Oakwood Hosts Faith and Learning Conference

The first Faculty and Staff Think Tank continued on May 21 and 22, focusing on different ways to integrate faith into the classroom and office environment.

Speakers included: Ed Zinke, Carlos Fayard, Timothy Standish, Humberto Rasi, Garland Duland, Howard Weems, George Ashley, and the University's CSO ('chief spiritual officer') Leslie Pollard.

In his opening remarks, President Pollard, asked: "What makes Seventh-day Adventist Education Unique?"

1) The Attitude of Urgency

2) Our Understanding of History and Reality (playing out the Great Controversy)

3) Every Man, Woman and Child has a Date with Destiny ("we're preparing our students for that destiny")

Enthusiastic discussions throughout the conference reflected attendees' interest in sharing their faith in a way that enhances the spirituality of the Oakwood University community.
OU Trustee Ed Zinke (pictured, right) addressed the question "Faith, Learning and Living: What are the issues in this conversation?"

The Think Tank concluded on May 23, with an all-day service learning workshop.

Individual DVDs of the 2013 Commencement Weekend services are available through the OU Communication Department. Give them a call at (256) 726-7533.
Proud nursing graduates during the pinning service on Thursday, May 9, 2013.

President's Reception for the Class of 2013 on Friday, May 10, 2013.

Dr. David Williams, of Harvard University, illustrates a point during his Commencement address, Saturday night, May 11, 2013.

President Pollard addresses, "Leadership, Oakwood Style: How does OU sharpen the ax, the Oakwood way?" on OU-sponsored "Ask the Experts" on WAAY-TV's midday news segment. View the segment here.
al.com: OU Partner SAIC’s corporate split won't mean big changes to 2,500 Huntsville employees or government customers

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Allegheny West Conference Re-Elects Oakwood Alum as President

The Allegheny West Conference of Seventh-day Adventists recently announced the election of its Executive Officers: (l-r) Mrs. Grace Brown, Elder Marvin Brown (elected as Executive Secretary); Miss Zenobia Seward, re-elected as Chief Financial Officer; Dr. William T. Cox, re-elected as President, and First Lady Mrs. LaTonya Cox. Dr. Cox and Elder Brown are alumni of Oakwood University.
Sister Institution Appoints Oakwood Alum as new VP of Student Life

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Read the rest of the story [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111139991575/archive/1113506114241.html).

Available Positions at "The Oaks"

Currently, the available positions at Oakwood include:

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Physical Therapy,
- Assistant Director of Marketing,
- Assistant Network Administrator,
- Assistant Professor of Psychology,
- Faculty (Chemistry),
- Public Safety Officer,
- Registrar, and
- Secretary/Office Manager in the Registrar's Office.
Interested persons must submit:

1. Application
2. References
3. Copy of degree

An equal opportunity employer, Oakwood University participates in:

What's next, citizens of Oakwood Nation, winners of 2013 Home Depot "Retool Your School" Contest?

Thanks again for your tireless daily voting, which allowed us to win the coveted and competitive $50,000 Home Depot grand prize.

So what's next, champs? Two initiatives:

Initiative #1: Oakwood Nation, let's come together again and let's all vote "Miss Oakwood" on to the pages of the HBCU Queens issue (September 2013) of EBONY magazine - another "David vs. Goliath" campaign; AND

Let's move from the Home Depot "Retool Your School" contest, to now the Oakwood Nation "Reclaim Your Name" initiative!

Initiative #2: Not only do we wish to again say "thank you for your marathon support of the successful Home Depot contest," BUT

We want to honor your individual commitment and participation in this historic milestone victory, by including your individual name by listing you on our "Reclaim Your Name" Champions Roll Call.
Yes, the $50,000 outdoor pavilion by the campus' Unity Pond, which The Home Depot folks have already started marking off to begin construction work, will now include not only the outdoor grills and fireplaces, but also your name(s) - once you email it to us individually (please: no group of names, just yours)!

Bottom line: if during the February 19-April 15 Home Depot contest, you voted for Oakwood University at least one time, please send us your individual name by May 31, so that we can include your name to be displayed in our "Reclaim Your Name" Champions Roll Call.

Email us your name to pr@oakwood.edu. Thanks, Oakwood Nation.
Vote! Vote! Vote!
For Miss Oakwood

Miss Willicia Wright is one of several HBCU campus queens vying for placement in EBONY’s annual HBCU Campus Queens feature (September 2013 issue)

Voting has been extended until midnight, June 7, 2013

Vote TODAY for Miss Oakwood on the EBONY website.
www.ebony.com/campusqueens/89 (click “Vote for Me”)

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“The vast majority of the employees in Huntsville will go to the new SAIC,” Nazzic Keene, president of the new SAIC’s Enterprise Information Technology Sector, said in Huntsville this week. Senior Vice President John Gully, based in Huntsville, will head the Army and Air Force customer group in the new company. Heading the federal and civilian side is Senior Vice President Dan Harris based in Virginia.

Between 700 and 800 of SAIC’s Huntsville employees work on its two major NASA programs. One program, which runs NASA’s worldwide network linking all NASA centers and affiliate sites, is centered in Huntsville, and the other runs all of NASA’s organizational networks managing such things as payroll, finance, property management and human resources. That program is also based in Huntsville.

NASA in Huntsville honored SAIC this week as its large business contractor of the year for 2012, and the award was based on the work done by the two programs. "The most steadfast customer we have is NASA,” Harris said. "Nothing will change with that, just a much cleaner interface going forward.”

“We think that one of the advantages of the new SAIC is structuring ourselves in a very customer-centric manner, slightly different from the historical company,” Keene said. “All the work the new company will do supporting NASA or any other customer is under one leadership chain.”

SAIC’s remaining 1,600 or so Huntsville employees support Defense Department work on Huntsville’s Redstone Arsenal. "A little bit of everything,” said James (Craig) Naudain, senior vice president. "Missile systems, aviation programs, mission command programs - a smorgasbord, but primarily missiles and aviation.”

Citing one example of the company's work, Naudain said SAIC was key in developing the military’s Aviation Mission Planning System, which he called “the system that goes on to every rotary aircraft to allow them to fly, including the presidential helicopter, which we completed about a year ago.”
“One thing we’re very proud of is the vast majority of work we do is supporting our customers’ missions,” Keene said. “(We are) very integrated into their priorities, their missions. That gives us a little different space in the market, a little bit of protection from the budget issues and some of the fiscal issues. We have a position that is really critical to their success.”

So far, the existing company has not been strongly affected by sequestration, but Naudain said the company’s “crystal balls suggest some impacts” ahead if the budget cuts continue.

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All of that involvement will “absolutely” continue after the split, Keene said. “Huntsville will be the new company’s second largest place of employment, and that is good for the employees, good for the community and good for our relations with our customers.”

However, Keene noted that, “we’re not going to be an $11 billion company. We’re going to be a $4 billion company. Everything will be done on a relative scale.”

SAIC leadership decided in August, 2012 to begin work on a split of the company. The official breakup will come “in the late second half of this year,” Keene said, and the result will be “two separate, publicly traded companies.”

The split allows the new company, Leidos, to develop products for sale in the energy, health and national security markets, the SAIC executives said, and separates the core information technology and engineering technical services from that development. The new company can seek some work that would be a conflict for the government IT services provider.

“SAIC was getting into a lot more specialized products in certain areas that were not so much of the core enterprise information technology and engineering and technical services we had been doing,” Harris said.

The new company can and will design and offer hardware, and SAIC will continue to offer IT services. Harris quoted SAIC CEO John Jumper saying the split is “creating two great American technology companies.”

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New Vice President for Student Life Appointed

David Richardson, Jr. Begins His Duties in July

By: Rosa Jimenez

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Richardson comes to WWU after five years with Concorde Career Colleges, an institution with 15 campuses across the U.S. Most recently, Richardson was regional director of student affairs, overseeing student services on seven campuses, including the areas of career services, learning resource center, military and veterans’ support services, disability services, student government, and other student-focused areas. He began his time at Concorde College serving as director of student affairs for the campus in San Bernardino, Calif.

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Richardson is also a pastor and evangelist, serving the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in church growth and evangelism since 1993. His youth work includes leading a youth committee that focuses on secondary and post-secondary students to help them develop strategies for the successful completion of educational, spiritual health and workforce goals.

Before his current roles, Richardson was a counselor and instructor at Riverside Community College in Riverside, Calif., and a physical education instructor at Oakwood College Academy in Huntsville, Ala.

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Richardson replaces George Bennett, who has been serving as interim vice president for the past year.

Richardson will move to the Walla Walla Valley with his wife, Melanie, who is a speech-language pathologist by profession. His sons, Brandon and Jaylin, will attend school in the Walla Walla area this fall.
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