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NABA Mission

To address the professional needs of its members and to build leaders that shape the future of the accounting and finance professions with unfaltering commitment to inspire the same in their successors.

NABA Awards \$7,000 in College Scholarships

The NABA Austin Cen-Tex Chapter awarded \$7,000 in college scholarships at its 3rd Awards & Scholarship Luncheon held April 25 at the Omni Hotel Austin Southpark. The luncheon featured as its speaker Alan Campbell, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Freescale.

Fourteen deserving students matriculating at Huston-Tillotson University, Texas State University, and The University of Texas at Austin each received \$500 scholarships. The students were selected for scholarships based on grade point average in their major and minor, level of involvement with a student chapter of NABA, extracurricular activities, and commitment to benefiting their community.

In an open letter to the scholarship winners, NABA's national executive director Gregory Johnson said, "One of NABA's primary mission's is to prepare our young people to further their educational and professional aspirations in the business fields of accounting and finance. Your dedication thus far in your academic studies demonstrates your commitment to pursue this highly valued profession."

NABA's ability to provide scholarships is due to the generous support of the corporate sponsors and supporters of the Scholarship and Awards Luncheon. The 2008 major sponsors were 3M, Ernst & Young, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Freescale, and Mergis Group. The table and scholarship sponsors were AXA Financial, Lower Colorado River Authority, and PMB Helin Donovan.



NABA members Betty Works and Abraham Joseph



Alan Campbell, keynote speaker at luncheon

President's Message

My THANKS to all NABA officers, professionals, students, corporate supporters, and friends for a great fiscal year 2008 (7/1/07 - 6/30/08) in central Texas!!! We doubled our paid membership, added 3 new corporate sponsors on our website, doubled the

We doubled our paid membership and scholarships awarded.

scholarships awarded, quadrupled the Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) applications received, doubled our networking opportunities for our self-employed members, enhanced our website with an on-line forum for members &



**Roger Davis, President
Austin Cen-Tex Chapter**

guests, and greatly improved our NABA brand image in the community. It is a

reflection of the great people and exciting community where we live, as well as, the services NABA provides.

Fiscal year 2009 will bring new challenges, as well as, continuing old ones. Thank God, central Texas continues to grow at a positive rate creating new opportunities for all. Our economy whether up or down, our community needs and respects NABA's expertise, involvement, and commitment. We must be ready to contribute for the benefit of all. I feel our new local board of directors is poised and excited to lead us into the new year.

I urge everyone to continue your NABA membership and support to make fiscal year 2009 bigger and better for everyone who calls central Texas home!!!

2008 Scholarship Winners

Ashley Betts,
Texas State University

Joshua Lenere Booker,
Texas State University

Cynite Cook,
Texas State University

Andrew Hill,
The University of Texas at Austin

Maisha Jones,
Huston-Tillotson University

Llereva Mortimer,
Huston-Tillotson University

Donovan Reed,
Texas State University

LaChandra Robinson,
The University of Texas at Austin



Scholarship award winners at luncheon

Abimbola Salami,
The University of Texas at Austin

Arlene Sosa-Jara,
Huston-Tillotson University

Damian H. Spencer,
Huston-Tillotson University

Stevency Telfort,
Huston-Tillotson University

Kemba Valentine,
Huston-Tillotson University

Kim Valentine,
Huston-Tillotson University

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NABA National President Makes List

The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) announced that its national President and CEO, Gwendolyn D. Skillern, CPA, was named one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting" by industry publication *Accounting Today*.

"It is both an honor and a privilege to be recognized as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting". This honor is not only a personal accomplishment but a testament to the influence that NABA has within the accounting profession. Moreover, this reflects the success of NABA's achievement of our goal of increasing opportunities for Black accountants and influencing issues critical to the profession," said Skillern, who currently serves as senior vice president and general auditor for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and is a NABA lifetime member.



NABA Member News

NABA member Haygood climbing ladder of success

NABA Austin Cen-Tex Chapter Director of Membership, TJ Haygood, was promoted to managing director of The MergisGroup in San Antonio, Texas, a major accomplishment in her field and her company.

"This new role will require that I manage a \$1.2 million budget for 2008 and that I help grow the business to even greater success while minimizing overhead expenditures and reducing any potential corporate/professional or personal risks. I am truly humbled and ever so excited about this challenging opportunity. God never ceases to amaze me," said Haygood.

In other good news for Haygood, she recently received designation as a Certified Personnel Consultant from the National Association of Personnel Specialists. Congratulations!

Local Chapter CPAs

The following are CPAs that are members of the Austin Cen-Tex Chapter. Please support them:

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Calendar of Events

July 13 - 18:
 Accounting Awareness Career Program
 The University of Texas at Austin

July 26:
 Austin Cen-Tex Chapter-Family Barbecue
 Brentwood Oaks Family Life Center
 11908 North Lamar

October 16 - 18
 Southwest-Western Region Student
 Conference
 Dallas, Texas

October 25:
 Austin Cen-Tex Chapter general meeting
 Huston-Tillotson University
 900 Chicon St.

November 13:
 4th Annual Fall Black Professional
 Organizations’ Networking Mixer

January 24, 2009:
 Austin Cen-Tex Chapter general meeting
 Huston-Tillotson University
 900 Chicon St.

April 24, 2009:
 4th Annual Awards &
 Scholarship Luncheon