

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Active PBL sees growth of members

By LAILA GHAFUR  
Reporter, PBL

The Rho Alpha Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda has increased membership for the 2000 fall semester term by 150 percent from last year.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national business organization dedicated to preparing college students for careers in business, entrepreneurial, or business-related fields.

The chapter has been very busy this semester and has a detailed Plan of Work for the upcoming term. This semester the chapter has participated in the Fall Litter Sweep Adopt-A-Highway Community Service Project followed by an outing at Pizza Hut.

The chapter has also attended the North Carolina PBL Fall Leadership Development Conference in Hickory, is in the process

of completing a candle sale fundraiser, and has just completed its annual installation ceremony.

At the installation ceremony, President, DeMarcus Campbell, and Advisors Ed Showalter and Shauna Irwin assisted in inducting former members and new members into the business organization.

Current officers are: President, DeMarcus Campbell; Vice President, Palomita Moreno; Reporter, Laila Ghafur; Treasurer, Edythe Smith; Secretary, Bruce Griffith; Historian, Eddie Jenab; and Parliamentarian, Mario Alston.

Members are eagerly anticipating the upcoming state leadership conference in Raleigh, other planned projects and programs, and continuing to increase membership. For additional information visit PBL's website at [www.ncpbl.org](http://www.ncpbl.org).



**PBL INSTALLATION** — Outside the Dunn Center following PBL Installation Ceremony are members (front row, from left): Laila Ghafur, Edythe Smith, Dr. Charles Glassick, Dana Daniels, Jay Vanikar, Shauna Irwin, Tiffany Wade, Malika Harris, Palomita Moreno. Back row: DeMarcus Campbell, Vishal Suchdeve, Jason Bledsoe, Dr. Ed Showalter, Anthony Ervin, Mario Alston, Eddie Jenab, Bruce Griffith, Tim Traywick, and Abraham Walker. (Courtesy of Laila Ghafur, PBL.)

## Center hosts 'Ms. Manners Dinner'

By MADELINE WALLS

For the third year, the Internship and Career Services Center at North Carolina Wesleyan College hosted a "Ms. Manners Dinner."

In 1998, the Center initiated a series called the Internship Preparation Workshop. It consists of four sessions, and covers writing resumes, interviewing, networking, on-the-job issues, and business and social etiquette. The finale is a dinner where students can practice social skills with business people.

The workshop uses as reference such books as "Guide to Executive Manners," by Letitia Baldrige, and also shows a video titled, "Etiquette Hotline: Table

Manners," about general dining etiquette.

The video shows proper etiquette and also shows the kind of behavior that's not acceptable. Included is everything from how to cut your meat to where to leave your napkin if you're leaving the table. Tips include such things as not to tuck the napkin in one's belt, to use utensils from the outside in, and the correct way to eat soup.

It suggests conversation and topics to avoid during a meal (such as operations). Instead, students are advised to take advantage of timely news topics from television and magazines. They are advised not to discuss personal gossip prior to getting into a business discussion. And the

perennial admonition: No elbows on the table and chew with your mouth closed.

Through the series the Internship and Career Services Center is trying to help prepare students for the world of work and their graduate experiences. About 60 persons attended the dinner.

This fall, 49 students participated in the workshop and are actively seeking internship placement. Each year, more than 100 Wesleyan students successfully complete the internship program, and many have gone on to receive permanent job offers from their internship employers.

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