Dr. Leslie Pollard served as guest scholar at the Andrews University Research Symposium in Berrien Springs, Michigan, an annual gathering of faculty at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University and doctoral candidates.

Dr. Pollard's paper presented scholarship on "The Letter to Thyatira." His presentation was followed by a response from a resident New Testament scholar, and an interactive question-and-answer period.

Dr. Calvin Rock, former Oakwood President, must have had someone like Sydney Freeman, Jr., in mind when he would...
exclaim at Oakwood graduation ceremonies, "Go on, and on, and on..." After graduating Oakwood on a Saturday night in May, 2007, Freeman started the Master's program at Auburn University the following Thursday.

Freeman, 28, was recently featured on the front page of The Tuskegee News. He currently serves as the Director of Teaching and Learning Center at Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health. Due to his upbringing and his parents' sacrifice to provide him with a Christian education, he developed responsibility to be a part of a racial uplift of the Black community.

Freeman's determination continued as he went on to get his Ph.D. degree, also from Auburn University. In August, 2012, he received the Certified Faculty Developer (CFD) designation, from the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. The CFD designation is a standard of achievement in the knowledge and understanding of faculty development," noted LERN President William Draves. "By becoming a Certified Faculty Developer, Dr. Freeman has helped to professionalize the field of educational programming."

As the Director of the Veterinary Department at Tuskegee, Freeman wants the very best for his students and for them to be on top. Many of his students are the first to graduate from their families with any professional or graduate degree.

Freeman has much compassion and support for his students while also creating an effective team to be there for them. In his free time, Freeman speaks to student groups, especially young black men. "It's been my experience that some of our young Black men do not think as strategically as they could about their future. I'd like to see more of them look at pursuing terminal degrees," Freeman said. He has spoken at Harvard University twice and will be speaking at Oxford University in March, 2013. The leadership skills he learned at Pine Forge Academy and Oakwood University have helped him accomplish his ongoing goal to be the best academic leader he can be.

Freeman's wife of four years, Lynda Murphy Freeman, is pursuing her doctorate in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.
Black History Celebrations continue at the Oaks

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Adventist News Network: OUPD chief explains officers' training for campus security preparedness
by Ansel Oliver, ANN

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*** Refreshments will be served ***
On Monday, February 4, 2013, the School of Business sponsored a well-attended interest meeting for current students who are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in any business-related field. Dean Burton and Dr. Faye Brathwaite (Accounting) facilitated the workshop for students who are desirous of pursuing careers as business faculty. Approximately 20 students have shown interest in this pursuit.

Oakwood is a partner in the Ph.D. Pipeline Opportunity Program (PPOP) with Duke University. The mission of the PPOP is to inspire and inform undergraduate students to prepare for careers as business faculty, with special emphasis on students in under-represented populations.

The PPOP is designed to help boost awareness and address the critical shortage of under-represented (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 are 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).

Interested students can apply for a two-week Ph.D. PPOP Summer Institute at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University to be held from May 29 - June 13, 2013. Students can apply online at www.phdpipeline.org. Students selected in this competitive process will be encouraged to pursue careers as business faculty and network with faculty and students from across the nation. They will be exposed to the value of academic research through a variety of issues, especially those that affect minority communities, and they will become aware about the benefits of the faculty lifestyle. They will also receive a
stipend and an iPad for their participation.

Oakwood University School of Business is proud to be a partner with the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, and looks forward to our students participating in the Ph.D. POP Summer Institute.

Oakwood Faculty Member discusses Second Amendment of the Constitution

On January 22, 2013, Assistant Professor Anne Smith-Winbush, of the Department of History and Political Science, was interviewed by David Kumbroch of WHNT News 19 as part of a series focusing on the United States Constitution.

During the interview, Dr. Winbush discussed the flexibility of the Constitution as a legal document. When questioned concerning the recent controversy surrounding the Second Amendment, in light of the tragedies in Aurora, Colorado, and Newtown, Connecticut, Dr. Winbush brought attention to the actual wording of the Amendment:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Dr. Winbush contended that "A well regulated Militia" implies a level of organization such as would exist in our modern day police, or National Guard. According to Winbush, these forces are designated the task of maintaining security. Furthermore, she maintained that it is no longer necessary for all civilians to be armed.

Winbush stressed that because the Constitution was designed to be a flexible document, there are no absolutes when it comes to interpreting it.

"For example, in the Supreme Court Case of Schenck v. United States (1919), Charles Schenck's conviction on violating the Espionage Act of 1917 was upheld despite the defendant's claim of exercising free speech under the protection of the First Amendment. The unanimous opinion, written by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., stated that Schenck's criticism of the draft (while the U.S. was embroiled in the First World War) was not protected under the Amendment, because such opposition posed a 'clear and present danger' to the wellbeing of the nation," she explained.
In other words, as citizens we do not have an absolute right to free speech, particularly if our speech poses a threat to others, she continued. "For example, it is prohibited to yell 'Fire!' in a crowded theater."

Dr. Winbush answered questions concerning the Constitutional ramifications of prayer in schools, as well as the cases of *Marbury v. Madison* and *Plessey v. Ferguson*.

Excerpts from the interview are tentatively scheduled to air during the month of February.

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**al.com: Oakwood alum/Grammy winner remembers colleague Whitney Houston**

The text message read simply, "Whitney's dead," and that's how Mervyn Warren (right) got the news the star singer, who he'd worked with on the six-time-platinum-selling "The Preacher's Wife" soundtrack, was gone.

Read the rest of al.com/*Huntsville Times* story here.
Human Resources announces a full-time employment opportunity --

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**OU students to tour in Europe during Spring Break - Global**
**Marketing European Tour**
by John Anderson, Ph.D. - Professor of Management and Marketing

The emergence of growth economies around the globe and the successes of multi-national corporations have made today's business world truly global. More and more companies are seeking markets for their products and services locally and in faraway places. Technology has enhanced the ability to live, work, and impact our communities in a truly multi-cultural setting. Companies operating in this arena are required to seek well educated and talented people, such as engineers, marketing specialists, managers, scientists and information technology specialists who are capable of navigating and excelling in diverse environments.

The educational preparation for employees that can excel in a global environment includes a combination of a mastery of traditional business principles and also an awareness of cultural sensitivities. American universities, large and small, excel in teaching business fundamentals utilizing a well documented body of literature on business concepts, strategies, and techniques. This information is available to all: academicians, students, general public, and practitioners. In conjunction with the traditional university/college pedagogical strategies, the progressive executive business curriculum includes a global emersion experience. An emersion strategy can also provide undergraduate business students with the appropriate cultural perspective to assist interpretation of global business concepts.

To support students in achieving an appreciation for the dynamics of a global business environment, the Oakwood University Business and Information Systems department is sponsoring a global marketing tour to Spain during the spring 2013 semester. Dr. John Anderson, Professor of Management/Marketing, will accompany OU students to Spain and France to study the European Common Market and visit select cultural sites. The trip will occur during the Spring Break period (February 28 - March 7, 2013) and participants include business and non-business students. In addition to studying global business practices, the tour will also provide opportunities to experience diverse cultures, languages, social norms, distinct architecture, and local foods.

*OUOY:* What is its significance? Why Spain and France?

*JA:* Global studies are a crucial element of all business programs and a student's education is enriched by obtaining first-hand knowledge of cultural practices in other parts of the world. Oakwood sponsors student missionaries and Adventist Colleges Abroad language programs that provide opportunities for participants to experience another culture.

The Business & Information Technology academic programs all touch upon global business, however, students are limited to learning from the textbook. A global marketing tour will enhance the student's classroom experience and the spring 2013 experience will hopefully be the first of many such experiences to come.

A trip to Europe was planned because the European Common Market is a major trading partner for the United States. Also, geographical closeness will allow students to visit...
more than one country. Our group will stay at the Adventist college in Sagunto while in Spain.

**OUOY:** Is there a corporate sponsor involved?

**JA:** Yes, one local corporation has donated generously to the project; however, they desire to remain anonymous. There are also several individual contributors.

**OUOY:** What qualifies one to join this trip? Costs?

**JA:** First preference was given to students enrolled in the upcoming spring Global Marketing class; second preference to business majors; and third option given to any currently enrolled OU student. The original goal was to take 10 students; however, there are only adequate funds for 8. Donations cover transportation costs and students must pay for housing, food, and miscellaneous expenses.

**OUOY:** Are you planning to promote this across campus to recruit travelers?

**JA:** Spaces for this trip have already been allotted. However, we hope to organize a trip every year and provide opportunities for a larger group.

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**Lessons from Little Rock Nine**

By Alanna Hunter, broadcast journalism major

Barham-ventured out to Arkansas from Huntsville on a mission that took them back in time, as they filmed a documentary on the Little Rock Nine, as part of practicum requirements. The communication practicum includes final projects that upper-division students must complete to demonstrate skills and mastery in their chosen arenas.

Richards, Gates, Frazer and Barham focused on historical events and personal
experiences that changed American education for Blacks forever. The 30-minute film, produced and directed by Cheddar, covers the accounts of two former Little Rock Central High School students, Mrs. Carlotta LaNier and Dr. Terrence Roberts. The documentary also features rare footage of the protests, footage that is now owned by Oakwood for three years.

Cheddar interviews Dr. Terrence Roberts, the lone SDA in the Little Rock Nine.

Racial integration in America in the 1950s, always a hot topic, became even more controversial when the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision. The Court officially declared segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. Little Rock's Central High School took the steps to integrate by allowing nine young black men and women to enroll into the school.

However, Orval Faubus, the Governor of Arkansas at the time, was not in support of the school's desegregation. So in an effort to stop the black students from attending, in 1957, he instructed the Arkansas National Guard to surround Central High School. President Dwight Eisenhower then, in turn, sent federal troops in to protect the nine students.

Every day mobs of angry whites showed up at the Little Rock Central High School to torment the black students. They hung black dummies from trees, harassed and even seriously injured black journalists who were covering the news story. In the documentary, Dr. Roberts mentions while walking through the crowd that a heavy combination lock was hurled at his head. He knew that if he were to fall to the ground from the pain, there was a chance that he would never get back up. So he kept his head straight and kept pressing forward. Mrs. LaNier mentioned that one thing that still speeds up her heart rate is when she thinks about being on the floor in the back of a police car as they furiously sped down the street, trying to avoid the wrath of those angry
Kalila Richards and Donovan Gates prepare to capture footage for the project.

During the filming, Professor Cheddar and the four students were invited to attend the Second Annual Civil Rights Commemoration and Institute Anniversary Celebration, which honored The Little Rock Nine. The keynote speakers for the event were Bliss Ann Malone Hunter, a 1961 Freedom Rider, and Dr. Terrence Roberts.

The documentary focuses on the struggles the Little Rock Nine experienced, just to be allowed in the same classrooms as their white counterparts. It shows us, especially here at an HBCU, that education is not something that should be taken lightly. Our brothers and sisters, who came before us, were ready to lay down their lives just so we would be able to enjoy the opportunities that we have today.

The documentary, entitled "The Little Rock Nine: Desegregation for Education," is good for everyone to see. Enjoy.
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"We don't have crimes to justify having a police agency, but we wanted to make sure we have the highest level of training so we can deal with any threat that comes on this campus," said Eakins, a former assistant police chief who holds a master's degree in security management.

With recent mass shootings in Connecticut and Colorado, and increasingly similar incidents worldwide, Adventist security professionals say the issue of safety officers carrying firearms should be up for discussion. Though it's a controversial issue in a denomination that has historically promoted non-combatancy and conscientious objection, top security directors at numerous Adventist institutions are urging a greater level of preparedness for responding to potential threats.
there is a cadre of security professionals within the church who can offer experience, consulting and staffing to support public safety departments at campuses and institutions.

“Administrators don’t need to go to outside consultants. Many of us have 20 to 30 years of experience in law enforcement. We’re the missionaries who know this business,” said Paul Muniz, a former police chief and director of security for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

Muniz is a board member and chaplain of the Professional Adventists for Safety and Security (PASS), a group that will hold its third meeting from July 15–16 at Loma Linda University in California.

PASS launched in 2010 when nine Adventist security professionals met at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. After the group’s first meeting, PASS again met in 2012 at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, with roughly 15 in attendance.

PASS president Dale Hodges first organized the group as a networking opportunity for campus safety officials to share best practices and encourage standards for hiring staff.

Campus safety now more than ever includes working closely with information technology professionals to implementing tracking systems and immediate incident notifications. Officers also discuss methods of policing and stopping unidentified individuals. Despite advancing security practices, many security directors admittedly still trade tips on the usual struggles of trying to enforce parking policies and clearing a building of students before closing it for the night.

Hodges, a former homicide detective who serves as director of the Office of Campus Safety at Andrews University, echoed other PASS members saying that standards for hiring security directors has improved over the years. No longer are a uniform and a badge given to someone without experience and training.

“Historically in the Adventist community they hadn’t picked out professionals in these jobs. I think in today’s day and age the Adventist community as a whole is recognizing that and trying to make up for it.”

This year’s PASS meeting is being organized by Suzy Douma, director of security at Loma Linda University. She was a police officer for 22 years and holds a master’s degree in public administration.

“Over the years the qualifications have improved. We’ve become more strict in hiring,”
Douma said. She oversees a staff of more than 50, including three K-9 units.

Douma said she feels strong support from her university administration, but admits it’s sometimes still a challenge helping people understand the role of a campus safety officer. “We’re the ones who have to take control when others haven’t been able to get control,” she said.

Now that mass shootings and appropriate responses are in the public spotlight, she said the key issue is the “timeliness” of the response. “Problems can be so emergent that you can’t wait.”

At Oakwood, the first three officers upon a scene would be required to engage a shooter. At Loma Linda, campus safety staff are trained to respond to shooting incidents by helping people evacuate, finding shelter and setting up a perimeter to maintain safety until armed officers arrive. Currently, however, "We are not prepared, trained or armed to mitigate the danger of shooter," Douma said.

Dale Hodges is director of campus security at Andrews University. He is also the founder and president of the Professional Adventists for Safety and Security. [photo courtesy Andrews University]

“It’s not my decision, but I think our university is open to that kind of discussion,” Douma said.

“I’ve been trying to have this discussion for years,” said Jim Vines, director of security at the Adventist Church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. He said five officers on staff are licensed to carry a concealed firearm.

“The Bible says the world is just going to get worse. We want to be proactive and be prepared,” Vines said.

The board members of PASS all work in the denomination’s North American Division, but they represent organizations of the world church. Oakwood, Andrews, Loma Linda and ADRA are all institutions directly affiliated with the Adventist Church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Muniz, ADRA’s security director, says the issue comes down to how to best protect workers. He sets up protocols for humanitarian workers entering new areas worldwide. He holds a master’s of divinity degree from Andrews and says the story of Nehemiah is an apt example
of the current debate.

“The workers doing God’s work of rebuilding the wall each had their swords on them just in case. They weren’t looking to kill people, but they were ready to address the enemy,” Muniz said.

“That’s more valid today than ever before. We need protection for our people who are involved in the upbringing of our children.”

For more information about PASS and its upcoming meeting, contact Dale Hodges either through email at dbhodges@andrews.edu, or by calling his office at 1–269–471–3321.
Welcome, 2013!

We are off to the start of another exciting semester at Oakwood University!

- Our students are refreshed from their Christmas vacation.
- Our staff is back and energized.
- Our faculty is geared up to deliver learning for the Spring semester.
- Strategic planning for the next five years is rolling out.
- The new Cunningham Hall is open for business, and we are excited about the mission of Oakwood University.

As you read this PFYI, enjoy some of the more recent news and newsmakers of the past semester, and join us in looking forward to the expansion of the Oakwood University mission.

May God bless you and yours during 2013.

“... and remember, TODAY is a great day to be alive!”

Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA
President, Oakwood University
Diane Rugless, a native of Chicago, Illinois, came to Huntsville in 1971 after her parents heard about Oakwood College, “the school of the prophets.” Diane has lived here in Huntsville ever since. Diane is inspired to go the extra mile by ensuring that her office area is well decorated during the holidays. And she pays for the decorations from her own pocket.

The very artistic Diane decided that spending 10 hours a day in an area should be enjoyable and warm like the feeling of being home.

Diane’s artistry creates a warm environment in Financial Affairs for the students, whom she considers, her most valued customers. Diane begins every morning with devotion and brings the Holy Spirit with her to her workspace every day. She believes that this is what promotes the warm, comfortable atmosphere that students, parents, and co-workers experience when they enter the Financial Affairs office. Oakwood University is a special place to Diane because it is her alma mater and she has always had a love for students. She loves giving and helping, and when she can, does everything in her power to help students and to encourage them. What Diane loves most about the holidays is giving to others. She wants people to know that she is generally shy and quiet. Her greatest accomplishment is when students leave and come back to tell her how she influenced their lives. She finds joy in the fact that she can minister to others.

Diane’s supervisor, Vice President of Financial Affairs, Sabrina Cotton, says that Diane brings a spirit of joy to the office. “I think it has a very calming effect on the students. It’s also nice to see the staff stop by to take part in the Christmas cheer and to get snacks.” Ms. Cotton is also excited when people visit the finance office for positive reasons that are not tied to financial requests. Ms. Cotton also added that Diane also sets up a Black History theme for Black History Month. She said that vendors add to the overwhelming supply of snacks that are available for the visitors in the office. The vendors enjoy seeing the staff members delighting in their products. “Diane is a real plus to the office as she mothers the students and brings joy to the staff members who visit the Financial Affairs office.”

Next time you visit the Office of Financial Affairs, expect to experience the joy that is contagious by simply going the extra mile!
Oakwood University Associate Chaplain Ronald Pollard received the coveted Nikon Professional Certification on December 27, 2012. This status is held by approximately 10,000 people in the world, and less than 100 African-American photographers. Ron is the first Oakwood University graduate to receive this distinction.

Chaplain Pollard received his first camera at age 13. Since then, he has been using the lens to tell stories with his images. “I want my photos to tell a story that makes people feel like they are present in the experience that the photo captures,” he said.

Ron’s mission and wedding photography were instrumental in his winning portfolio. The nomination process requires that the photographer be nominated by two award-winning sponsors. The quality and stories of the African mission trip photos in particular spoke to the Nikon approval committee. In those photographs Ron’s photojournalism depicts the joy, trials, hopes, and strength of the Kenyan people.

Chaplain Pollard approaches his photographic work as a ministry. He says, “I really look to capture the glint of light in the soul of my subject. I try to do this by spending time researching their background, their life experience, and their favorites in food, music, color of clothes, and the list goes on. Actually before shooting, I have spent almost a day or two becoming familiar with my subjects so that during the photographic moment we are honored friends. Most times that means subjects meet my family, when possible, so that they realize we are in this mission together. On the front-end of any session it is more important to over-prepare photo subjects because in a photo session, whatever is within will come through in the photograph. That’s why I believe that what I do is sacred! Sacred, means to me that whether it is a little boy or girl on the mission field, or a beaming bride standing at the altar, each is God’s person and His creation that I am now capturing in a moment that lives forever.”
Leadership Academy Implements New Technology
“SES” stands for Student Enrollment Services. As Executive Director of this unit, I have direct administrative oversight of the Center for Academic Success (CAS) and the Enrollment Management offices.

However, SES’ umbrella is also represented by a consortium of other departments that directly impact student enrollment success: registration, matriculation, retention, and graduation. This consortium includes Financial Aid, Student Accounts, CAS, Enrollment Management, Registrar’s Office, Health Services, Residential Life, Career Services & Testing, Student Employment and Information Technology.

The “One Stop Shop” Cunningham Hall concept has forever changed the way we do business for our students at Oakwood University. The students come to one building comprised of three floors, whereas before the students had to navigate at least five different buildings to get the same services; one of these services, Health Services, was even housed off campus. This new Complex offers not only time-saving services for our students and parents but it portrays order, efficiency, collaboration and design excellence.

Spring 2013 Registration in the new Cunningham Complex was well planned and flawless in execution. All students were able to enter the building when the doors opened for service and were professionally directed by staff of the Registrar’s Office and Human Resources. There were no lines, as every student was suitably placed in a holding room with proper signage, until called.

One of the first things Dr. Pollard said on his arrival as President, is that we cannot rest until registration at Oakwood University “becomes an utterly forgettable experience.” This spring registration at Cunningham was the assurance we are on our way. Not one process complaint reached my office.

Many thanks to the visioning of the President and the President’s Council for showing, in this “One Stop Shop” that at Oakwood University, we truly put our “STUDENTS FIRST.”

There’s an app for that

James Butler, Director of the Administrative Software System, uses a smartphone to demonstrate Oakwood’s mobile registration app, to students at the entrance of Students Accounts (now located in Cunningham Hall). Starting this Spring semester, all Oakwood students can use this technology to register online.
The year 2012 saw Oakwood win multiple championships – e.g., men’s basketball, Honda academics and Aeolians’ international gold medals. Congratulations to these student teams and their sponsors!

However, in OU’s biggest and longest-running contest—the reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)—Oakwood maintains an unbroken streak of consecutive SACS 10-year affirmations dating back to 1958.

Bravo! But just what does it all mean?

Let’s ask Mrs. Janis Newborn, Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

PFYI: Just what did OU receive from SACS in December - reaffirmation or reaccreditation? What’s the difference - what do they each mean?

JN: OU was reaffirmed (Reaffirmation)

Reaffirmation suggests that the institution successfully completed the self-study process and adequately demonstrated compliance with the Principles of Accreditation; the review process “reaffirmed” its accreditation status of “good and regular standing.”

Reaccreditation means “accredited again.” It suggests that there may have been a break in the accreditation status.

Note that an institution may maintain its accreditation, and NOT BE reaffirmed, as in cases involving sanctions--probation, warning.

Reaffirmation is withheld, but accreditation continues during the time of the sanction.

PFYI: Having been here during the last accreditation preparation process in 2000, what was different this time?

JN: We functioned with a different set of criteria. The criteria in 2000 were very prescriptive and detailed. The Principles of Accreditation followed in 2012 were more general in nature. The hidden danger was in the temptation to answer more generally and not provide adequate “evidence.” In 2000, we had a large steering committee, with varying assignments. In 2012, we had a smaller leadership team and the sections were mainly written by people with expertise in the specific area of the requirement, for example, finances, library, student services, institutional effectiveness, etc.

PFYI: During the SACS team visit in March, what were some of their stated impressions of Oakwood?

JN: They were particularly impressed with the size and beauty of our campus and also how well prepared we were. Dr. John Russell, President of McMurry University and SACS chair of the 10-member site-visit team, said that the presentation of our evidence was, “Inspiring!”

PFYI: Finally, what initiatives will we embark upon to ready ourselves for the next ten-year visit?

It is critical to maintain compliance at all times so that we are not put at a disadvantage at any time we wish to expand programs and/or methods of delivery. Also, we face a midterm report in five years, which requires that we demonstrate compliance at that time.
On January 3, 2013, six Oakwood University students, (Raechelle English, Jewell George, Bernude Jesucat, Sherrydon Pringle, Ro-Jay Reid, and Oshaine Wynter), and their chaperones Dr. Benson Prigg, and Ms. Barbara Stovall joined Dr. Jonathan Thompson (Director for the Ellen G. White Estate Oakwood University Branch) in attending the Ellen G. White Estate Consultation XXV meeting held at Kent Island, Maryland. On Sabbath, January 5, the students had the distinct privilege to present Project Re-Connect 2013 to the Ellen G. White Board of Directors. This project was orchestrated by Dr. Thompson who engaged Oakwood students in the study of Single Parent Homes and Resulting Disparities in African-American communities. Each student presented in his and her own way findings from a research initiative addressing today’s issues in light of the Everlasting Gospel.
Comments about the students’ presentation:

“Just a note to say thank you for the commitment and dedication of your office and of the students”
(Larry Blackmer, NAD Vice President, 2013.)

“The students did a good job” (Lisa-Beardsley-Hardy, PhD, 2013.)

“I found the conference itself to be truly a blessing and full of helpful information. Thank you for organizing a well thought out program”
(Wilma Daniels, M Ed, MSW, Clinical Therapist, 2013.)

“The students did a wonderful job in their presentations and discussion” (Tim Poirier, Vice-Director, Ellen G. White Estate, Inc., 2013.)

The students’ presentations began during Sabbath School. Each student presented their findings, which included the problems within African-American communities, along with various statistics that supported these findings, and God’s Word concerning these issues. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. The students also had the opportunity to meet and mingle with various board members hours before the Sabbath began. Oshaine Wynter, a Theology major at Oakwood, was able to speak with and have prayer with Elder Charles D. Brooks in order to prepare for the Divine Sabbath message. Mr. Wynter delivered a powerful message entitled, “The Challenge of Reaching the Postmodern Mind with God’s Solution to Family Dysfunction.”

On Sabbath afternoon, the group discussed strategies for implementing God’s solution. The audience broke out into six groups of 6-7 people, led by Oakwood students. The sessions concluded with each selected group leader presenting their group’s strategies to the audience. Dr. Thompson has gathered the information presented from the group sessions for further use. We have received several complimentary comments from various individuals who were in attendance about the excellent work Oakwood University students presented for their presentation.

2013 GC Global Leadership

The GC Global Leadership Committee convened in Bali, Indonesia from January 29-31, 2013. Every world Division, plus the five GC institutions were all represented. Oakwood University President, Dr. Leslie Pollard, Assistant Vice-President for Faculty Development and Leadership, Dr. Prudence Pollard, and Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Director, Dr. Harold Lee attended and made reports on behalf of Oakwood University. Pictures below are from the sessions.
It was the most wonderful time of the year.
OU 2012 Christmas party
Whitney Houston: Grammy-winning, Huntsville-born producer Mervyn Warren remembers star on anniversary of her death

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The text message read simply, "Whitney's dead," and that's how Mervyn Warren got the news the star singer, who he'd worked with on the six-time-platinum-selling "The Preacher's Wife" soundtrack, was gone.

Warren was just waking up in his Los Angeles home when he received the fateful text.

"A friend of mine who is actually one of my recording engineers and worked with me on Whitney's Christmas album (2003's 'One Wish: The Holiday Album') texted me," Warren says. "I sat up, turned on the TV and there it all was."

Houston passed away Feb. 11, 2011 in Suite 434 of the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office reported the cause of death to be "accidental drowning" and "effects of atherosclerotic heart disease and cocaine use."

"The Preacher's Wife" soundtrack was nominated for a 1997 Grammy for Best R&B Album. It's one of 10 career nominations for Warren, a Huntsville native and Oakwood University grad who has won five Grammys, both as a producer and as an artist, during his time with gospel vocal group Take 6, which formed on the Oakwood campus. Recently he served as producer/arranger on "Joyful Noise," the 2012 musical film starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton. He also wrote the orchestral score for that movie.

On the one-year anniversary of Houston's death, Warren calls from his BMW X6 on the way to have breakfast at Good Neighbor Restaurant, a diner near his Hollywood Hills residence, to remember the vocalist, known for such hits as "You Give Good Love," "Didn't We Almost Have It All," "Where Do Broken Hearts Go" and "I Will Always Love You."

"Personally, this represents one of the biggest losses to the arts in my lifetime," Warren says. "And I don't mean to say that one person's life is worth more than another person's life. I really don't want to imply that. But in terms of artistry that impacts my life – and I don't even mean in terms of providing work for me – that voice enriched my life, almost more than any other I can think of. It's such a tragic, tragic loss. I still sometimes can't believe that we will never hear that voice again."

Mervyn, what struck you about working with Whitney Houston on the "The Preacher's Wife"? (Warren produced and arranged the soundtrack and also served as the film's music supervisor.)

The first thing that I remember striking me at the time, was just a person who was probably one of the greatest
voices in the history of humanity. Obviously, I had been a fan of hers for a long time. And it was so amazing to hear that voice singing my arrangements, and in one case singing a song I had written. So that in and of itself was a gift. The honor and pleasure of having that voice sing music I had written or arranged.

**Where did you cut her vocal tracks?**

We did most of her vocals...Was it in Atlanta? No, it was in New Jersey. We did most of it in New Jersey or New York. I went to her house a couple of times to record, but that was the exception. The majority of the vocals were done at other studios in New York. She lived in New Jersey, maybe like an hour outside of the city. Something like that.

**Anything interesting about how Whitney went about recording vocals, whether it be how she warmed-up or anything like that?**

I don't recall her ever warming up. Maybe she did it before she got to the studio. She was a very confident vocalist, but because I'm also a vocalist among other things, she was able to take direction – and I mean that very gently. I don't mean telling Whitney Houston how to sing, but as a producer I might want to hear her hold a note in a place she didn't, or I might say, "Connect those two lines together and don't breathe in the middle." And she was always willing to try anything that I asked. And I didn't have to ask very much.

But there was nothing quirky about her, in terms of recording. She would get to the studio and she was ready to sing. In those early days, she knew how good she was, and I don't mean she was arrogant or conceited, but after she sang a song three or four times, I think she had a sense she had done enough takes. So she would say, "You have enough?" (Laughs.) Sometimes I would need one more chorus or one more vamp, but more often than not I did have enough. She laughed a lot. We laughed a lot. I have a picture of the two of us laughing, and I tweeted that about a year ago. She was very jovial and was constantly joking and laughing.

**Is there any aspect of Whitney Houston as a vocalist or performer that you think people appreciate more now that she's gone?**

I know what you mean, but in this case I don't think so. I don't think there was anyone on the planet who didn't appreciate her abilities as a vocalist. What is interesting is in the wake of her passing, it's interesting to find so many of her live performances on YouTube. It's not the kind of thing people always think to look for. It was a pleasant discovery that there were so many performances. And practically every single one, with the maybe exception of a few in the last few years of her life, but the vast majority of her performances are nearly flawless. One of her strengths was that no two performances were alike and so you can sit there and watch her sing one song several times, and each version will have moments that are really stellar and genius.

**When you worked with Whitney on "The Preacher's Wife" did you see any indications of the lifestyle and substance abuse issues that became evident later on in her career?**

No, I did not. She came to the studio she did her job, and then on the set of the movie it was the same. She worked hard. No, I never saw any hints of anything that later became known in her lifestyle.
Which of her moments on the film's soundtrack are you fondest of?

It would have to be "Who Would Imagine a King?" because I wrote that song, and it was such an honor and pleasure to have her singing something that I wrote from scratch. So that would have to be my favorite moment. That would have a special meaning for me.

What stands out to you about recording Whitney's Christmas album? (Warren produced eight of the 11 tracks on "One Wish: The Holiday Album."

We recorded that in Atlanta. I actually was working on a movie in Los Angeles at the same time, a movie called "Honey" with Jessica Alba, and I literally made 13 trips to Atlanta. Once a week for 13 weeks I would fly to Atlanta and on most of the trips I would record. It was physically exhausting. Her daughter sings with her on this song, "Little Drummer Boy." I think Bobbi Kristina was something like 10 at the time, and she said, "Mommy, I want to sing on that," and Whitney said, "Oh OK, fine." And Bobbi went into the studio, we lowered the mic and she started to sing.

And Whitney, it was as if she had never heard Bobbi sing before. And she got so excited and she called her mother, "My baby can sing! My baby can sing!" And I wasn't aware that I was witnessing what was apparently the first time she had heard Bobbi Kristina sing. I just would have imagined they would have sung around the house or in the bathtub, but for whatever reasons, this was a genuine reaction. Whitney was flipping out. That was a fun moment, seeing Whitney react to Bobbi recording for the very first time.
NOTICE OF AVAILABLE POSITION

POSITION: Public Safety Officer

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

STATUS: Full-time (38 hrs)

QUALIFICATIONS:
- 60 hrs of college credits
- Prior law enforcement preferred
- Ability to keyboard, send and receive email.
- Proficient in MS word and Excel for composing reports
- Alabama drivers license-no more than 2 violations/accidents within the past 3 years
- Even tempered, ability to relate and work well with students, faculty and staff
- Pass APOSTC obstacle course, sit-up, pushup requirements

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:
- Vehicle, bicycle and foot patrols
- Locking and unlocking buildings
- Composition of detail investigative reports
- Enforcement of laws and institution rules
- Parking/traffic enforcement; safety inspections; special event crowd control
- Attendance at department meetings and training
- Availability to work all special events
- Dispatching and monitoring ingress at gates
- Other relevant duties as assigned

SALARY: Commensurate with education and experience.

STARTING DATE: TBD

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