EBONY lists OU’s science program as one of the best of all 105 HBCUs

According to Ms. Melody Thuston, Johnson Publishing Company’s Corporate Communications Coordinator, "For the first time ever, EBONY lists the top college programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation in Sciences, Business, Liberal Arts and Law disciplines.

"I am happy to share that Oakwood University is recognized for the exceptional science programs offered."

Additionally and earlier this summer in data furnished by the Association of American Medical Colleges and reported in the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education article, "The Top Feeder Schools for Black Applicants to U.S. Medical Schools," Oakwood was more specifically cited as the fifth-ranked feeder of blacks to U.S. medical schools, http://www.jbhe.com/2012/07/the-top-feeder-schools-for-black-applicants-to-u-s-medical-schools/.

“Thank you, EBONY Magazine, for acknowledging the dedication and effectiveness of our Oakwood University Faculty for the efforts to advance science education within our student population,” praised OU president, Dr. Leslie N. Pollard. “These dedicated faculty members and hard-working students represent the bright future of underrepresented minorities in the sciences.

“EBONY, we accept your acknowledgement on behalf of the other 104 historically black colleges and universities, who daily make outstanding contributions to the advancement of our collective educational mission.”
OU Faces in New Places, continued... Since this time last year, here a few more of OU’s new and transferred employees, in this update we promised last week.

**Division of Academic Affairs**

**Dr. Jeannette Dulan**  
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Leadership & Faculty Development

**Dr. Samuel London**  
Then: Assistant Professor, History & Political Science  
Now: Chair, History & Political Science

**Anayansi Ramirez**  
Then: Secretary, Communication Department  
Now: Customer Service Rep, Student Accounts

**Michele Solomon**  
Then: Assistant Director, LEAP Office  
Now: Project Manager, Registrar’s Office and Marketing Coordinator, Academic Programs

**Cheri Terrill**  
Then: Secretary, Math Department  
Now: Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs

**Dr. Rachel Williams-Smith**  
Then: Director, LEAP Office  
Now: Associate Professor, Communication

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Cheri Wilson
Then: Director of Development
Now: Director, LEAP & Adult & Continuing Education

Monica Wilson
Then: Secretary, Physical Plant
Now: Secretary, Health & Physical Education

Division of Advancement and Development

Celestine Robinson
Then: Secretary, Office of Spiritual Life
Now: Compliance Coordinator/Office Manager
Office of Sponsored Programs

Office of the Provost

Samantha Burt
Office Manager, Service-Learning

Melonie Gurley
Then: Accreditation Specialist, Academic Affairs
Now: Office Manager & Training Coordinator
Leadership & Faculty Development

Cathy Mayfield-Rocker
Then: Database Manager
Now: Application Support Specialist
Division of Financial Affairs

Francis Hughes
Then: Sergeant, Public Safety
Now: Transportation Supervisor, Physical Plant

Karen White
Administrative Secretary, President’s Office
Now: Secretary, Human Resources

Division of Student Services

Linda Anderson
Residential Life Coordinator, Carter Hall

Camille Kibler
Residential Life Coordinator, Wade Hall
Save a Life Like Martin

Martin is a 21 year old student at the University of Alabama. In 2010 he was diagnosed with a rare type of leukemia. His best hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. But first, he must find a willing donor whose HLA tissue-type matches his own. All it takes is a simple cheek swab to join and save a life!

Only 7% of Registry Members are African American. Help us find a match for Martin and other African American patients who need a marrow transplant by taking a few minutes to sign up. A completed consent form and cheek swab is all it takes to potentially save a life!

You have the power to save a life. Join. Give. Volunteer.

Join the registry.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 13th
Time: 4:00pm until 6:00pm
Location: Blake Center Oakwood University

Please give what you can.

Every $100 raised helps us add another member to the registry.

To join, give or volunteer with Be The Match, contact:
Rachel Harris
rharris@nmdp.org
(205) 552-9371

BeTheMatch.org
Join us in following Christ’s mandate to serve!

The Service-learning Program will be hosting Oakwood University’s first Volunteer Fair on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the Blake Center Mall.

The primary objective is to connect potential volunteers with local community organizations, giving students, faculty, staff, and our local church community the opportunity to begin fostering long-term relationships and help these organizations meet the many needs of our surrounding community. Identified needs include building and remodeling, instructing GED courses, preparing meals, assisting with office duties, and much more. Questions? Contact us at ouserves@oakwood.edu.

Adventist church leaders are very interested in improving the academic, spiritual and social experiences of students attending both Adventist colleges and public or other private colleges and universities. Sharing your college experiences will be very helpful in this endeavor.

We invite you to complete the College Experiences Survey, available at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NDC66K5, which should take between 25-30 minutes.

In order to encourage you to be completely candid in your answers, your individual responses will be kept strictly confidential and not shared with anyone at Oakwood.

When you complete the College Experiences Survey, you will be invited to enter your name in a drawing for one of 10 iPod touches to use for yourself or give to someone else.

Your input is very important to us because it will help administrators, faculty members and student leaders improve the quality of experiences for future students.

Please be sure that email links to surveymonkey.com will not be blocked by your email or spam filters. I want to reassure you again that your survey responses are completely confidential. Your individual answers will not be tied to any personal information so please feel free to share your honest opinions here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NDC66K5.
If you know of friends who attended and/or graduated from an Adventist college or university, or of Adventists (or former Adventists) who attended and/or graduated from a public or other private college or university, feel free to forward this email to them and invite them to participate in the survey.

If you have questions about the survey I invite you to contact Rob Weaver (rob@adventistcolleges.org or 402-486-2580) or Jimmy Kijai (Kijai@andrews.edu or 269-471-6240).

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Oakwood University has been invited to coordinate the Sabbath program at the Ellen G. White Estate’s Year-end Consultation, scheduled to take place January 4-7, 2013, on Kent Island, Maryland. Not only does this celebrated event afford our students a great opportunity to present before a select group of world church leaders, but to also demonstrate before the world body that the next generation of Oakwood students are being prepared academically, spiritually and socially to address relevant issues facing the communities they must serve upon graduation.

We need your assistance in identifying Oakwood instructors and students who are willing to participate in this project and meet the challenge of an extra-credit assignment in line with the Re-CONNECT research project 2013. **Re-CONNECT research papers are to be formatted in 5-7 double spaced pages with a total of 25 references, addressing the issue of familial dysfunction and negative disparities affecting single parent households among African American families.** The purpose of the papers is for students to discover what solutions and answers are offered in the Everlasting Gospel of Revelation 14:6-12, to rectify the family dysfunction and ensuing disparities decimating the African American community.

Students preparing the best eight papers will qualify for a scholarship and all expenses paid for the Kent Island trip. We also welcome interdisciplinary collaboration on a unified service learning activity implementing the findings of our research.

Questions, input or responses should be directed to the Ellen G. White Estate, Oakwood University Branch Office at (256) 726-8423, or at ithompson@oakwood.edu or egw@oakwood.edu.
The OU Department of History and Political Science cordially invites you to its Legal Careers Seminar Series, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, in the McKee Business and Technology Complex.

The guest speaker will be Judge M. Lynn Sherrod (pictured, left), who will share her personal journey into the judicial arena, her duties as a Madison County District Judge, and provide tips for college students aspiring to become judges.

This event is free and open to the public.

We understand that the Oakwood alumni group “Committed” is scheduled to perform at the 46th Democratic National Convention, in Charlotte, North Carolina, next week. We solicit your prayers for these young men as they travel to, and prepare for, this occasion.

Just 67 days until Election Day.

http://www.electioncountdown.us/