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SVSU PREPARE TO HOST THE YES ADVISORS CONFERENCE



Dr. Barbara Jones, YES executive and assistant professor of teacher education at SVSU, involves her class in group activities as well as individual projects in preparing them for careers in teaching.

The Young Educators Society Executive Board will collaborate with Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) to present the 2000 Advisors Conference. The conference will take place at Curtiss Hall on Thursday, November 16. Education Professor, Dr. Barbara Jones will serve as conference chairperson.

The YES Executive Board organized the conference in order to promote articulation and awareness among YES Advisors. Workshops such as "How to develop a WEB page?" "Grant Writing" and "Advisor's Orientation and Sharing" are topics that will be discussed.

FROM THE CHAIR



Dear
Colleagues,

GREETINGS FROM SAGINAW!

Those are familiar words at Saginaw Valley State University. Coming from me, the phrase still takes some getting used to. Like many of my fellow board executives, I am extremely proud to be a part of YES and the Advisors Conference of 2000.

As a guidance counselor at East Kentwood High School and a recent graduate from Western Michigan University, I am fully aware of the many challenges that impact today's education. I look forward to my year as chairperson of the YES Executive Board with great anticipation, as I hope every advisor does.

In addition, I look forward to personally meeting many of you. It is my goal to increase participation and membership through the use of the website.

It is predicted that the workforce in the education profession will decrease by 50% by the year 2002. We, as members of the YES family, must continue to undertake the challenges to attract the brightest and the best into the teaching profession.

Please call or write if I can be of any service to you. I look forward to working with you soon.

Marc Mitchell
Chairperson
YES Executive Board

YES EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The members of the Executive Board of the Young Educators Society are pleased to welcome new members to the board. The new members are:

Sharon Baskerville, Administrator for Secondary Education, Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Mary Holmes, YES Advisor/Department

Chairperson at *Crockett Technical High School, Detroit Public Schools.*

Rosie Lance-Richardson, YES Advisor/Teacher at *Jefferson/Whitter Middle School, Pontiac Public Schools.*

Connie Mitchell, Teacher Advocate/Administrator at *Detroit Public Schools.*

Mamie Thorns, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at *Central Michigan University.*

Sonya Gunnings-Moton, Assistant to the Dean for Special Projects at *Michigan State University, College of Education.*



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SEXTON STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO BECOME TEACHERS

Conference at MSU helps guide students toward teaching jobs

By Christine MacDonald

EAST LANSING – Teacher Linda Stokes watched as 15 of her students were encouraged to take over her job.

Stokes and her Sexton High School students were among almost 400 minority teenagers and instructors from across Michigan who attended the "Creating Excitement for Teaching" conference sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of Young Educators Society.

"There are no words for it," Stokes said, after listening to her students talk about their future teaching careers. "It makes us feel good that we will have good people ready to take over when we leave."

The students, selected from middle schools, high schools, and community colleges, heard from Michigan State University's top educators on the MSU campus. The sessions ranged from how

to read a book to fostering children's excitement in studying science.

The goal is to fill the nation's classrooms with a diverse group of qualified teachers, officials said. The U.S. Department of Education estimates that 2.2 million teachers will be needed in the next decade.

"A lot of these kids just don't think about teaching," said kinesiology associate professor Crystal Branta, who taught a session on young children and their motor skills.

"Because they have many more choices, we need to be more pro-active in getting the best minds."

Sexton junior Brandee Murrell said she learned how positive reinforcement can affect how children learn.

"Sometimes if you try to rush them to complete something they won't learn," Murrell said.

The Sexton students who attended the conference were members of the high school's Young Educators Society. The group, with more than 100 members at the high school, won first place at the event for their scrapbook of volunteer programs they've performed throughout the year.

Sexton junior Chris Vaughn said it is important to become a teacher so that he can be a role model to other young black men.

FINDING FUNDS FOR COLLEGE

Federal Financial Aid Makes Higher Education Affordable

As more Americans attend college than ever before, the cost of a higher education is becoming more affordable due in large part to an increase in federal support. Federal student aid has doubled from \$22 billion to \$50 billion, providing the greatest investment in higher education since the G.I. Bill.

With new and expanded loan and grant programs, tax credits, and work study opportunities, virtually anyone who wants to attend college now can afford to do so. And millions of student borrowers can benefit from lower fees when they repay their loans on time or consolidate them into the direct loan program.

New Flexible Repayments

Beginning in the 2000-01 academic year, students will be eligible for a rebate worth 1.5 percent of loans made through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program, saving borrowers \$150 for every \$10,000 in loans.

"We have worked hard to make college more affordable and accessible for students and their families during the past eight

years," said Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. The U.S. Department of Education helps to fund college costs for more than 9 million students across the country.

Students who consolidate their loans through the loan program also will receive additional savings with a new, low-interest rate that is 0.8 percent lower than what they are currently paying, saving students with \$10,000 in loans more than \$500 each. This lower rate applies to loans consolidated between October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001.

These new measures add to the current discount offered by the Department that gives a 0.25 percent interest-rate reduction to direct loan borrowers who repay their loans through electronic debit accounts.

Combined with earlier improvements in lending programs, these incentives would enable a student to save more than \$1,300 for every \$10,000 in loans.

In addition, teachers who serve in high-need areas will benefit from a new loan-forgiveness provision that waives up to \$5,000 in loans after five consecutive years of teaching at needy schools.

AMERITECH AWARDS WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY \$150,000 GRANT TO RECRUIT STUDENTS FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS

KALAMAZOO – Ameritech has awarded Western Michigan University a grant of \$150,000 to address one of the critical issues facing the nation's education system, an acute shortage of students of color entering into the teaching profession.

The grant will help WMU's College of Education, a national leader in the preparation of educators, to both recruit and retain more students in its programs. The goal is to increase the number of African American, Hispanic, and Native American teachers in the nation's schools.

"We expect this unique program to be a national model," said WMU President Elson S. Floyd. "We applaud and appreciate the commitment that Ameritech, as one of the world's leading communications companies, has made to remedy what clearly is a crisis in American education.

"This program exemplifies current knowledge regarding some of the best practices in the recruitment and retention of students," Floyd continued. "The program draws on and extends ideas that have proved successful in a wide range of higher education settings."

The grant will enable the College of Education to establish the Ameritech TEAM Program, which offers students "a personal support system as they seek to enter the teaching profession," said project director Dr. Arthur Garmon, assistant professor of teaching, learning and leadership. The acronym stands for Teacher Education Assistance for Minorities.

"TEAM's focus is both external and internal and concentrates on both recruitment and retention at both the university and college level,"

he added. "That's the multi-focus nature of the TEAM program. "TEAM leaders believe the program gives WMU's College of Education the potential for more than doubling the number of students of color who graduate from its teacher preparation programs within five years," Garmon continued. "That would mean certifying 100 or more teachers each year."



Once at WMU, TEAM members will participate in college success seminars and study groups, take some courses as a group and receive special help in developing proficiency in the use of information technology. TEAM also will create a site on the World Wide Web that will include study guides, a list of program members and a section on great minority leaders.

"Ameritech is proud to play a part in this important effort to change the face of teacher preparation and representation in West Michigan and across the country," said Robert Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan. "We have a well-established tradition of support for initiatives that address the critical issues of equity and opportunity." In addition, Ameritech has a strong tradition of giving back to the communities it serves. Last year, the company contributed nearly \$27.2 million to over 3,800 non-profit organizations. Ameritech pioneers – some 42,700 employees and retirees throughout the Midwest – volunteered 482,000 hours of community service by supporting health and human services, civic and community projects, and educational and arts programs. Ameritech provides a full range of communications services, serving millions of customers in 50 states and 40 countries.



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VISIT US ON THE WEB

YES is on line!!

Thanks to the excellent work of Dr. Regena Nelson and Deb Withee, Website masters at Western Michigan University YES new on-line page was recently created. It can be accessed at the WMU Home Page and reside at "<http://WWW.WMICH.EDU/YES>"

Eventually the network will be made available to accommodate information from local chapters.