

# Science And Mathematics School Recruiting Blacks

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 Durham—In an attempt to enhance the diversity of its student body, the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics is trying to recruit more black students, according to admissions officials.

"The minority representation at the school is about 20 percent this year, including blacks, Native Americans and Hispanics," says admissions representative Deborah Basket. "But last year the number of applications from those groups dropped somewhat from the year before."

"Now that our admissions process is in full swing, we hope to encourage members of all minority groups to apply," she says.

The School of Science and Mathematics recently opened its formal 1984-85 nomination process by mailing information books and application forms to high schools throughout the state. The school is looking for about 180 students to make up next fall's 11th grade.

Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 1985. Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) no later than the January 26 testing date.

The registration date for the test is already past, but late registration is still possible. Interested students should consult their guidance counselors.

The school invites applications by North Carolina tenth graders who have demonstrated a substantial interest and talent in the areas of science and mathematics. The school is residential, so prospective students must be willing to live on the Durham campus. The school charges no fees for tuition, room and board, textbooks, routine health care or laboratory equipment.

Each fall, NCSSM admissions representatives travel the state, presenting programs about the school.

This year, according to Deborah Basket, the staff will have visited 98 of the state's 100 counties.

"This is a statewide, public school," Ms. Basket says, "and it's very important to us that the student body represent all areas of the state and all racial and cultural groups."

While admission to the school is competitive, Ms. Basket says, none of the school's academic admissions requirements has an absolute cutoff point. "but enthusiasm and potential are also qualities that we look for in applicants."

The NCSSM application process includes these



Tab C. Hunter, a graduating senior at NCSSM, continues his leadership training after being elected 1984-85 Student Body President by his peers. Tab comes from Wingate High School in High Point. He plans to major in Chemistry and Pre-Med at either Georgetown University, UNC Chapel Hill or Morehouse College.



Shown working in the NCSSM Biology Lab where she feels "at home", Teresa A. Dunlap is a graduating senior from Bowman High School in Wadesboro. Teresa aspires to be a doctor and plans to attend Georgetown University, majoring in Biology.

steps:

—Nomination during the 10th grade year by teachers, parents, or others acquainted with a student's work, including the student himself. The nomination and application form must be accompanied by an evaluation form completed by a science or mathematics teacher and guidance counselor.

—Completion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test by January 26, 1985.

—Testing of applicants by NCSSM in February at eight locations around the state to measure abstract reasoning, intellectual curiosity, writing ability and

other qualities.

—Selection of semifinalists by a statewide group of scientists and educators and interviews of semifinalists on campus in March and April.

—Final notification, in April, of finalists each of whom is invited to attend NCSSM upon the successful completion of the 10th grade.

Those interested in nominating themselves or others for admission to NCSSM should contact local science and mathematics teachers, guidance counselors or principals for the appropriate materials. Private school headmasters have also received the materials. Application booklets may also be obtained by calling the Ad-

missions Office, N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, at (919) 683-6679.

The N.C. School of Science and Mathematics is the nation's first public, residential high school for students gifted in science and mathematics. The current student body is about 55 percent male and 45 percent female.



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