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Somerset Hall, Summer 2014.

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Where Are They Now?
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Honors Agriculture major, Atiya Stewart, has been interning at Chick-fil-A corporate headquarters in Atlanta, GA in the Supply Chain department. She’s been involved in projects pertaining to her major with a focus on food safety and production. “I’m having a great time networking and learning from others. The 10-week program seems like it is flying by so fast!” she reports.

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A “Prom”ising Future

Spring 2014 Human Ecology Fashion Merchandising graduate, Viair Myles, spent the summer as a Women’s Special Occasion Intern in Nordstrom’s Corporate office in Seattle, WA, researching the special occasion prom market and the 2015 prom season’s opportunities. She presented her research to Nordstrom Corporate executives on July 29. Myles says this “amazing summer” has given her the courage to push herself past her comfort zone and to grow into future plans.

Nivel Leaves No Stone Unturned in Quest for Success

Nivel Felicien, a senior PGA Golf Management student, has begun duties as a golf services intern at Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, NY, a position that he’ll keep throughout the fall semester. His responsibilities include instructing junior and adult golf clinics, handling guests’ inquiries, processing guests’ purchases, and assisting in organizing golf tournaments. He also books tee times and golf lessons and works closely with other team members from sister golf courses to ensure an efficient player registration process and golf operation.
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Mills to Pursue MBA

Deedra Mills, a Spring 2014 Aviation Science graduate was offered an Airport Operations Internship with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority located at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Upon completing the internship, Deedra will attend Morgan State U., where she will pursue a Masters in Business Administration with the goal of becoming Manager of a large international airport and then, later, going on to become an entrepreneur and own and operate her own Aviation Management company and consulting services.

Goldsborough’s Summer is Out of this World

“Working at NASA Wallops Island this summer has been a dream come true,” reports junior Chemistry major, Heather Goldsborough. “I have had the opportunity to conduct safe drinking and waste water tests, comb the beach for piping plover, discover a giant dead loggerhead sea turtle, inspect hazardous waste accumulation areas, measure noise pollution, and kick-start a base-wide seminar.” Most importantly, she adds, she saw the Antares rocket launch a payload to the International Space Station! Her advice to freshmen? Start looking for internships now, they are unforgettable experiences!

Sule Researches the Brain

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During her 10-week internship in the Education Services / Mosaic Center Department of the American Advertising Federation (AAF) with the Louis Carr Internship Foundation in Washington, DC, Tahja Cropper is assisting with the management of AAF College Chapters and their educational and multicultural programs, AdCamp and Most Promising Multicultural Student program (MPMS). AdCamp introduces high school students to advertising college majors and careers in the advertising industry, while MPMS is a four-day program that cultivates college seniors’ knowledge of the advertising industry and provides participants opportunities to engage with prominent industry leaders. “I am successfully navigating my way through Washington, DC with Hawk Pride!” writes Tahja.

Kadijah Felder-Patterson is digging what she’s doing this summer, interning in Indianapolis, IN at the Memorial Network Services IV Office, where she’s organizing files and assisting in projects that deal with the MNS IV cemeteries located in the Midwest Region. She’s converting to electronic PDF format hardcopy blueprints, dating from 1935, of 27 National Cemeteries and archiving the electronic files in Windows for easier access by MNS IV personnel. “This great learning experience,” she says, is “overseen by my mentor Samuel Song, (left, with Kadijah) MNS IV’s Program Specialist.”

Dania Brown is a Student Intern for The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Baltimore, MD, a sub-agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. She’s training in the Office of Information Services alongside others on a marketing project introducing Shared Services. Shared Services were introduced by the Affordable Care Act to reduce redundant IT programs and replace them with ones that are to be scalable and reusable. “These programs will save extremely large amounts, nearly 60%, of federal IT spending,” Brown advances.
Serge is Presidential VIP

Iragenwa “Serge” Bangamwabo, a Patterson High School graduate and rising UMES sophomore Honors student rejoined his former classmate researchers at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to present their engineering hovercraft project at the White House’s 4th annual Science Fair. They were also featured in the Baltimore Sun and on Baltimore’s CBS station. Impressive!

Diamond’s Found in Colorado

Below, Diamond Nwaeze peers at us from the mountains of Boulder, CO, where she did research with the National Science Foundation.

The Shores Of Nowhere

Honors senior Rehabilitation Psychology major-turned-author, Ronesha Johnson, published The Shores of Nowhere: The Chronicles of Anais, about which Johnson writes:

Meet Anais Xanthis, a multi-cultural teen who has just discovered a new part of her family history. All she ever wanted to do was enjoy her spring break in Greece. Little does she know, her imaginary friend from childhood was real, and so are many other creatures. Along the way, she learns that not everything is as it seems, and the learning can be fun . . . if it involves Greek mythology. Join her on her journey toward the truth about herself, her family, and those around her.

Johnson Publishes Novel

Kiessu Interns with Pfizer

Ezechielle Kiessu profited from the summer away from Princess Anne to research biospecific antibodies, work that involved a lot of ELISA plate assays, with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals of Cambridge, MA.
Professional Meetings

In June, recent graduate Bianca Parker and rising senior Morgan Chandler traveled to Houston, TX with mentor Dr. William Talley to attend the annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice workshop at Prairie View A & M, the goal of which is to provide participants a comprehensive understanding of health disparities, to investigate approaches to enhancing health equity, and to relay a broad knowledge base related to addressing disparities in minority and medically underserved populations.

While at the five-day workshop, they engaged in sessions with expert speakers on topics related to demographic changes in health fields, human genomics, health communications, patient navigation, health and the media, and public policy. They also attended a reception and book signing for the Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, former US Secretary of Health & Human Services.

Emerging Leaders
Adeleji & Doobay

From August 7-9, Finance major, Latifah Doobay, and Computer Engineering student, Samuel Adeleji, traveled to Roanoke, VA with the Honors Program’s Assistant Director, Aundra’ Roberts, to participate in the 2014 Emerging Leaders Workshop and Conference.

The annual event encourages students, especially those from minority institutions, to develop advanced leadership skills, to gear up for graduate studies and to cultivate their careers through lectures, workshops, interviews and networking with their promising peers, successful, recent graduates and academic/corporate experts. They represented us well!

Above: Parker (left) and Chandler (right) meet the Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, former US Secretary of Health & Human Services.
Right: Together with their UMES classmate, Diego Guzman, at Prairie View College of Nursing.

Samuel and Latifah pose with the Honors Program’s Assistant Director, Aundra’ Roberts, in Roanoke.

The UMES Honors Program constituency gets a photo with Dr. Emmett Smith at the meeting in Roanoke.
Meet Some Freshmen

How Rebecca’s Spending Her Summer

Rebecca Broughton, of Parksley, VA, will join the UMES Honors Program this fall as a Human Ecology / Dietetics major, but she’s isn’t waiting until then to learn about her future field. She writes:

*I have been engaged in working at a gourmet food shop where I have learned many details about foreign products such as cheese and olive oil. I was clueless when it came to such items, so it was an amazing learning experience. I learned information about how cheeses were aged, what was added to them in production, and how they should be cleaned.*

*I also have assisted in the care of a disabled child this summer. I assist him when he needs to walk and provide him with constant supervision. I have learned how to react and taught how to administer medicine in the event of a seizure. Overall, I feel like I have grown as a person over the summer by helping someone in need and learning information about children with special needs.*

Meet Two Members of the Class of 2018

Allen Named Comcast Award Winner

Honors also welcomes incoming freshman Biology, Pre-Nursing major, Lexus Allen. Allen hails from Harrisburg, PA, where she enjoyed softball (right) and was recently interviewed for local television as a Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Winner for 2014 (above). Congratulations, Lexus!
For one group of highly-motivated honors students, summer meant jump-starting their collegiate careers by participating in the 6-week partnership between the Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA) and the Freshmen Living and Giving Summer Honors Immersion Program (FLAGSHIP). They completed six hours of coursework in English and Math; were introduced to a host of campus and local resources that inspire and support academic excellence; attended resume workshops; toured Washington, DC’s Smithsonian and Chinatown; collaborated on a service learning project with Habitat for Humanity; and bonded as friends at the beach and boardwalk in Ocean City and skating at nearby Crown Center.

When you’re high in the sky on scaffolding wielding a nail gun or itching from fiberglass insulation on a sweltering summer afternoon, you make fast friends! And that’s just what we did this July while installing soffit and vinyl siding and insulating a Salisbury family’s home, in partnership with a local Habitat for Humanity team. Work hard. Play hard. Learn and share. What could be better?
Aboard the bus to the beach in Ocean City, MD, during the FLAGSHIP Program

Calendar

AUGUST
20 Honors Residential Learning Community Ribbon-Cutting
21 Henrietta Lacks Lecture at Salisbury U.
25 Classes Begin

SEPTEMBER
02 Fall “Kick-Off” Honors Meeting; 11 a.m.; Hazel Hall 2040
04 Honors Vanguard Knighting Ceremony; 5 p.m.; Hazel Hall 2051
06 Street Sweep; Downtown Princess Anne; 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
13 Entrepreneurs’ and Scholars’ Day program; 10 a.m.—4 p.m.; SSC
16/18 Elevator Speech; Career Services; 11 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
23 The Great Raft Debate; 6 p.m.; FDL Auditorium
29 Master the 60-Second Interview; 6 p.m.; Honors RLC

OCTOBER
08-12 NAAAHP Conference; Jackson, MI

Involved in a great honors experience?
Be the star you are!

Contribute an article to our Fall edition!
Students, alumni, faculty, all are welcome to submit an article & photo highlighting activity and accomplishments in honors education at UMES.