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Governor Asa Hutchinson and Shorter College President O. Jerome Green

Believing in Possibilities and Second Chances

By Kim Lockhart
Editor

Shorter College believes in second chances, and through its Special Projects and Sponsored Programs, many lives are transformed. Stormy Cubb oversees these divisions where initiatives, such as the Second Chance Pell Grant, offer incarcerated men and women an afforded opportunity to achieve a lifelong goal. Shorter College is one of three HBCU's and one of sixty-nine institutions to participate in the national experiment, allowing 268 men and women incarcerated at five Arkansas Correctional facilities through the Arkansas Community Correction and the Arkansas Department of Correction to obtain a college degree while incarcerated.

On November 30, 2018, Shorter College held its first Second Chance Pell commencement ceremony at the Arkansas Department of Correction's Wrightsville Unit, honoring 25 men and women with an Associate of Arts Degree. Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson gave the commencement address, who according to Cubb, "initiated Act 1190, which is a re-entry initiative to help guide a person's release to continue resources and services to continue success in the free world."

Shorter College Board of Trustees (BOT), institutional executive leaders, administrators, faculty and staff, along with the

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Shorter College builds a future using technology

By Cekita Mason, Literacy Staff
and Sergio Garcia, Feature Writer

We can all agree that the world is changing at an incredible speed. We live in an era of knowledge and innovation, and Shorter College is following in pursuit. In the fall 2018 semester, Shorter College launched its newest learning tool platform: eBooks. Students were also issued a 10" Lenovo tablet to ensure they have

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STAY CONNECTED



Letter from the Editor



Greetings to the entire constituency of Shorter College!

It is that time of year again where we watch the perennials and sunflowers bloom from a long winter's dormant; we watch the graduating class as they shuffle across the campus to finalize those last minute requisites. We celebrate the efforts of our Default Management Taskforce resulting in a preliminary decreased cohort default rate (CDR). We witness and marvel at new beginnings, as faculty and administrators strategize and plan for the new 2019-2020 academic year. We are elated by the outpouring of support from Little Rock and North Little Rock city leaders, local and state agencies, neighboring communities, the Shorter College Board of Trustees and the African Methodist Episcopal Church for their support of the College's upward mobility. We thank you!

From year to year, we strive to achieve institutional goals, ensuring every Shorter College student has received the best guidance and are equipped with the instructional frameworks necessary to conquer the next stage in life. Whether the graduate will attend a four-year institution, launch that business plan, serve as a Chaplin or public service official, or provide for family and children to some degree, we are hopeful that each student utilizes all their faculties and continues to pursue life's journey with vigor.

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates! We salute you on your road to possibility. The

road may have appeared unlevelled at times and the light seemed dim, but through it all, you persevered, holding on to that dream and perhaps your faith, for this is what brought you through, over and out. Stay humble and seek God's face in all that you aspire.

Congratulations to the 2019 Mr. and Miss Shorter College. For this role is designed to socially and professionally shape your perspectives and guide you in modeling the 4 C's – Competency, Character, Culture and Citizenship.

Shorter College continues to experience success through partnerships and outreach initiatives. We celebrate the efforts of administrators of Sponsored Programs, the achievements of men and women graduates at Arkansas Community Correction and the Arkansas Department of Correction. We anticipate the unveiling of robust technology advancements and innovations spearheaded by the department of Academic Affairs for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Nevertheless, all of these achievements would not have been possible without help from the most high, who granted the collaborative team effort and the engagement of every division, department, faculty member and student working together to fulfill the mission of the institution and the needs of our constituents.

Thank you,
Kim Lockhart



Barack Obama
44th President of the United States

Quotes of the Month

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."

"Change will not come if you wait for some other person or other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change we seek."

A Journey of Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" Hebrew 11:1(KJV)

By Kim Lockhart
Editor

It is her faith walk that keeps Kanesha Oates' eye on the prize. Miss Oates is a single mother to her son, Reggie, and daughter, Karlei, who are the center of her life. Before her arrival to Shorter College, she had experienced all the ca-veats of defeat, from losing her job and home-stead, to living in her car, but it is undoubtedly her faith and spiritual enlightenments that kept her grounded and focused. "On this journey, I have always told myself I would give my kids the opportunities that I didn't have and pave the way for them," said Oates. Those concentra-tions proved worthy as she is well on her way to making a huge impact for her two children, herself and the world at large.

After graduating from Shorter College, she plans to attend the UAMS dental school to become a doctor of dental surgery. Her quest to become a dental surgeon is at arm's reach; she recently was awarded the Single Parent Schol-arship, a comprehensive scholarship program in Pulaski County founded on the principles of providing scholarships, nurturing families and creating new futures. "I attended a SWEP (School Work Experience Program) meeting and learned about the scholarship. I was skept-ical at first because I had never applied for a scholarship and I didn't have the confidence. I was intimidated by the 500 word essay," Oates said. "I just knew someone may have a better story than me."

Though she was reluctant, she prayed and per-severed. Oates completed the application and information gathering process in time to submit her scholarship packet 24 hours before the deadline. She was astonished to learn just days later that her application had been accepted and the next phase was the interview. "Thank you, Lord! I was so happy, and I am still excited. I am happy because of my faith, and all the great things that are happening," she said. This experience was truly a testament of her faith.

Oates plans to use the scholarship to further her education in dental school. "This scholarship



"Through my experience, I realized that everything I went through was for a reason." Kanesha Oates, Shorter College Sophomore

will allow me to go after my dreams. When I was growing up, I always had a fascination with going to the dentist," she said. Last year, she participated in a two-week, hands-on experi-ence at UAMS where she served as an assistant to dental residences. "It is amazing to witness people's lives being transformed through dentistry and to be a part of that experience for them is no doubt where I'd like to spend time, making people feel good about themselves and their smile."

Make no mistake about it, Oates sees each op-portunity as part of the plan on her journey, just as her effort to attend college when the weight of the world was thrust on her. She realizes the setbacks or trials were only part of her spiritual growth and her purpose in life; she knows both past and present struggles will only strengthen her to be a better mother, person, daughter, student and peer to fellow students at Shorter.

Aside from studying and parenting, during the summer months, she spends time volunteering at River City Dentistry and local churches and food pantries in Central Arkansas. It is obvious Oates has a bright future ahead. Her faith and compassion for serving others exemplifies she innately has a true calling on her life.

Access to the Path of Possibility

By Kim Lockhart
Editor

Davon McCoy spearheads the Office of Career Services, and he is no stranger to organizing and advocating for the good of people and their communities. He is an experienced community and political advocate, having served for a number of political leaders and city and state agen-cies in the Central Arkansas region. Mr. McCoy believes in the future of Shorter College and hopes to add to the success of the institution by unveiling resources and services that cater to the needs of the College and its constituents.

Career readiness of college graduates is an important issue in higher educa-tion, the labor market, and the public arena. Making life altering connections and engaging with students is pivotal to that success, primarily as it ties into student learning and degree attainment. According to McCoy, preparedness is part of the plan. "We see a future where our students are trained in the field of career readiness and become trained in all those skills, such as resume building, interviews, networking. But the overall



goal is that each one of our students has an opportunity to move into an intern-ship with a company that is within their field or a potential job opportunity," said McCoy.

McCoy directs the program single handedly and makes himself accessible to students and members of the College through an open door policy and campus presentations. He understands that for most college students, securing that dream job after graduating is one of the facets of degree attainment, and having an acute program to connect students is an integral goal career services. "Our alumni is definitely a good base for us to reach out to for support in terms of potential job opportunities. This is a great vision...an overall BIG VISION and it will

take time to get there," said McCoy. Yet he aims to infuse training through institution at orientation courses and host events, such as 'mixers' where stu-dents can engage and get involved. "In-corporating effective speakers that can come in and are attractive that students may say, 'That may be someone I can sit down and talk with and possibly work it, and they continue to stay in the session.'"

Essentially, students who commit to the program will receive a dual certification from each entity in which they have invested time and energy. The Arkan-sas Disability, Department of Arkansas Workforce and Goodwill Career Services are current partners that contribute to our career readiness training. "Of course, all of our students will go through and receive a Career Readiness Certificate, and having received that training and cer-tification makes them more competitive in the job market. Collectively, we see this as a double win for students and each entity," said McCoy.

The Office of Career Services is tempo-rarily located on the first floor of the Sher-man Tyree Building. Hours of operation 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday.

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Shorter College: The Latino Destination

By Sergio Garcia
Student Writer

Shorter College has stepped up its game to support all Latino students. Shorter College implemented a plan to match a scholarship from the League of United American Citizens also known as LULAC. Since 1929 LULAC has focused on education which allows more Latinos to receive a high-quality education. Along with the financial support, Shorter has many different activities and programs to help the students achieve their goals. Karla Ramirez and Jose Palma both now attend Shorter College. "I like how it's so small; everybody knows everybody and in bigger schools everyone doesn't know everyone. There are 6 Latinos and if we had more, we would make it more diverse," said Ms. Ramirez.

On September 28, 2018, at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center, LULAC held its annual gala recognizing the 55 local college students who were awarded the scholarship. LULAC of Arkansas has awarded more than 700 scholarships to many students attending either universities or colleges across the nation. An estimated \$850,000 has been provided in financial assistance to Latino scholars who attend both undergraduate and professional schools. LULAC has been a blessing for many Latino people.

LULAC, along with Shorter College, empowers Latinos to continue toward a higher education by creating opportunities and helping students on their path toward success. Six scholarship recipients are now attending local universities and colleges in the state of Arkansas. Karla Ramirez, who was awarded and now attends Shorter College said, "I was going to pay for school out of my own pocket because



Diana Guevara, Sophomore & 2018-19 Miss Shorter College and Alexandria Tillman, Sophomore & 2019 Spring Graduate

I cannot get financial aid because I am not from here." This is a challenge Latinos face, and unfortunately, it stops many from continuing education.

As a minority there may be many challenges, but with the support of Shorter College, Latinos have the tools to achieve their goals. This opportunity makes it possible and encourages individuals to press forward and remain committed. "It gave me a little push to start school. You don't know what's going to happen," Ms. Ramirez said. LULAC has provided help to 450 students in 19 years. The Arkansas Latino community has grown to 222,000 and is listed as a progressive population that is hard working and bright. The thought of starting school and paying out-of-pocket scares many people. LULAC and Shorter College make it possible for individuals to receive benefits and to continue to fulfill the dream to have a better life.

In addition to sponsored programs, Shorter College provides free on-site tutoring that guides students through

various learning stages. To ensure each student's learning needs are met, literacy tutors are highly recommended to attend an all-day certification training with Literacy Action of Central Arkansas, which "teaches adults and families reading and English-language skills." According to Literacy Action, "The immigrant population in the Central Arkansas area has grown rapidly in recent years," and since 2015, Shorter College has provided educational access to Latino students who wish to advance their educational pathway. Shorter College literacy tutors assist students in various subjects, with greater emphasis or concentration in literacy, math, and science to ensure the students are equipped with the tools necessary to academic success. The College continues to provide support services to propel students' academic endeavors, by assigning each student a Life Coach. The College definitely puts it students first. "Everyone is friendly, and you know everyone. It's a fun place to be," said Mr. Palma.

Black History Month: An HBCU Experience

By Kim Lockhart
Editor

In February, across the globe, Americans recognize Black History Month through emphasis week, symposiums, history reenactments and celebratory events that recapture the essence of African-American ancestry. And on many HBCU campuses, speeches are orated, and activities are carried out to reflect on historic moments from the past and to provide a newer generation a glimpse of the plight of black culture. This pays homage to black men and women trailblazers for their fight, their contributions and inventions that have left imprints in American society.

Each year Shorter College recognizes the essence of black history campuswide and during weekly chapel assembly. To start, the Shorter College Poetry Club, Iron Sharpens Iron, comprised of a group of talented and gifted aspiring student leaders, conducts a theatrical reenactment of the lives of AG Gaston, who was an American businessman who established a number of businesses in Birmingham, Alabama, and who played a significant role in the struggle to integrate Birmingham in 1963; Annie Malone, an African-American businesswoman, inventor and philanthropist and one of the first African-American women (after Madam C.J. Walker) to become a millionaire; and Gwendolyn Brooks, a poet, author, and the first African American to receive the Pulitzer. There were many men and women who were relentless in their efforts to ensure equality was extended to all people of color.

A series of events are exhibited throughout the campus during Black History Month. Librarian, Jennifer Ravnell, presented a meet-the-author symposium for Latoya Geter-Shockley, an uprising motivational writer who is promoting her first book, *The Recipe of a Godly Woman*. A book signing followed the session where students, faculty and members of the



Iron Sharpens Iron Student Book Club members: Brian Neal, Briana Toler, Jamie Griffin, Nicole Evans and Joe Brown

community engaged in a Q & A session.

Shorter College adjunct Edna Ricks and students enrolled in Arkansas and American History classes hosted their annual Black History program as a tribute and mid-semester prelude to historic emphasis with speakers, presenters and momentous events. This year's event included the Sylvan Hills Middle School Vox Chorale, who graced the campus to perform musical selections. Several guest speakers, including Dr. Michelle R. Smith, Director of the Arkansas Department Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Reverend Kevin "Coop" Cooper, Director of Development at Philander Smith College, and Roger Swift, CEO of Swift Enterprises, paid tribute to the triumphs of Black America.

The final resolution of an HBCU experience was a production which captured *God's Trombone: Seven Sermons in Verse* epic poems by James Weldon Johnson. The two-part production represented "what the author called an 'art-governed expression' of the traditional black preaching style." Beginning with an introductory prayer, "Listen, Lord—A Prayer," and seven verse sermons entitled "The Creation," "The Prodigal Son," "Go Down Death—A Funeral Sermon," "Noah Built the Ark," "The Crucifixion," "Let My People Go," and "The Judgment Day," were some of the epic poems students, alumni, faculty, staff and community member brought to life, raising the awareness and spirit of such a time

that is to be always be remembered and embraced.

In addition, executive leaders and administrators arranged for students to attend several off-campus events, which highlighted or focused on HBCU experiences and the impact of black entrepreneurship and diversity. At least a dozen Shorter College students had the opportunity to attend and participate in panel discussions that impact citizens in the community and around the globe.

As an institution of higher learning with a heritage that dates back to 1886, Shorter College has the power to strengthen communities, the power to march forward, the power to forge a new future, the power to challenge perceptions, the power to create second chances, and the power to improve lives. "History isn't reserved for black and white photos covered in dust. We have the power to make history with every song recorded, and with every barrier broken. History is alive and we make it every day," said Lonnie Bunch, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

In the 21st century, Shorter College continues to contribute to making a difference by providing accessible, affordable and high-quality education for students to accomplish their academic goals by offering programs that meet the learner's needs in a challenging and nurturing Christian environment (Shorter College Mission).

STUDENT POLL



92%

of students agreed that Cengage/eBooks are preparing students for online courses.



8%

of students disagreed that Cengage/eBooks are preparing students for online courses.

Do you feel that Cengage (eBooks) is properly preparing students for online courses?



Brian Neal

Basic Studies major,
2nd-year Shorter College student

"It's a big improvement from last year."



Beverly Aron

Christian Leadership major,
2nd-year Shorter College student

"At first I didn't like it because of connection problems. Now I am beginning to accept it."



Sue Clark

Basic Studies major,
2nd-year Shorter College student

"I like the new version and prefer it over the books as long as they keep the quality of the tablets the same. I'm old-fashioned and am used to hard books but eBooks have been easier for me. I hope Shorter could offer a choice to have a tablet or regular books because it's some students who have trouble working the tablets, but as for me, my choice is Cengage."

DID YOU KNOW?

Mrs. Patricia Butler's dad wrote the Alma Mater for Shorter College.

Shorter College's first session had approximately 109 students enrolled in 1886.



2019 Martin Luther King Living Legacy Award Recipients

Living Legacy Award

By Kim Lockhart

Editor

Hundreds gathered in the Philander Smith College Kendall Center to honor individuals, organizations, foundations and governments agencies with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Living Legacy Awards. The Central Arkansas Sphinx Foundation, Inc. and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 19th gathering to salute men and women, institutions of higher learning, and academic scholars throughout Central Arkansas for their efforts and contributions to a progressive society. Among the recipients were Shorter College, its sister schools — Arkansas Baptist College and Philander Smith College — and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). These historically black colleges have provided access and quality education opportunities to thousands of students across the continent. Shorter College President, O. Jerome Green, recognized the essence of a living legacy in his acceptance speech: "In Black America, in the 21st century, is to create that net, so that the scars of institutional and systematic racism can be removed and the masses of our people can have the opportunity to be emotionally and socially equipped, to receive and benefit from an academic education, and to compete in the 21st century society."

Fellow Living Legacy Award recipients include, Anthony Malik Powell, a junior at Philander Smith College and a young man of "high Christian values" who foresees a future as an accountant and photographer. The Art Porter Music Education (APME) gained notoriety for its engraved roots in American culture, social and economic justice. APME is "committed to inspiring the next generation of musicians, whether as educators, performers or producers, to explore non-traditional opportunities, and creating interactive ways to inspire communities and future generations."

Donna Terrell, a vivacious advocate, champion and warrior in a quest to fight against colon cancer, was recognized for her relentless fight to "bring awareness to reduce the negative effects of this community health issue." When she is not anchoring primetime news on Fox 16, she continues that fight through Yoga Warriors, a campaign launched in honor of her daughter who lost her battle with colon cancer.

The Honorable Kathy Webb, a woman of fortitude and resilience, is revered for her unwavering spirit and advocacy for social justice for all. Through the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Honorable Webb brings hope to families and communities around the world. In addition, several Little Rock School District high school seniors — Elli-

son Dison (Sylvan Hills High School), Jalen Buck (Parkview High School) and Andre Edwards (Central High School) — were awarded the Living Legacy Scholarship for their commitment toward scholastic engagements and humanitarianism.

Mayor elect Frank Scott extended a warm, congratulatory remark that encouraged recipients to continue to "make leaps and bounds in your field and careers." "We as a people must learn together as brothers and sisters We must be intentional in our intersectionalities and how we live amongst one another. And as we continue to unite this city, moving us from being disconnected to connected, it takes each of us to get uncomfortable; it takes each of us to set our dinner tables, to make sure our dinner tables look different every time we go to dinner so that we can learn other perspectives...because we all have work to do," said Scott.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Living Legacy Awards recognizes "individuals, foundations, organizations, and agencies who exemplify the non-violent work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," and in the 21st century, we as a people must not forget the charge imparted to America on August 28, 1963 in Washington, D.C. from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial by Dr. King. We as a nation of people must continue the work and not give up.

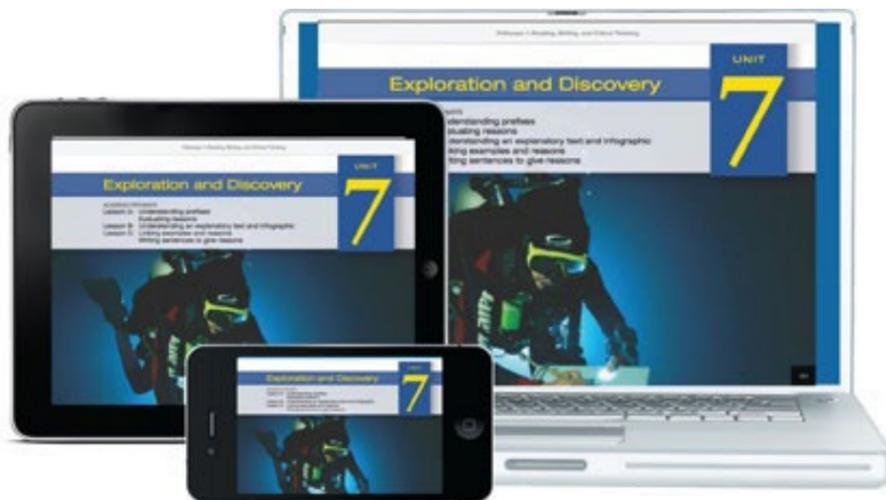
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access to their books and the classroom learning environment. "Using eBooks has made it easier to obtain books and it prepares Shorter College and students for a future of online courses" said Marilyn Hayes, a freshman student. The eBooks platform creates a pedagogy and delivery mode that adds to the classroom interaction, making the learning practicums more engaging.

Cengage Learning is the eBook platform the College uses to ensure access is provided to its students and faculty. According to Miss Shorter College, Diana Guevera, "The eBooks, especially Cengage, help our students at Shorter College tremendously. First, instead of carrying five different books for five different classes, you only need either a tablet, a laptop or a cell phone so that you can have access all your books. Not only that, Cengage offers unlimited resources if you need them." The first phase of the transition encountered a few drawbacks, but nothing the College could not remedy. Shorter College saw the need to improve technological infrastructures to support increased technology usage across the campus. Miss Guevera said, "It's definitely better now and a lot of students the first year where a bit afraid of change because a lot of students are not used to using technology. With the help of tutors and teachers and other students in the same classroom, we have learned to adapt and embrace the new era of tablets."

Not only is Shorter College moving into the future with this innovative decision, it is also preparing students for a successful life, teaching the importance of getting out of comfort zones, and also preparing students in using problem solving skills. Cengage, a leader in the industry, "creates learning experiences that build confidence and momentum toward the future students want" (2019) and its online platforms provide options for our traditional and nontraditional students



that desire standard textbook; students can rent a paperback textbook at a very low cost. Miss Guevera said "That one way to help our students who are not comfortable yet with the tablets, would be to offer them free hard copies in tutoring sessions during school hours. The tablets are here to stay, so if you want to be more adaptable once you go to a four-year institution, then here is the opportunity. Many institutions are moving in this direction as well. We should adapt to this delivery method and all learn instead of complaining. At Shorter College, we are a family; whether it's teachers, staff, or students, you always have that person you can ask when you have any questions or doubts."

In addition, students are no longer burdened with costly, big, bulky books. Some textbooks were used and cost as much as newer ones, but not the eBooks. All students need is a sleek case to protect and secure their tablet, giving them easy mobility between classes and access to the most up to date information. Dottie Racy, a freshman, enjoys the benefits of the new tablets and eBooks. "It helps out a lot and it gives students an opportunity to have a hands-on experience instead of carrying or losing a book; having so many

books installed on a device makes it a great resource for the students," said Racy. She adds that tablets are much better in quality and size over last year's.

As with any environment with multiple technology users, the Wi-Fi is subject to run a little slow. "When you have so many students trying to get on Wi-Fi, this may cause problems for students on campus; the Wi-Fi connection could be stronger. I know then the eBooks experience would be better for the students," said Ms. Racy.

She would encourage anyone to attend Shorter College where quality faculty and staff are here for the students and they [faculty and staff] want the students to do well. "Many instructors here are 'hands on' and want what is best for the students. If they come to Shorter College, they would get a great education," she said.

Cengage and eBooks have arrived and are here to stay; the eBooks provide valuable tools such as flashcard, videos, even an audio reader. Technical support service is available on campus and through a 24-hour phone support system. Shorter College's future is bright as it moves forward in an innovative and ever-changing world.

Second Chances

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graduates' families, honored the men and women who were dedicated and worked diligently to achieve one of the greatest milestones in life. "I applaud your well-earned accomplishment and for making family and friends proud," said Bishop Michael Mitchell, BOT Chairman. President Jerome Green also extended congratulations to the graduates noting they have "earned the right of passage to enter into the college or university of your choice to complete a baccalaureate degree or into the workplace as you contemplate our future endeavors."

Possessing a college degree affords the opportunity for re-entry students to explore uncharted territories. Wherefore, Shorter College has established a platform to assist its students at being productive and competitive upon release. "Incorporating innovation for them allows them to have exposure to

technology so when they re-enter into society...they are able to function and are familiar with technological devices and trends," said Cubb. Equivalent pedagogy instruction and curriculum methods that are administered at the main campus are also administered to students at the correctional facilities. "Technology integration is a step and forward thinking," said Cubb. This educational practicum allows faculty and students to experience current learning practices and delivery methods.

"The quality of education inside the facilities is not diminished and faculty are so creative with the lesson itself to promote and get students used to technology," said Cubb. Just as on the main campus, Second Chance Pell students are given a tablet for classroom activities and as a reading device; however, at the facilities, students do not have access to the internet and the devices are collected

to ensure courses are downloaded for the upcoming semester," said Cubb.

The phenomenal work taking place at the correctional facilities would not be possible without the support of an extraordinary staff. Andrea Rideout serves as a site coordinator, who oversees the administration of technology devices at all Second Chance sites. Angela Crutchfield and Valerie Baker are main campus administrators who coordinate and assist site coordinators to ensure students and faculty have access to curriculum and information resources and services. On the main campus, the team provides additional resources and services to "help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients get a job or helps them receive education and training that can lead to a job" and the internal Project Success program offers paid internships to qualifying full-time students who are eligible.

LITERACY CORNER



The Literacy Advocacy program continues to help students improve their reading, writing, and math skills at all stages of their college experience. Our mission is to ensure every student at Shorter College is supported to achieve individual excellence, develop mastery of content, and to become a superlative citizen. We advance our efforts to provide supplemental academic support to enhance basic skills readiness for reading and writing proficiency through one-on-one conferences, where constructive feedback is offered to guide students through various genres of writing projects.

From a visit, students gain a better understanding of the assignments and what they aim to accomplish in the writing project or paper. Essentially, literacy staff help students understand their purpose, why they are writing, then approach understanding the audience, which is not always the instructor, and by doing such, increase their chances of finding their own voice and writing style. For math and science courses, students can experience one-on-one conferences or a group session with

experienced mathematicians and physics and chemistry graduate students. We hope to instill knowledge that prepares students to become self-sufficient and confident in their educational endeavor. Wherefore, we continue to evaluate existing campus learning communities and how the College can strengthen program resources by implementing innovative (or research-based) academic service programs and practices.

Literacy staff are eager to serve through our walk-in policy; however, for students seeking a more private session, feel free to make an appointment.

To further ensure students' needs are met, we are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated students to serve as Literacy Tutors for the fall 2019 semester. Tutors gain invaluable experience by: working with other students, participating in community and campus literacy initiatives, and becoming certified literacy tutors (recognized by the state). Hours of operation for the fall 2019 semester are 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. See Mrs. Lockhart and Mr. Egwim for more information about this opportunity.

SHORTER COLLEGE

2019 CALENDAR

May 1: Cinco de Mayo Student Recruitment Festival, @ 10am-2pm, Shorter College Gymnasium

May 9: Second Chance Pell - ADC Graduation, @ 11am, Malvern, AR

May 9: Shorter College 2019 Baccalaureate Ceremony, @ 6pm, Bethel AME, NLR

May 11: Shorter College 2019 Commencement, @ 10am, Henry Belin Health Complex

May 16-17: Summer I Registration Begins

May 20: Summer I Classes Begin

May 21: Summer I Registration Ends

May 27: Memorial Day Observed, Campus Closed

June 25-26: Summer II Registration Begins

June 27: Summer II Registration Ends; Classes Begin

August 21: Fall Registration (Late Registration)

August 26: Fall Registration Ends

August 9: Shorter College Alumni Association Golf Tournament, @ 8am, Burns Park, NLR



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