

The Carson Administration

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The Student Government Association of Fayetteville State University has implemented several



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new programs and campaigns designed to strategically improve the quality of campus life for students while preparing them for the workforce. SGA

also aims to helping students fund their goals for higher

education, and ensure the generations to come are groomed for success. So far, the Carson administration made considerable changes during the fall 2009 semester, including being an instrumental tool in helping to increase tuition & fees and adopting a resolution in honor of the Bronco football team's 2009 CIAA Championship win.

Headed by SGA President Monica Carson, and Francine Dunbar, SGA Vice-President, a popular program, the Pauline Jones Leadership Academy™ has thrived. The program started last year. Volunteers visit Pauline Jones Elementary School to mentor young children, some of whom lack structure and example at home. The program includes lessons on leadership development, parliamentary procedures and time management skills.

Executive Treasurer Jacqueline Choice, Executive Secretary Yasmine Aljuwani, Chief-of-Staff Jermaine Pittman and Attorney General Rosslyn Ross also play vital roles in the functions of FSU's student government association. A new Carson Administration initiative, the SGA Scholarship Campaign, aims to generate funding for purposes of lending a helping hand to students of Fayetteville State University. The Board of Trustees, Chancellor's

cabinet, administration, faculty, staff, and students have banded together to support of worthy cause. The campaign will continue through the end of the academic year. 100 percent of the proceeds are awarded to deserving students in the form of scholarships. Scholarships will be distributed beginning in fall 2010.

Executive assistant Porscha Forney, Corresponding Secretary Che Washington and Director of Volunteers Angel Robinson, have helped to cultivate ideas to get students active. Dressing for Success Wednesdays is a weekly promotion geared towards promoting a positive and professional image on campus. Each Wednesday, students, faculty and staff are asked to wear professional business attire to school and work. Many Broncos have heard the term BLUE-TI-FUL Friday's. SGA has declared each third Friday of the month a community service effort in which students will have the opportunity to participate in

efforts to "green" the campus up and learn about sustainable practices. The Student Government Association hosts several events each semester. SGA also holds meetings that are open to the student population for suggestions, comments, and concerns. Check out the upcoming events!

Public Senate Meeting

4pm, February 10, 2010

Olivia D. Chavis Multipurpose Room (Rm. 236)

Rudolph Jones Student Center

Dangerously in Love

8:30pm, February 12, 2010

Fayetteville State University Cafeteria

Rudolph Jones Student Center

Public Senate Meeting

4pm, February 24, 2010

Olivia D. Chavis Multipurpose Room (Rm. 236)

Rudolph Jones Student Center

42 Years Later Dr. King's Dream Still Lives

By: Shante Elliot

His life was cut short in 1968, in Memphis Tennessee; however his dream and legacy still lives on today. Over 1,200 people gathered Monday January 18th at the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast. The event was held at the Cumberland County Crown Coliseum and its purpose was to honor to a man who during his short life, managed to bring races together, change the minds of people who supported racism, and continue the fight for justice. The Fayetteville/Cumberland County Ministerial Council coordinated the Prayer Breakfast, which showcased Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson as the keynote speaker.

Some people view the MLK Holiday as just another day off work, or school. The Ministerial Council wanted to change this, so they proclaimed this day as an "annual day of service" encouraging people to volunteer and in the words of the late Coretta Scott King "take a day on, not a day off." Bill Patterson said he attended the breakfast because he is "appreciative of Dr. King's fight for justice for African Americans." His sister said she

attended because she feels that the "dream is still living on." Although there were several reasons for attending, the most common was obvious-this was everyone's way of honoring Dr. King.

Fayetteville State University played a large role in the breakfast. The FSU Concert Choir sung songs of fellowship, and FSU Senior Demetrius McNeil, a former MLK Scholarship recipient, spoke of how the scholarship changed his life. He said prior to the receiving the scholarship he was just on one "bumpy car ride, going through life."

Chancellor Anderson commanded the attention of the audience once he began his dynamic speech. Anderson recalled the day he and his friends went to the March on Washington. He said their initial reasons for attending were to get the free t-shirts, but once they were there they realized the March on Washington had more to offer than just a free t-shirt. Anderson said he stood 25 yards away from Martin Luther King Jr. He described the air as "hot and muggy," but said King's words struck like a "hot Jamaican whip." This

moment, as he recalled, was when he had an epiphany; and is one of the moments that ultimately changed his life. The Chancellor challenged everyone in the audience, from young to old, black or white, to have a vision of purpose. It is this vision of purpose that links those leaders with today's. Anderson's speech eventually won over laughter from the audience when the Chancellor made a joke regarding money. "Ain't nothing funny about money; the only thing funny about money, is that there taint enough of it." The joke's purpose was to tie in the third thread of his speech-disconnect. Chancellor Anderson ended his speech with the same question he began with: "have we come here today to state we have common pursuits, common dreams, and a sense of purpose?" He received continuous applause as he took his seat.

As those 1,200 people left the Prayer Breakfast, hundreds lined up at tables, waiting to sign up to volunteer. They were determined to uphold the words of Coretta Scott King, and make this a day on, and not just another day off.