Congratulations! Senior Class Officers

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College Days Chapel: For the week of College Days only, Chapel will be conducted on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, and not on Thursday, October 11. Pastor Alfonzo Green III, Associate Pastor at Huntsville’s First SDA Church, will be the guest speaker. After College Days, Chapel will resume Thursday, October 18, and every Thursday thereafter.

~ Office of Spiritual Life
2012 Presidential Debate Watch Party

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
8:00 p.m.
Millet Activity Center
OU given the opportunity to learn and serve at Volunteer Fair

The Service-Learning program hosted Oakwood’s first Volunteer Fair on September 13, 2012, where 11 local community organizations shared their mission and volunteer needs.

OU’s United Student Movement and the “Be The Match” Foundation also partnered with us to conduct voter registration and a bone marrow donor registry drive, respectively. Approximately 100 potential volunteers stopped by the various booths in the mall of Blake Center between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

We received many compliments on the politeness, kindness, and enthusiasm of our students, often being dubbed one of the most pleasant groups with which many of the organizations have had the pleasure of interacting. We look forward to fostering the relationships made through this event.

For a list of organizations that were at the fair or for more information, contact our office at ouserves@oakwood.edu or at extension 8133.

OU faculty member presents to ACDA - Southern Division

Assistant Professor of Music and Aeolians Director Jason Max Ferdinand presented to the board of the American Choral Directors Association - Southern Division, "Performance Practices of the African-American Spiritual." (It could be a wild guess, but the Aeolians’ winning three gold medals at the 2012 World Choir Games probably had a lot to do with the invitation to present.)
Ferdinand (right, pictured with accompanist Neil Thomas) is now on the board of the ACDA, Alabama chapter, as Repertoire and Standard Chair, for Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Music.

Upcoming Aeolians activities:

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Congratulations on Oakwood’s first volleyball ranking ever! The Health & Physical Education Department announced this week that the Lady Ambassadors Volleyball Team ranked 18 in the Coaches Poll for the USCAA. Support Lady Ambassadors on Saturday night, September 29 at 8:00 p.m., as they compete against Georgia NW Technical College. ~ David Joseph, Athletic Assistant

OU Advancement & Development rep Julian Foster reports: “The Oakwood Experience” at Patmos Chapel

“The Oakwood experience” is a concept tossed around the regional conferences by OU alumni of all ages. Although these individuals may have experienced Huntsville, Alabama, at different times, this phrase – “the Oakwood experience” – pinpoints the distinct experience that makes Oakwood a special place. One major component of this experience is worship.

Last weekend (September 21-23), I was privileged to join the Orlando Chapter of the Oakwood Alumni Association for a weekend of praise and reflection. Organized by its new President, Daniel Smith, the Orlando chapter had a power-packed weekend of worship, exercise, and entertainment.
The weekend began with a vespers service on Friday night to open the Sabbath, followed by a wonderful church service at Patmos Chapel the following morning. Sabbath morning was riddled with inspiring testimonies from the Sabbath School lesson, and uplifting music from the visiting choir. Paul Heflin also blessed the church with his powerful renditions of familiar hymns. This was the FIRST time I had ever witness an appeal before the sermon. The front of the church was packed with people for special prayer and baptism BEFORE Pastor Graham even preached. The church was seeping with the Holy Spirit. Pastor Patrick Graham spoke directly from his heart, and brought practical Christian living into perspective. (Watch the Divine Service and Paul Heflin Concert at www.patmoschapel.org.) Then ANOTHER appeal was called after Graham’s short "testimony" (it wasn’t a typical sermon, he even said so himself), and even more people came up for prayer and baptism.

On Sunday morning, Oakwood alumni and friends woke up early for a 5 K (3.1 miles) Walk/Run event for scholarships. The event was sponsored by an array of generous organizations: Adventist Health Systems, Peak Fitness and the Service And Love Together (S.A.L.T.), to name a few.
Although many actual Oakwood alumni live in the Orlando area, the events were populated with non-Oakwood graduates, who participated simply because they believe in Christian higher education. Their dedication and celebration of Christ's method of learning was greatly appreciated by Oakwood University students, staff, and faculty. I look forward to celebrating Oakwood's rich history with Orlando alumni next year. ~ Julian Foster, Development Associate

Explore the possibility of a career as a chiropractor, at a session hosted by the Allied Health Club – Monday, October 1, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., in the Biology Auditorium (Cooper Science Complex). Refreshments will be served.

A career as a Doctor of Chiropractic offers flexible hours, an attractive salary and an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of others. Inquire about our Masters programs: Chiropractic Sport Science, Exercise & Sport Science, Nutrition and Clinical Nutrition, Sport Coaching, Athletic Training and Sport Injury Management.

http://www.life.edu
is asking the entire readership of this publication to complete the College Experiences Survey:


Your individual responses will be kept strictly confidential and not shared with anyone at Oakwood.

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. 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.

Please be sure that email links to surveymonkey.com will not be blocked by your email or spam filters. Be reassured 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 share 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).

Tish Hyter, Executive Meeting Manager at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa in Huntsville, has announced a special rate for anyone staying at the Embassy Suites for a graduation service: $159/night + tax; Group Code is GRD. The rate is good beginning as early as Wednesday, May 8, 2013, through Sunday, May 12, 2013. Call our 1-800 Embassy number (1-800-362-2779) and ask for “The Graduation Block”, or book online at http://www.huntsville.embassysuites.com using the group code (GRD).
Beginning November 1 - All Time-entry will be automated.

Benefits:
✓ No more timecards!
✓ Hourly employees will now clock-in electronically.
✓ Payroll and benefits information will now be available online 24/7.
✓ Improved efficiency of payroll process.
✓ Helps the environment!

Two (2) remaining Payroll Training Dates (for Timekeepers and Managers):
October 9 - 4:00 p.m. • October 23 - 10:30 a.m.

Trainings are held in the McKee B&T Bldg Training Center (downstairs).
To sign up, call ext. 7026.

OU students ‘represent” at recent AAUW meeting

Seven of the nine students from Huntsville universities who attended an American Association of University Women-sponsored National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June spoke at the September meeting. Their stories included that Oakwood students Janelle Howell and Imani Cherry (pictured, right) met National Public Radio host Michel Martin.
On September 24, 2012, the Department of History and Political Science launched its “History Careers Seminar Series” featuring guest speaker Ms. Stephanie Timberlake, Curator of the Burritt Museum. The event took place in the auditorium of the McKee Business and Technology Complex. Approximately 150 persons were in attendance.

After an invocation and devotional by Dr. Alfonzo Green Jr., Assistant Professor of History, Gramond McPherson, a sophomore history major and president of the OU Historical Society, issued a general welcome to Ms. Timberlake and all attendees. Dr. Ciro Sepulveda, Professor of History and faculty advisor to the Historical Society, introduced the guest speaker.

Ms. Timberlake gave details about her personal experiences in becoming a museum curator, her duties and responsibilities as a Burritt Museum Curator, and tips for students aspiring to become archivists and curators. Following her presentation, Ms. Timberlake answered several questions from those in attendance. McPherson accompanied by Paul Richardson, a junior history major and treasurer of the OU Historical Society, presented Ms. Timberlake with gifts of appreciation, including a hardbound copy of the volume Last Day Events by Ellen G. White. Editor and University Historian Dr. Roy Malcolm thanked the guest speaker and presented her with mementos of appreciation.
Ms. Dominique Buckholt, a senior political science major, provided her thoughts on the presentation. She emphasized how beneficial and informative Ms. Timberlake’s information was to those students that are interested in historical preservation.

Ms. Marie Stephenson, a junior history major and VP of the OU Historical Society, gave the closing announcements, including that Dayna Ramsey, a senior pre-law major, won an LSAT prep scholarship (a $3,000 estimated value).

Junior history major and secretary of the OU Historical Society, Anthony Medley, II, offered the closing prayer, followed by refreshments, courtesy of the Department of History and Political Science. The Department would like to thank Dr. Benson Prigg and the Oakwood University Church Pathfinder Club for their continued support and assistance.

**OU/ UNCF North Alabama Campaign goal set at kick-off reception**

On Monday, September 17, the 2012-2013 United Negro College Fund (UNCF) North Alabama campaign officially kicked off the year with a reception at the McKee Business and Technology building on the campus of Oakwood University. The event was sponsored by Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T). Donors and supporters attended to show their support of the UNCF North Alabama campaign. Honorary campaign chairman Frank Williams, of Landers McClarty Family of Dealerships, challenged the Huntsville community to get involved and make this the best year for our students. The goal for this year’s campaign is $175,000.