SC State’s Professor of Communications Attends International Conference

By Antia Dawkins

Dr. Shafiqur Rahman, professor and coordinator of the Communications Program at SC State University, recently delivered a paper presentation on “Media, Democracy and Globalization” at the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. “This international conference was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with several international scholars and researchers on democracy and societal development. I also had the opportunity to share with them about some of the good academic programs and things happening at SC State,” said Rahman. During his visit in Bangladesh, Rahman also met several members of the Parliament, ambassadors, and government and university officials of Bangladesh. (Click here for full story).

Dr. Kenneth D. Lewis Makes History as 44th Arthur Holly Compton Award Recipient

By Ashley Elliott

Since its inception in 2002, SC State University has seen phenomenal strides within the Nuclear Engineering Program. Aside from being the only undergraduate degree program of its kind in the state of South Carolina, the program will have produced two dozen graduates by May 2011 and continues to educate future scientists and engineers.

The list continues with yet another historic feat-the awarding of the 2010 Arthur Holly Compton Award to Dr. Kenneth D. Lewis, dean of the College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. As the first African-American recipient of the award, which was established more than four decades ago, Lewis shares the list with notable professors across the country, including six professors from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Mass. (Click here for full story).

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NASA Selects Sandra Bickerstaff to be an “Agent of Change” for STEM Education

By Antia Dawkins

Sandra Bickerstaff, a native of Detroit, Mich., has worked as a lecturer in Felton Laboratory School since 2007. She was recently awarded an Endeavor Fellowship with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Initially at a loss for words and smiling from ear to ear, a very humble Bickerstaff was surprised. “I was reminded of the magnitude and weight of the call to teach and inspired beyond words to exercise its privilege to the farthest reach of its capacity,” said Bickerstaff. (Click here for full story).

NCAA Announces Certification Decisions

By Erica Prioleau-Taylor and Bill Hamilton

The NCAA announced that SC State University and 25 other Division I institutions have met its requirements for athletics certification.

A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership. All 335 active Division I members participate in the athletics certification process.

“The NCAA is a very proud moment for the institution, the athletics department specifically, and all of our stakeholders,” said SC State athletics director Charlene Johnson upon learning of the news that the University was one of 26 schools whose athletics programs were certified by the NCAA. (Click here for full story).

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