

2004 SUMMER SCHOLARS,
CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

National Rankings for Graduate Degrees Conferred 2002-2003

The July 29, 2004 issue of *Black Issues in Higher Education*, (Volume 21, No. 12, pages 33-93) provides information on graduate degrees conferred to African Americans by all degree granting institutions in the United States. The source of data was the U.S. Department of Education. JSU ranked 19th in the nation in conferring masters' degrees and 7th for doctoral degrees.

Among HBCU's, Jackson State was second in conferring doctoral degrees and fourth in conferring master degrees to African Americans.

	JSU Rank	No. of Degrees
Doctoral (all disciplines)	7	29
Education	4	20
Business	7	3
Masters (all disciplines)	19	240
English Language & Letters	5	7
Biological & Life Sciences	7	8
Health Science & Related Professions	12	38
Education	23	105
Social Sciences & History	41	5
Computer & Information Sciences	45	4

JSU also 'ranked high' in conferring degrees in several disciplines. The top ten ratings earned at the Masters' level: English, fifth; and Biology, seventh; and at the doctoral level: Education was fourth nationally. The Division of Graduate Studies congratulates the graduate faculty and staff for their efforts in increasing the representation of African American students among holders of graduate degrees.

From the College of Business.....

Dr. Fidel Ezeal-Harrison, Department of Economics, Finance and General Business. "Gender Earnings Differential and Feminization of Poverty Among Mississippi African-Americans"

Dr. Dharam Rana, Department of Management and Marketing. "The Role of Operational Characteristics in the Supplier Selection Process in Supply Chain Management"
From the College of Education and Human Development.....

Dr. Dion Porter, Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling. "Perceptions of College Students with Disabilities of Faculty Attitudes at HBCU's Compared to Faculty of Majority White Colleges and Universities"

Dr. Darlene Thurston, Department of Educational Leadership. "Effects of Instructional Coherence on State Testing"
From the College of Liberal Arts.....

Dr. Louis P. Anderson, Department of Psychology. "The Relationship between Acculturative Stress and MMPI Performance."

Dr. Melvin Davis, Department of Psychology. "The Relationship between Depression, Family Functioning and Childhood Obesity: Implications for a Model"

Dr. Michelle Deardorff, Department of Political Science. "Beyond Pregnancy - Males, Infertility, Birth Control and Breastfeeding: Judicial Determination of Statutory Intent"

Dr. Robert Quinn, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages. "Career-Oriented Spanish for Social Workers and Health Care Professionals"

From the College of Public Service.....

Dr. Edmund Mereem, Department of Urban and Regional Planning. "Environmental Accounting for Oil and Natural Gas in Canada"

Dr. Jacquelyn Mitchell and **Dr. Mary Nelums**, School of Social Work. "Home Alone: Parental Voice of Why Children Are Left Unsupervised"

Dr. Safiya Omari, School of Social Work. "An Analysis of Stress and Drinking Behaviors Among African American College Students"

Dr. Desiree Stepteau-Watson, School of Social Work. "African-American Girls and Parental Communication about Aggression: What Do Girls Learn from their Parents?"
From the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.....

Dr. Kenneth Goldman, Department of Biology. "Thermoregulation in Adult Salmon Sharks, Lamma Ditropis



Doctor of Philosophy

BUSINESS

Kristena P. Gaylor

“Organizational Commitment in Higher Education: A Multi Dimensional Perspective”

Advisor: Dr. J. R. Smith

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Vickie Prosser

“Psychological Assessment of Juvenile Competency to Stand Trial”

Advisor: Dr. J. Cassisi.

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

May Frances Bridges

“An Analysis of Administration Practices that Promote Parental Involvement”

Advisor: Dr. L. Gentry

Morris Britton

“Acts of Violence on University Campuses: A Study of Campus Violence on a Selected University in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. C. Bishop

Edmond O. Donald

“A Comparative Analysis of the Diverse Leadership Roles and Hiring Practices in Division I Athletics”

Advisor: Dr. L. Gentry

Curtis A. Gore

“An Investigation of Alcohol and Drug Abuse on a Selected University Campus in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. C. Bishop

Tori Gray

“Administrators’ and Teachers’ Perceptions of Technology in a Selected Rural School District in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. C. Bishop

Falana N. Richmond

“Barriers That Prohibit Successful Implementation Process of the Whole School Initiative Model in Mississippi Public Schools”

Advisor: Dr. D. Lander

William M. Welch

“The Relationship Between School Size and Academic Achievement in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. D. Lander

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Dagne D. Hill

“The Influence of Non-Point Source Pollution and Animal Waste on Water Quality and Human Health”

Advisor: Dr. P. Tchounwou

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Russell Bennett

“Managing Victims of Terrorist Attacks: An Analysis of the Preparedness of Acute Care Hospitals in Mississippi for Attacks Involving Chemical or Biological Weapons of Mass Destruction”

Advisor: Dr. C. Moreland-Young

Cylde Deschamp

“A Comparison of Rotary Wing Air Ambulance and Ground Ambulance Management of Rural Trauma Patients in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. C. Moreland-Young

Emmanuel O. Madiebo

“Effects of Strategic Planning Experience on Economic Development Projects in the Mississippi Planning and Development Districts”

Advisor: Dr. L. F. Liddell

Cynthia A. Melvin

“Strategic Planning Among Historically Black Colleges and Universities: An Assessment of Development, Communication, Dissemination, and Implementation in the Mid-South Area”

Advisor: Dr. C. Moreland-Young

Marvel A. Turner, Sr.

“Fiscal Structures, Economic Development Policy, and Economic Growth: An Empirical Analysis of Selected Counties in Mississippi”

Advisor: Dr. O. Burton, Jr.

Graduate Orientation - Summer 2004



Jackson Medical Mall Scholars

The Graduate School held Summer Orientation on June 15, 16 and 17. Orientation was conducted on the main campus, the Jackson Medical Mall, and the University Center. Featured agenda items included:

- The important role of advisors
- The Degree Plan
- The Graduate English Competency Examination
- Resources available at the Graduate School website
- Membership in the Graduate Student Association



Graduate School Scholars

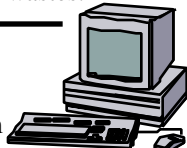


University Center Scholars

Department of Technology COMPUTER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The JSU Computer Recycling Program serves as a proactive approach to the management of computer solid wastes.

For more information contact
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Technology39204@yahoo.com



Dr. Jeffrey Zubkowski, Associate Graduate Dean, conducted the orientation sessions assisted by **Mr. Curtis Gore**, Director of Graduate Admissions, and **Ms. Sarah Foote**, Director of Graduate Support Services.

Southern Council of Graduate Schools Meeting

San Juan, Puerto Rico has a wealth of knowledge, in which its culture and identity is maintained. Those in attendance were **Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner**, Dean, **Joel D. Swan**, GSA President, **Stanley K. Ellis**, AGEM Site Coordinator, and **Preston D. Robinson**, GSA/AGEM Scholar. Their purpose was not only to represent JSU, but also to gain knowledge on how other colleges and universities, across the world, handle similar issues and concerns. While networking was the direct goal of the conference attendees, San Juan, Puerto Rico (the place) was a great experience. It is recommended that everyone visit and explore its treasures. Although it (Puerto Rico) is lacking economically and politically, a lot can be learned from the people of San Juan. They have a warm and caring heart with a wide-eyed outlook on life.



SUMMER 2004 GRADUATES



Russell Bennett, Ph.D. in Public Administration. Mr. Bennett is employed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Healthcare Administration at Jackson State.

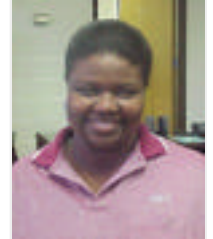


Lieisa G. Boteler, M.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision. Ms. Boteler is a teacher at the McLaurin Attendance Center in Rankin County.

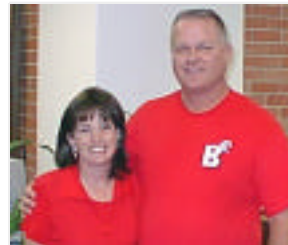
Shawanna Crawford, M.S. in Biology. Ms. Crawford plans to earn an MSN specializing in advanced practical nursing. She plans to work in the area of critical care and do clinical research.



Patricia A. Simmons, M.A. in Political Science. She is seeking employment with the State of Mississippi.



Mary Beth Perkins, M.A. in Sociology. Ms. Perkins is employed as the Associate Director of Public Safety at Jackson State.



Sonya Foster and Steve Huey, M.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision. They are employed by the Brookhaven Public Schools.

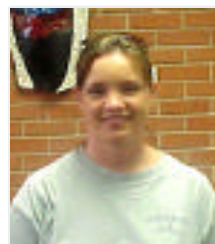
Kristena P. Gaylor, Ph.D. in Business. Ms. Gaylor has accepted a faculty position at Belhaven College for the Fall 2004 semester.



Dagne Hill, Ph.D. in Environmental Science. Ms. Hill is currently employed as an Assistant Professor of Biology at Grambling State University.

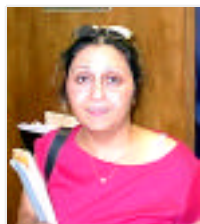


William Welch, Ph.D. in Educational Administration. Mr. Welch's research has investigated the relationship between school size and academic achievement. He hopes to obtain a position as a school superintendent.



LeAnna Welch, M. A. in History. Ms. Welch will pursue a doctoral degree with the goal of entering the professorate.

Corey Grayson, M.S.Ed. in Physical Education. He is currently employed by the City of Jackson as a youth job counselor. Mr. Grayson is seeking employment in his chosen field.



Nadia Farrohkham, M.S. in Mathematics. She plans to continue her education and obtain a doctorate.

Curtis A. Gore, Ph.D. in Educational Administration. Mr. Gore currently is employed as the Coordinator of Graduate Admissions. He plans to continue working in academic administration. He would like to teach at the university level in the area of education





Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi News

Jackson State University

AGEM Summer Institute 2004

The Summer Institute was designed to introduce participants to the culture of being a scientist. The Institute is open to graduate and undergraduate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Participants were given the opportunity to explore their interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics research. Emphasis was placed on working as a team and developing problem solving skills. The workshops employed a variety of techniques and methods.

AGEM is a comprehensive program designed to:

- enhance entry into and successful completion of underrepresented students in doctoral programs in SMET fields;
- increase the number of underrepresented minorities who will pursue academic careers;
- bring about a systemic change in attitudes and practices of faculty, administrators, and students with regard to minority pipeline issues.

The program was a one-week event that involved a series of mini professional development sessions addressing issues confronting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students. Sessions included the following:

HIV-AIDS Among University Students

Mr. Nusius Benjamin - Statewide Coordinator of Public Health Preparedness

Money Matters

Mr. Toronto Stokes - Office of Financial Services

Curriculum Vita Preparations

Dr. Mary White - Professor and Chair, Department of Entrepreneurship

Preparing Power Point Presentations

Ms. Beulah Kondur - Office of Information Management

Commons Errors in Submission of Dissertation and Thesis

Mr. Joel Swan - President of the Graduate Student Association

Fitness and Wellness

Mr. Marquis Powell - Prevention Specialist and Personal Trainer



Vita preparation with Dr. Mary White



Mr. Marquis Powell

2004 AGEM Summer Institute Participants

Chemistry

Reeshemah Allen, Judge Brown, Dalephine Davis, Charity Mosley and Teri Robinson

Computer Science

Chantain Greer, Jon Lee, Jennifer Middleton, Erica Palmer, Tawanna Pauline, and De Undre Rushon

Environmental Science

Ana Balarezo, Brian Grayer, NaTasha Magee-Woods, Lamar Reed, Anthony Skipper, Terrance Wright, and Clement Yedjou

Technology

Preston Robinson, III

Graduate Student News

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA -
SANTA BARBARA

LaKeisha Crye, (masters student in Sociology), researched with Dr. Michael Furlong (Clinical/Counseling/ School Psychology).

Clement Yedjou, (Doctoral student in Environmental Science). Mr. Yedjou collaborated with Dr. Leslie Wilson (Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology). His topic was "Inhibitory Effect of Dolastatin Analog to Microtubules".

From the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.....

Generique Stewart, (Doctoral Student in Chemistry) spent the summer as an intern with the Environmental Protection Agency in Athens, Georgia.

National Black Graduate Student Association

On June 3-4, 2004, **Terrence T. Wright**, (doctoral student in Environmental Science) Southern Regional Representative and **Tina M. Jackson**, (student in MBA program) Chair, Nominations and Elections Commission had the distinct opportunity to attend the NBGSA Transitional Meeting. The JSUGSA members attended two 10-hour sessions discussing issues, raising points, and gaining information on how to strengthen both our JSU and national chapter of the NBGSA. The purpose of this meeting was to move the newly elected officers into their respective positions and initiate planning for the 2005 NBGSA Conference, which will be held in Charlotte, NC. For more information on how to join the NBGSA contact Terrence T. Wright, Tina M. Jackson, Joel D. Swan, or Stanley K. Ellis at (601) 979-2455.