College of Education, 100 Black Men Celebrate Successful Enrichment Program

The College of Education at the University and the 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile recently celebrated local fourth- and fifth-grade students for successfully completing a six-week summer enrichment program at the former Blount High School campus, now the Phoenix School.

Approximately 25 faculty and staff from the University partnered with public schools in Mobile and Baldwin counties to instruct more than 80 students in the areas of reading, math, science, personal growth, art and dance.

“It’s imperative that we provide these kids with a fun and educational environment so that they can continue to build their math, reading and science skills over the summer,” said Dr. Andre Green, assistant professor of leadership and teacher education in the College of Education. “We are proud that these students are better prepared for the new school year.”

Joint Effort Makes Learning Fun — These fourth- and fifth-grade students were among the more than 80 youngsters who completed a six-week summer enrichment program held at the Phoenix School in Mobile. The College of Education and the 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile sponsored the event. The attendees included, front row, from left: Anjerrica Thomas, 10, W.D. Robbins Elementary School; Richard Davis, president, 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile; Takayla Johnson, 10, Ella Grant Elementary School; Lisa Butler, 9, Collins Rhodes Elementary School; Dr. Andre Green, program director and assistant professor in leadership and teacher education, College of Education; Will Lewis, assistant program director; Ostin McPherson, 11, W.D. Robbins Elementary School; back row, from left, Dr. Phillip Feldman, associate dean, College of Education; Herman Thomas, education director, 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile; Walkeme Caver, 10, W.D. Robbins Elementary School; Drs. Joel Lewis and Monica Hunter, both assistant professors in professional studies, College of Education.

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Faculty Senate Town Hall Meeting
2-3:30 p.m. - Thursday, Oct. 2
Terrace, Student Center

2008 Award Winners Honored — The USA National Alumni Association honored three USA employees for teaching, advising and research during a Sept. 19 dinner. The winners and their awards, from left, are Dr. J. Steven Picou, professor, department of sociology, anthropology and social work; Olivia Rambo Mcloothren National Alumni Outstanding Scholar Award; Linda Dees Pereira, assistant athletic director for academics, department of athletics, USA National Alumni Association Outstanding Advisor Award; Dr. William Brad Davis, professor and chair, department of biomedical sciences, Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award.
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During the program finale, awards were presented, and each of the students received a new backpack filled with school supplies. “We spent time this summer empowering these young kids,” said Will Lewis, the summer enrichment program assistant director. “It’s been an honor and a privilege to work with the students and other professionals. We reminded the students that they are wonderful and that they can achieve great things.”

Green and his staff worked to make sure the students had a balanced experience combining academics with self-empowerment and fun activities. “I’m proud to be associated with this program,” Green said. “We helped build this program with a three-tier mentor focus for the elementary school kids. The high school students served as mentors to the fourth- and fifth-graders, and the college students served as mentors to the high school students. It was a winning environment for all who attended and served on the supporting team.”

The 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile focuses on mentoring, education, health and wellness, and economic development. The members believe in real men giving real time to their community. This non-profit organization is designed to create a pool of resourceful leaders who are committed to the creation and implementation of programs that enhance the lives of youth.

The University Faculty Senate will hold its second Annual Town Hall Meeting from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Terrace in the Student Center. For more information, contact Dr. John Sachs at (251) 380-2765, e-mail him at jsachs@usouthal.edu, or visit the Web site at www.southalabama.edu/senate.

The University Online Learning Lab will hold a Weekly OLL Workshop designed to teach faculty to use Google tools to search for blogs and full-text books online, to set up alerts to get useful information straight to your inbox, and to organize information in a meaningful way. “Enhancing Your Web Research Using Google Tools” will be 1-3 p.m. in the College of Education, UCOM 3302. The workshop will be repeated on Friday from 4-6 p.m. To sign up for the workshop, contact Gail McLean at (251) 380-2861, or e-mail gmclean@usouthal.edu.

PETAL will host an open house to showcase its new facility from 3-5 p.m., Room 312, University Library. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rob Gray at (251) 461-1563, or visit the Web site at www.southalabama.edu/petal.

Friday, October 3, 2008

“An Evening of Chamber Music” begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John W. Laidlaw Performing Arts Center. Dr. Robert Holm will collaborate with clarinetist John Craig Barker in works for clarinet and piano by Claude Debussy and Francis Poulenc and with violinist Enen Yu in the Sonata in D minor for clarinet and piano by Darius Milhaud. Tickets, which are $5 for general admission and $3 for seniors and USA faculty, staff and students, will be sold at the door only.

Sunday, October 5, 2008

The University will co-sponsor a presentation of Euripides’ “The Bacchae” by innovative Greek director Leonida Loizides and accompanied by an all-female cast from Athens, Greece. The performance to celebrate the completion of the USA-Paideia Hellenic Studies Endowment fundraising drive will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the John W. Laidlaw Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be $8 for students and $16 for all others. Tickets are available in the Humanities Building, Room 118, or at the box office on the evening of the performance.