

## **Delores A. Parker Receives 2006 Leadership Award from the National Council on Black American Affairs**

Dr. Delores A. Parker, vice president for Academic and Student Services of the North Carolina Community College System Office, received one of three Leadership Awards from the NCBA A during the 86th Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Parker, who has led the Academic and Student Services division since November 1999, was recognized for her commitment to improving educational opportunities and professional development for African-American students, faculty and administrators in the community college system.

The Leadership Award, presented during the annual NCBA A breakfast on April 23 in Long Beach, Calif., recognizes her commitment to initiating programs emphasizing access, success and retention of African-American males in postsecondary education. Parker's leadership led to the first North Carolina Community College System 2005 Minority Male Mentoring Best Practices Conference.

She also led a highly successful partnership with North Carolina Central University to host the 2006 conference "African-American Males in Education: Collective Works and Responsibility."

She has been instrumental in obtaining Achieving the Dream funding from the Lumina Foundation to increase the success of community college students, particularly those who have been underserved in postsecondary education, and instrumental in gaining

continued funding for the North Carolina Transitional Assistance to Biomedical Sciences grant from the National Institutes of Health to increase the participation of minority students in baccalaureate programs.

In presenting the award, Dr. Calvin Woodland, president of the National Council on Black American Affairs and president of Capital Community College in Hartford, Conn., noted "Dr. Parker is a social activist who is forever vigilant to the causes that insure justice and fairness for the African-American community."

Also attending the event in support of Parker were H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System, Kenneth L. Whitehurst, associate vice president for Academic and Student Services for the system, and Wanda White, director of Student Development services for the system.

"Dr. Parker has been a visionary leader whose work in support of underrepresented students in postsecondary education is a hallmark of excellence in preparing a highly trained workforce through the North Carolina Community College system," Lancaster said.



*Delores A. Parker receives the NCBA A Leadership Award from NCBA A National President Calvin E. Woodland.*

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# Greetings from the drum of Donald L. Cleveland

Dear Colleagues:

As president of the National Council on Black American Affairs-Southern Region, NCBAA-SO, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to this year's exciting conference. It is our 26th meeting of the Southern Region, and provides another opportunity for us to assemble and address the goals of NCBAA-SO, with the primary goal of advancing educational opportunities for African-American students in community colleges.

Our theme for this year, *"Freeing Your Mind: Breaking Barriers to Cultural, Educational, and Economic Development,"* affords us an excellent foundation to identify and eliminate those challenges that impede the progress of African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators within community college systems. We urge you to attend and participate in the innovative sessions and workshops, and take this information back to your respective institutions to share with others.

NCBAA-SO is indebted to Dr. Larry Calderon, president of Broward Community College, for agreeing to host and support this conference. We also would like to commend Professor Kisha King, conference chair, and the conference planning committee for their dedication and hard work in making this conference possible. Now, we need YOU to make it happen!

Lastly, as always, I challenge you to do at least two things as a result of attending this conference: 1) meet each Board member and let him/her know what we can do to make NCBAA-SO an even better organization, and 2) commit to supporting your local chapter or commit to chartering a chapter if you do not have one.

Here's wishing you an "edutaining" time in sunny Fort Lauderdale!

Yours toward "freeing your mind,"

*Donald L. Cleveland*

President



*Donald L. Cleveland*

## NCBAA Goals, Mission and Values

The National Council on Black American Affairs serves as a collaborative voice, promoting the academic success of African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.

### GOALS

The role of NCBAA in higher education remains of significant importance, as reflected by the following strategic goals:

- To create a collegial environment that enhances the access and success of African-American students in community colleges.
- To strengthen relationships with policy development and funding sources to support creative initiatives for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.
- To expand leadership development and opportunities for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators in community colleges.
- To promote an organizational culture that strengthens and supports the professional growth of faculty, staff and administrators.
- To enhance the knowledge, talents, abilities, and skills of African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators to function effectively within the world of emerging information technology.

### MISSION

NCBAA is committed to the following mission:

- Improving diversity and resultant educational opportunities and professional development for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.
- Developing collaborative relationships with educational, business, governmental and public service organizations with compatible goals.
- Networking to maximize the achievement of career goals for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.
- Articulating positions on issues affecting African-Americans in the formulation of policy and decision-making.

### VALUES

NCBAA acknowledges the worth of the individual and affirms its belief in the following shared values:

- Lifelong learning and development for all people.
- Collegial sharing of information and ideas.
- Access to higher education for all people; increased access for the underserved.
- Diversity of people, ideas and learning styles.
- Teaching excellence and innovation through intellectual, social, cultural, and technological enrichment.
- Partnerships with federal, state and local entities that share similar missions, goals and objectives.
- Volunteerism for causes, objectives and purposes supportive of the aims of NCBAA.
- Recognition of excellence.
- Role modeling to enhance student achievement and teaching performance, as well as staff and administrative effectiveness.

## Palm Beach chapter hosts a variety of activities year round

The 2005-06 school year was an exciting and busy one for the NCBAA chapter at Palm Beach Community College in Florida.

The chapter kicked off the school year with a Welcome Luncheon for the new provost for the Belle Glade Campus, Beverly Robinson.

Because of the impact that hurricanes had in the area last year, the chapter donated \$1,000 to aid displaced families in the Belle Glade community after Hurricane Wilma, and also adopted three families for the Christmas holidays, providing them with food and gift cards.

To end the semester, the annual Holiday Dinner feast was held in conjunction with a surprise retirement celebration for John Jenkins, one of the charter members of the chapter.

In the spring semester, the chapter co-sponsored the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast with the Collegewide Diversity Committee. The event featured Juan Williams, senior correspondent for National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*.

For Black History Month, the chapter continued its tradition of sponsoring an annual Comedy/Talent Scholarship Explosion, emceed by nationally known comedian Arvin Mitchell. The winners received a \$1,000 scholarship for first



*The newly elected NCBAA e-board for Palm Beach Community College are (left to right): Marvita Davis, secretary; Earl Bryant, president; Olivia Morris, vice president of programs; Dr Quincy Moore, Palm Beach Community College vice president of student services; and Dr. Barry Moore, vice president of membership. The chapter held a welcome luncheon for Moore.*

place, a \$750 scholarship for second place, and \$500 scholarship for third place. During commencement, NCBAA presented four graduating sophomores scholarships of \$500.

To end the school year, NCBAA sponsored its second annual Juneteenth Celebration at World Famous, a local soul food restaurant, and featured a video presentation, games with prizes and feast.

At the end of the summer term, the chapter sponsored a luncheon to welcome and introduce Dr. Quincy Moore, the new vice president of Student Services, to college administrators, faculty, staff and students.

### NCBAA creates partnership with similar organization overseas

NCBAA has created a partnership with The Network for Black Managers in the United Kingdom.

The Network for Black Managers was founded in 1998. Among its objectives are 1) to enhance the quality of the learning experience for black learners through positive teaching and learning strategies, mentoring and role modeling, and 2) to increase the numbers of black staff, especially at senior and middle management levels, so that they properly reflect the ethnic diversity of learners in colleges, and national, regional and local demographics.

"The Network for Black Managers and the NCBAA share the same mission, goals and values," Dr. Calvin Woodland, NCBAA national president, said of the partnership. "They are aligned to one common purpose, which is to advance the equality of opportunity for Black professionals and Black students.

"Also, we aim to have a long-term impact helping to shape the public policy agenda in relation to social justice and education opportunity for both our constituencies, in the states as well as in Britain. By building on this common mission, we also will serve to raise concerns of international import because we are both dealing with global issues."

## Busy Agenda for St. Petersburg College NCBAA Chapter

The Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter of NCBAA, located at St. Petersburg College in Florida, had a busy agenda for the 2005-06 fiscal year as members planned and participated in a number of activities and programs to promote the vision of NCBAA and the mission of St. Petersburg College. Chapter members:

- Marched in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade in St. Petersburg.
- Participated in the Florida African-American Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 25.
- Hosted informational meetings for the Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke scholarship students. St. Petersburg College awards this scholarship to students who have excelled academically. The Chapter established a mentoring program for the scholarship students.
- Planned and participated in the annual Dr. Mac J. Williams Academic Excellence Awards Program. This program honors Pinellas County African-American middle and high school students who have excelled academically.
- In June, hosted the collegewide retirement celebration for St. Petersburg College Vice President for Educational and Student Services Willie B. Felton, Jr.
- Planned and participated in a number of activities and programs (gospel concerts, a cultural festival, African-American Read In, student leadership forum, career forum and academic excellence award ceremonies) in celebration of African-American History Month.



*Members of the Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter of NCBAA: George Greenlee, left, membership chair and Roy Slater, president, march in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in St. Petersburg, Fla.*

## NCBAA/BCC Members conduct study tour in Ghana

Broward Community College, located in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., conducted its annual Study Abroad Program to Africa, June 28-July 12.

This year's program allowed participants to travel to Ghana to study many important sites and locations including: Accra, the capital of Ghana; Kumasi, home of the Ashanti people; Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park; the W.E.B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture; the University of Ghana, Legon; Elmina and the Cape Coast slave castles. The program offered students an opportunity to receive three credits in Social Sciences to be applied toward a degree.

BCC's 2007 Summer Study Abroad Program will allow students to travel to Senegal and The Gambia in West Africa in late June to early July for two weeks. Anyone interested in enrolling in the program, or in acquiring additional information, should contact Donald Cleveland at (954) 201-6572 or [dclevela@broward.edu](mailto:dclevela@broward.edu).



*Pictured are course participants along with Professor Kisha King, president of NCBAA/BCC, second from left on the back row; Levi Williams, chairperson of BCC's Board of Trustees, fifth from left on back row, Georgette Sosa-Douglass, member of BCC's Board of Trustees, third from right on front row; and Donald Cleveland, president of NCBAA-Southern Region, extreme right on first row.*

## Lawson State Dedicates \$10-Million Technology Building

Technology has a new place to thrive on Lawson State Community College's campus in Alabama. The Perry W. Ward Advanced Technology Building was officially dedicated in April. A host of influential representatives witnessed this monumental moment in Lawson State's history, including local and state government officials and educators.



*Perry W. Ward*

With Lawson State's futuristic architecture and unconventional design, the Perry W. Ward Advanced Technology Building will be a significant instrument to help improve the lives of students, corporations, communities and the world.

"This facility will truly make a difference in this community," said the honoree, Lawson State President Dr. Perry W. Ward.

The \$10-million building houses the Alabama Center for Advanced Technology and Training, which will provide highly developed training in existing and emerging technologies. The facility includes state-of-the-art distance-learning components, offices, classrooms, conference rooms, a technology theatre, an archives room, guest/visitor rooms, unfinished space for furniture design and use, and technology exhibition spaces.

## Florida Community College at Jacksonville executive dean honored



*Brenda Simmons*

Dr. Brenda Simmons, FCCJ North Campus executive dean, received the Quality Leadership Award from FCCJ on Aug. 24.

Positive and upbeat in her approach to work, Simmons has interacted within the college community in a variety of roles. Her record of accomplishments has brought acclaim to FCCJ and motivation to students, faculty and staff.

Her open-door policy has allowed students the flexibility and freedom to seek her guidance and direction in navigating their field of dreams. Her project management skills are impeccable as evidenced in numerous successfully written accreditation self studies, new program implementation and local partnerships, creating broad-based scholarship and educational opportunities for students at home and abroad.

Simmons has developed alliances with faculty members across the college, enabling them to successfully pursue and reach creative and innovative solutions to student success initiatives. Simmons is a catalyst for change, manages things quietly and treats responsibilities as her very soul.



# Jimmie Ford on North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges



*Jimmie Ford*

North Carolina.

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley has appointed a Wayne County native to the State Board of Community Colleges. Jimmie E. Ford, a former state legislator, a former Wayne County commissioner, and retired associate vice president at Wayne Community College, is a strong and knowledgeable addition to the group that governs the 58 community colleges across

Ford knows firsthand the value of a community college education. He graduated from Wayne Community College with a double major in Business Administration and Mental Health. The U. S. Army veteran then earned a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Sciences from Shaw University and a master's degree in Adult Education from North Carolina State University. He was employed at Wayne Community College for 37 years.

"It is an honor to serve on the State Board," said Ford. "I am happy to be able to give back to a system that changed my life."

H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System, also is a Wayne County native and says he is thrilled to have someone of Ford's caliber on the Board.

"Jimmie is an excellent addition to this group of dedicated individuals who are committed to making our community colleges the best in the country," said Lancaster. "His experience in the System and in local and state government will benefit the state board. We are thrilled to have him join us."

Ford serves on the Policy Committee and a special SBCC Committee that responds to recommendations made by the state auditor. His term ends June 30, 2011.

Ford, a deacon at Barnes Missionary Baptist Church, is married to the former Priscilla Spruill. They have two children.

## North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges welcomes new member

Jonathan Smith, a 4.0 G.P.A. student at Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, N.C., and president of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, became the new student

representative on the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges in July. He took the oath of office from Associate Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson.

"I do not by any means take this responsibility lightly," said Smith. "I promise to work hard, listen to our students, and serve all that have placed their trust and faith in me by sharing their concerns and ideas with you."

## Florida African-American Education Alliance Annual Recognition Program

The Florida African-American Education Alliance held its annual recognition program on Jan. 16. Gov. Jeb Bush was the keynote speaker. In his presentation, Bush cited statistics showing that Florida is stronger than ever and moving in the right direction in education. He cited the benchmarks before and after the A+ Plan that was implemented in 1998-99. Bush said that among the gains: nearly half of Florida's community colleges are in the nation's top 100 and five are in the top 10 of associate's degrees granted. Further, he cited increases in the number of students enrolled who have successfully transferred into the State University System.

In the Alliance's recognition program, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, along with Lake-Sumter Community College, Indian River Community College, and Palm Beach Community College received awards for

quality programs for African-American students in the areas of recruitment, retention and community outreach.

Florida Community College at Jacksonville was recognized for its College Bound Programs - including College Reach Out, FAME, GRADS, Upward Bound, the Kids and Karate Program and the Jacksonville Black History Calendar. State educational leaders, including David Armstrong, chancellor of Florida's Community College and Workforce Education, were present to recognize and honor award recipients.

The Florida African-American Education Alliance is an outreach organization designed to disseminate accurate information about Florida's education reforms and to encourage the active involvement and partnership of African-American students, parents, educators and communities toward the continued improvement of education in Florida.

For more information on the Florida African-American Education Alliance, visit [www.aedalliance.org/index.html](http://www.aedalliance.org/index.html).

After his oath of office, State Board Chairwoman Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, who is the first African-American to serve as chairperson, offered her full support to Smith as he provides leadership and voice for the 800,000 students in the North Carolina Community College System.



*In July 2006, Jonathan Smith, a 4.0 GPA student at Roanoke-Chowan Community College in Ahoskie, N.C. and president of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, joined the State Board of Community Colleges.*

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## Join the NCBAA Southern Region's Board of Directors

To be considered for a Board position, you must:

- Be a member of NCBAA-SO in good standing for a minimum of one year.
- Have access to a travel budget in order to attend two official Board meetings per year – the Summer Meeting and the Fall Conference Meeting (usually in October).
- Submit a letter of intent for Board membership to the NCBAA-SO president.
- Be present at the General Membership Meeting during the Fall Conference.

## Submit an article for the NCBAA newsletter

Please send articles, updates or any other items of interest to Roy Slater at [slater.roy@spcollege.edu](mailto:slater.roy@spcollege.edu). Items must be sent electronically in a word document, and photos must be sent in a .jpg format.

## Learn more about the NCBAA Southern Region

For a membership application and more information about the NCBAA Southern Region, visit the Southern Region Web site at [www.ncbaa-so.org](http://www.ncbaa-so.org).

