



The Mentor

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Upcoming Events & News:

- **Congratulations to all 2008 Graduating Seniors!** Good Luck with all your future plans and careers!
- **First Summer Session** begins on Tuesday, May 6.
- **Memorial Day** (No Classes) Monday, May 26
- **Last Day of classes for First Summer Session**, June 12.
- **Second Summer Session** begins on Friday, June 13.
- **Juneteenth Celebration** in Bryan Park on June 14. 10am-4pm.
- **Last Day of classes for Second Summer Session**, August 8.
- **Residence Hall Open for Fall Semester**, Aug. 27.
- **Labor Day, (No Classes)** Sept. 1
- **First Day of classes for Fall Semester**, Sept. 2

Women of Color Leadership Conference

“Empowering Women One Day at a Time”

The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development is proud to announce that the first annual Women of Color Leadership Conference, held on the IUB Campus on April 4th and 5th was a great success. This conference which had the theme “Empowering Women One Day at a Time,” incorporated both discussion about issues facing young women of color and ideas about rectifying the problems being addressed. The student-founded conference was committed to uniting African-American, Latino, Asian, and Native American women in Indiana and elsewhere by providing them with a platform and venue for effective dialogue about their issues. Topics that were covered include academic and career goal-setting for women of color, reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease among minority women, issues in developing sex education curricula and self image. Presenters included scholars from IU’s schools of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Education; Eastern Illinois and Indiana State universities; and the University of Illinois. Friday, April 4th kicked off the beginning of the conference with a portion that was primarily dedicated to High School Students from around the Bloomington area. Saturday’s activities begun with Dr. Audrey McCluskey, interim director of the Neal-Marshall Black Cultural Center, as the keynote speaker for the morning session. The keynote speaker for the afternoon session was Dr. Valerie Grim, chair of the department of African American and African Diaspora Studies.

Spring 2008 Recognition Reception



(Above) OMSLD & 21st CS students and staff gather together for a photo after the 2008 Spring Recognition Reception on April 17.

On Thursday April 17, 2008 the Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development and 21st Century Scholar's Office hosted the Spring 2008 Recognition Reception in Forest Greenleaf Dining Hall. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Richard McKaig, Dean of students at Indiana University, Bloomington. Dean McKaig spoke on the importance of mentoring in his life and how it has played a major role in his development as a student, but also how he has tried to make an impact on other students' life by becoming a mentor. Dean McKaig is a past FASE Faculty and Staff mentor and related how he still keeps in contact with his past FASE mentees even after they have left Indiana University. OMSLD honored graduating seniors who participated in the FASE program throughout there

undergraduate careers. Cook, Inc. donated watches to the program for the seniors graduating and they were honored with these tokens at the reception. Current freshman participants were also honored and Michael Coleman received the Mentee "Protégé" of the Year award. The OMSLD Peer Mentors were honored as well for their hard work and dedication this past school year to make the program success. Ellis Dumas, who was nominated by his mentee Michael Coleman, received the honor of Mentor of the Year. Mentors and participants in the Hudson and Holland Scholar's Mentoring Program were also honored. Bob Vantine honored tutors and participants in the Project C.A.R.E. chemistry program and recognized the support of Dr. Michael Edwards. Patrick Smith gave recognition to graduating seniors who are 21st Century scholar's students for the completion of their degrees. Overall the evening was an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together and recognize one another for the hard work and dedication to both programs success over the 2007-2008 school year. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized!



OMSLD Spotlight



Regina Barnett recently completed the Masters degree program in the African American and African Diaspora Studies department at Indiana University Bloomington. She hails from Albany, Georgia. Regina earned an English degree with distinction in 2006 from Albany State University in Albany, GA. While at ASU, she was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her research interests include southern black fiction, the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and early 1970s and Hip Hop Studies. While at Indiana University,

Regina served as an Associate Instructor and graduate assistant in the Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development. As a GA in OMSLD, Regina supervised and led the organizational process of the inaugural Women of Color Leadership Conference that was held April 4-5, 2008. Because of this and her other numerous civic activities including teaching Upward Bound and assisting with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Miss Black and Gold pageant, Regina received the Outstanding Community Service of the Year Award from the Office of Academic Support and Diversity and the Associate Instructor of the year award from her home department. This upcoming Fall she will begin her doctoral studies in African American Literature at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. After completing her PhD, Regina aspires to teach on the collegiate level. A phrase that inspires her daily is "Knowledge is not easily given, it is demanded!"

Tips for Success: How to Find an Internship

As you search for your internship, consider how it will or will not support your career and academic goals. Some internships are paid, but some aren't, and you will have to determine what is right for you. Sometimes, the experience gained is much greater than any income you could have received. You should also consider what geographic area you want to be in, where you will live during your internship, and how you will manage transportation.

There are many ways to find internship opportunities. Here's a quick list to get you started:

Web Resources

The web is an extremely powerful tool. Use these links in your internship search: www.IUCareers.com, www.IndianaINTERN.net, <http://wwwfastinternship.com>, www.internships.com

Subscription job and internship listings:

www.indiana.edu/~career/students/find/other/subscription_listings
www.internships-usa.com

Web Link Library:

www.indiana.edu/~career/students/libr/link_library

Career Resource Library

Visit the Career Development Center to use resources including:

Job Choices Magazine, Binders including: International Internships, Alphabetical listings (black binders), Career Fairs

Each year, the Center sponsors Career Fairs including:

Internship Fair, Indiana Employer Career Fair, Government and Social Service Career Fair, Life Sciences Career Fair

Check www.indiana.edu/~career and www.IUCareers.com for the latest information!

Networking

- Contact everyone you know and tell them what you're looking for
- Conduct informational interviews in your field of interest
- Join a professional association and get to know others in your field of interest

Academic Credit

Be sure to check with your academic advisor to find out if an internship is required or possible in your major. Some academic departments offer credit for internships. Also, you may take a course through Arts & Sciences Career Services to receive credit for your internship (ASCS Q398) or to maintain your full time student status while you are completing your internship (ASCS W499). Visit www.indiana.edu/~career/students/courses/ for complete information about the courses.



(Above) Dean of Students, Dr. Richard McKaig was the guest speaker at the Spring Recognition Reception. (Left) Ellis Dumas, "Mentor of the Year", and Anthony Coleman, "Protégé of the Year" stop to pose for a photo.



Congratulations to the class of 2008 on their achievements at Indiana University. The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development would like to wish you good luck in all of your future goals and aspirations. Please feel free to keep in contact with us about your future endeavors and feel free to continue to use our office as a resource.

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