Golden Key International Honour Society Inducts Over 40 High Achieving Students

By Antia L. Dawkins

Forty-two students committed to academic excellence were recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society, currently housed within SC State’s Honors College. Since founded at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga., the society has inducted more than 20,000 individuals internationally.

“Golden Key International Honour Society is an organization that recognizes students for their intellectual abilities and skills, it enables members to realize their potential through the advancement of academics, leadership and service,” said Mary White, advisor of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, Golden Key International Honour Society has been equal with excellence. It is the world’s largest honor society, and the only one to be based on a foundation of academics, leadership and service. The Honour Society strives to unlock the potential of each of its members by upholding standards of excellence on-campus and externally into the community.

During this annual ceremony, five faculty and staff members were recognized as honorary members for their leadership into the Honour Society. The five inducted were; Dr. Leola Adams, dean emerita, Antia L. Dawkins, public relations specialist, Dr. M. Evelyn Fields, interim associate vice president of faculty and programs, Dr. Marion Robinson, assistant professor of Teacher Education and Adrian Scott, development coordinator. “The honorary members are elected by the students based on their contributions to the University, their community, or personal fields. Each 2012 honorary member have been a driving force and backbone of SC State University. Their recognition was a highlight for me,” said Juan Maultsby, program manager for SC State’s Honors College.

Golden Key International Honour Society offers a number of services for its members. These include résumé and graduate program assistance, career planning, leadership opportunities, networking, and member discounts. The Honour Society offers more than $1,000,000 annually in scholarships and awards to its members along with a variety of other opportunities, both academic and career. Its core values include community service and its chapters are involved in a wide variety of volunteer projects in their local communities such as Habitat for Humanity, Terry Fox Run, Make a Difference Day, and various literacy service opportunities.

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Grice Consulting Group is pleased to announce the opening of our new branch office in Columbia, S.C. The new office will be located at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1980, Columbia, S.C., 29201.

The firm will identify and announce a principal/office manager in the coming months who will oversee this office. Until such time, John J. Funny, president and chief executive officer (CEO) will be responsible for all corporate matters. In addition to technical staff located in the Columbia office, the firm’s Atlanta Corporate office will provide support for all technical and project needs.

Opening an office in South Carolina has been a part of Grice Consulting Group’s long range strategic plan for several years. Our increased workload and client base in South Carolina has resulted in this vision becoming a reality, and it is with great pride that we make this announcement. Furthermore, John J. Funny, the firm’s president and CEO is a native of Georgetown, S.C. and has family members throughout the state. He is a graduate of SC State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology and completed Master of Science Transportation Engineering Coursework at North Carolina State University.

“We are encouraged by the positive feedback that we have received from current and potential clients regarding the opening of this office in Columbia, S.C., and we look forward to its success,” states John J. Funny, president and CEO.

About Grice Consulting Group

Founded in 1995, the company is named for the late Sadie Grice Funny, mother of the company’s CEO and President, John J. Funny. Grice Consulting Group (formerly Grice & Associates, Inc.), is a nationally recognized city/urban planning, water resources engineering, transportation and transit planning, intelligent transportation systems, traffic and transportation engineering consulting firm headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, please contact us at (404) 577-6300.

Before establishing Grice & Associates, Inc., Mr. Funny spent seven years with one of the nation’s leading engineering and planning firm, which is based in San Francisco. Assigned to the firm’s Atlanta office, he consulted with government agencies throughout the United States and abroad on city and urban planning, traffic engineering, transportation planning and transportation engineering projects. Mr. Funny was responsible for managing engineering and planning projects with budgets totaling more than $750 million dollars while employed with this international firm.
Five SC State University Speech Pathology and Audiology students, Nina McKenzie who served as the team captain, Corwyn Burrer, Chelsea Korthals, Janoah Sallie and Danielle Stewart were selected recently to represent the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) during their annual National College Bowl Competition held during the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention. The five students were chosen to represent region five, which consists of the following states: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. During the National College Bowl Competition these talented students placed third in the overall.

The National College Knowledge Bowl Competition is similar to the popular television game show, Jeopardy. In the National College Knowledge Bowl, ten teams of Speech Pathology and Audiology students from all over the country were asked questions similar to those which appear on the national examination in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Each Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist must pass this examination before they can receive ASHA certification to practice in their professions.

During the National College Bowl Competition, after the regular questions were concluded, the SC State team was in a three way tie for first place with region six, (Wichita State University) and region seven the (University of Iowa). A “Final Jeopardy” was played in order to break the tie. Because of their wager, the SC State students acquired third place at the conclusion of the competition, which made them eligible for the $500 prize.

Dr. Gwendolyn D. Wilson, SC State’s Speech Pathology and Audiology Department Chair was very proud of our students. She stated “our students have the confidence and competence to participate and perform very well in a national competition. This speaks volumes about our faculty and our Speech Pathology and Audiology Program.” Dr. Lorraine Adcox, instructor in the Speech Pathology and Audiology Program was excited about how well the five students performed during the competition. “Kudos to Nina, Corwyn, Chelsea, Janoah and Danielle and thank you to our two alternates, Carrie Fisher and Vanessa Stevenson, who were there and ready to participate if needed. The faculty, students and staff of SC State’s Speech Pathology and Audiology Program are extremely proud of all of you.”

Five Speech Pathology and Audiology Students Place Third in NSSLHA National Knowledge Bowl Competition

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(1 to r) Corwyn Burrer, Janoah Sallie, Nina McKenzie, Danielle Stewart and Chelsea Korthals

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SC State’s Interim Chief of Police
Taking Campus Security to the Next Level
By Antia L. Dawkins

In August 2012, Mernard Clarkson was appointed as the interim chief of Police at SC State University. Since named, Clarkson has directed a total review of operation to insure that the Campus Police Department continues to provide a safe and secure learning environment for the University and surrounding communities. As interim chief, he was tasked with developing and administering the safety, security and law enforcement programs at SC State. Since the beginning of the year, he has the opportunity to engage and form relationships with diverse students. He serves as a member of the Division of Student Affairs, where he provides consultation and support to students’ services through crisis prevention, crisis intervention and judicial affairs. “As interim chief of Police, having the opportunity to impact the lives of so many young people in a positive way is very important to me,” said Clarkson.

In 2013, he hopes to engage faculty, staff and students by implementing policies and procedures that will allow the chief to implement a regional law enforcement strategy that incorporates collaborations between the University’s Campus Police Department and other local, state and federal agencies. He also hopes to develop and implement new law enforcement strategies that will engage students, faculty and staff in crime fighting efforts and programs such as rape aggression defense program and the Straight Talk with the Chief Program, a program to encourage faculty, staff and students involvement and input in public safety matters, which will be held on the first and third Tuesdays at Popular Hall. Campus security is very important on all college campuses. Clarkson and SC State’s Police Department are taking control and implementing special strategies to ensure that the campus is safe and secure at all times. In the upcoming year, they hope to connect with students by implementing texting tools to report crime or suspicious activity through text a tip and several other strategies such as bike patrols to allow officers’ direct contact with students on campus, police work stations throughout campus in heavy traffic areas, evening safety transport services, and work closely with judicial affairs to establish required policy for students to have identification in their possession at all times or be fined. They also hope to assign residential officers to Andrew Hugine Suites, Jr. to deter crimes and improve security and conduct routine safety seminars. As an education tool, SC State’s Campus Police Department will host the University Police Academy, an information session for the University community to gain knowledge of about crime prevention and law enforcement issues. Also, projected in the New Year, are sector commanders, who will be assigned a sector as a liaison from SC State’s Campus Police Department who will meet with the chairpersons, deans and directors on a daily basis to ensure safety. “I would like to thank Dr. Cynthia Warrick, interim president for SC State, the trust and confidence she has entrusted in me to serve as the interim police chief and the shared vision and concern she has for public safety, the university and surrounding communities. I am fully accountable and committed to the University and the staff employed,” said Clarkson.

With over 27 years as a police officer, Clarkson has an undying passion for protecting the citizens of the state of South Carolina. He was employed with the City of Columbia’s Police Department and held several positions such as a narcotics officer and patrol sergeant. His duties included coordinating operation for a major youth initiative (KOBAN) for three community stations. He also supervised and implemented a procedure for a Community Impact Team, and conducted training for new officers. In 1999, he was named Officer of the Year for the City of Columbia’s Police Department. Prior to joining SC State, he was employed with the Orangeburg County Sheriff’s Office and held the title of major which entailed numerous duties such as community relations, professional and staff development and strategic planning.
Jerrell Moore, SC State University Alumnus Appointed as Burger King Corporation Chief Diversity Officer

By Business Wire

Burger King Corporation (BKC), a subsidiary of Burger King Worldwide, Inc. announced the appointment of Jerrell Moore, an SC State University alumnus as Chief Diversity Officer. In this role, Moore will be responsible for continuing to grow efforts in support of BKC’s four-pronged diversity and inclusion strategy focused on workforce, guests and community, franchisees and supplier diversity. “I am excited to join the leadership team in serving the guests, employees, franchisees and suppliers of the BURGER KING® brand,” said Moore. “As chief diversity officer, I plan to further the brand’s longstanding commitment to diversity by creating programs that engage and grow all of our diverse stakeholders. I look forward to working with our franchisees and community partners in ensuring that we continue to be inclusive and welcoming in every community we serve,” he continued.

Previously, Moore served as director of Diversity and Inclusion at MassMutual Financial Group, where he was responsible for developing several women leadership initiatives, overseeing employee resource groups and introducing enterprise-wide diversity training and mentoring initiatives. Prior to joining MassMutual Financial Group, Moore was the human resources manager at Nike, Inc., and also held the position of manager of diversity, EEO & Affirmative Action at CSX Transportation. Moore holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from SC State University, a historically black college and university (HBCU), as well as a Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Human Resources (MHR) from the University of South Carolina.

Jose Tomas, chief people officer for Burger King Corporation is thrilled about Moore joining the BKC team. “I am thrilled to welcome Jerrell to the BURGER KING® family and believe he has the right combination of vision and passion to help shape our diversity and inclusion efforts for the long-term,” said Tomas. “Jerrell has worked for some of the world’s most well-known brands and I am confident his experiences position him well to deliver on our vision to create meaningful diversity and inclusion programs in the communities in which we live and work,” Tomas said. As part of the company’s commitment, in 2012, BKC aggressively expanded the number of minority-owned restaurants in the United States by more than ten percent and recently selected Sanders/Wingo as the brand’s multicultural marketing agency of record.

About Burger King Corporation

Founded in 1954, BURGER KING® (NYSE: BKW) is the second largest fast food hamburger chain in the world. The original HOME OF THE WHOPPER®, the BURGER KING®system operates in over 12,600 locations serving over 11 million guests daily in 83 countries and territories worldwide. Approximately 95 percent of BURGER KING® restaurants are owned and operated by independent franchisees, many of them family-owned operations that have been in business for decades. To learn more about the Burger King Corporation, please visit the company’s website at www.bk.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
Two SC State University History Professors Receive National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship

Two SC State University history professors have received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). As a result, professors, Dr. Dior Konate and Dr. Stanley Harrold will each be on leave writing books during the 2013-2014 academic year. The fellowships are funded through the NEH’s Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program. In this program’s 2012 national competition, 110 individuals applied. Only six received fellowships. It is extraordinary that two-thirds of the awards went to two history professors employed at the same University.

Dr. Konate, associate professor of History at SC State University is a native of Senegal, will use her leave to write “Lock Up: A History of Prison Architecture and Punishment in Colonial Senegal.” This interdisciplinary study places prisons built in Senegal between 1817 and 1960 in the political context of France’s colonial rule of that West African country. Konate will investigate prison buildings’ changing forms in order to reach an understanding of how the French used architecture to control Africans. She addresses such issues as connections between prison design and types of punishment, inmates’ adaptability to prison conditions, and the legacy of the prisons in independent Senegal. She believes her scholarly effort will help to better situate Africa in global history by providing a unique comparative understanding of colonialism, architecture, and punishment. She earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in history from Cheikh Anta Diop University located in Senegal and a Ph.D. in African history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She teaches courses in African history and world history. Among her publications are: “Penal Architecture: An Essay on Prison Designs in Colonial Senegal,” “Women, Clothing, and Politics in Senegal in the 1940’s through 1950’s,” “Material Women 1750’s through 1950’s: Consuming and Collecting Practices,” “On Colonial Laws and the Treatment of Young Female Delinquents in Senegal: The Case of Leonie Gueye,” and “Sub-Saharan Africa: On the Fast Track to Women’s Political Representation.”

Harrold, professor of History at SC State University will use his leave to research and write “Persistent Impact: Abolitionist Influence on American Politics 1700-1850.” He aims to clarify the relationship between the radical American movement to abolish slavery and the country’s political system. American abolitionists first advocated general emancipation of slaves in individual British North American colonies, then in northern states, and by the 1790’s throughout the United States. But the degree of abolitionist influence on politics and government remains unclear. Harrold will focus on direct abolitionist impact on individual politicians, through petitioning, personal contact, lobbying, and party politics. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Allegheny College and a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in the 19thcentury American history from Kent State University. He teaches courses in American history. Among his recent books are “Border War: Fighting over Slavery before the Civil War,” “The Rise of Aggressive Abolitionism: Addresses to the Slaves,” “Subversives: Antislavery Community in Washington, D.C. 1828 through 1865,” and “American Abolitionists.” Harrold is also co-author with Darlene Clark Hine and William C. Hine of “The African-American Odyssey,” the leading black history textbook. First published in 2000, it is now in its 5th edition.

Professors Konate and Harrold look forward to a productive year. Their research, though on quite different topics, furthers the goal of National Endowment for the Humanities to encourage exploration of topics dealing with people in this country and around the world.
Upcoming EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 4, 2013
Obesity Kick-Off
11 a.m.
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

Friday, Feb. 6, 2013
Legislative Day
1 p.m.
Blatt Building, Room 110
The State House, Columbia, S.C.

Friday, Feb. 8, 2013
Orangeburg Massacre
Panel Discussion
10 a.m.
Dr. Barbara A. Vaughan Fine Arts Recital Hall

Friday, Feb. 8, 2013
Orangeburg Massacre
45th Commemorative Ceremony
3 p.m.
SC State University Legacy Plaza

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013
SC State University versus Savannah State University (Men’s Basketball)
Savannah, Ga.
4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013
SC State University versus Howard Bison (Softball)

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013
Transfer Day
9 a.m.
Dr. Barbara A. Vaughan Fine Arts Recital Hall

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