

# Voices

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Office of Minority Affairs



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*"Continuous effort--not strength or intelligence--is key to unlocking your potential." Liane Cardes*

*"Knowledge is not what the pupil remembers, but what he cannot forget"--- Anonymous*

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## Summer Programs – Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) Technology Awareness Program (TAP)

The Sam M. Walton College of Business Office of Minority Affairs hosted the 11th annual Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) and the 4th annual Technology Awareness Program (TAP). ACAP and TAP are each intensive, one-week residency programs designed to bridge the gap for minority students in the areas of accounting and technology. Each program is designed to fulfill a need that exists in business to diversify the employee pool with talented individuals who have undergone education similar to that offered in the summer programs and in the Walton College. Students benefited from exposure to University life, networking opportunities, and skills that will assist them in making career decisions for their future. As a result of this year's programs there are several students who are now current first-year students at the University and others who have expressed great interest in attending the University of Arkansas as a result of their experience in the 2005 summer programs.

Applications for the 2006 programs will be available online in March at <http://www.waltoncollege.uark.edu/minorityaffairs> or you can call our office at (479) 575-4557 for additional information.

### Program Dates for 2006:

**ACAP—June 17-24, 2006**

**TAP—July 15 - 22, 2006**

## G.A.M.E.—Girls and Money Management Enrichment (from UA Women's Giving Circle News Fall 2005 edition)

Minority Affairs also introduced the Girls and Money Management Enrichment Program (GAME) for the 2005 Summer term.

Last year, the Women's Giving Circle provided a grant of \$20,000 to a start-up program in the Sam M. Walton College of Business. The Girls and Money Management Enrichment (GAME) program launched its inaugural program this past summer as host to 25 high school women from across the state. These young women, of African American and Hispanic descent, gained first-hand experience about financial topics ranging from personal financial responsibility in purchases, identity theft, credit and debt to potential careers in the world of finance. The week-long experience concluded with a trip to the Federal Reserve Office of Kansas City.

The funding from the Giving Circle provided served as seed money for future programs.

### Program Dates for 2006:

**GAME—June 24, 2006—July 1, 2006**

## 2005 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Hispanic Heritage Celebrations at the University of Arkansas began in early September with an event featuring Roberto Senderowitsch in

Giffels auditorium. The University committee kicked off the historic celebration with a night of "Latin Soul" as part of the Friday Night Live activities hosted by the Student Involvement and Leadership office. The 5th annual Hispanic Women's Organization Conference was also held in September where the featured speaker was Dr. Sheryl Santos. This year's conference theme was *Hispanics: Impacting economy, society, public health and public policy*. The conference provided a forum to present initiatives and research to broaden the examination of Hispanic issues in Arkansas and promoted an understanding of the state's demographic changes as stated by Margarita Solórzano.

Following the kickoff activities for Hispanic Heritage Month, additional events were held each week to continue honoring a heritage and culture that



has continued to emerge. The events included a poetry slam featuring Joaquin Zihuantanejo; a lecture with Pat Cronin, Vice President of IBM; and Plaza de las Americas and Dominican author Junot Diaz. Each event highlighted the various genres where Hispanic presence is known.

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## Dr. Carolyn Callahan named American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow



## Fall Tutoring Available

If you are having trouble in a class, there are tutors available for ECON 2023, ECON 2013, WCOB 1023, WCOB 1033, WCOB 1012, ISYS 3603, FINN 3003, WCOB 2023, & WCOB 2043.

Tutoring is also available for non-business classes at the **Enhanced Learning Center** (elc.uark.edu) located in the Gibson Hall Annex. If you can not find a tutor for a subject area where you are having difficulty, then come by our office, and we will seek one out for you.

The Fall 2005 tutoring schedule is available online for all students enrolled in business courses at the University. For more information please visit <http://www.waltoncollege.uark.edu> click on **Students**, then click on **current students**, and **tutoring schedule** in the left column. For more information about tutors or the schedule, please contact Patsy Mckinney at [pmckinney@walton.uark.edu](mailto:pmckinney@walton.uark.edu) or call 479-575-4557.

**We want you to be successful!!!!**

The American Council of Education (ACE) fellowship is a highly prized honor among professionals in higher education. It is known as the nation's premier higher education leadership development program which provides opportunities for those selected to work directly with senior level managers and presidents on various issues and challenges that they face daily. Dr. Carolyn M. Callahan, professor and Doris M. Cook Chair in Accounting for the Sam M. Walton College of Business received the fellowship for the 2005-2006 academic year. This resulted in her moving to the east coast and working at the University of Rhode Island where her mentor is Robert Carothers, President of the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Callahan has been with the University of Arkansas since January 2001 where she served as Director of the Accounting doctoral program. She has received numerous awards throughout her career which include the outstanding leadership, commitment and service award for her work as a co-founder for the PhD project, and the American Association of Higher Education's 2003 Harold Delaney Exemplary Educational Leadership Award.

Dr. Callahan will be returning to the University of Arkansas throughout the year to continue support of her students whose plans are to graduate in the Spring 2006 term. As an award winning teacher, her students have always been her first priority.

For more information about the ACE Fellowship, please visit this website: <http://www.acenet.edu//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

## Leadership in Action



# January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 University re-opens	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Orientation	11 Open Registration begins	12	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Day Observed	17 Spring Classes begin	18	19 Last day to add 1st 8-week class	20	21
22	23 Last day to add classes	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Last day to drop full semester w/o a "W"	31				

# February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fellowship Deadline	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Scholarship Deadline for Fall	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Apply for graduation	25
26	27	28				

## 2005-2006 Minority Affairs Scholarship Recipients

For the current academic year, the Office of Minority Affairs has awarded more than \$70,000 in scholarships.

### Minority Business Scholarship (\$1000 ea.):

Fredrick Washington, Cassandra Ellington, Andrew Jones, Summer Johnson, Anahi Sanchez, Vicky Pruitt, Kristie Porter, Tammie Lam, Chanta Givens, Mario Riles, Juanita Evurunobi and Leah Spurling.

### Ernst & Young Scholarship (\$7500 total):

Juanita Evurunobi, Chanta Givens, Tammie Lam, Mario Riles, and Leah Spurling.

### Bank of America Scholarship (\$1000 ea.):

Emilie Ausmus, Cecilia Figueroa, Duc Huynh, Jeff Siddons and Bradley Jones.

### John Johnson Scholarship (\$1000 ea.):

Whitnee Boyd, Robert Latin, Raphael Reina, Stanley Spates, Stephen Tucker and Jason Wilkins.

### Conoco Phillips Scholarship (\$1000 ea.):

Whitney Swearingin and Richard Hucke

### William G. McGowan Scholarship

(\$18,000 total):

Carl Mathis

### Sam M. Walton College Freshman

(\$2000 ea.):

Whitnee Boyd, Amber Kinnard, Stanley Spates, and Fredrick Washington.

### Sam M. Walton Scholarships (variable):

Rowney Anipa, Jamie Curtis, Nhung Doan, Linh Duong, Juanita Evurunobi, Chanta Givens, Amanda Jones, Jana Kim, Choi Lai, Tammie Lam, Keondrick Larkins, Alisa Lewis, Anthony Martinez, Carl Mathis, Thuy Nguyen, Tim Nguyen, Jennifer Patterson, Hai Phan, Mario Riles, Patrick Story, Courtney Swanigan, Neely Vance, Duyen Vu and Chaney Youngblood.

### Supply Chain Research Center Student Scholarship (\$3000):

Joseph Benton

## Congratulations 2005 Spring and Summer Minority Graduates!

J J Akers, Gideon Banks, Arielle Boone, Yolanda Bryant, Adrienne Bush, Walter Canady, Stephanie Cuningkin, Prince Davis, Tykisia Davis, Rashad Delph, Clintina Floyd, Mary Gomes Ettienne, Ra Hearne, Natalie Horton, Brian Key, David Lane, William Louden, Landi Mkhize, Clarissa Purifoy, Anwar Robertson, Marie Smallwood, Tina Toney, Kristal Walton, Aineshia Washington, Kwi Alexander, Saleh Harharah, Ashley Jones, William Kingkithisak, Roshan Patel, Teresa Tran, Anjali Vyas, Luis Bordes, Lauren Guido, Jason Harris, Andrea Ackley, Coby Brown, Kent Hamilton, Barney Girdner, Zackary Smith, Acacia Wright

## Meet the 2004-2005 Walton

## College Minority Honors Students

Randy Brown, Yanisha Brown, Stephanie Cuningkin, Brian Key, Carl Mathis, Natasha McGill, Frank Watson, Melinda Gray, Richard Keech, Jenny Kilgore, Tammie Lam, Alisa Lewis, Nhan Nguyen, Brian Tran, Nikki Truong, Hannah Tu, Thomas Vo, Luis Bordes, Anthony Martinez, Lauren Sanz, Sonia Farris, Jonathan Greene, Adam Mowery, Chanta Givens, Amanda Jones, and Jamie Curtis

## Meet Blake Strode

## Bodenhamer Fellow



Blake Strode is a freshman student from St. Louis, Missouri. His academic accomplishments include National Merit finalist, National Achievement Scholar, valedictorian of his class, and a recipient of the university's prestigious Bodenhamer Fellowship. In high school, he was also a tennis state champion and high school All-American. Blake plays tennis for the Razorbacks and plans to double major in international economics and Spanish with a minor in legal studies. He also plans to attend law school after completing his undergraduate studies.

## 2006 Scholarship Applications Now Available

The 2006 New Freshman Scholarship Applications are now available on the scholarship website. This includes all prestigious and new freshman scholarships.

The early consideration deadline for scholarships is November 15, 2005 with the final deadline for scholarships being February 1, 2006. Please visit the following website to obtain an application for these scholarships:

[http://scholarships.uark.edu/freshmen\\_applications.htm](http://scholarships.uark.edu/freshmen_applications.htm) or call the University Scholarship office at (479) 575-4464 or email their office at [scholars@uark.edu](mailto:scholars@uark.edu).

## Silas Hunt Distinguished Scholarships for Entering Freshmen

The 2004-2005 academic year marked the beginning of the Silas Hunt Scholars program at the University of Arkansas. The program was designed to increase the diversity of the university community by offering scholarships to students who met the criterion. The scholarships are competitively awarded to students from underrepresented communities who have demonstrated outstanding academic leadership qualities and potential with a 3.5 (or higher) high school grade point average. The amount of the scholarship award varies between \$5000-\$8000 per academic year and is renewable provided the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA and obtains 30 hours by the end of the spring term. In Walton College, there were six Silas Hunt Scholars the first year: **Chanta Givens, Amanda Jones, Jennifer Nguyen, Andrew Santine, Lauren Sanz** and **Leah Spurling**. For the 2005-06 year, there are 12 additional Walton College Silas Hunt Scholars: **Elisabeth Bascue, Brittany Bizzell, Whitnee Boyd, Duc Huynh, Inieke-Joy Ibanga, Mychal Kass, Sam Khamooshi, Joshua Rehanek, Stanley Spates, Whitney Swearingin, Dorian Vergara** and **Fredrick Washington**.



## National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) and Beta Alpha Psi Join Forces

The chapter began the year with developing a partnership with Beta Alpha Psi. Through the developing of the partnership, the two organizations wanted to enhance the opportunities available to the students, provide diverse approaches to project, and to provide an opportunity for the students to interact with a diverse group.

Since the formation of the partnership, the two groups, NABA and BAP, have co-sponsored several activities:

- Hurricane Katrina Food Drive
- Meet the Firms
- Make a Difference Day at the Boys and Girls Club
- Participated as a team in the Come as Many—Walk as One Diversity Walk.

On September 19, 2005 the NABA professional and student chapters gathered together for a bowling social in Fayetteville. In October, the NABA professional chapter sponsored an interview workshop with the

Office of Minority Affairs to assist students with obtaining internship and full-time employment opportunities with their organizations. Also in October, 10 students attended the NABA Western Regional Student Conference in Dallas, Texas. There were two students who received scholarship: Dominique Hunter and Juanita Evurunobi. In November, the student chapter will host its Second Annual Women's Summit, titled "The Essence of a Corporate Woman" at the Reynolds Center Auditorium. Topics to be included in this meeting are Corporate Culture, Health, Relationships, and Money Management.

Continuing their efforts to remain an active and vibrant organization, NABA will host several events and activities during the Spring 2006 term. These events include the Spring Men's Summit, community service activities, honors award, recognition banquet and more. For more information regarding the NABA student chapter, please contact Dominique Hunter, chapter President at [dhunter@uark.edu](mailto:dhunter@uark.edu).

### 2005 Hispanic Heritage Celebration (cont.)

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Though the month was set aside for recognition of the Hispanic culture, there are more events to come to the University of Arkansas. One such event is a play entitled, "El retablo de las maravillas," sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program (LAST) and the Department of Foreign Languages (FLAN) in the Arkansas Union on November 4, 2005 and November 5, 2005 at 8:00 pm.

### Dr. Lofton Receives National Recognition

Dr. Lofton has been appointed Arkansas state coordinator for the American Council on Education (ACE). The appointment was announced in August 2005 and came from the Office of Women in Higher Education. The nomination came from Dr. Lofton's experience in an upper-level administrative position in higher education, leadership and commitment to the advancement of women in higher education and her potential for greater leadership opportunities in the academy.



### Alumni Corner

**Ra Hearne**, BSBA ('05) accepted an Associate Account Executive position with **Advantage Communications, Inc.** ([www.advantageci.com](http://www.advantageci.com)) in Little Rock, AR. He will be responsible for managing advertising projects, coordinating ad campaigns, designing commercials/print ads, and interfacing with clients.

**Mahesh Bett**, MBA ('93) joined the Army Material Command in the DOD as "Quality Assurance Specialist" in October 2004 and in May was posted to the Iowa Army Ammunition plant. Always finding time to support the University, Mahesh participated in the "Head to the Hill" meeting while in Texas.

**Charlene Charles**, BSBA ('05), recently accepted a position as a Business Management Associate with General Mills, Inc. Charles will relocate to Houston, Texas in January to begin her new career.

**Brian Key**, BSBA ('05) is currently studying for the Master of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kent. He is also working with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry in charge of Male Discipleship at the University Baptist Church.

**Arielle Boone**, BSBA ('05) is currently working for J.C.Penney's.

**Gideon Banks**, BSBA ('05) is on the logistics team for Wal-Mart.

**Clintina Floyd**, BSBA ('05) currently works in Fayetteville.

**Natasha McGill**, BSBA ('05) is currently enrolled in the Walton College MBA program.

**Stephanie Cunningkin**, BSBA ('05), is working for Ernst & Young and attending graduate school in the Masters of Accountancy at the University of Notre Dame.

In May, **Yanisha Brown**, won the National Security Educational Program Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad. This scholarship is nationally competitive and required her to travel to Washington, DC this summer. The scholarship covered all of Yanisha's expenses while she study's abroad in China this academic year.

The following students participated in cooperative education and internship opportunities during the summer 2005:

**Yolanda Bryant**—Tyson Foods

**Mario Riles**—Deloitte & Touche, LLC

**Carl Mathis**—Conoco Phillips

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 15, 2005: Early Admission Deadline (incoming freshman)

November 17-19, 2005: Diversity Impact

December 6, 2005: Last day of Fall Classes

December 8-14, 2005: Final Exam Period

December 23, 2005: University Offices close for Holiday Break

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**Alumni News:** We'd like to hear from you. Let us know your accomplishments, job changes, advancements, and community service achievements. Email us at [pmckinney@walton.uark.edu](mailto:pmckinney@walton.uark.edu).