Three Recent SC State Graduates on a Journey Together at Georgetown University

By Tameka Kenan-Norman

Melinda Washington and Shela Mainor have been friends from the start. They met during their sophomore year at SC State University. Both majored in biology and later became line sisters for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Finally, they both graduated from SC State University in May 2011. Now, they have followed each other miles away from their Santee, S.C., and Camden County, Ga., homes respectively. The two friends are at the prestigious Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Brian Gary, also a friend, biology major and SC State alumnus, decided to be a part of the journey too.

Unlike Washington and Mainor, however, Gary, a 2010 graduate of SC State who was admitted to Georgetown University on a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fellowship, doesn’t shy away from city life. “I’m familiar with the city life because I have family in New York,” says Gary. “But I guess that just being surrounded by different people and new faces can be intimidating.” Regardless of Brian’s familiarity, the three SC State graduates were admittedly trepid with their initial arrival at Georgetown University, but they all made it to the top ranking institution because of their work ethic and the preparation they received at their Alma Mater, SC State University. (Click here for full story).

SC State University Class of 1955 Supports Education Majors

By Gloria Hayes

The SC State University Class of 1955 has committed to supporting current SC State University education majors. This commitment was made during the life of the BRIDGE Project. The BRIDGE Project was a three-year program funded by the South Carolina Legislature to recruit minority high school students who live along the I-95 corridor into the teaching profession by offering them, while still in high school, access to counseling, mentoring, on-campus summer enrichment programs, and opportunities for dual enrollment at SC State University. The purpose of the program was to prepare these students to: pass PRAXIS I, the required exam to be admitted to the SC State Teacher Education Program, major in education and become future teachers in South Carolina. The Class of 1955 presented a $2,000 per year scholarship to a BRIDGE Project graduate for 2009 and 2010. Although the BRIDGE Project ended June 2010, the Class of 1955 has continued to give the scholarship to an education major who meets the set criteria. (Click here for full story).

SC State’s Kappa Upsilon Faculty Advisor Receives Highest Honor from Business Fraternity

By Ashley Elliott

It wasn’t until the very moment he heard his name called that Dr. Marion Robinson realized he was Alpha Kappa Psi’s advisor of the year. Those who accompanied him to the national convention in Phoenix, Ariz., didn’t give any notion that he would be receiving the highest honor awarded by the oldest and largest business fraternity in the U.S.

“At the banquet, we were all sitting at the table and I said we were going to the Cheesecake Factory, but they said let’s wait because we want to support other universities from South Carolina,” explained Robinson. He complied, and as the two final awards were being announced, Robinson listened while his biography was being read. Still, he didn’t realize they were speaking of him. Then his name was called. (Click here for full story).

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