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Dr. W. Terrell Jones,
Vice Provost for Educational Equity

Change has been a continuing theme for the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity during this academic year, and spring 2012 brings us several new beginnings. Wil Del Pilar joined us as our new director of Development for Educational Equity's programs. Wil has only been with us a short time, but is already making a positive difference in how we communicate our development efforts.

Comprehensive Studies Program is the new name of the Equal Opportunity Program, which is operated out of our Multicultural Resource Center.

The Pennsylvania College Access Challenge Grant programs are up and running in three of our precollege access programs: Upward Bound Math and Science Center, Talent Search, and Talent Search York.

We recently received good news that our current Upward Bound program has been refunded following a highly competitive process. In addition, a new Upward Bound Migrant program was funded to serve migrant students. This was the only new Upward Bound grant awarded in the state.

Our websites have been updated and are now housed on the University's WebLion system for full accessibility. Check out our new look at equity.psu.edu.

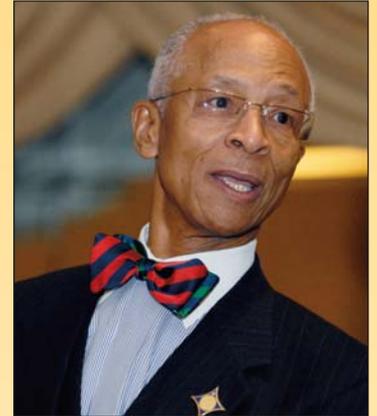
We have replaced our previous brochure with a new "rack card" that features a fresh look and a QR code that can be scanned by a smart phone, which will take the user directly to our website.

As the University continues to move forward, I have been pleased to participate in President Erickson's Town Hall forum each semester. I am also pleased that Educational Equity will be part of two new task forces convened by Robert Pangborn, interim executive vice president and provost, to examine advising and financial aid issues that affect student success. The University Faculty Senate approved changes to the policy on limitations to enrollment as a nondegree student that will help students avoid accruing undue amounts of debt while not making academic progress.

The mission of Educational Equity remains important and we must each continue to make a positive difference for our students, staff, faculty, and leadership at Penn State. As always, I thank you all for the commitment and caring you demonstrate as we continue to evolve.

Harold Cheatham Named Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Harold E. Cheatham, founding chair of the Educational Equity Advisory Board and a 1961 Penn State graduate in psychology, has received a 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award from Penn State. The award is the University's highest honor for an outstanding alumna or alumnus. Cheatham returned to Penn State in 1981, serving a year as a visiting scholar at Penn State before joining the faculty in the College of Education in 1982, and becoming head of the department of Counselor Education in 1992. He retired from Penn State as an emeritus professor of education in 1997 and went on to become the founding dean of Clemson



Dr. Harold Cheatham

University's College of Health, Education, and Human Development. Cheatham's research focused on multicultural counseling

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Ninth Annual New Faces of an Ancient People Traditional American Indian Powwow Draws Crowd, Honors Penn State President



Photo Credit: Donghee Lee

American Indian dancers, drum groups, and vendors from across North America traveled to State College for the ninth annual New Faces of an Ancient People Traditional American Indian Powwow, held at Mount Nittany

Middle School on April 14 and 15. The powwow is sponsored by Penn State and the State College Area School District and has a reputation within Indian country as being one of the finest tradi-

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AI's Waste Tour

Have you ever wondered where the paper, bottles, and cans go when you place them into the recycling bin or what happens to the food waste when you place it into the compost bin? The Educational Equity staff found out by traveling the Recycling and Waste Management Tour, affectionately known as "AI's Waste Tour." Tour-goers were treated to a fun-filled and informative "back of the house" look at Penn State's waste management operation and some real "trash talkin'" from tour guide AI Matyasovsky, supervisor of Central Support Services in the Office of Physical Plant. Penn State is a national leader in sustainable waste management, recycling, and composting practices. The tour was held on April 20 in recognition of Earth Day, and was organized by Educational Equity's green team. 



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Educational Equity Welcomes New Development Officer

The Office of Educational Equity welcomes Wil Del Pilar as its new director of Development, effective March 15. Wil's academic journey first began at Chapman University where he earned a B.A. in communications with an emphasis in public relations. Narrowing his focus, Wil continued his education at California State University, Dominguez Hills, earning a master's degree in Education with a counseling emphasis. Leaving behind classes but not college, Wil launched a career working in college admissions and financial aid for the University of California-Santa Cruz, Loyola Marymount University, and his alma mater, Chapman University.

Before joining the development team at Penn State, Wil worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, serving as an executive assistant in the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education. "Much of the work that I did with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was related to identifying and facilitating partnerships between federal, state, and private funders to support and create programming," shares Wil. Now balancing graduate studies with a full-time staff position, he sees his new role at Penn State as a great fit. "The position in Educational Equity seemed like a perfect match between



Wil Del Pilar

my interest in educational fundraising and my academic investment in student access and opportunity in higher education."

With only a few weeks under his belt, Wil is already impressed with the community of Penn State alumni supporters. "The connection alums have and their willingness to engage in dialogue about the University is truly remarkable," he comments. "I have also been very impressed with the level of professionalism of the development staff here at Penn State, and I hope to be able to tap into this expertise as I learn how to apply my experience to the cultivation of donors." 

CLGBTE Co-sponsors Lavender Graduation and Awards

The Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity (CLGBTE) and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Student Resource Center hosted the Lavender Graduation and Awards ceremony on Friday, April 20 in Heritage Hall, HUB-Robeson Center. In addition to recognizing the 2012 graduates from the LGBTQA community across Penn State, the event featured dinner, choral entertainment, and three awards presented by CLGBTE. The Ally Recognition Award was presented to Jill Buchanan,

nurse practitioner, University Health Services, University Park; the Outstanding Service Award for a student was presented to Jason Fluke, undergraduate student in Psychology, Penn State Harrisburg; and the Outstanding Service Award for faculty/staff was presented to Jo Tyler, associate professor of Training and Development, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Penn State Harrisburg. Outgoing commission members were also recognized for their service. 

EOP Becomes CSP

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at University Park has undergone a name change. The program is now called the Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP). It remains housed in the Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) and will continue to offer the same services to students as it has in the past. "Although we are changing our name, CSP remains committed to providing access to a Penn State education to highly motivated students in the state of Pennsylvania and assisting students in successfully navigating the college experience and earning their degrees," said MRC director Tara Scales Williams. More information about CSP and MRC can be found at equity.psu.edu/mrc. 

Senior Faculty Mentor Inspires Eponymous Lecture Series

Dr. Grace Hampton, professor of Art, Art Education, and Integrative Arts, and Senior Faculty Mentor, was honored in March 2012 by the Committee on Multi-ethnic Concerns (COMC), an affiliate organization of the National Art Education Association as the inspiration for its new lecture series. The Grace Hampton Lecture Series “honors the courageous leadership of Dr. Grace Hampton that has become an important cornerstone for COMC organizational vibrancy,” said the COMC. 🇺🇸



Dr. Grace Hampton

Second Annual Senior Faculty Mentor Research and Development Seminar and Reception

This second annual Senior Faculty Mentor Research and Development Seminar will engage underrepresented faculty members to help them achieve their goals at each of the career milestones of the tenure and promotion process. The two-day research seminar will be held Tuesday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 19, 2012. It will focus on collaborative and individual research, funding, publication, and strategies for success, and will feature a faculty/staff reception held in conjunction with the Forum on Black Affairs. 🇺🇸

Ninth Annual New Faces of an Ancient People Traditional American Indian Powwow Draws Crowd, Honors Penn State President *continued from front page*

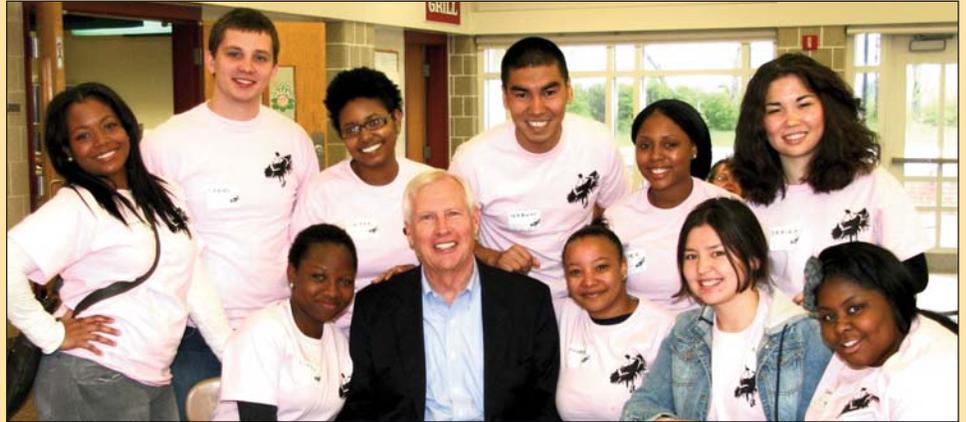


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tional powwows and one of the largest in the east. The powwow drew approximately 4,500 visitors from central Pennsylvania and beyond, living up to its reputation as one of the most outstanding family-centered events in the region. Close to 150 people volunteered at the powwow, many of whom are part of the Penn State community, including several student programs and organizations.

Traditional powwows are about practicing the traditions and carrying the culture forward into the future. As such, honorings are an important part of the traditional powwow. Penn State’s President Rodney A. Erickson was honored for his new role as the University’s President and his continued support of the powwow. Erickson and W. Terrell Jones, vice provost for Educational Equity, have been staunch advocates of the powwow since its beginning at Penn State and have participated each year.

Other honorings included recognition of Jane Harstad (Ojibwa), graduating with a doctorate from the American Indian Leadership Program; Jiles Pourier (Lakota), graduating from University of Pennsylvania Medical School; Vanessa Iyua (Diné), who graduated with a master’s degree from Temple University earlier this year, and Brave Heart Sanchez (Apache), graduating from State College Area High School and enrolling in Penn State University Park in the fall. “Fewer than 1 percent of American Indians hold a doctoral degree, and the high school graduation rates for American Indians are significantly below the national average,” explained powwow coordinator John Sanchez, associate professor of Communications at Penn State. “It is important that we recognize these academic achievements because they represent what this powwow is all about; these are the new faces of an ancient people.” 🇺🇸

Council of College Multicultural Leadership Presents Way Pavers Awards

The inaugural Way Pavers Award Luncheon was organized “in honor of those who have contributed to supporting diversity initiatives, which have positively enhanced student life and the climate throughout the college and local community, while maintaining a high level of character and leadership,” wrote Dr. Barbara Farmer, chairperson of the Council of College Multicultural Leadership. W. Terrell Jones, vice provost for Educational Equity, was presented

with the University Administration award “in honor of his sacrifice and service in paving the way and creating a community of equity and fairness.” Other Way Paver awardees included Coquese Washington, head coach, Women’s Basketball (Faculty/Staff Award); Ryan Brown, president, Penn State’s student Black Caucus (Student Award); and Thelma Price, community liaison (Community Member Award). 🇺🇸



News of Note:

The Commission for Women held its sixth annual awards luncheon on April 16 at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel. The program featured a keynote address by Kevin M. Morooney, vice provost for Information Technology, presentation of Achieving Women awards in student, staff, technical service, faculty, and administrator categories, and presentation of the Rosemary Schraer Mentoring Award. More information and the list of awardees can be found at

<http://equity.psu.edu/cfw>.

The Multicultural Resource Center's Leadership Council sponsored the program "Getting to the Hot Seat: Setting Yourself Apart from other College Students Through Professional Do's and Don'ts," with presenter Jade Perry, diversity program coordinator graduate assistant, on Tuesday, April 17, at the Bank of America Career Services Center.

The Multicultural Resource Center's annual senior awards and diversity recognition reception was held on Tuesday, April 3, in the Hintz Family Alumni Center honoring the recipients of the MRC senior, faculty/staff, and John Romano awards.

The College Assistance Migrant Program held its graduation celebration on Wednesday, April 11, at the Henderson Living Center. The program honored graduating seniors and featured an inspirational address by senior Darinel Ayllón Ortiz.

Educational Equity welcomes Rani Poague as its new assistant to the Financial Officer. Previously, Rani worked in University Health Services, and before that she held accounting and financial positions with the State College Spikes and Northwest Savings Bank.

Black Alumni Reunion Held on Blue-White Weekend, April 20-22

The theme for this year's Black Alumni Reunion was "2012 Blue-White: Black Alumni Reunion, The Collective," and included special dinners, tours, a career fair, student-alumni networking opportunities, exhibits, and more. The "Pioneer and Legends Dinner" held on Friday night highlighted the accomplishments of several famous African American Penn Staters. On Saturday, a Black Alumni Reunion Tailgate was held prior to the Blue-White

game. That evening, the "For the Future: The Black Alumni Reunion Scholarship Gala" featured a reception and dinner, a silent auction, and the unveiling of a bust of David Alston—Penn State's first African American football player.

The Black Alumni Reunion draws alumni and friends from across the country. Previous reunions have been held in 2006, 2008, and 2010.

Jones Honored at 2012 Black Alumni Reunion

Dr. W. Terrell Jones, vice provost for Educational Equity, was an honoree of the 2012 Black Alumni Reunion as one of the recipients of the Charles T. Davis/Thelma T. Price Faculty/Staff Award. According to the honorees website, "This award honors a Penn State faculty member, staff member, or administrator who has gone above and beyond the call of his/her normal

university duties, and has given unselfishly of his/her time and talents in advancing diversity at Penn State." Also honored with this award was Catherine Lyons, retired associate dean for Educational Equity, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. More information is available at www.psublackalumni.com.

Lincoln Hall Historical Marker Dedicated

In conjunction with the 2012 Black Alumni Reunion, a historical marker was dedicated on the site of Lincoln Hall, 119 N. Barnard Street, State College. From the late 1930s to the early 1950s the structure was a boarding house known as Lincoln Hall, which provided housing for male African American Penn State students who were not able to reside in University dorms due to an unofficial campus housing policy in place until about 1946. Housing up to half of the African American student enrollment, Lincoln Hall was central to black life at Penn State during that period. The dedication featured Philadelphia District Attorney R. Seth Williams, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham, and former residents of Lincoln Hall, and was attended by participants in the 2012 Black Alumni Reunion and other interested members of the Penn State and State College area communities. More information is available at

<http://alumni.psu.edu/events/black-alumni-reunion/historical-marker-dedication>

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theory and practice, cultural pluralism, and psychological development of African Americans in U.S. higher education. While at Penn State, he was an active member of many organizations and committees, and has received numerous awards and honors.

"Dr. Cheatham is recognized as a national leader in cross-cultural counseling and as a distinguished educator and administrator," said W. Terrell Jones, vice provost for Educational Equity. "He has always balanced his impressive educational achievements with an inspiring array of community, national, and international humanitarian services." Cheatham continues to serve as the chair of Educational Equity's Advisory Board, bringing his expertise to development efforts to enhance diversity at Penn State and provide scholarship support to Educational Equity students.