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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

Warmest greetings as we are fast approaching the end of this academic semester. I am enthusiastic about the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves associated with the Alcorn mission, strategic plan and the completion of the SACS Reaffirmation Report. Much of my enthusiasm derives from the fact that our agenda for dealing with the academic and fiscal concerns comes from the many different voices of the students, faculty, department chairs, directors and other administrators.

As you may know, meetings have been held with the deans and chairs councils and with the faculty senate, to discuss initiatives that will strengthen Alcorn's academic programs as well as meet the current economic concerns. We are all diligently working to accommodate the 15% budget cut slated for fiscal year 2012. The deans and chairs council are scheduled to meet at least once a month to discuss these issues.

Expect Excellence, Experience Success (Ex^3S)
Richard Green
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
November 10, 2010

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COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

Please plan to attend the "Coffee and Conversation" gathering on **Tuesday, November 16, 2010.**

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: School of Arts and Sciences Auditorium

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: School of Nursing Auditorium

Deans and Department Chairs and other administrators will be in attendance to answer any questions and discuss issues faced by Alcorn.

2010 ASSOCIATION OF TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND APPLIED ENGINEERING (ATMAE)

The department chairperson and four faculty members (Drs. Kwabena Agyepong, David Addae, John Adjaye, Steve Adzanu and Ms. Mamie Griffin) from the Department of Advanced Technologies attended the 2010 Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Annual Conference held October 27-30, 2010, at the Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City Beach, Florida.

ATMAE is the national accrediting agency for Advanced Technologies' Robotics and Automation Technology Program. This year's conference was especially important for Alcorn. The Robotics and Automation Technology program completed a successful reaccreditation visit in spring 2010. However, the program's reaccreditation status was formally recognized at ATMAE's Reaccreditation Hearing. It was also noted that a report is due in a year from now to recommend actions to further improve the program.

In addition, ATMAE provides exposure to current research and practices at member institutions. Dr. Steve Adzanu and Ms. Mamie Griffin presented **"**Recruitment and Retention of Upward Bound Students in Science, Engineering, and Technology: Experiences at Alcorn State University" coauthored with Dr. Yaw Twumasi.

ASU GOLD CARD

During registration you can now add money to your ASU Gold Card using the Online Services. (Must be completed before paying fees)

NOTE: This process can only be completed online before fees are paid. (After fees are paid, you must see a cashier to complete this process). **A minimum $5.00 to a maximum of $1,000.00 may be added.**

NATCHEZ DAY AT ALCORN

Dr. Ruth Nichols and her colleagues were involved in the very successful coordination of Natchez Day which was held in the Clinton Bristow, Jr. Dining Facility Gold Room, Thursday, November 4, 2010. Alcorn welcomed leaders from all aspects of the Natchez and Adams County area to the Lorman Campus. Part of the group traveled by bus and was enlightened by Alcorn's history and a tour of the campus. The idea by Dr. Edney was to strengthen the partnership with Natchez and Alcorn. The music was provided by the university's jazz band and the schools showcased their academic programs. Dr. Edney presented the leaders in attendance from the Natchez areas with resolutions of partnerships. Other events of this type are planned for Vicksburg and Natchez.

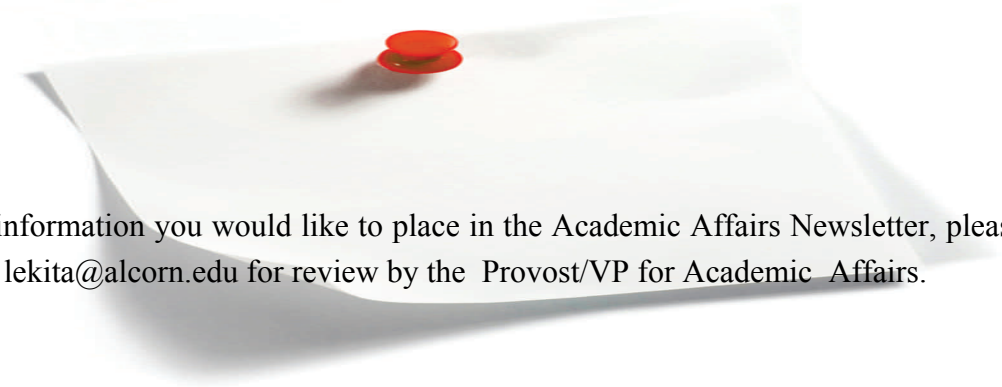
HEADWAE

The Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was established by Mississippi Legislative Resolution #88 in 1987 to annually honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

The Appreciation Day, hosted by the Legislature each February in Jackson, is the Legislature's way of saying "thank you" to these students and faculty for their commitment to the future of Mississippi. Congratulations to this year's recipients, Dr. Jan Duncan, Director of Student Teaching & Field Experiences/Associate Professor, and Ms. Crystal Glenn, a teacher education major with a 3.90 GPA from Columbus, MS. Dr. Duncan has been employed at Alcorn State University for ten years and has been employed in higher education for thirteen years.

SPRING 2011 REGISTRATION

Registration for the Spring 2011 semester begins November 10, 2011.
(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)



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.

Easy ACCESS To Health Information Project

Alcorn State University School of Nursing is hosting the onsite launch of its Easy ACCESS to Health Project on November 11-12, 2010 in the Graduate Business Building Lecture Hall. The Easy ACCES to Health Information award is funded by the United Negro College Fund Special Programs (UNCFSP) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The intent of this project is to increase awareness and utilization of the NLM online health resources through the establishment of health information centers in key community locations. Representatives from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education's (ORISE's) Medical Education and Outreach (MEO) will be on site to conduct this two-day train the trainer workshop. The School of Nursing faculty, students, and community partners will participate in the training.

Office of Pre-Professional and Honors Curriculum Programs Sponsored Site Visits /Trips

2010 LSAC Law School Recruitment Forum

The OPHCP sponsored nine pre-law students to the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) 2010 Law School Recruitment Forum in Atlanta, Georgia. Law school representatives and other legal professionals from more than 150 ABA approved law schools were present to give firsthand advice and information about opportunities and challenges of getting into law school, succeeding in law school, the application process, and financing a legal education.

Ohio State University Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days

Three high achieving seniors and a faculty representative visited The Ohio State University's campus to explore graduate and professional study opportunities. The students' were engaged in an intense 2-day recruitment itinerary, approved by an OSU faculty/staff ad hoc review committee, involving the academic units of the students' choice. ASU students completed the appropriate graduate and professional school applications before their visits.

Pre-law Day at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

Several Pre-Law students will attend the University of Mississippi Pre-Law Day on Friday November 12, 2010. Students will receive specific information about the University of Mississippi law school. Other activities will involve students' attending a Moot Court Trial, and forums on minority students and clinical programs. Additional sessions will be conducted on Financial Aid, and the Admissions process.