Shorter College Joins in the Fight against Opioids

Opioid use in America is a national crisis.

Entrepreneurial Studies Student Receives Scholarship

Congratulations to Jerome Morgan

2020 MLK Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration

Shorter College Joins in the Fight against Opioids

Opioid use in America is a national crisis.
By Kim Lockhart

Shorter College joins the discussion on opioid overdose with the University of Arkansas Medical Science (UAMS), Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to bring awareness of the opioid epidemic and the impact on the mortality rate among Americans. Opioid overdose has annihilated communities and continues to destroy humanity unless invasive prevention methods are acted upon. Opioid use in America is a national crisis impacting the mortality rates among Americans; it has surpassed other leading cause of deaths, such as car accidents, cancer and AIDS. In July of 2019, Shorter College welcomed Dr. Nicholas Zoller, Director of Global Health at the University of Arkansas Medical Science (UAMS) and Dr. Jerome Ngundue, with Arkansas Department Health, who presented a cascade of research on the worldwide epidemic.

“That is why we are here. We own the solution. That solution is our mission. This is a journey and we are passionate. Our passion is our mission. As we are to continue forward, please think on this: Scope is hope,” said Dr. Ngunde.

Bridging the Gap through Intervention and Prevention

Entrepreneurial Studies Student Receives Scholarship

Jerome (JB) Morgan, Entrepreneurial Studies student on receiving a $1,000 scholarship from the African American Coalition (AACA).

AACA is a non-partisan collaboration of African-American civic, social, professional, service and community organizations with a goal “to educate and engage African Americans in the local, state and national political process.”
Vision and Focus for 2020: All About the People
By: Paisley Boston

“We are the miracle on Locust Street,” said President O. Jerome Green in a recent interview outlining his vision for the 2020 school year. The College is set to implement the following initiatives: dual and concurrent enrollment, distance learning, a new program major (computer analytics) and phase three of the campus beautification project.

The educational initiatives are set to launch Fall 2020 and the ongoing beautification project consists of wrought iron fencing around the campus, a digital marquee and new parking lots.

The College has accreditation for dual and concurrent enrollment and is currently working with an accreditor to attain approval for distance learning and computer analytics.

Green feels that the College’s goals for the upcoming year are conceivable because of his faculty and staff. “The business at Shorter College is education and you cannot do that without teachers,” he said. “Faculty and staff play a huge role in the overall vision and success of Shorter College. Teachers cannot deliver an educational product without support staff; it’s all about the people.”

He also said that the College is about access and opportunity but also success. “We provide people with an opportunity to move from a place of impossibility to a place of possibility,” added Green.

He is remarkably proud of the milestones in which Shorter has accomplished but enrollment is the dearest to him. “We grew from 4 to 400, from no full-time faculty to more than 10 full time faculty, from 4 to 5 employees to over 100 employees, from a budget of $300,000 per year to a budget of $6 million dollars per year,” said Green.

He also said Shorter College is presently in a metaphorical point of possibility which embodies a moment of greatness in education for Little Rock and for African American people.
In today’s world of fast-paced, multi-tasking and high-level stress, there is a great need for self-care management and to assess your overall health and wellness. It is vitally important to maintain wellness check-ups, both medically and holistically.

One of the major keys to overall health and wellness is the balance of the Wellness Wheel (Will). The Wellness Wheel consist of eight (8) components which are: Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional, Physical, Social, Environmental, Occupational and Financial. These eight areas of wellness are essential to our well-being. If one or more of these areas of your life are out-of-balance, it will affect your overall health and wellness.

In the upcoming articles of the Shorter Reporter, we will explore helpful holistic health information, natural and therapeutic remedies, different health modalities, as well as health tips that may be beneficial to the dimensions of your overall health and wellness. So let us start our wellness lifestyle check-up today!

Food For Thought:
There is a great power in prayer and meditation. When you take the time to calm your spirit and mind, it produces positive energy that can last throughout your day. A great way to start your day is a good 10 minutes (minimum) of meditation. Please visit the youtube channel titled ‘Be Inspired’, which has a variety of affirmation and meditation videos of your choice.

“Student organizations help to enhance your college experience. By participating in co-curricular activities you get the chance to apply what you’re learning in class to the real world. Most organizations at Shorter College are built from the Associate degree programs, so they also help connect you with other like-minded individuals pursuing the same degree. Joining organizations that peek your interest allow you to gain first-hand experience and give you a feel for what that world may entail.”
Visiting high school students engaged with faculty, staff, and current students to gain a perspective as to what it would be like to be enrolled at the college. Student organization leaders and representatives directed campus tours for the high school students who participated. The Enrollment Management team was available to discuss and assist students with various topics, from admission and financial aid programs (including Federal Work-Study) to offering aid through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and Veteran Affairs.
It’s time to experience, It’s time to explore

By Kim Lockhart

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment welcomed Arkansas Baptist College, Grambling State University, Henderson State University, Jackson State University, Philander Smith College, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, University of Central Arkansas, North Little Rock Police and Fire Department, and the Arkansas National Guard to campus for the 2020 Transfer Day.

Approximately 61 students took advantage of the opportunity to visit with university representatives to learn about intended programs of study, receive updates about scholarships and financial aid, campus tours and more.

“I’m thankful for the Lord first who has made all things possible for me. I’m also thankful for the opportunity to give back to my people by serving and giving back to an HBCU. I will be attending a school of ministry to pursue a Bachelor of Arts” said Willena Williams, 2020 Shorter College Candidate for Graduate.

The event connected students to unlimited pathways to their future, providing access in the study of government, agriculture, politics, arts, medicine, and law. Addition to the transfer opportunities, student had many options, particularly with scholarships, internships, community servicing, networking and jobs before graduation.

True to the long tradition that distinguishes Shorter College since its founding, the college remains dedicated in providing a rich, history in curricula and undergraduate programs.

2020 MLK Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Faith-community members, state political office holders and political candidates were among those who gathered for the 2020 Martin Luther King Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, held Jan. 20 in the Grand Hall of the Arkansas Governor’s Mansion and hosted by the Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission.
Great leaders lead with vision and a consistent passion for improving their emotional intelligence. They know that a stalwart team culture is the premise to accomplishing the mission. Great leaders have varying experiences and perspectives on the approach and qualities necessary for effective leadership. They adapt to their surrounding environments and empower their teams to succeed together. Great leaders lead by example, standing on the philosophies that good leadership evolves over time. Shorter College is proud to introduce the newly appointed leaders of 2020.

**Paisley Boston, Direction of Communication**

She is a communications professional who has served in higher education and in private and public sectors for a number of years. 

“Proactively involving student leaders will contribute to capturing the unique qualities the institution encompasses and investing in our students...understanding their perceptions...and listening is the catalyst to moving forward,” said Boston. “Listening is key to being a great leader and to be that great leader entails being a servant to others.” According to Boston, servant leadership is very important; without this quality, it is impossible to lead effectively and provide others with the essentials they need to advance to the next level.

**Mike Harris, Entrepreneurial Studies Chair**

“Belonging. Passion. Purpose. Failure. The four terms are synonymous with leadership. A person that is able to "lead from within" lives according to their morals and ethics. It means having clarity, focus, taking effective action, in order to achieve your best. I lead from within my department as the Coordinator of Entrepreneurial Studies; planning, advising, recruiting, and preparing students for what it means to be an entrepreneur. An example, Mr. Jerome B. Morgan, who mostly recently received $1,000 scholarship from African American Coalition.”

**Audra Hinton, Director of Enrollment Management**

“Audra Hinton, Director of Enrollment Management

“I believe that we should never let other people’s limited vision limit our dreams.” A higher education professional with a proven track record in financial soundness and preparedness, Hinton is excited to get the “main campus enrollment moving in a rising direction.” With a passion to serve the non-traditional student, Hinton stands by the philosophy that “all students have access to a quality, affordable education, and being able to assist our students” takes on a quality that necessitate effective leadership. “We are our own best advertisement and we know our product. Enrollment Management is working with various divisions, particularly, Student Services, to ensure students are taking advantage of the support and services available.”

**Rick Watson, Director of Support Services**

“I believe every great leader serves. I believe they serve their families, church, employees, community and state. Every great leader creates more leaders by his or her example. I believe a great leader knows how to motivate different personalities so the entire team can be successful. A great leader analyzes people’s strengths and weaknesses and places them in a position to be successful while also enhancing them in other areas.”
Green Receives 2020 Christian Ministerial Alliance and Social Justice Award

Congratulations to Shorter College President O. Jerome Green in receiving the Christian Ministerial Alliance (CMA) and the 2020 Social Justice Award. On February 17, clergymen, politicians, educators, students, and community leaders gathered at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church to witness history and salute the honorees for their contributions to community outreach and advocacy against social injustices. Along with President Green, Reverend Dr. Anika Whitfield, activist and community organizer, and Mr. James Wilson, LRSD Mc Clellan High School student. Both were awarded the Williams H. Robinson, Jr. distinguished award. As like Harriet Tubman, Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King, Scipio Jones, Jr., Daisy Bates, Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks, Harry and Harriett Moore, who influenced the expansion of many civil liberties and rights we now experience, we say thank you for your work to improve and protect individuals and groups from political repression and discrimination.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the spring of 2018, Shorter College was authorized to increase its number of Second Chance Pell facilities from five to eight which led to a higher student population; currently serving more than 550 students.
CONNECT WITH
SHORTER COLLEGE

@shortercollege1886

@shortercollege1886

@shorter1886

Visit our website: shortercollege.edu