Allegheny East Conference elects new president, slate of officers

This election is of particular interest to OU? Oh, Yes!, because we noticed that a good number of those elected are Oakwood alumni:

- President: Elder Henry Fordham;
- Secretary: Dr. Marcellus Robinson;
- Treasurer: Lawrance Martin;
- Ministerial: Stephen Richardson;
- Education: Judy Dent;
- Family Life: Dr John Trusty;
- Health Ministries: Leah Scott;
- Prison Ministries, Inner City, Community Service, Womens Ministries: Minnie McNeil;
- Religious Ministries, Sabbath School, Personal Ministries: Colin Brathwaite;
- Philanthropy, Stewardship/Trust Services: Jackson Doggette, Jr.;
- Youth and Children Ministries: Patrick Graham.

Delegates to Allegheny East Conference’s (AEC) Fourth Quadrennial Constituency Session elected two new officers, four new departmental directors, extended terms of office to five years and spent considerable time discussing their constitution and bylaws Sunday (October 14, 2012) at their daylong meeting in the northeast corner of Maryland.
Early in the day, (AEC delegates) enthusiastically promoted Henry Fordham from executive secretary to president, Marcellus Robinson from ministerial director to executive secretary and returned Lawrance Martin for a fourth term as treasurer. They later approved a second nominating committee report that made Stephen Richardson, administrative pastor at Washington, D.C.’s Dupont Park Church, their new ministerial director; Judy Dent, a retired public and Seventh-day Adventist school principal, their new education superintendent; Patrick Graham, pastor of the Sharon Church in Baltimore, their new Youth and Children’s Ministries director; and returned Colin Braithwaite, Jackson Doggette, Minnie McNeil, A. Leah Scott and John Trusty to their respective offices. After some discussion, delegates agreed to allow the newly elected executive committee to choose communication and publishing directors. All will serve a five-year term, one of the more significant recommendations of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that delegates approved.


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A recent visit to Duke University in Durham, North Carolina by Hyacinth Burton, Dean of OU’s School of Business, was pivotal in enabling Oakwood University to become a partner in the Ph.D. Pipeline Opportunity Program (PPOP).

The mission of the PPOP is to inspire and inform undergraduate students to prepare for careers as business faculty, with special emphasis on boosting awareness of the field and addressing the critical shortage in students in under-represented populations (African-American, Hispanic-American, Native American) faculty in Ph.D. programs in business and related fields. The PPOP wants to enlarge the number of minority faculty who can serve as role models, mentors, and public policy leaders as well as pursue their academic careers.

The three more explicit reasons for the PPOP initiative is to help undergraduate under-represented students:

1. Learn about the advantages of a career as a business school faculty member;
2. Understand the steps necessary to prepare for a career in higher education teaching and research; and
3. Acquire a supportive network for success in doctoral programs and faculty careers (Reuben, 2012).

The main intentions of the PPOP are fivefold:
1. To form partnerships with diverse institutions with the objective of promoting best practices that will encourage targeted students to pursue careers as business faculty;
2. To attend a two-week capstone Summer Institute with faculty and students from across the nation at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business;
3. To express the value of academic research through a variety of issues, especially those that affect minority communities;
4. To create awareness about the benefits of the faculty lifestyle; and
5. To partner with the Ph.D. Project to take advantage of both programs (Reuben, 2012).
Pictured, left to right: Dr. Lucy Reuben, Director of the PPOP Program, and Professor of the Practice of Business Administration at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business; Dean Hyacinth Burton; and Oakwood alumnus Dr. Milton Blackmon, Associate Dean of the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, Duke University.

Oakwood University has joined a list of other universities in becoming a partner in the PPOP, and anticipates Oakwood students becoming a part of the Summer Institute (where each student also gets a stipend and an iPad) to learn more about how they can contribute to academia by pursuing a Ph.D. in business and other related fields.

Department of History and Political Science “Legal Careers Seminar Series”

The Department of History and Political Science welcomed approximately 100 people to the McKee Business & Technology Complex auditorium, for the fourth and final installment in its “Legal Careers Seminar Series,” on Wednesday evening, October 10. Madison County Deputy Sheriff Keith A. Reed was the guest speaker.

Ms. Nancy Kingoina, a junior Pre-Law major, opened the program with an invocation, followed by a devotional reading by Ms. Alexandra Carrington, a sophomore Pre-Law major and chaplain of the OU Pre-Law Society. On behalf of the OU administration Dean David Knight, Vice-President for Student Affairs, welcomed Deputy Sheriff Reed and all in attendance. Ms. Leandra Joseph, a sophomore International Studies major and president of the OU Pre-Law Society, issued a general welcome. Dr. London, Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, introduced the guest speaker.

Deputy Sheriff Reed briefly discussed the various transitional phases of his life from his teen years as a gang member in Detroit, Michigan; his stint in the armed forces; and his current work as a law enforcement officer. Using a number of PowerPoint slides and video clips, Reed delivered a dynamic presentation on gang initiations, rituals, paraphernalia, and social behaviors. Afterward, he answered several questions from the audience.
Ms. Joseph and Dr. London presented Deputy Sheriff Reed with gifts of appreciation – including a hardbound copy of the volume *Last Day Events* by Ellen G. White.

In his remarks, OU Police Captain Melvin Harris (pictured, below with Reed) talked about his friend's incarceration. He also elaborated on Deputy Sheriff Reed's disclosure concerning the presence of gangs on the campus of Oakwood University. Captain Harris encouraged the student body to make good decisions and avoid negative influences.

Ms. Samantha Richardson, a junior Pre-Law major, delivered the closing announcements. Ms. Melonie Callender, a senior Pre-law major and treasurer of the OU Pre-Law Society, closed the session with prayer. Local ABC affiliate station Channel 31 WAAY-TV was present and covered the event on its evening news broadcast.

“Keep your voting to yourself. Do not feel it your duty to urge everyone to do as you do.”
~ Ellen G. White, Letter 4, 1898. {2SM 337.1}

17 days until Election Day.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”
~ Edmund Burke
OU faculty member to be honored at AEW luncheon

November 11-16, 2012 is American Education Week, during which schools do something special to recognize the contribution of education to our nation. School systems in Huntsville, Madison and Madison County, and local colleges and universities will come together again at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, at the Holiday Inn on University Drive, to honor Teachers of the Year.

Oakwood University’s teacher of the year is Dr. Octavio Ramirez (Social Work). A special award will also be given to Jason Max Ferdinand for his outstanding achievements with the Aeolians, who will perform just before the luncheon is served. Invocation and blessing will be given by Associate Chaplain, Ronald Pollard. The speaker will be Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President of Alabama A&M University.

“Time, Talent and Treasure” taught to elementary schoolers

~ Jyremy Reid, PR student writer/photographer

On Wednesday October 10, 2012, the Family Consumer Science Department welcomed Mrs. Ruby Irvin and a group of 10 1st to 3rd graders, for a two-day children’s workshop. The program, designed to instruct children on the significance of Time (what God requires of us); Talent (what gifts God has given us); and Treasure (whether to spend it or save it), included necessary life skills of money management, cooperative learning, tithe, food preparation and more.

On the last day (October 11) the children learned how to prepare a meal, helping the teachers in the preparation of waffles, eggs, hash browns, and Stripples. Not only did they learn how to prepare the food, but they also learned how to set the table. After the food had been prepared and eaten, the children went outside for a little recreation.
“This is a very important program for helping children to learn these important life skills from an early age,” commented Mrs. Irvin. “Hopefully Oakwood will allow us to continue this program.”

Oakwood University’s STEMER program, with funding from the National Science Foundation, presents the Weekend Academy Enrichment Program.

The goal of the program is to prepare youth to take standardized exams and to be successful in high school through a series of workshops and seminars. Some of the topics to be covered include PSAT/SAT/ACT preparation, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Internet Safety, Financial Management for Teens, Study Skills and Nutrition, just to name a few.

This program is for 8th grade and High School students, and is FREE and open to the public.

The Weekend Academy Enrichment Program meets on Sunday afternoons beginning Sunday, October 28, 2012 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Oakwood University Cooper Complex Building #1, Room #233 (Chemistry Department/upper level).

To register or for more information call (256) 726-8366 or email ehairston@oakwood.edu or laihing@oakwood.edu.
OUPD calls “Decal Wednesday” Taskforce “a great success!”

On Wednesday morning, October 10, 2012, OU Public Safety officers were stationed at the three entrances to the campus for the purpose of enforcing the requirement that all student, faculty, and staff vehicles be registered and display a valid parking decal. A few days prior, the campus community was forewarned that the operation would take place and that there was still time to register their vehicle.

On the morning of the operation, officers directed vehicles with decals to use the right-side lanes, and vehicles with no decals were directed to the left-side lanes where their vehicle and driver's license information was recorded by officers.

A total of 221 vehicles were stopped with information recorded on the vehicles and drivers. After the operation, officers commenced to write over 150 parking citations for vehicles that did not have valid decals. Of this number, approximately 76 citations were voided within two days as individuals who received citations came in and registered their vehicles. A total of 302 vehicles have been registered since the one-day operation.

According to Charolette Brand, Office Manager, “For the most part, those who came in to register their vehicles were thankful for the added reminder. They were also very respectful and appreciative of the opportunity to finally be in compliance.”

Captain Melvin Harris stated, “it was very encouraging to the officers to see our administrators arriving in vehicles displaying valid decals. They were truly leading by example.”

Lewis A. Eakins, CPP
Director of Public Safety
Oakwood University Police Department
Inaugural lecture of the CAMROU’s ‘AHL AL-KITĀB LECTURE SERIES

On October 11, 2012, the Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University (CAMROU) presented the inaugural lecture for its annual ‘Ahl al-Kitāb lectureship. The name comes from the Quranic references to Christians and Jews as “People of the Book” (‘Ahl al-Kitāb).

The main speaker for the evening was Dr. Zainab Alwani (pictured, left), Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies at Howard University School of Divinity. Dr. Alwani, a highly-respected Islamic scholar, is the first female jurist to serve on the board of the Fiqh council of North America.

The theme for the evening was “Biblical Prophets of the Qur’an.” In her thought provoking presentation, Dr. Alwani focused on the timeless
contributions made by four of the more than 20 biblical prophets who are also featured in the Qur’an: Abraham, who promoted the unity (tawhid) of God in a society consumed by idolatry; Moses, heralded as a model for equity in gender relations; Solomon, who provided direction in political leadership; and Joseph who established principles of economic reform.

Four respondents offered their analysis. Dr. Tarsee Li, Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature at Oakwood, invited Dr. Alwani to consider adding Issa (Jesus) to the list of prophets who contributed to the betterment of humanity (Muslim’s view Jesus as the prophet that preceded Muhammad). Dr. Mohamed Seif, Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Alabama A&M University, emphasized five important points from the lecture. Ms. Heidi Guttschuss, former director of Adventist Muslim Relations for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, challenged Dr. Alwani to further explore the tawhid (unity) theme as it relates to the messages of the Bible and Qur’an. Aladin Beshir, a senior engineer for NASA, addressed the ethics of the prophets.

Other program participants were Imam Waliiyyuddin Beyah who heads the Masjid Al-Warithdeen, and Gabriela Profeta-Phillips, director of Adventist Muslim Relations for the North American Division. Dr. Alwani provided a brief general response before answering questions from the audience of students, faculty, administrators and several guests from the Huntsville community. Read more at http://www.oakwood.edu/news/1753-alcom-recap-oakwood-university-hosts-inaugural-islamic-lecture

Oakwood advances to round 2

Vote for Oakwood University -- IN
ROUND 2 -- as we attempt to win the prestigious title of peta2’s Most Vegan-Friendly College!

Voting for round 2 ends at 5:00 p.m. ET on October 23. Winners will be announced November 15, so cast your vote today by visiting:


As the field tightens, your support is crucial. Voting for Round 2 ends on October 23 – so cast your vote today! http://bit.ly/PYturV
Oakwood Day
at
McALISTER'S DELI

Sunday, October 21st
11:00am - 4:00pm

Come eat at McAlister's and raise money for the USM scholarship!
Flag Football - Fall 2012

Playoffs start on November 8. Championship game to be played on November 13.

Home team must wear a white shirt; visitors team must wear a black shirt or the game will be forfeited, with winner being the team in compliance. This is non-negotiable.

We already have six (6) mens teams and three (3) womens teams, possibly a fourth girl team. If anyone is still interested in responding to the requests for teams posted on Monday they may still do so.

Address questions to sjacob@oakwood.edu or call Intramural Director Simon Jacob at 256-479-0470.
During October, Team PR celebrates with our readers who are survivors — of both breast cancer and domestic violence — and honor the memories of those who are no longer with us.