



Minnesota Association of Black Women in Higher Education

Jambo!

National ABWHE Conference October 2010

October 2010, Los Angeles. The ABWHE Los Angeles Chapter hosted our National Conference in Los Angeles, California. The theme of the conference was *Mission Possible: Reaching New Heights in Academia*. The conference brought together several hundred members of the ABWHE and others who are committed to working to support diverse perspectives in institutions of higher education. Presentations covered broad topic areas including, diversity in higher education, teaching

and learning, health and wellness, career and professional development, and unique paths to educational progress. Thought-provoking keynote addresses were provided by



Dr. Therna Bryant Davis,
Pepperdine University, CA

demics, Dr. Therna Bryant-Davis (Pepperdine University) and Dr. Toni Yancey

two high-profile aca-

(UCLA School of Public Health). Starr Sage (University of Minnesota), Vice President of our own MN Chapter, presented on her work in the all-conference panel session. Dr. Sage's presentation was entitled, 'Increasing Diversity in Academia: A Unique Curricular Approach to Diversify the Graduate School Talent Pool.' Her presentation focused on a curriculum she developed and taught that helps to prepare students of color and first generation color students for

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What is the Promise that we hold to as Change Agents in the field of Higher Education?

As we look at the many current events occurring in our society that impact access to higher education I believe we, the MN-Chapter of ABWHE, are called as "Change Agents," to step up our game (as the kids would say) to make a difference as an organization.

In our mission statement, we outline that we are a place of reflection and support.

* What does that mean for us as we look for ways to support entry into higher education for those graduating from our K-12 school systems?

* What does that mean for us, as well look to support 1st generation college students, and Graduate level students along their journey?

Ladies, friends and families of ABWHE, I say "Let's stop and Reflect on the Promise," we have been given on so many level that is present in continuing existence as an organization.

* We are committed to the promise to build a wall of success by supporting others less fortunate in our society.

* We are committed to rebuild the wall of opportunity that has crumbled for many along the way to pursuing access to higher education.

* And, yes, we are committed to build and restore hope and faith in the Promise of a Better Tomorrow for our youth.

The Association of Black Women in Higher Education continues to meet regularly and stretch our resources to keep our Promise to the issues we face in our society. Our commitment

is shown through how we love, accept, support, care and offer direction for all in our communities interested in reflecting back to our communities the spirit that has carried through to the foundation we stand on today.

So, I leave you with a reflection of promise, that simply says "As Change Agents," ~ with faith and outreach; with hope and tenacity, we will continue to pursue and keep the promise that is the legacy embraced by the Minnesota Chapter of ABWHE at our inception.

With a blessing and care, humbly submitted by
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President's Corner: Updates and National Chapter News

I am pleased to announce a burgeoning partnership with KMOJ Radio featuring guest speakers from ABWHE. The purpose of connecting KMOJ is to increase our visibility and to further our mission. We will be doing this by joining forums and doing interviews with KMOJ.

MN ABWHE had it's first interviewed in November on the Miss Georgia Show sharing our Chapter news with the Twins Cities. Thank you KMOJ and Mr. Malcolm Samuels.

Our future hopes:
To begin a mentoring relationship with

Loveworks Academy," a Kindergarten through 8th grade public charter school, with the focus of visual and performing arts. At LoveWorks Academy for Visual & Performing Arts, we understand that art is one of the important ways students learn and interact with our world. Art is powerful in our society. The students who find their power in the arts go on to be power leaders in our society."

Our Members!

We would like to take time to recognize one of our very own making the news!

The online article can be found at <http://insightnews.com/lifestyle/7044-nelson-kaigamas-healing-virtue>

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Yvette Pye



Dr. Yvette Pye,
President of
MN ABWHE

National ABWHE in Los Angeles

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students of color and first generation color students for the graduate school admissions process. The ABWHE group was also joined and addressed by Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who shared her wisdom and thriving in academic and other settings.



(l-r) Dr. Heather Tarleton, Rep. Maxine Waters and Dr. Carson-Warner

Please consider joining us for the next National Conference, which will be held in 2012! We will keep you updated as the ABWHE begins planning for this exciting event!

Full conference proceedings and presentation abstracts can be viewed on the Los Angeles Chapter's web site: <http://abwhe-losangeles.weebly.com/newsletterfiles.html>

Respectfully submitted,

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Starr Sage, Ph.D., Vice President,

Membership Updates

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Meeting schedule for upcoming meetings will now be held at Ramsey County (RCL) in Roseville. The following schedule has been confirmed:

- February 19, 2011: 10:00-12:30 p.m.
Board Room, 2nd floor
- March 19th, 10-12:30 p.m.
Board Room, 2nd Floor

- May 21st; 10-12:30 (tentative)
Board Room, 2nd Floor

Ramsey County Library(RCL) -
Roseville
2180 N. Hamline
Roseville
651-628-6803

A map of RCL—Roseville can be found at:

<http://www.ramsey.lib.mn.us/>

Check out our new home for the MN ABWHE website!

<https://sites.google.com/site/abwheminnesotachapter/>

Upcoming Events

Reminder:

Association of Black Women in Higher Education (ABWHE) is proud to sponsor:

**Annual International Conference in
EGYPT
MAY 17- MAY 27, 2011**

<http://www.abwhe.org/ABWHE%20International%20Conference%20Egypt%202011.pdf>

STEM Equity Pipeline Webinar

Cognitive Beliefs and Cultural Variables

Matter in STEM Career Development

This webinar focuses on the relevance of cognitive beliefs and cultural variables on academic and career commitment in science and engineering.

Data from studies of underrepresented STEM populations at the undergraduate level will be presented. Examples of strategies for increasing STEM career interests, commitment to research, reinforcing STEM students' academic self-efficacy beliefs, and reducing perceived academic barriers at the individual, department, and institutional levels will be discussed.

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Time: 12PM ET, 11PM CT

Cost: FREE!

Register here:

<https://www106.livemeeting.com/lrs/8001043798/Registration.aspx?pageName=548sl3k8d45t8bfr>



Presenter: ANGELA M. BYARS-WINSTON, Ph.D., Director of Research Initiatives, School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Women's Health Research.

Our Special Thanks to Karla Davis!

Karla Davis, our webmaster-in-chief is beginning a new journey and position very CHILLY Chicago, which began in January 2011. Here is her note to all of us...

From Karla Davis:

As some of you may know, I recently accepted a position in Chicago, so I'll be

moving out of the state next month. I'll be a researcher at [Feeding America](#), the national hunger relief organization.

Living in Chicago will put me closer to family in Detroit, the Chicago suburbs, and Indianapolis. I've truly enjoyed being involved with ABWHE and being surrounded by such great, supportive women.



Minnesota Association of Black Women in Higher Education

The Minnesota Chapter of ABWHE was founded in 2000.

The Association of Black women in Higher Education creates space for professionals and personal development of its members and allows them to connect, support and commit their talents and expertise in promoting positive outcomes for their communities. Please visit us at <https://sites.google.com/site/abwheminnesotachapter/>

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New Research, Programs Requested

AAUW Seeking Successful Programs in STEM for Women at Community Colleges

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is conducting a research project to examine best practices in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education for women in community colleges. AAUW will analyze existing research literature on women in community colleges in STEM and produce case studies of 5-7 programs that have been successful in recruiting, retaining and helping women

complete STEM programs in community colleges.

The case studies will highlight institutional factors (program practices in outreach, recruitment, and retention, for instance) that contribute to female students' success. AAUW is interested in both terminal and transfer programs, including 2yr-4 yr joint programs, in academic and vocational fields and invites submissions of exemplar programs.

Please provide a contact person for each program to research-aauw@aauw.org. For more information contact Andresse

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