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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

Greetings. It's Homecoming! Let us welcome alumni once again to the campus for all of the festivities, and we hope the Braves are victorious as they face the Texas Southern Tigers in Jack Spinks Stadium. This has been a fun filled week, but next week students are back to the important task of studying for midterm exams.

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, the chairs and deans came together for a brainstorming session on ways to offset the current budget reductions as well as projected reductions slated for next year. Some suggestions were as follows: increase online courses and distance learning, possibility of increased teaching loads, early retirement packages, stronger connections with community colleges, and addressing student enrollment and retention issues. These suggestions will be discussed in greater detail during the fall semester.

The Honors Day Convocation will be held October 12, 2010 at 10:00-12:00 pm. in the James L. Bolden Campus Union Ballroom. James McDonald, a 1996 ASU graduate and President of the ASU National Alumni Association, will be the keynote speaker. This year we are honoring president's scholars, students who in the Spring 2010 achieved a 4.0 GPA, and dean's scholars, students who in the Spring 2010 achieved a 3.00-3.99 GPA.

The Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs would like to thank the Honors/Pre-Professional Program director and staff for their commitment to the success of this year's Honor's Day program.

I also want to express my gratitude to the deans, chairs, and faculty who are serving as mentors for faculty during the promotion and tenure review process.

Expect Excellence, Experience Success (Ex^{3}S)
Richard Green
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
October 8, 2010

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Alcorn Professors and Graduates Share Authorship of Two Published Articles

by Dr. Peter Malik, Associate Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages

Dr. Md S. Zaman and Dr. Marta Piva, faculty members in the Alcorn State University Department of Biology, along with Cynthia Addae and Cherry Lockett, recent Alcorn graduates, have co-authored two papers which were published in scientific journals.

The first article, "Cadmium and Lead Bioaccumulation in Cabbage Plants Grown in Metal Contaminated Soils," was published in the April issue of Advances in Science and Technology. Dr. Zaman co-authored the paper with Cynthia Addae, Dr. Marta Piva, and Dr. Anthony Bednar.

A second paper, "Cadmium Uptake by Collard and Indian Mustard Plants Grown in Cadmium Contaminated Soil," was published in the April issue of the Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences. Dr. Zaman co-authored this article with Cherry Lockett.

Dr. Zaman has been a member of the Biology Department at Alcorn since 1991 and Dr. Piva has been a member of the Biology Department at Alcorn since 2001. Cynthia Addae completed a master's degree in biology at Alcorn State University and is currently in a Ph.D. program at Southern University majoring in Environmental Science. As an undergraduate, Cherry Lockett participated in the HBCU-UP program at Alcorn for gifted students in the sciences.

Title II: No Child Left Behind Grant Opportunity

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs is offering a technical assistance meeting to assist in the preparation of proposals for 2010-2011 Title II, No Child Left Behind grants. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October, 13, 2010, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and will take place at the MS Library Commission.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal please contact Susan P. Lee, Ed.D., director of Academic Affairs, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, at 601.432.6522 (office) or email: slee@mississippi.edu.

Deans List Required GPA

Effective this Fall Semester 2010, to make the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 hours) and must possess a Grade Point Average of 3.50 – 3.99. The President's Scholar designation will be for full-time students whose semester GPA is 4.00.

If you have questions about the requirements for the Dean's List, please contact the Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at 601.877.6140.

62nd Biannual Honors Convocation

Please be informed that **10:00 a.m. CLASSES** "**ONLY**" scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12, 2010** should plan to convene in the J.L. Bolden Campus Union Ballroom for the 62nd Biannual Honors Convocation featuring guest speaker James McDonald.

CLASSES WILL RESUME IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM.

2010 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award

Dr. J. Janice Coleman, associate professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, has been nominated for the 2010 Humanities Teacher Award. She will present "Write Sides Together: Writing, Quilting, and the Convergence of the Twain" on *October 21, 2010* at 12:30 p.m. in the James L. Bolden Campus Union Ballroom.

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Application for EPA Sustainability Competition

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is announcing a unique grant opportunity for college and university faculty and students - EPA's P3 - People, Prosperity and the Planet - Program. Through this hands-on design competition, student teams and their faculty advisors receive $15,000 grants to design scientific, technical, and policy solutions to sustainability challenges around the world. Projects can address a challenge in one or more of these areas: water, energy, agriculture, built environment, or materials & chemicals.

Teams will use the $15,000 grants to design and develop their projects in the 2011/2012 school year. Then in the spring of 2012, all teams will travel to Washington, DC to compete for EPA's P3 Award at the 8th Annual National Sustainable Design Expo. The students' projects will be evaluated by a panel of experts convened by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. EPA will use these recommendations to choose the P3 Award winners who may receive an additional grant up to $90,000 to further develop their designs, implement them in the field, and take them to the marketplace.

Apply Today!

Deadline: December 22, 2010

Visit the web site for more information and to see what past P3 teams have accomplished:

http://www.epa.gov/ncer/p3/

For the official request for applications go to:

http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2011/2011_p3.html

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR SPRING 2011

January	2	Dormitories Open
	5	Registration at Vicksburg **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	6	Registration at Natchez **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	6	Orientation for New and Transfer Students
	7	Registration at Main Campus (9:00 a.m.) **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	10	Drop Courses (Without Penalty)
	10	Classes Begin
	17	Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)
	18-21	Classes Added with Approval from Academic Deans
	19	Attendance Verification Reporting
	21	Last Day for All Registration
	21	Last Day for Adding New Courses
	21	**Classes Purged for Non-Payment of Fees**
	21	**Classes Purged for Non-Attendance**
	24	Graduate English Proficiency Examination
	24	Drop Courses (With Penalty)
	31	Last Day for Submitting Application for Degree to Registrar's Office—Undergraduate Students (May 2011 Completion)
	31	Last Day for Submitting Application for Degree to Graduate Office—Graduate Students (May 2011 Completion)
February	4	Last Day to Drop a Course Without a Grade
	7	Grades of WP/WF in Effect
	21-25	Pre-Housing for Summer 2011 (Residence Halls Room Reservations)
March	7-11	Mid-Semester Examinations
	14	Mid-Semester Grade Reports Due (Report On-Line)
	14-18	Spring Vacation
	21	Classes Resume
	21	Registration for Summer 2011 Semester Begins **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	21-25	Pre-Housing for Fall 2011 (Residence Halls Room Reservations)
	TBA	Graduate CORE Examination
	25	Last Day to Drop a Course by Any Means; End WP/WF
April	1	Last Day to Place Orders for Cap & Gown in the Office of Academic Affairs (May 2011 Graduation)
	5	ETS Proficiency Profile (Formerly Mapp)
	18	Registration for Fall 2011 Begins **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	22	Holiday (Good Friday)
	25	University Clearance Begins
	29	Last Day to Withdraw from the University
May	2-6	Final Examinations
	7	Commencement
	9	Grades Posted On-Line by 12:00 Noon
	9	Semester Ends

*****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

Gulf States Recovery Funding Webinar

Hosted by Dr. Dana Laursen, PLATO Learning Consultant
Monday, October 25, 2010, 2:00 p.m. Central or Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Central

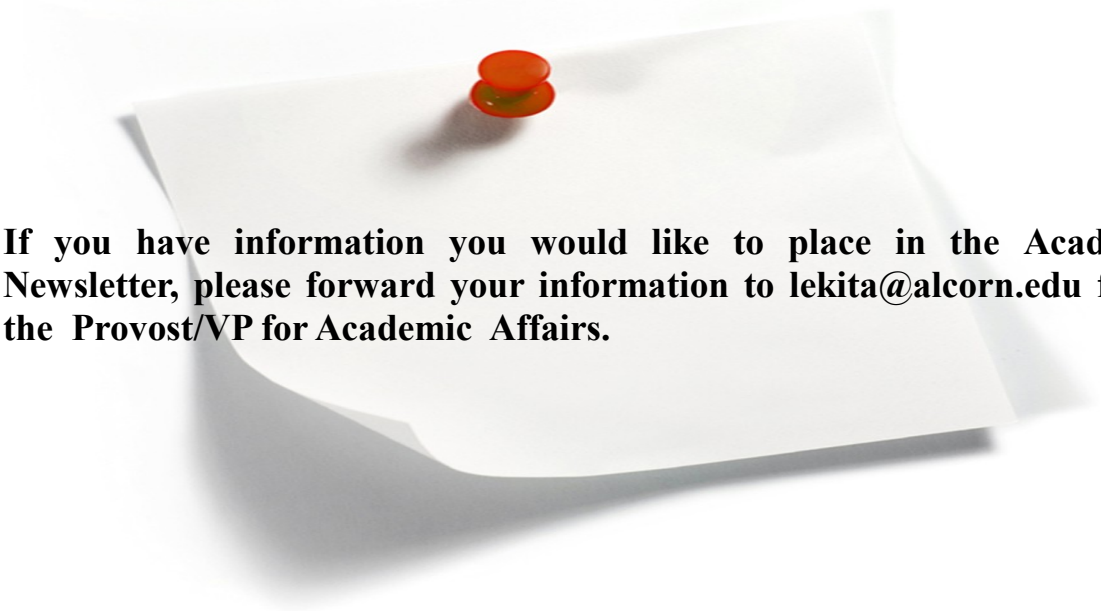
Addressing funding opportunities within post-secondary institutions affected by the BP oil spill, this webinar will provide insight relating to the "FY 2010 Gulf Oil Spill Supplemental Federal Funding Opportunity" grant recently announced by the Economic Development Administration; the grant seeking process; building a grant response and documentation library.

To register, copy and paste into your browser:
Monday, October 25 at 2 p.m. Central
https://plato.webex.com/plato/j.php ED=137098702&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiM3

Tuesday, October 26 at 9 a.m. Central
https://plato.webex.com/plato/j.php?ED=137098732&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiM3

68th Joint Annual Meeting of BKX/NIS

BETA KAPPA CHI Scientific Honor Society and The National Institute of Science
Presents
"The Effects of Environmental Pollutants on the Biosphere"
Hosted by
Fort Valley State University in Conjunction with the Office of Graduate Studies at Clark Atlanta University
March 23-27, 2011
Meeting website goes live October 18, 2010!



If you have information you would like to place in the Academic Affairs Newsletter, please forward your information to lekita@alcorn.edu for review by the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs.