

NSF STARS Alliance
Student Leadership Corps Conference
August 7 – 11, 2006
Atlanta, Georgia

Conference Moderator: Nate Thomas

Monday, August 7, 2006

Meeting Location: Technology Square Research Building (TSRB), Room 132

6:00 PM

Dinner and Conference Opening Session

Getting Started, Laying the groundwork, presenting the Big Picture, Teresa Dahlberg

- Welcome
- Intro to BPC STARS Purpose and how the SLC fits into the Big Picture
- Overview of conference Goals
- Putting it all in perspective: *Computing Yesterday, Now, and its Future*, Dr. Mladen Vouk
- Housekeeping details: ground rules for participants; breakfast; starting time for Tuesday morning, How the (Cross Team) groups were formed, etc.

Community and Team Building Ice Breakers

Coordinated by Vickie Suggs and Jason Black

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Meeting Location: TSRB 132

8:30 AM

General Session: SLC Role Clarification, Tiffany Barnes

- Expectations
- Project examples from programs
- Q's & A's
- Purpose of Home Team Meeting Times in Schedule and Friday morning presentations to be made by home teams

Home Team Meeting Session I Breakouts

10:15 AM

Break

10:30 AM

Know Your Colors - This activity is designed to complement Myers-Briggs and Kiersey's work and not only give you insight into your own personal style but how to more effectively interact with people of different styles or "colors". Vickie Suggs

Noon

Lunch with Industry speakers Beverly Seay, VP and Karen Penn, VP and Director of Corporate Diversity, Science Applications International Corporation. (SAIC is the largest employee-owned research and engineering company in the United States.) Please get your lunch and enjoy – their *Advice and Lessons Learned* talk will begin promptly at 12:30 PM in the large meeting room, TSRB 132.

1:30 PM

Diversity in IT/Computing Environments Exploring stereotypes through Traditional American Values (The Miseducation of Generation X) Dr. Nate Thomas

- 3:30 PM **Break**
- 3:45 PM **Realities and Myths of Women and Minorities in Leadership** (and how this applies to IT environments) Vickie Suggs
- Dinner** **Millenium Restaurant – complimentary hotel dining** Group reservation plan TBA
- Evening:**
- **Evening activity options TBA**

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

Meeting Location: TSRB 132

- 9: 00 AM **General Session: Info on Topics and Registration for Thursday concurrent sessions**
- 9: 15 AM **Being an Effective IT Leader: Things you need to learn on your journey**
Mladen Vouk will share his perspective on technically related knowledge that is important to success in IT and computing industry leadership.
- 10:00 AM **Student Breakout groups in Cross Teams** for discussion, processing his session, and preparation of questions for the panel. (Structure to be led by facilitators)
- 10:15 AM **Break**
- 10:30 AM **Industry Panel** : Hear perspectives regarding managing inclusion in different IT corporate environments; Q's and A's; Hear about career opportunities too!
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00PM **"The Why behind the What" in Leadership** Dr. Shanavius Evans, Total Systems, Inc.
- 2:00 PM **More on Leadership** Dr. Shanavius Evans, Total Systems, Inc.
- 3:00 PM **Home Team Meeting: Session II**
- 4:00 PM **Poster session:** Info session to highlight Individual schools/programs/research area highlights
- Dinner** **Millenium Restaurant – complimentary hotel dining** Group reservation plan TBA
- 8:00 PM **Evening at the GT Student Center Games Room: Bowling, billiards, DDR, and more. Free ice cream sundaes. Cross team karaoke competition starts at 10:00 PM!!** See map for location and directions. Bus transportation will be provided for the return trip.

Thursday August 10, 2006

Meeting Location: TSRB 132

9:00 AM **General Session**

9:30 AM **Concurrent Sessions** – participants choose one from each time block and sign up

Options for Session A: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

- Delivering Effective Presentations (Lockheed Martin)
- Promoting Yourself (Lockheed Martin)
- Visit to the Aware Home
- The Whys and Hows of Grad School. Moderated by Andrea Lawrence.
- Leadership: An Art of Possibility

Options for Session B: 10:45 – 11:45 AM

- Time Management (Lockheed Martin)
- No Experience? Not True! Resume Writing Tips (Lockheed Martin)
- Overcoming the Imposter Syndrome
- Visit to the Aware Home
- Leadership: An Art of Possibility

Noon **LUNCH**

1:00 PM **Mentoring – Dr. Nate Thomas**

2:30 PM **Concurrent Sessions: Computing Possibilities...Cool Research Projects**

Schedule will be distributed and sign-ups organized on Wednesday. You'll be able to choose from a variety of possibilities.

4:45 PM **Break**

6:00 PM **Dinner with Key Note Speaker Blair Marks, Lockheed Martin: "Leadership and Inclusion in the Technology Corporate Environment"**
Dinner is sponsored by Lockheed Martin

8:00 PM **Home Team Meeting: Session III**

Friday, August 11, 2006

Meeting Location: TSRB 132

9:30 AM **Home Team Presentations of Goals/Projects**
Next Steps and next year's conference – Teresa
Closing activity
Evaluation