

Durham Mayor and UNCF/College Fund Steering Committee Hold Reception



Flanking Mayor William V. "Bill" Bell are Miss Annette Baker, a senior, and Leon D. Parker, a junior, both at Shaw University.

The Mayor of Durham and Durham UNCF/College Fund Community Reception was held recently in the concourse area of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. The event was in honor of current and potential UNCF contributors.

Over \$10,000 in cash and pledges were received from over 100 contributors as Shaw student musicians, Marcus Mitchell and Terrence White serenaded the attendees. Durham UNCF Steering

Committee Chair and Mistress of Ceremony Carolyn E. Henderson, introduced program participants: Mayor William V. Bell, Dr. Cleon Thompson, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Shaw University; Bert Collins, Honorary Chair of the Durham UNCF Steering Committee; and Mrs. Marilyn B. Richards, North Carolina UNCF Area Development Director who brought greetings to the contributors.

Emotional testimonies were

given by Shaw University students, Miss Annette Baker, a senior criminal justice major and Leon D. Parker, a junior religion and philosophy major. Student presentations influence donations and pledges. The theme of UNCF/College Fund is "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

An enjoyable and productive evening James Spee, president of N.C. Even Life, gave a special appeal to contributors "to continue to help make a difference in our students' future".



Durham UNCF/College Fund Steering Committee (l-r) are Chair Carolyn E. Henderson; Dr. Cleon Thompson, Interim VP of Institutional Advancement of Shaw University and local UNCF Liaison; Bert Collins, Honorary Chair of the Durham UNCF/College Fund Steering Committee; and Mrs. Marilyn B. Richards, North Carolina UNCF Area Development Director.



Mrs. Hortense McClinton and Mrs. Carolyn Collins, UNCF supporters; Bert Collins, Honorary Chair of the Durham UNCF/College Fund Steering Committee; and James Speed, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

NAACP Board Names Search Committee to Replace Mfume

Baltimore, MD - NAACP National Board Chairman Julian Bond announced that an eclectic group of nine people have been named to conduct the search for a successor to President and CEO Kweisi Mfume, who announced his resignation recently. Mfume's resignation is effective December 31.

In addition to Bond, the Presidential Search Committee includes: Roslyn Brock, vice-chair, NAACP Board; Rupert Richardson, member, NAACP Board; former Republican Congressman Jack Kemp; Hugh B. Price, former president, the National Urban League and senior advisor to Piper Rudnick LLP; Alice Huffman, member, NAACP Board; Philip Murphy, Managing Director, Investment

Management Division, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and member, NAACP SCF Trustee Board; Coleman Peterson, President/CEO Hollis Enterprises, LLC and member, NAACP SCF Trustee Board; and Nicholas Wiggins, NAACP Youth Board Member.

"We are flattered that this distinguished group has volunteered to serve in this important task," said Bond. "Their diversity reflects the diversity of the NAACP and the United States. We believe they will help the NAACP Board find a suitable candidate to take us forward."

Mfume is leaving after nearly nine years as president and CEO. The former Congressman from Baltimore said he is stepping down "to

pursue other challenges both in the private and public sectors."

During a press conference on November 30, Mfume said: "My decision to move on should be seen for what it is; another choice to seek another challenge, and another

chance to make a difference." To help assure a smooth transition to a new administration, Mfume has agreed to serve as a consultant to the NAACP until July 1, 2005.

Dennis C. Hayes, NAACP General Counsel, will serve as Acting President and CEO until a permanent chief executive officer is selected.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and

largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are front line advocates for civil rights, social justice and equal opportunity under law.

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Kettering University's AIM Program Wins State Award

FLINT, Mich.-(BLACK PR WIRE)(BUSINESS WIRE) — The Academically Interested Minorities (AIM) program at Kettering University in Flint received the 2004 "Outstanding Program" award from the Michigan Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO). The program was recognized for its dedication to the development and career success of its students.

"Receiving this award shows what we're doing for youth is recognized by our peers and sends a message to prospective students and their parents that ours is an elite pre-college engineering program," said Ricky Brown, director of pre-college programs for the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

"The elements that made our program stand out from other programs are the number of in-state students participated and how well they did academically in the program," said Brown.

"Our retention rate also helped us earn this award," he said. An average of 39 percent of AIM participants enroll at Kettering. The national average for students participating in pre-college engineering programs enrolling at the host institution is only 12 percent.

The summer 2004 AIM class had 39 students, 30 of whom have applied to Kettering for admission in 2005. Tend to do well academically, said Brown. "The 2003 class had

13 students matriculate and they currently have an average (weighted average grade) of 89 out of 100," he said.

AIM is a five-week residential summer program for students entering 12th grade in the fall. The program provides students with a "real life" college experience. Participants attend freshman-level courses in calculus, chemistry, computer programming, economics, physics, and business management, taught by Kettering faculty.

Students tour Kettering co-op employer companies and meet professional engineers and business managers. At the end of the program scholarships are offered to the students who rank in the top 15 percent of their AIM class.

Since 1984 more than 700 students from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean have participated in the AIM program. Each student is sponsored by a company or foundation, including General Motors, Ford, Delphi, UPS, TRW, Lear, Plastech and Link Technologies, who underwrites their participation in the program.

Kettering University (formerly General Motors Institute) is one of the country's premier co-op institutions with career-based education in engineering, applied sciences, mathematics, and business management. For information, visit www.kettering.edu.

Cardinal State Bank Breakfast Seminar Series

The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce announces the schedule for the 2005 Cardinal State Bank Breakfast Seminar Series.

* Tuesday, February 1, - "Get to Know Your Customers Better: Growing Your Business with the Customers You Already Have"

* Tuesday, May 24, - "Improv and Dynamic Communication of Your Business Vision"

* Tuesday, August 2, - "Making Your Sales Repeatable, Measurable, and Predictable"

* Tuesday, October 25, - "Navigating Legal Troubles in Business"

All seminars will be held from 8-10:30 a.m., at The Herald-Sun (2828 Pickett Road). Continental breakfast and networking are scheduled from 8-8:30 a.m. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost per seminar is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

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