



Southern Regional Education Board

State Doctoral Scholars Program

News & Notes - Winter 2006

Now in our 12th year... 656 scholars served... 276 program graduates... 12 Annual Institutes on Teaching and Mentoring

Greetings From Your SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program Team

Greetings! Since the spring newsletter there have been several key events and accomplishments for the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program. First, the Southern Regional Education Board at its annual meeting this past June celebrated the Program's 250th Ph.D. graduate, LSU graduate Joe Lott. Joe and program graduate Rana Johnson were on hand to represent program graduates during this milestone celebration. Since June, the number of program graduates has already grown to 276. Great job scholars — don't stop now! Our goal is to reach the 300 mark by the next SREB annual meeting in June 2006.

At the 2005 SREB Board meeting, David S. Spence, former executive vice chancellor of the California State University System, was introduced as the new president. Mark Musick, former president, was honored for his 30 years of service to SREB, 16 as president. The Board recognized Mark's role in initiating the Doctoral Scholars Program, his continued commitment to the program's success and his leadership in promoting diversity in graduate education. To honor Mark's contribution and support of the Doctoral Scholars Program, the Board voted to recognize scholars in the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program as "Mark Musick Doctoral Scholars."

More good news! The 2005-2006 doctoral scholars class is the largest (75 minority Ph.D. scholars) ever supported by SREB states. Welcome to all new Scholars, and congratulations to our participating states and institutions. They are to be commended for their support.

Finally, the Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring just concluded its 12th annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia, October 27-30. With 931 participants, this was the largest Institute ever and the largest gathering in America of minority Ph.D. scholars seeking faculty careers in academia. Having been to all 12 Institutes, I feel qualified to say, beginning to end, this was the best Institute yet. Mark your calendar to attend the 2006 Institute in Miami, Florida, October 26-29, 2006.

I hope everyone had a productive semester and is ready for the holiday break.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!

Dr. Ansley A. Abraham, Director



From left to right (top to bottom): Ansley Abraham (Director), Walter "Walt" Jacobs (Senior Consultant), Robert "Bob" Belle (SREB-AGEP Director), Melissa Koran (Accounting & Institute Coordinator), Vinicius Gates-Reeves (Assistant), Robbie Ouzts (Scholar Coordinator)

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Important Things to Remember for Current Scholars

SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ Update and keep your online Scholar Directory listing current.
- ✓ Notify the Doctoral Scholars Program immediately regarding any change in contact information, enrollment, employment or scholar status.
- ✓ Send in a grade report or dissertation progress report each semester.
- ✓ Maintain full-time enrollment for all semesters while being actively funded.
- ✓ Attend the Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring each fall.
- ✓ Get your Ph.D. and join the professoriate!

Don't forget to visit the Scholar Zone to access the Online Directory, the Scholar Support Discussion Board and other great things to help you on your journey!

www.sreb.org

Go directly to information for current scholars by clicking on the link below

Enter
The Scholar ZONE

GRADE REPORTS OR DISSERTATION UPDATES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2006. SENDING THIS INFORMATION IS A REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPPORT

E-MAIL YOUR INFORMATION TO

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Call us toll-free if you have questions!

1-877-SREB-PHD

1-877-773-2743

TELL ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS...

The deadline to apply for a fellowship for the 2006-2007 academic year is April 1, 2006.

Spread the word to all of your friends and classmates. Help us find qualified scholars just like you for these scholarships.

Refer them to our Web site at www.sreb.org for more information on how to apply!



2005-2006 SREB Incoming Class of Scholars is Largest Ever!

The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program is now in its 12th year. We are happy to report that the incoming class of scholars for the 2005-2006 academic year is our largest incoming class to date. We have 75 new scholars coming into the program, with funding from 12 different states. This new incoming class is 70 percent female and represents 26 different institutions throughout the U.S.

276 Graduates and Counting...Who Will Be the 300th Graduate?

Our program has now celebrated its 276th graduate and is fast approaching the 300th graduate mark - a major milestone. If you are close to completing your degree, please make sure you notify us as soon as you successfully defend so that you can be honored. **Will you be the 300th graduate?**

Highlights from the 12th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring held October 27-30 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia



THE INSTITUTE AT A GLANCE...

- 931 participants attended
- 73 different sessions conducted
- 39 different institutions recruited
- 46 different states plus the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were represented among participating scholars and faculty

We've completed another successful Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. Many long-time participants remarked that this year's event was our best ever. This year's Institute was in Arlington, Virginia, and there were faculty, scholars, guests, state representatives and leaders from almost every state on hand for the four day event. This year featured new sessions, including one on grading and testing and another on statistics. This year also featured two different awards presentations - one on Friday night for program graduates and one on Saturday for special awards and Mentor of the Year.

This year's Institute welcomed participants from all over the United States and each region of the compact, as well as special groups. Some of the groups in attendance this year included: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Alfred. P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program, Bridges to the Professoriate Program (NIH), National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Scholars (NSF) and the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

Don't forget to visit our Web site at

www.instituteonteachingandmentoring.org

NSF's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program (AGEP) Update

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) provides support for services to scholars who participate in NSF's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program (AGEP). The grant provides support for a minimum of 100 AGEP scholars to attend the Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring.

This marks the third year that AGEP scholars have attended the Institute, and the number of AGEP attendees was the largest in the three years of AGEP participation. The 2003 Institute in Miami had 139 AGEP attendees. The 2004 Institute in Atlanta had 160 AGEP attendees. The 2005 Institute in Arlington had over 185 AGEP attendees. For information about the AGEP Program contact Dr. Bob Belle at bob.belle@sreb.org

13th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring

It is never too early to start thinking about the next Institute on Teaching and Mentoring.

The 13th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring will be held October 26-29, 2006, at the Radisson and Marriott Biscayne Bay in Miami, Florida.

Because of the Institute's quality, national reputation and limited space, it is imperative that you register as soon as registration opens this summer. All scholars will receive a mailing about the Institute in July.

The 13th Annual Institute will feature the largest gathering of minority Ph.D. scholars in America. Recruiters will be on hand to identify potential faculty members.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following scholars who were recognized at this year's Institute on Teaching and Mentoring for the completion of their doctoral degree:

Dr. Edward Bell, Pharmaceutical Science, Auburn University, Auburn, AL
Dr. Kamau Bobb, Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
Dr. Cordelia Brown, Electrical Engineering, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Dr. Randolph Burnside, Political Science, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Dr. Charlotte Butler, Public Policy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
Dr. Victor Carmona, Biology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
Dr. Tammy Castro, Biomedical Science, University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, NJ
Dr. Parag Chowdhury, Physiology, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR
Dr. Kendric Coleman, American Literature, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Dr. John Fife, Counseling Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Dr. Larry Glenn, Counseling Psychology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Dr. Dana Harmon, Social Work, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Dr. Anita Harris, English, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Dr. Angela Jackson, Counselor Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA
Dr. Sandra Jowers, History, Howard University, Washington, DC
Dr. James Kendrick, Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Dr. Eva Kimonis, Psychology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Dr. LaTonya Leonard, History, University of Mississippi, University, MS
Dr. Jon Lofton, Public Policy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
Dr. Joe Lott, Educational Leadership, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Dr. Veronica Martinez, Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
Dr. Larry McDaniel, Management, University of Mississippi, University, MS
Dr. Robert Osgood, Biology, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Dr. Rochelle Parks-Yancy, Management, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
Dr. Letetia Richardson, Biomedical Engineering, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Dr. Latisha Salaam, Biochemistry, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
Dr. Kevin Simmonds, Music, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Dr. Ranjit Singh, Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Dr. Rosa Maria Stoops, Romance Languages, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Dr. Chaun Stores, American Government, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Dr. Randall Swain, Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Dr. Sonja Watson, Hispanic Literature, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
Dr. Della White, Health Education, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
Dr. Johnnie Wilcox, English Literature, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Dr. Dwight Williams, Nuclear Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Dr. Sheila Witherspoon, Counselor Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Dr. Annice Yarber, Sociology, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL



“The information gained from the presentations and the networking sessions were invaluable to me. In addition I was able to use what I learned from one of the sessions on academic presentations to prepare and deliver a successful presentation of a research paper at a national conference.”



“I had a chance to reconnect with the students and professionals I met in my area. These relationships have built a stronger support and encouragement system.”



“The Institute had a profound impact on me. I felt empowered to be in the presence of young African-Americans from diverse academic programs all coming together to strive for one goal. I will never forget that experience.”

We are looking for employment announcements, grant awards, community service awards, faculty accomplishments, travel abroad, special research, appointments to boards or commissions, etc. We are happy to try and publish photographs if they are submitted.

SREB Doctoral Scholar Named America's Most Promising Engineer



Dr. Dwight Williams, a former SREB Doctoral Scholar, was named this year's National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Young Engineer of the Year Award winner. Dr. Williams is the first African-American to win this prestigious award.

Dr. Williams studied nuclear engineering at the University of Maryland and is currently a nuclear physicist with the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. Dr. Williams epitomizes the success of SREB's Doctoral Scholars Program and stated, "The Doctoral Scholars Program gave me both tangible and intangible resources. The support was critical to the completion of my Ph.D."

The DSP staff congratulates Dr. Dwight Williams for all of his accomplishments.

Black Issues in Higher Education magazine Publishes Article by SREB Scholar



Mr. Theodis E. Dancy II had his article "Madness or Elitism? African-Americans Who Reject HBCUs" published in the April 2005 issue of "*Black Issues in Higher Education*."

Congratulations, Mr. Dancy!

GOOD NEWS!

- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. Yvette Murphy, who received the Connor Faculty Fellow Award given by the University of Arkansas College of Arts and Sciences and the 2004-2005 George and Beatrice Goldman Fischer Dissertation of the Year Award. Way to go, Dr. Murphy!
- 📖 Dr. Brian Carter presented his research at the Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing 2005 Conference, which was held on October 19, 2005.
- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. Kevin Simmonds for receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to Singapore, where he will guest lecture at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and the National Institute of Education, and conduct ethnographic research on Singaporean folk music.
- 📖 Dr. Loretta McGregor has relocated to Jonesboro, Arkansas, where she is the chair of the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Arkansas State University.
- 📖 Dr. Paul DeLaLuz received an award for Faculty Excellence from Lee University at its May 2005 graduation ceremony. Congratulations, Dr. DeLaLuz!
- 📖 Dr. Rossie Stoops was a presenter in the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, during the first week of November 2005.

DOCTORAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program has set aside a special fund to encourage research activities and further scholars' professional development as doctoral candidates. All actively funded SREB-State Doctoral Scholars program participants are eligible to submit a request for funds. For more complete information on professional development, visit the Web site and look in the "Forms" section. The appropriate forms you need to apply for funds are available online. If you have specific questions, please call Robbie Ouzts, scholar coordinator toll-free at 1-877-773-2743.

Here is a small representation of where scholars have been presenting their research...

- ✓ Joe Anderson from the University of Mississippi presented at the Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing Conference.
- ✓ Theo Dancy from Louisiana State University presented at the American Educational Research Association.
- ✓ Jennifer Fabre from Louisiana State University presented at the American College of Sports Medicine 52nd Annual Conference.
- ✓ Cedric Fairbanks from Clemson University presented at the Eastern Section of Seismological Society of America Meeting.
- ✓ Lorrie Fraser from the University of Maryland, College Park, presented at the Public Choice Society Meeting.
- ✓ Dana Harmon from the University of Alabama presented at the 18th National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education.
- ✓ Asli Hassan from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County presented at the TESOL 2005.
- ✓ Wanda Hunter from the University of Illinois, Carbondale, presented at the Americana Society of Criminology.
- ✓ Joe Lott from Louisiana State University presented at the American Educational Research Association.
- ✓ Kimberly Johnson from Auburn University presented at the Southwest Academy of Management Meeting.
- ✓ Deonne Minto from the University of Maryland, College Park, presented at the Canadian Association of Cultural Studies Conference.
- ✓ Dwella Nelson from Clemson University presented at the International Symposium on Separation of Proteins and Peptides.
- ✓ George Ogendi from Arkansas State University presented at the Geological Society of America.
- ✓ Blanca Padilla from the University of Memphis presented at the 19th Annual Southern Nursing Research and Society Conference.
- ✓ Kijua Sanders-McMurtry from Georgia State University presented at the History of Education Society.
- ✓ Aisha Walker from the Medical College of Georgia presented at the Society of Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- ✓ Rynetta Washington from Auburn University presented at the Southwest Academy of Management Meeting.

Who to Call, Who to E-mail, Who do you Need?

Who do you call when you need something?

Ansley Abraham is the director of the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program. Dr. Abraham maintains a hands-on approach to the successful administration of this program and is always available for scholars who need counseling or advice.

Bob Belle serves as the SREB-AGEP Director. He joined the staff in 2002 to direct the National Science Foundation's Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program. This partnership provides hundreds of scholars and faculty the opportunity to participate in the annual Institute.

Vinicius Gates-Reeves joined the team in June 2005 as the program's new assistant. She is responsible for tracking grades, enrollment and all program statistics. In addition, she manages the database and works with the scholar directory and online job posting service.

Walt Jacobs has been a consultant to the program for almost a decade now. His services include planning and coordinating the program for the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, as well as serving as a contributing writer for program publications.

Melissa Koran is the Accounting and Institute Coordinator. She is responsible for all program accounting and fellowship disbursements. She is also responsible for logistical planning for the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring.

Robbie Ouzts is the Scholar Services Coordinator. Her focus is on all scholar services, ranging from academic issues to professional development to departmental issues. She also works with state representatives on issues related to scholar services. She is a licensed career counselor and is available at any time to speak with scholars.

Go directly to information for current scholars
by clicking on the link below

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The Scholar ZONE

We encourage you to email us with any thoughts or suggestions you have regarding the new site.

**Please send them to
doctoral.scholars@sreb.org.**



JOBS!

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Scholars! Looking for a Faculty Position?

Institutions! Looking to Diversify Your Faculty?

The Doctoral Scholars Programs Job Board is the answer to both questions. Scholars looking for a faculty position should check the Job Board regularly. Institutions looking to identify potential faculty and add to their faculty's diversity should list all new job openings on the Job Board. This program service provides a way to facilitate the matching of scholars who are looking for faculty positions with institutions that have job openings and strive to diversify their applicant pool.

What can you do to help us serve you better?

Make sure job announcements from your department/school are sent electronically. Announcements will be posted on our electronic Job Board free of charge for 30 days (this can be extended to 60 days upon request).

Just send your announcement to vinicius-gates.reeves@sreb.org

We will take it from there!