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Saturday Academy for PCP, PRESIST, and ME-TAS for 2010
January 9 and 23, 2010;
March 6 and 27, 2010 ; May 15, 2010

Free Study Skills Workshop for Middle and High School Students
November 7, 2009

P.E.R.S.I.S.T. at NCSTA
November 20, 2009

Carolina Advising Corps - Presentation on Preparing for College for High School Student at UNC Charlotte
November 21, 2009

Free College Planning Seminar
November 21, 2009

CIAA High School Day
February 2010

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Regional Science Fair
February 2010

Regional MSEN Day (UNC Charlotte)
March 6, 2010

Regional Science Olympiad
March 13, 2010

NCJSHS (Charlotte, NC)
March 2010

NC State Science Fair
March 2010

MSEN Day 2009 (UNC Chapel Hill)
April 24, 2010

Annual Awards Day and Picnic
May 15, 2010 - Hornets Nest Park, Charlotte NC

Summer Scholars 2009 (PCP, PERSIST and ME-

TAS) and Research Experience for 11th and 12th Grade Students:
Pre-College and P.E.R.S.I.S.T (tentative dates): June 21 - July 10, 2010
M.E.T.A.S: June 21 - 25, 2010
Research Experience: June 21 - July 30, 2010

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Saturday Academy

Saturday Academy has started off to a great start. The students have been excited about the courses and are loving every moment of Saturday Academy. There has been an increased awareness of the program and what it offers. Several parents and students have been trying to enroll in the Saturday Academy Program before the regular application period, they are even willing to be placed on a waitlist if needed.

This year the Pre-College Program has partnered with Macie Caldwell Consulting Services. This group offers study skills workshops for Middle and High School students and they wanted to work with this program to increase the number of students taking advantage of this opportunity. The Pre-College students pay \$15 per session and it has truly been helpful. The first one took place Nov. 7. There were several students who attended. The students usually come to Saturday Academy first and they leave to go the study skills workshops. Parents and students have given back nothing but positive feedback.

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SATURDAY ACADEMY

On Nov. 21, 2009 the high school students were offered a Free College Planning Seminar. This again was offered by the Macie Caldwell Consulting Services group. Several students and parents attended this event. This group is offering a lot of programs to the Pre-College students when they leave Saturday Academy in the afternoons.

Additionally during the morning part of Saturday Academy on Nov. 21,

2009 the **Carolina Advising Corps** did a presentation - **Preparing for College for High School Student**. This event was arranged by Philwyna Banks who is a graduate of the UNC Chapel Hill Pre-College Program. She has moved to Charlotte and she has started volunteering at the UNC Charlotte site to help give back to the Pre-College Program. She is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill but

she is now in nursing school here in the Charlotte area. The people over the advising group attended UNC Chapel Hill with Philwyna. This was a great presentation and it got the students involved. They talked about all colleges and universities on what it takes to attend and all of them. Their website address is: <http://www.advisingcorps.org/>

25TH YEAR CELEBRATION

This year we celebrated 25 years of service to the community. The Pre-College Program assisted the CMSTE with event.

The 25 year celebration was done in collaboration with the Celebration of Teaching (the UNC Charlotte Office of Educational Outreach). Teacher cadets and other middle and

high school students attended this event. They were able to attend different workshop on teaching. The CMSTE and Pre-College Program had a table/booth where students and visiting educators could get information on MSEN.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was Dr. Holo-

man.

The students gained a lot of valuable information on the importance of teaching and their role in education.



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR 11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Research Experience for 11th and 12th Grade Student interns have been hard at work during this school year. Currently they are all preparing for the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) and the Regional Science Fair.

This is a very dedicated group of students as all of them are actively involved in Saturday Academy as well.

The time is approaching to

begin the process of recruiting faculty to serve as mentors for this program for the 2010 summer. This year we will take between 4 - 5 students, depending on the number of mentors that can be obtained. The application process for interested students will begin the first week of March 2010.

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P.E.R.S.I.S.T IN NEWS

The PERSIST students have been having a good year thus far. During the NC State Fair, 8 of the students attended along with Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bell (parent) and Mr. Lee (parent). This group did the evening shift while Mr. and Mrs. Harper did the day shift. The group helped assist at the NC-MSEN Pre-College Program table in the Education Building on the state fair grounds. On that day the PERSIST group did a college tour of NC

State. So they took advantage of their entire weekend. Five of the PERSIST group members, along with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell (parents) attended the NCSTA in Greensboro, NC. The students worked the NC-MSEN Pre-College Program booth. The amount of parent support this site has is really great and we really appreciate all that is done by the parents.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 the PERSIST group had a guest speaker, Latisha Dixon. Ms. Dixon talked to the students about Scholarship information. She did a wonderful job and the students got a lot out of this session.

We look forward to the upcoming months with everything going on in PERSIST.



M.E.T.A.S IN THE NEWS

The METAS students have been very busy. They are enjoying every bit of Saturday Academy and they even looking forward to the summer. We are still trying to increase the number of students in this group, but we know it will happen.

Thus far the METAS students are taking more classes and doing more hands on activities in their classes.

This year the METAS students were asked to complete a survey by the Math Department that looks at how Hispanic students view

math and education. They have been getting personal attention and even been invited to different events on campus because of this. This was all set up by Dr. Anthony Fernandes (mathematics professor on the UNC Charlotte campus) and Dr. David Royster.

GIS DAY 2009

On Wednesday, November 18, 2010, 9 UNC Charlotte NC-MSEN Pre-College Program students (Elyje' Duke, Savannah Holmes, Nicholas Purefoy, Jalen Feaster, Scott Baeuerle, Andrew Dickerson, Akilah Gordon, Dynisha James, and Arissa McNeal) presented at the Mecklenburg County Region GIS Day. The students gave a presentation on Ozone and its effect on us. Each student participated in the presentation. They gathered their data during the 2009 Summer during Summer Scholars. Each year the UNC Charlotte site has students how participate in GIS in this region. We look forward to having group to participate next year. Parent support is outstanding each year.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT CORNER

1. Congratulations to Akiyl Walker. Akiyl has been selected to attend the National conference of the Black MBA (Leaders of Tomorrow) .
2. Congratulations to Brenna Sifford. Brenna was one of the 7th Grade Spelling Bee Champions at her school. Brenna will continue to the school wide Spelling Bee competition.
3. Wesley Miles: was selected to be a member of the National Jr. Honor Society at Piedmont Middle School.
4. Kelsey was also selected as CMS' Character Trait Student for the month of November. The trait she exhibited was honesty. Piedmont IB Middle School received \$300 to spend as they wish for her winning this award.
5. Brianna Frink: was accepted into the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Campbell University
6. Maya Cuthberston: was accepted in the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
7. Yanesia Norris: was accepted into North Carolina A&T State University and Winston-Salem State University
8. Tiana Henry: was accepted into Wingate University
9. Wesley Miles and Ceyron Hawthorne: they were selected

To play in the Caribbean Steele Drum Band and they were featured on News Channel 14.

10. Gilbert Williams II: was accepted at Florida A&M, North Carolina Central University, and Western Carolina University.



STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

1. Saturday Academy will If your child has any cold or flu like symptoms please keep them at home. This will help to avoid any spread of cold and flu viruses.
2. Students are asked to begin to think about Regional MSEN Day and which event they would like to compete in.
3. The PIE Club is thinking of ways to pay for the t-shirts for MSEN Day 2010

