad it was extended to the college as a whole," Brogdon-Wyatt said.

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