

# NCBAA

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## NCBAA CHAPTERS JOIN FORCES TO HELP STUDENTS IN AFRICA

Broward Community College, located in Fort Lauderdale, offers students and members of the community an opportunity to visit and study different countries in Africa each summer through its International Study Abroad Program. Participants can earn college credits toward a degree or recertification. Students in the 2007 program visited two countries in West Africa – Senegal and The Gambia. They were there for two weeks and had a very “edu-taining” experience with the brothers and sisters in the Motherland.

Pictured above are members from two institutional chapters of the National Council on Black American Affairs: Ann Birdsong, Hillsborough Community College, and Kisha King and Donald Cleveland, Broward Community College. They are joined by other program participants who donated books and educational supplies to students at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal.

Broward Community College’s 2008 Summer Study Abroad Program will allow students to visit Egypt for two weeks. If you are interested in participating or need additional information, call (954) 201-6572 or (954) 201-6593. You also may e-mail [dclevela@broward.edu](mailto:dclevela@broward.edu) or [kking@broward.edu](mailto:kking@broward.edu). Space in the program is limited and students are accepted on a “first come, first served” basis.

## GREETINGS FROM THE DRUM OF DONALD L. CLEVELAND

Hotep (Peace):

I, along with the Board of Directors of NCBAAs-SO, extend a hearty welcome to each of you as you join us at this 2007 Fall Regional Conference. We have been truly blessed again to be able to come together at this time, at this place to continue the journey of our ancestors. Our journey has brought us from the great pyramids of Nubia, to the horrific slave houses of Ghana and Goree Island, through the deadly "Middle Passage," to the dreaded plantations of the West Indies and the Americas, to the plush comfort of the Hyatt Regency DFW Hotel here in Dallas. This journey was made possible because our forefathers dared to dream and sacrificed their blood, sweat, tears, and even their lives so that we could "Move Beyond Access to Success." Please note that our theme for this conference is "DARE TO DREAM—MOVING BEYOND ACCESS TO SUCCESS."



So here we are today, on the ship inherited from our ancestors. This ship has traveled many miles and yet, there are many, many miles to go. To fulfill the dreams of our ancestors, we are responsible for keeping it "seaworthy" so that it will not succumb to the harsh winds and rough waves of distrust, disharmony, division, envy and racism. Each of us must commit to take an active part on this journey instead of "just going along for the ride!" Failure to do so will result in all of us being "shipwrecked!"

Now is the time and this is the place for us to chart our course and Dare to Dream and Move Beyond Access to Success. We must take advantage of this opportunity to equip ourselves with the information and knowledge to do so. We owe it to our ancestors; we owe it to ourselves; but most of all, we owe it to those who will come after us.

In completing my final term as president of this august organization, I would like to thank the Board for its cooperation and participation, and you for your support. Over the past six years, we have been able to accomplish many goals to make this organization viable and effective. Those goals include, but are not limited to: developing a regional Web site, [www.ncbaa-so.org](http://www.ncbaa-so.org); implementing a student leaders institute; chartering four new chapters; presenting the Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Award to 16 recipients; and convening five regional conferences.

I also would like to thank the Dallas County Community Colleges Chapter of NCBAAs, under the leadership of Sonya Spencer, for undertaking the awesome task of hosting this conference and excelling in doing so.

Lastly, but in no way least, I dedicate this conference to the memory of Dr. Asa Hilliard III, a champion, mentor, and friend to many of us who has joined the ranks of our ancestors and left us a rich legacy that we MUST continue.

Yours in Moving From Access to Success,  
Donald L. Cleveland, President

## ABOUT NCBAAs

NCBAAs serves as a collaborative voice designed to promote the academic and professional success of African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.

### GOALS

The role of NCBAAs in higher education remains of significant importance, with the strategic goals to:

- Create a collegial environment that enhances the access and success of African-American students in community colleges.
- Strengthen relationships with policy development and funding sources to support creative initiatives for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators.
- Expand leadership development and opportunities for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators in community colleges.
- Promote an organizational culture that strengthens and supports the professional growth of faculty, staff and administrators.
- 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

NCBAAs 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

NCBAAs acknowledges the worth of the individual and affirms its belief in the following widely 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 NCBAAs.
- Recognition of excellence.
- Role modeling to enhance student achievement and teaching performance, as well as staff and administrative effectiveness.

## PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHAPTER SPONSORS A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### The PBCC chapter hosted:

#### Holiday Extravaganza

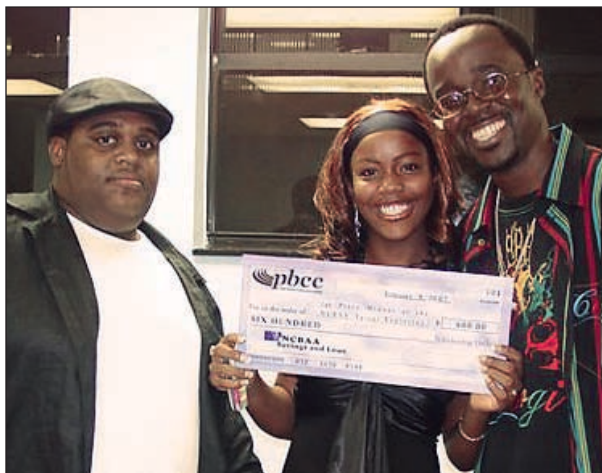
The annual Holiday Extravaganza was Dec. 9 at the Greenway Village Recreation Center. Approximately 30 members and their invited guests enjoyed a variety of ethnic foods, music and games.

#### Comedy and Talent Explosion

The 7th Annual Comedy and Talent Explosion was Feb. 9. Twelve acts participated in the competition hosted by comedian Marvin Dixon, a former Miami radio station personality and a regular at the Improv comedy club in West Palm Beach. The competition, attended by about 400 people, was open to all PBCC students and area high school seniors planning to attend PBCC the next school year

The winners were chosen by a panel of five judges. The first place winner, Rodney Holmes, Jr., received a \$600 scholarship for a duet he sang with schoolmate Carolyn Corey. The second place \$500 scholarship went to Chandre McGee, a PBCC nursing student who sang Patti LaBelle's song "My Love, Sweet Love."

Thierry Lundy, a student at PBCC's Lake Worth campus who plans to become a pharmacist, won the \$400 third place scholarship for the powerful recital of his original poem called "Generation X."



From left: Rodney Holmes, Jr., Carolyn Corey (first place winners) and nationally known comedian and event MC Marvin Dixon. Dixon has appeared several times on Comic View, Def Comedy Jam, the Tom Joyner Sky Show and is a radio personality.

## LAWSON STATE TOYOTA T-TEN PROGRAM RANKS IN NATION'S TOP 10

Lawson State Community College's Toyota T-TEN program is one of the top 10 programs in the nation for 2007. The college was notified of the honor by Lorena Boughton, Southern Area manager, Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.



Lawson State  
President  
Perry W. Ward

"The Toyota T-TEN Recognition Award was established to honor the highest performing T-TEN programs in the U.S.," Boughton said.

T-TEN is an acronym for Toyota – Technician Training and Education Network. To achieve this honor, programs must adhere to numerous guidelines and policies in the implementation of the T-TEN training module. Each program is judged on graduate objectives, placements at Toyota dealerships, instructor and program certifications, and compliance with Toyota training requirements.

Boughton and other top Toyota officials were present recently at Lawson State's Recognition Award Dinner for the T-TEN Program. "There are 55 programs in the nation. The Top Ten is really an elite group and to be considered you must have an excellent program," Boughton said. "This whole program is about relationships. Objectives have to be met, including serving the dealer, meeting the needs of the technician and keeping the customers happy."

Lawson State President Perry W. Ward stated, "There is no other program like this in the state of Alabama. In this partnership, we were looking for a true franchise player and seeking to make a difference in our community and in this state. A goal of our program has been to exemplify teamwork and togetherness, and that we have accomplished."

Toyota established T-TEN in 1986, collaborating with educational leaders and Toyota dealers. The innovative program has allowed more than 3,500 students to take advantage of T-TEN through the auspices of 55 hand-picked vocational and community colleges nationwide. Lawson State's T-TEN program accepted its first students in the fall of 1992.

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The T-TEN program at Lawson State is part of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence, housed on the college's Bessemer campus. The center provides technician training for three manufacturers – Toyota, General Motors, and Ford. Also associated with the center are programs for high school automotive students, collision repair, and medium and heavy truck technology. Lawson State Community College educates more automotive and truck technicians each year than any other institution in the state.

T-TEN is tailored to the needs of career change candidates who seek to acquire the training necessary to pursue a career in automotive repair and maintenance or body and collision repair. The Toyota Technical Education Network training takes place in a supportive, exciting, hands-on environment, allowing students to learn more in less time. Skills introduced in the classroom are put to a practical test while working in Toyota and Lexus dealerships. In this way, new learning becomes internalized knowledge, establishing a firm foundation upon which to build a long-term career.

Both full-time students and individuals seeking to augment their skills can benefit from T-TEN training. All courses are certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and taught by ASE certified instructors.

## PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHAPTER CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH

More than 70 people showed up at World Famous, a popular West Palm Beach eatery, June 19 for the celebration commemorating the historic moment 142 years ago when slaves in Texas were finally informed that slavery had ended in the United States. The Emancipation Proclamation had been issued on Sept. 22, 1862, with a Jan. 1, 1863 effective date. However, word did not reach those in Texas until June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived on Galveston Island to take possession of the state, which had been under Confederate control, and enforce the emancipation of its slaves.

NCBAA's celebration included storytelling and African dance performances by the Sol Griots. Olivia Morris-Ford, first vice president of the PBCC chapter and chair of the event, presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the events of that historic day, which has become known and celebrated around the country as Juneteenth.

NCBAA began holding a Juneteenth celebration in 2004 with members of the organization, but the chapter decided to expand the celebration this year to include the community. "Juneteenth is an important part of America's history," Morris-Ford said. "For many, it marked the

official ending of slavery. There were numerous heroes, black and white, who helped in the fight for freedom. Every day we should all remember and appreciate the vision and sacrifices of these great individuals."

Following the PowerPoint presentation, NCBAA gave attendees a multiple-choice quiz with prizes for those who completed it first with the correct answers.

"I think the turnout was very positive," Morris-Ford said, noting that the event could not have been successful without the help of Billy Reddy, who helped with the PowerPoint, and Brenda Nelson, Shelia Meeks and Joyce Alexander, who helped plan the event.

Morris-Ford said she anticipates the Juneteenth celebration will grow bigger and better each year.



*Members of the Sol Griots perform an African dance.*



*Joshua Stevens, the manager of the Sol Griots, performs a poem to African music.*



*Olivia Morris-Ford (center), first vice president of NCBAA, congratulates Debra Bunyon and Ayn Patrick, who were the winners of the Juneteenth quiz.*



## TONJUA WILLIAMS APPOINTED PROVOST OF ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE'S TARPON SPRINGS CAMPUS

Tonjua Williams started with SPC in 1986 as a senior accounting clerk in Scholarships and Student Financial Assistance.



Since then she has served as a college recruiter for minority and health programs, academic advisor for health programs, coordinator of the Pathway program, assistant to the director of Special Programs, coordinator of Student Support Services and director of the Office of Special Programs.

She taught Career & Life Planning and College Success/Study Skills as an adjunct, from 1996 to 2001. She served as associate provost of the college's Health Education Center for five years before being appointed provost of the Tarpon Springs Campus.

Williams holds two bachelor's degrees from Clearwater Christian College (in Humanities and Business Administration) and a master's from USF in Counselor Education.

She earned an Executive Leadership Certificate from the University of Florida in 2004, and earned her Ph.D. from Barry University in Higher Education Administration.

She has been a multiple presenter at the League for Innovation and headed the Advising Model Committee to improve academic advising at SPC.

"I am honored and excited to have this opportunity and look forward to meeting and working with new colleagues," she said.

## ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter of NCBAA, located at St. Petersburg College in Florida, had a busy agenda for the 2006-07 fiscal year as members participated in a number of activities at the college and in the community. In February, Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter members participated in the Florida African-American Heritage Celebration. The chapter had a display table with information about NCBAA and the Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter, the college's four-year programs, and the college's University Partnership Center. Members gave away pencils, wristbands, key chains and bookmarks.



Chapter president Roy Slater shares information with a visitor during the 2007 African-American Heritage Celebration.

The Florida African-American Heritage Celebration is an outgrowth of the North Pinellas County African-American History Project. The purpose of the project is to collect, catalog, and preserve oral histories, photographs, artifacts, and other documentation relevant to the history of the African-American communities in Pinellas County. African-American culture is celebrated through music, historical exhibits, ethnic food, art and dance at Heritage Village in Largo, Florida.



Deborah Ford and Greg McLeod march in the 2007 Martin Luther King Day Parade.

The information cited above is from the Pinellas County African-American Heritage Celebration Web site [www.co.pinellas.fl.us/bcc/Unity.htm](http://www.co.pinellas.fl.us/bcc/Unity.htm)

In January, the chapter hosted an informational meeting for Johnnie Ruth Clarke scholarship students. This is one component of the mentoring program the chapter established for the students.

Chapter members marched in the Dr. Martin Luther King parade in January in St. Petersburg, Florida. The chapter's institution, St. Petersburg College, had a float in the parade, and chapter members distributed NCBAA bookmarks.



Tanya Rocker addresses scholarship students at a meeting hosted by the Johnnie Ruth Clarke chapter. Up front is SPC's associate vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, Martyn Clay.

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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).

