

# Beta Gamma Sigma Inductees Honored

by L'Asia Brown



Krystle Holmes, center, with her mother and Dean Assad Tavakoli

photo by Dennis McNair

On April 13th Fayetteville State University's School of Business and Economics held its annual Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony along with an acknowledgement of business and economics students who made the Dean's List during the 2009 fall semester. The ceremony, led by Dr. Assad Tavakoli, Dean of the School of Business & Economics and Dr. Dothang Truong, Beta Gamma Chapter advisor, honored the friends and families of the prestigious inductees and their rare accomplishments of being inducted into a highly exclusive international honor society.

Dean Assad Tavakoli earned a Master of Commerce in Business Administration from the University of Birmingham in England along with a Ph. D in Management from the University of Aston, also in Birmingham, England. Appointed to the position of Dean of the School of Business & Economics in 2008 after serving as interim dean during the rigorous AACSB accreditation process, Tavakoli brings all-encompassing vitae of excellence and expertise to FSU's SBE department. Having consulted with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Black & Decker and the Cape Fear Valley Health System, Dr. Tavakoli's findings appear in leading

national publications. The Certified Small Business Consultant is also a member of the Academy of Management and Beta Gamma Sigma.

Dr. Dothang Truong is Associate Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management. He earned an MBA from the Asian Institute of Technology followed by a Ph. D in Manufacturing Management from the University of Toledo. With a strong history in information systems, Dr. Truong joined the Bronco family in 2003. He has published works in prestigious publications including the Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce, the International Journal of Enterprise Information Systems, and the Journal of Enterprise Information Management. Dr. Truong received the Teacher of The Year Award of School of

Business & Economics and Department of Management in 2008.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Marcus M. Cox, delivered a witty, collective address on life after college, and the opportunities awaiting the new inductees of Beta Gamma Sigma. Mr. Cox is the Fayetteville Market President and Senior Client Manager for Bank of America Merrill Lynch Business Banking. A graduate of Winston Salem State University, Cox is a member of the Delta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc as well as serving on the boards of the Virginia Association of Not for Profit Associations and the Caroline County Youth Football Association.

Beta Gamma Sigma is an international social honor society designed to connect the most academically inclined students around the globe. With more than 500 chapters and 625,000 members internationally, the chapter is only open to students studying and/or obtaining degrees from AACSB accredited business programs. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business is one of best rated accrediting associations in the world. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is exclusive to the top 10 percent of upperclassmen and graduate students actively pursuing

studies in the course of business.

In 1907 at the University of Wisconsin, a group of students wanting to form a social honor society for means of honoring and celebrating academic excellence in the field of business. They named their organization Beta Gamma Sigma, and unbeknownst for many at the time, began an international collegiate tradition of scholarship, achievement, excellence and networking amongst the most talented and dedicated of the business and economics field. Congratulations to the new inductees for the 2009-2010 year:

## Graduate Students:

Cindy Allen  
Andrew LaFountain  
John Urciuoli  
Sreenivas Vadiapatta  
Michael Williams  
Yucong Zhang

## Seniors:

Clarisse Bible  
Vanessa Fraser  
Elizabeth Garcia  
Sherry Hites  
Daniel Kittrell  
Jimmy Larrimore  
Johnny Lew  
Zilma Lopes  
Knut Millican  
Deborah Molina Arroyo  
Raymond Moreno  
Stephen Pennink  
Devontae Ragland  
Shannyn Sandoval  
Harold Stanton  
Kristen Wilkey

## Juniors:

Amber Gray  
Chadwick Grimes  
Brittany Harrison  
Jazmin Henry  
Jaren Hines  
Cynthia McCary  
Miranda Taylor

# Smart Students Saluted

by Cortney Slaughter

On April 7th, 2010, those students who achieved a 3.75 GPA and above for the 2009 Fall Semester were honored at the Chancellor's List Awards Ceremony, held in Seabrook Auditorium at 4:30 pm. With nearly 60 students who achieved this prestigious honor, family members and faculty attended to support the students.

Dr. Jon Young presided, with his speech praising the students for their incredible accomplishment of dedication and commitment of high achievement. Dr. Jon Young then introduced SGA president Monica Carson who congratulated the students and encouraged them to keep striving for academic excellence. The Chancellor For a Day, Elijah Davis III, spoke briefly to the crowd of scholars and left them with the inspiration to want to do more for themselves. As he introduced the Fayetteville State University Chancellor, he acclaimed that it was only one word to describe Dr. James Anderson – stellar.

Dr. Anderson's speech touched many of the students and the parents. "People who are not prepared academically in their career path will not make it...competing with everybody in the world who are in some cases more talented than the American Students." Chancellor Anderson told the students they have to continue to accomplish high goals. "The worst thing you can do is regress and be persuaded by all this mess and drama to where you miss the message. We, the faculty, are all proud of you. Anybody who wants to call you a geek? So what? I'm a geek with a PhD from Cornell. What can they say now? Nothing. Align yourself with people of the same vision because others can drag you down", said Anderson. After the Chancellor's powerful, captivating words were spoken, "The Mane Attraction" sung a beautiful selection that repeated the words "Soon We'll Be Done With The Troubles Of The World."

After the song from Laretta Somerville, Alicia Small, and Temoni Agee, Dr. Young had the honor of sharing the closing remarks with FSU's Alma Mater. The bright scholars, the Chancellor's List recipients, the leaders of the future then received their honorary certificates that validated their hard work in their academic studies.