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# Black Faculty and Staff Association Newsletter

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## Brown Bag Research Presentation

The second BFSA Brown Bag Research Presentation will be held on October 31. Dr. Barbara Turnage, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, will present her research on Wednesday, October 31 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Student Union, Sand Key room 220. Her presentation title is "Obtainable Images of African American Womanhood Supports Adolescent American Females' Global Self-Esteem." This event is co-sponsored by BFSA and the African American Studies Program.

## BFSA Membership

Membership in the Black Faculty and Staff Association is voluntary and renewable on an annual basis. Membership dues are \$10 a semester or \$20 a year.

BFSA has activities planned almost every month until the end of spring term. These activities include, for example, the monthly "brown bag" research sessions, a panel presentation during Diversity Week, our regular general membership meetings with invited speakers, a meeting with students to identify how we can assist with retention needs/efforts, updating the BFSA web site, the annual mentoring breakfast, a reception at the President's home to celebrate the accomplishments of Black faculty and staff, etc. However, in order to conduct these activities, BFSA needs resources. BFSA has resources only when dues are paid. Dues are only \$10 per semester or \$20 for the year.

If you have already paid dues, thanks so much for your support. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please do. BFSA needs your support. Please make your check payable to UCF BFSA and send it with the application form (see the second page in the BFSA directory for the form) to Dr. Adenike Davidson (English Department, CNH 304A).

## Diversity Week

The Office of Diversity Initiatives will sponsor its annual Diversity Week celebration October 29-November 2, 2001. Diversity Week is designed to provide opportunities for individuals and groups to explore various histories, cultures, issues, interests, and life styles of peoples who compose the mosaic of human kind. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://diversity.ucf.edu>.

## Chamber Event

The UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives, the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Orlando Utilities Commission, and Florida Power recently hosted a reception to honor UCF faculty and administrators who hold full professorships and/or associate or assistant administrative positions at the university level or in the colleges. President John C. Hitt presented Professor and Associate Dean Lyman Brodie, Professor Peter Delfyett, Professor Martha Lue, Assistant Vice President A.J. Range, Assistant Vice President Cecelia Rivers, Assistant Dean Melvin Rogers, and Vice President Anthony Thompson to the greater Orlando business community.

Do you have items for the BFSA Newsletter?  
Submit them to Dr. Rebekah McCloud at  
[rmccloud@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:rmccloud@mail.ucf.edu) or bring them by the  
Office of Diversity Initiatives, Trailer 619.

## **Leadership Enhancement Program**

The Leadership Enhancement Program (LEP) is a leadership development program administered by the Office of Diversity Initiatives. The goal of the LEP is to provide leadership development opportunities for selected University of Central Florida employees who are women or members of racial and ethnic minority groups.

The 2001-2002 Leadership Enhancement Program class will be composed of twelve (12) members: four faculty members, four A & P employees, and four USPS employees. Participants must be women or racial and ethnic minority employees who occupy faculty or mid-level management positions.

Applications are being accepted through Nov. 2. For more information call the Office of Diversity Initiatives or visit the Web site at <http://diversity.ucf.edu>.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### October

- 24 Executive Committee Meeting, HPA 206, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM.
- 29 Diversity Week 10/29-11/02. 31 Brown Bag, SU 220, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.
- 31 "Color of Fear" Panel Discussion, Pegasus A-C, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM.

#### November

- 7 General Meeting, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.
- 28 Brown Bag, SU 220, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.

### **Let's Keep in Touch**

Remember to send any changes: name, address, phone number, etc. to Fritzlaine Powell, BFSA Secretary. You may contact her at 823-0184 or [fpowell@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:fpowell@mail.ucf.edu).

## **BFSA Directory**

The BFSA Directory has been mailed to all UCF Black faculty and staff. If you have not received your copy, please call Fritzlaine Powell at 823-0184. Again special thanks to Sara Gobjczynski, the Office of Diversity Initiatives, and Christopher McCray for the production and printing of the directory.

### **A Round of Applause Please...**

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of Black faculty and staff at UCF.

- Edna Rolle (College of Arts and Sciences) was recently honored as the USPS Employee of the Month.
- Greg Robinson (Assistant Director of Purchasing) was recently featured in a news article on the UCF Web page.
- Dr. Kenyetta Rivers (College of Health and Public Affairs) was named the Senior Faculty Fellow.
- Ann Marie DeGovia (College of Business), DeLaine Priest (SARC), Dr. Barbara Turnage (College of Health & Public Affairs), Ulysses Williams (Physical Plant), and Dr. Earl Wright, III, (College of Arts & Sciences) are all featured on the Diversity Week Poster!
- Pat Pates (First Year Advising) has just returned from a trip to Africa.
- Dr. Valarie King (Diversity Initiatives) presented at the American Council on Education Annual Conference in Cincinnati.
- Anthony Majors (Theater) is working on the UCF theater production of "Ain't Misbehavin'" (Oct 18,19, 20, 21, 25, 26,17,28).

Please keep us informed about the events and accomplishments of Black faculty and staff at UCF. We'd like to highlight those in future editions of the newsletter.