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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.

22 Austin Area Students Attend NABA Conference: Three Students Win Scholarships

Twenty-two students from Austin area universities participated in the 29th Annual NABA Southwest-Western Region Student Conference in Dallas, Texas October 16-18, 2008.

The conference provided students an opportunity to interview for entry-level positions and internships, and augment their skills and business knowledge through educational seminars. The conference also featured a Scholarship Luncheon where \$26,000 in scholarships were awarded to students including three from Huston-Tillotson University.

The students attending from the Austin area, came from Texas State University, Huston-Tillotson University, The University of Texas at Austin.

Huston-Tillotson students Kim Valentine, Kemba

Valentine, and Damien Spencer won scholarships from Becker CPA Review, Deloitte and Touche, and KPMG respectively. The following is a short biography on each of our scholarship winners:

Kim Valentine is a senior majoring in accounting at Huston-Tillotson University. She has an overall GPA of 3.9, and currently serves as the President of the Huston-Tillotson Student Chapter of NABA. She also serves as the VP of Finance for the National Black MBA and Phi Beta Lambda Honor Society.

Kemba Valentine is a senior majoring in accounting at Huston-Tillotson University. She has an overall GPA of 3.9. Kemba is involved in various extracurricular organizations such as HTU's Student Chapter of NABA,

National Black MBA, Phi Beta Lambda Honor Society, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Damian Spencer is a junior at Huston-Tillotson University. He is an accounting major with a major GPA of 4.0. Damian is a peer mentor for Pathway to Academic Success and Socialization. He is involved with the Student Government and International Students Associations and the Phi Beta Lambda Business Honors Society.

Special thanks are given to Derek Phillips and Freescale Semiconductor for being a Plan A Sponsor of the conference.



Austin area students and chapter volunteers at NABA Conference

President's Message

I pray everyone had a wonderful holiday season looking forward to a great new year and second half of NABA Fiscal Year 2009! We got off to a great start in the 1st half of NABA Fiscal Year 2009. With the November and December, 2008 member reports yet to be received, 86 members have renewed their NABA membership (i.e. 46 of 50 professionals and 40 of 54 students). As a result, our chapter won a member incentive award due to your commitment to NABA. Please remember to renew your NABA membership and/or remind a colleague or classmate to do the same taking advantage of the many benefits of NABA.

Our 4th Annual Black Professional Organizations Networking Mixer was a special time for all in attendance at the packed atrium of the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center. Many enjoyed the welcome given by Austin City Council Member Sherl Cole and inspiring words by Austin African American Quality of Life Initiative Commission Chair, Nelson Linder.

In addition, we also had the opportunity to network with the following Black Professional Organization Leaders:

Chiquita Eugene, President of the Captial City African American Chamber of Commerce; Gregory Harrington, President of Austin Alumni Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers; Eric



Roger Davis, President
Austin Cen-Tex Chapter

Sheppard, President of the Austin Black Lawyers Association; Lorna Booker, President of Black Data Processors Association; Belinda Matingou, President of National Black MBA Association - Austin Chapter; Tina Bush, President of Blacks in Government; Isaac Bennett, Board Member, Austin Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation; and of course, all your fellow NABA members.

Thank you to everyone involved and your giving spirit because we donated \$100 and over 150 colored 3M Nexcare safety strips to the Top Teens of America to use during their Dell Childrens Hospital community service project. It was a great event! Our student chapters at Huston-Tillotson University, Texas State University, and the University of Texas at Austin all submitted their 1st quarter FY09 SCREP reports.

Our chapter will have a display

table at the Hispanic Futures Conference, several Men & Boys Conferences, and the Black History Month Heritage Day, as well as, speaking at area schools promoting the NABA award winning Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP). Please continue to volunteer where possible.

We are now looking forward recognizing the the great achievements of the talented members, guests, and supporters of NABA!!! Our membership committee will be contacting you to nominate yourself, colleague, classmate, and/or company for one of the NABA national, regional, and local awards. The national and regional postmark deadlines are January 31 and the local deadline is March 1. Please do not delay in nominating many worthy individuals or firms. Of course, the local recognition will take place at our 1st Annual CPE Workshops and Awards Reception on April 23, 2009 for our professionals and the 4th Annual Awards & Scholarship Luncheon on April 24, 2009 for our students and companies. Both events will be held at the newly remodeled Norris Conference Center by Northcross Mall located at 2525 West Anderson Lane in Austin, Texas to end our fiscal year in a spectacular way! Thank you to everyone for your efforts and may God bless all our efforts in 2009!!!

Austin Area Students at NABA Student Conference

Julius Bell, Huston-Tillotson University
Maisha Jones, Huston-Tillotson University
Damian, Spencer, Huston-Tillotson University
Stevency, Telfort, Huston-Tillotson University
Kemba Valentine, Huston-Tillotson University
Kim Valentine, Huston-Tillotson University
Lauren Barnes, Texas State University
Cynite Cooke, Texas State University
Raven Cooper, Texas State University
Isabel Fagundes, Texas State University
Alyssa Mitchell, Texas State University

Frank Mudzinganyama, Texas State University
Natash Satterwhite, Texas State University
Joshua Spencer, Texas State University
Trenton Thomas, Texas State University
Julius Waffer, Texas State University
Keisha Chambers, The University of Texas at Austin
Jessica Chaney, The University of Texas at Austin
Larry Chapple, The University of Texas at Austin
Willie Hatch, The University of Texas at Austin
Natalie Nelson, The University of Texas at Austin
Darwin Smith, The University of Texas at Austin

NABA Congratulates President Obama

The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) congratulates President Barack Obama on his historic victory in the 2008 U.S. presidential election.

“President Barack Obama’s win was truly a historic and momentous occasion in every way,” says Walter J. Smith, CPA, National President and CEO of NABA.

The recent economic crisis facing the United States has affected all Americans. However, African Americans and other minorities have been disproportionately affected, which amplifies the need for financial education and literacy along with economic stability to enhance survival of those communities.

“NABA is positioned to support the Obama administration in providing education and other resources necessary to improve the quality of life within the African American and minority communities. For example, our programs and initiatives for CPA Bound, Financial Literacy/Education, and Accounting Careers Awareness Program (ACAP) are prime candidates for implementation across the country”, continued Smith.

“The economic crisis

is changing the way African Americans and minorities live, work, and play. They have experienced the increase in unemployment and in the number of foreclosures occurring daily in our communities. NABA will play an increasingly important role in the ways that all Americans, particularly African Americans, will be engaged in the financial process” continued Smith.

Over 28 million people in the United States do not have a bank account, augmented by the fact that lower income families are four times as likely to be “unbanked”. To be engaged in the financial process, one must understand where they are on the economic ladder and develop a plan to climb higher.

Smith added that “NABA, our members and our leadership, look forward to meeting and working with the Obama administration, and stand ready to demonstrate support in the days ahead.”



President Barack Obama

AXA Advisors Awards ACAP Scholarship to Brandon Chang



Chapter President Davis Leads 10/25 General Body Meeting



Chapter Member Updates

Congratulations to **Roshelia Motley** for earning a Masters Degree in Accounting from Walsh College.



Rosheila Motley

The following NABA members earned CPE credit attending the Financial Statement Analysis course taught by NABA member Florence Atiase on October 25:

Emmanuel Akowhae
Olastan Awodipe
Stacie Bables
Tara Brooks
Roger Davis
Richard Franklin
Marlon Green
Tyneshia Hamilton
Abe Joseph
Teeyia Mercer
Karen Rucker
Damian Spencer
Betty Works

Share Your NABA Memories

NABA is creating a 40-year timeline of memorable NABA and accounting profession events and activities since 1969. This information will be compiled and published in SPECTRUM and will also be presented as part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration. If you have special memories about your professional accomplishments that have occurred as a result of your NABA membership, or any information that would help create the most accurate and complete 40th Anniversary presentation, please e-mail cwelborn@nabainc.

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Black Professional Organization Network Mixer November 13, 2008

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Chapter President Roger Davis presents certificate to NAACP President Nelson Linder at Mixer



Austin City Council Member Sheryl Cole receives certificate from Delta Board member Dinita Caldwell at Mixer

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Scholarship & Awards Luncheon & Workshop Series Coming in April

Amie Pala, vice president of financial management for the Farm Credit Bank of Texas will be the keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on April 24. The Farm Credit Bank provides funding and services for the Tenth Farm Credit District. With combined assets of \$19.7 billion, the Tenth District consists of the bank and 19 local lending cooperatives that finance farmers, ranchers, agribusiness firms, and rural landowners and homeowners in Alabama, Louisiana,

Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

The day prior to the Awards Luncheon NABA will host the **Increasing Our Value in Economic Turbulence Workshop Series** on April 23, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. The workshop series will feature the following workshops:
Financial Statement Analysis I & II
Instructor-Florence Atiase;
Save Money, Make Money, Create Wealth
Instructor-Genrod Jones;
Ethics in Accounting
Instructor Dr. Norma Jacobs

Calendar of Events

January 24, 2009

Austin Cen-Tex Chapter General Meeting
 Huston-Tillotson University
 900 Chicon St.

February 28, 2009

Heritage Day Celebration - NABA Booth
 Huston-Tillotson University
 900 Chicon St.

April 23, 2009

Increasing Our Value in Economic Turbulence Workshop Series
 Norris Conference Center
 2525 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 365

April 24, 2009

4th Annual Awards & Scholarship Luncheon
 Norris Conference Center
 2525 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 365

June 16-20, 2009

National Convention and Diversity Recruitment EXPO
 Hilton New Orleans
 New Orleans, Louisiana

July 25, 2009

Austin Cen-Tex Chapter General Meeting
 Huston-Tillotson University
 900 Chicon St.