



Presidents' Round Table Newsletter

*A National Network of African American
Community College CEOs*

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Considerable Work Begun in Fall PRT Meeting

Thirty members attended the fall PRT meeting held in Chicago and hosted by Chicago City Colleges. The meeting and professional development activities focused on issues identified in the spring meeting designed to improve organizational performance and establish direction for the future.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Dr. Ernest Thomas, president of Tarant County College-South Campus, led the group in developing strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results for the organization. This exercise was the first step in developing the strategic plan for 2010 and beyond. Planning activities will continue at the mid-year meeting.

Pollard and Seabrooks to Co-chair PRT Publication

Presentations on the challenges facing PRT members and the ways in which the organization can support each member resulted in the decision to develop and publish a book on the subject. Dr. DeRionne Pollard (CA) and Dr. Joe Seabrooks (MO) will co-chair the project. An outline and timeline for the publication will be presented at the mid-year meeting.



Dr Patricia Dolly (MI) was one of 30 CEOs in attendance at the professional development activity.



As a member of the panel on the challenges and opportunities facing African American CEOs, Dr. Ernest Thomas makes a salient point.

The PRT is an affiliate organization of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA). Founded in 1983, the PRT is the national organization of African American community college chief executive officers.

Officers

- Dr. Helen Benjamin,
Convener
- Dr. Andrew Jones,
Secretary
- Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman,
Treasurer
- Dr. Charlene Dukes,
Lakin Institute Coordinator
- Dr. Ken Atwater,
Membership Chair and
Directory Coordinator

Special Mid-year Meeting—Plan to attend now!

Purpose: *To spend quality time planning for the future of the organization and to resolve current pressing issues*

Dates and times

Beginning: Friday, January 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Ending: Sunday, January 31, noon
Springhill Suites by Marriott Dallas West End
1907 North Lamar Street
Dallas, TX 75202



Rate: \$99.00 per night

For reservations, call 214 999 0500 after November 22.



Kudos!



Erma Johnson Hadley

Erma Johnson Hadley was tapped to serve as interim chancellor of Tarrant County College District in Fort Worth, Texas on June 29. Her tenure in the district spans 41 years. She has served in many positions, making her way to her first administrative rank 28 years ago. Prior to the interim chancellor selection, she served as vice chancellor for administrative and community services.



Deidra Lewis

On August 1, Deidra Lewis was named interim chancellor of City Colleges of Chicago, replacing Dr. Wayne Watson. She is a 32-year veteran of City Colleges and most recently served as executive vice chancellor. She retired from the district in 2008.

Dr. Tyree Wieder

Dr. Tyree Wieder was named as interim chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District in August of this year. She had served as president of Los Angeles Valley College for 14 years until retiring in August 2008.



Upon her retirement, the District's Board of Trustees bestowed the title of President Emeritus on her.

Dr. Wayne Branch

Former PRT member, Dr. Wayne Branch has been recently selected as the new president of American Humanics located in Kansas City, MO. The organization partners with nonprofit organizations and colleges and universities across the country on preparing executives for the leadership required by our nation's nonprofits.



Zerrie Campbell

Zerrie Campbell was named interim president at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park in August 2009. She retired from Chicago City Colleges in 2008 as president of Malcolm X College for 16 years.



Dr. Elnora Webb

Dr. Elnora Webb (Lakin Institute 2005) will begin serving as interim president at Laney College in Oakland, California on January 1, 2010. She currently serves as vice president for instruction at Laney.



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TMA is an asset protection company that utilizes the tools of insurance brokerage, risk management, and loss recovery to assist clients. It focuses on educational institutions and public entities. General manager and partner, DiCarlos Davis, attended the meeting in Chicago.

17th Annual Lakin Institute Held in Chicago in Conjunction with NCBAA Mid-level Managers Institute

From October 11-17, 2009, the Presidents' Round Table, in partnership with the National Council on Black American Affairs and its Mid-level Managers Leadership Development Institute and the City Colleges of Chicago, hosted the 17th annual Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership for aspiring community college presidents of color. Seven individuals, Drs. Peggy Bradford, Pamela Christian, Angela Louque, Cheryl Sterling, Vincent Boyd, Keith Snow-Flamer, and Michael Townsend, traveled from across the United States to the Windy City to participate in a week-long leadership forum designed to increase their knowledge, awareness, and access to the presidency. The curriculum was experiential-based and included workshops on Leadership Principles; the Role of the President in Advancing Technology and Institutional Diversity; Growing Internal Leadership; Understanding Organizational Culture; Leading in Stressful Times; Crises and Emergency Management; Working with Local and State Legislators, Identification of Critical Issues in Higher Education; and The Path to Presidency. Additionally, mentees discussed the role of the president and the institution in the accreditation process and their responsibility as stewards

Special thanks to...

Dr. Charlene Dukes who coordinated the Lakin Institute and members who served on panels at the fall meeting and professional development activities

Strategic Planning

Dr. Ernest Thomas, Chair
Dr. Gwendolyn G. Joseph
Dr. Carolane Williams
Dr. Jennifer Wimbish

CEO Challenges

Dr. Perry Ward
Dr. Audre Levy
Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman
Dr. Ernest Thomas

Membership Support Committee

Dr. Ned Doffoney
Dr. DeRionne Pollard
Dr. Audre Levy



2009 Lakin mentees are pictured with Dr. Charlene Dukes, Lakin Institute Coordinator and president of Prince George's Community College in Maryland.



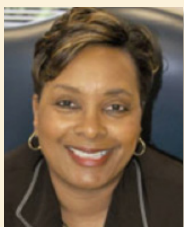
Dr. Carolane Williams (MD) and Dr. Barbara Bryan (FL) pose with Mid-level Manager Institute scholar, Ms. Candice Hunter, District Director, Compensation & HRIS, at Broward College.

of public funds. Presenters, including Drs. DeRionne Pollard, Rosemary Gillett-Karam, Jamilah Moore, Lynn Walker, Jennifer Wimbish, Belle Wheelan, Narcisa Polonio, Mary Coleman, John Dozier, Kenneth Atwater, Russell Davis, and Andrew Jones, combined theory, practical applications, and experiences

that clearly delineated the joys, challenges, and opportunities of leadership within the community college.

Dr. Wayne Watson, chancellor emeritus of the City Colleges of Chicago and a member of the Presidents' Round Table,

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Dr. Charlene Dukes (left)
 Coordinator,
 Lakin Institute



Dr. Marian Shivers (right)
 Dean, NCBAA
 Mid-level Managers
 Institute

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2009 Mid-level Managers Institute scholars.

was the keynote speaker at a luncheon hosted by President John Dozier of Kennedy-King College. He challenged the Lakin mentees and NCBAA scholars to lead and not follow, to combine integrity and boldness, and to shape a vision of the future that has student success as its focus. From there, the mentees and scholars received a true lesson in Inner City Studies from the faculty, staff, and students of the Jacob Carruthers Center of Northeastern Illinois University.

The Lakin Institute and the Presidents' Round Table extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the City Colleges of Chicago for their graciousness in serving as the local host. The support was tremendous from Interim Chancellor Mrs. Deidra Lewis and Mrs. Angela Henderson, vice chancellor for academic affairs to the Logistics Team, headed by Ms. Cynthia Armster, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, Dr. Rhonda Moore, Mr. Michael Thibodeaux, and the CCC team members.

2009 Mid-Level Managers Institute Scholars

- Ms. Kimberly Beatty (VA)
 - Ms. Kimberly Chavis (IL)
 - Ms. Jasmika Cook (IL)
 - Ms. Lea Dorsey-Mucker (KY)*
 - Dr. Barbara Evans (PA)
 - Dr. Tracy Hall (MO)
 - Wendy Harris (MD)
 - Ms. Shirley Higgs (TX)
 - Ms. Candice Hunter (FL)
 - Mr. Glenn Jackson (WA)
 - Dr. Sabrina Lewis (TX)
 - Mr. Vonzell Mattocks (MD)*
 - Ms. Lois McIntosh (MI)
 - Ms. Kimberly McManus (MD)
 - Ms. Dana Mingo (TX)
 - Dr. Barbara Murray (MD)
 - Ms. Sheryl Nelson (MD)
 - Dr. Daniel Patton (CA)
 - Dr. Chantae Recasner (OH)
 - Ms. Katrina Rugless (OH)
 - Ms. Patricia Saunders (VA)
 - Ms. Rhonda Spells (MD)
 - Mr. Wayne Snow (WA)
 - Dr. Ivy Tagger (MI)
 - Mr. Gregg Williams (TX)*
- *not pictured*

Happy Holidays

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