



## B-CU CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL INITIATIVE, PREPARING CRITICAL FACULTY FOR THE FUTURE

B-CU has been chosen through a national competition sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to participate in Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future (PCFF), a project that supports women of color faculty in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) disciplines in becoming strong academic and administrative leaders, both on campus and within their respective disciplines.



*Dr. Thompson*

The project is funded by the National Science Foundation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities-Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP). The 13 institutions selected represent many different types—including two-year and four-year, public and private institutions.

Herbert Thompson, dean of B-CU's School of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics was elated to hear that B-CU was chosen to participate in this program. Thompson says the funding will help in faculty development and will enable the participating faculty to better serve their students.

"By receiving this grant, it shows that Bethune-Cookman is a competitive school. There was a limited number of grants to give out, and B-CU was one of the few to acquire one," said Thompson. "Grants like these are important to B-CU and really help the school's image."

Some of the institutions awarded include Edward Waters in Jacksonville, Fla., Alabama State, Tuskegee and Morgan State.

B-CU has nominated Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, assistant professor of biology and Dr. Torina Lewis, assistant professor of mathematics, to participate in all phases of the project along with colleagues from the other participating institutions. A larger team of individuals from B-CU will also join these two faculty members to attend an AAC&U summer institute in July 2012 on "Engaging Departments."



*Dr. Lewis*



*Dr. Brooks-Walter*

The goals of the PCFF project include providing professional and leadership development for women of color faculty in STEM and behavioral science disciplines, improving undergraduate STEM education at HBCUs and beyond, and providing participants with the opportunity and the financial support to engage in and influence the national dialogue on improving undergraduate STEM education.

"The faculty members participating in this project include many talented individuals who will be leaders both in their institutions and nationally in the coming years," said Alma Clayton-Pedersen, AAC&U senior scholar and project director. "Through this initiative, we hope to provide support to a network of scholars and teachers who can help each other and the rest of the nation as we all seek to enhance undergraduate STEM education for students at HBCUs and at all different kinds of colleges and universities, especially those historically underserved."

Project participants will both contribute to and gain from national efforts to develop and implement innovative STEM teaching and learning practices and effective curricular change strategies. By uncovering useful strategies for preparing women of African-American faculty for academic leadership in STEM fields, PCFF expects to benefit STEM education broadly as well as at HBCUs.

This initiative is supported with a grant from the National Science Foundation. For additional information about the project, visit [www.aacu.org/pcff](http://www.aacu.org/pcff).

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## HOMECOMING CELEBRATES WILDCAT PRIDE, A B-CU LEGEND AND MORE

B-CU will celebrate Wildcat pride and so much more through Sunday, Nov. 6 during its annual Homecoming festivities. B-CU alumni have planned many great events during the weekend including reunions for the Class of 1969, 1981, 1991 and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Other highlights include a Greek Step Show on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 7 p.m., and a pep rally on Friday, Nov. 4 at Jackie Robinson Park in downtown Daytona Beach. The parade, which begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, will feature grand marshal Dr. Rebecca W. Steele, former longtime director of the B-CU Concert Chorale, who is also being honored at a free concert on Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. in the PAC. Those who attend the concert are encouraged to bring donations to support B-CU Concert Chorale students. For information on all these events, including costs, please visit [www.cookman.edu](http://www.cookman.edu)



*Dr. Steele*

## B-CU PRE-LAW SOCIETY PLANS FUTURES, LEARNS HANDS-ON

On Oct. 21-22, members of the Pre-Law Society traveled to Miami to attend and participate in the Law School Admission Council Law School Forum (pictured top right). Admissions counselors from 165 law schools were in attendance and available to answer questions involving the law school admission process. In addition several workshops were conducted on about LSAT preparation, financing the legal education, diversity in law, and legal writing.

Additionally, on Oct.28, 17 members of the Pre-Law Society, under the leadership Dr. Randy Jacobs (B-CU professor of political science and advisor to the Pre-Law Society) participated in the John Marshall Law School Workshop and Intercollegiate Competition at B-CU. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Meta Brown, Esq., diversity officer at John Marshall Law School. During the workshop the students learned the elements and procedures of a court trial. After the workshop, the students participated in three rounds of a mock trial competition conducted and judged by Attorney Brown, Jessica Youngblood, Esq., and Marrick Marthol, Esq., all of John Marshall Law School Diversity office.

The members of the overall winning team (Isiah Knox, a senior criminal justice major; Arielle Hudson, freshman, political science major; and Evangeline Bonner, senior, political science major) each won \$5,000 in tuition waivers to attend law school at John Marshall Law School. The members of the second place team each won \$4,000 in tuition waivers, the third place team each won \$3,000 in tuition waivers, and the fourth place team each won \$2,000 in tuition waivers. Two teams tied for fifth place and each member of both teams won \$1,000. In addition, the four top overall students (Joshua McDonald, senior, political science;

Arielle Hudson; Ladarius Gardiner, freshman, political science; and Brenee Johnson, sophomore, political science) each won \$1,000.00. Overall, John Marshall Law School awarded \$52,000.00 in tuition waivers to the B-CU Pre-Law Society. In addition the organization

received an invitation to participate in the John Marshall Law School Regional Mock Trial Competition in Miami, FL in March, 2012.



*Top over all Mock Trial Students (L to R): Ladarius Gardiner, Arielle Hudson, Brenee Johnson, and Joshua McDonald*

## WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE PRESENTS CHECK TO HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT



Wyndham Worldwide this week presented the hospitality program in the B-CU School of Business with a check to cover the expenses for the renovation of a classroom that will now be called the Wyndham Hospitality Learning Center. The space has a fresh coat of paint, new artwork and drapes, and a new technology console. Pictured left to right: Dr. Graham Bowcher, chair of the B-CU hospitality management program, Megan Rossi, director of staffing at Wyndham Worldwide, Emily Ingram, senior vice president of organizational effectiveness at Wyndham Worldwide, and Dr. Aubrey Long, dean of the School of Business.



Members of B-CU's sports information staff and ESPNU toured the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* last week in Norfolk, Va. prior to the B-CU-Norfolk State game. ESPNU featured the tour during cutaway segments of the broadcast of the Wildcats' 14-6 victory over the NSU.

## JOIN US

B-CU's Odessa Chambliss Wellness Center will welcome Nontombi Naomi Tutu, Hospice and human rights advocate and daughter of Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, along with Dr. Richard Payne, professor of medicine and divinity and Esther Colliflower Director at Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life. The guests will participate in an event, "In Our Neighborhoods and Across Sub-Saharan Africa: Join the Fight Against HIV/AIDS in Volusia, Flagler and Sub-Saharan Africa," that takes place on Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the B-CU Performing Arts Center and is sponsored by VITAS Innovative Hospice Care. All funds raised will support the Joel Lawrence HIV/AIDS Organization and Our Lady's Hospice in Lusaka, Zambia. For ticket information, call (386) 366-6100.



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*Payne*