Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society for students, professional counselors and counselor educators established at Ohio University in 1985. It was established for counselors-in-training, counselor educators, and professional counselors whose career commitment is to research and service through professional counseling. Its mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling. Because common usage of the term "counselor" can be misleading, professional counselors are distinguished by their preparation at the graduate level in pursuit of both Masters and doctoral degrees. One's highest or terminal degree in counselor education is considered evidence of desire to identify with the profession and through membership to support the mission of the Society. Chi Sigma Iota currently has 251 chapters and more than 60,000 members. There are over 11,409 active members. The Epsilon Chapter of Prairie View A&M University has the largest membership of Chi Sigma Iota in the world. To be a member of the Epsilon Chapter, one must have completed nine semester hours and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. On November 17, 2007, the Epsilon Chapter initiated 25 new Chi Sigma Iota members. They are shown in the picture below.

Promoting Excellence in Counseling Graduate Students

New Dean at PVAMU

Dr. Lucian Yates, III has been appointed the Dean of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education and will join Prairie View A&M University family on January 8th. Dr. Yates is a sought-after consultant, he has guided the US Department of Education and international governments developing and improving of education programs and practices. Dr. Yates has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. Dr. Yates, III has developed and implemented successful programs to reach and teach diverse students. He also served as a university professor at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. He was invited to the former Soviet Union to work with teachers and principals as they moved from Communism to Democracy. Dr. Yates has studied with Dr. Madeline Hunter, Drs. Kenneth and Rita Dunn, Dr. Bernice McCarthy, Ted Sizer, and many, many more. Dr. Yates was featured on a call in talk show with Secretary of Labor, Robert Reich, Secretary of Education, Richard Reilly and President, Bill Clinton to discuss school-to-work initiatives. Dr. Yates’ role as superintendent was featured in the December 2002 edition of U.S. News and World Report and the January New Yorker. Dr. Yates’ research interests have included the areas of administration, achievement gap, learning styles, and teaching students of color.

GRE SCORES

Make sure that GRE scores are on file in the ELC Office before completing 12 hours of coursework or you may loose your financial aid during that initial term.

Candidacy Application Forms will not be accepted beginning in the 2008 Spring Semester unless your GRE scores have been submitted to the Department of Educational Leadership & Counseling. For additional information, please review the Office of Student Financial Aid's page on www.pvamu.edu or visit www.elac.pvamu.edu

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Outstanding ELC Adjunct Faculty

Graduate students in Prairie View A&M University’s Dallas Graduate Studies Center benefit, not only from well-published, tenured professors from the main campus, but from practitioners who bring current practical experience to help students make connections with real-world situations and classroom theory. In addition to seasoned experiences, many of the adjunct faculty who co-teach with main campus professors bring a track record of publishing in respected journals, thus adding meaningful contributions to the field of research.

One such individual is Dr. Rodney U. Garrett. Dr. Garrett has over 15 years of experience in academia. Most recently, Dr. Garrett served as the associate dean of student services at North Central Texas College and, previously, as the director of student support services at Mountain View College in the Dallas County Community College District. In addition to teaching at Prairie View A&M University’s Dallas Graduate Studies Center, Dr. Garrett teaches for Northcentral University and Dallas Baptist University.

A graduate of Dallas Baptist University, Dr. Garrett’s Ph.D. dissertation, titled “The quality of the doctoral experience in education at historically Black colleges and universities,” explored the experiences of African-American students’ experiences in doctoral programs. His research interest includes all issues concerning minority higher education and student success.

Dr. Garrett’s additional publish work includes “Effects of Mentoring on the Quality of the Doctoral Experience at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Results of Groundwork Investigation,” which appeared in Race, Gender, and Class. Additionally, Dr. Garrett is currently completing a manuscript titled “It takes a HBCU to complete a Doctoral Student: Effects of Student Camaraderie on the Doctoral Ecology.”

Ten Internet Courses Planned for Spring 2008

The Department of Educational Leadership & Counseling is excited about the ten courses being offered via Internet for students during the Spring Semester 2008. The courses are designed to meet the growing demands of a global community of learners. Secondly, the Internet courses will take fullest advantage of the latest education and communications technologies. This all means that some of the learning features might seem a bit strange—even contrary—to the traditional 19th and 20th century notions of schools and classrooms. So it is very important that you take some time to "learn how to learn." The Educational Administration Master courses being offered in the spring include Fundamentals of Leadership, School Business Management, School Curriculum Leadership, School Community Relations, School Business Law and Computer Applications for Administrations. Our Counseling Program will offer Professional Orientation, Psychology of Abnormal Behavior, Career Development Counseling and Counseling Theory. The curriculum will be continually updated to reflect cutting edge concepts, methods and practices, so you can be sure your online college education fully prepares you for today’s professional world.

Spring Orientation in February

Spring Orientation will be on February 9th on the Main Campus and on February 16th at the Dallas Metroplex. Spring Orientation is being held to explain policy, procedures and required forms. Students will be able to meet their advisors and to interact with the Dean of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education, Certification Office, Interim Department Head, Educational Leadership Ph.D. Coordinator and other Prairie View A&M University Administrators (this includes a representative from the Registrar’s Office and the Financial Aid’s Office). All graduate Students are required to attend the 2008 Spring Orientation program regarding the variety of services and assistance available to students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 21st—Jan. 2nd University Christmas Break
Jan. 14th – Spring 2008 Classes Begin
Jan. 21st—Martin Luther King’s Birthday
Scholarly Productivity by PhD Students in Educational Leadership

Written by William A. Kritsonis, Ph.D.

Since 2004, over 400 articles have been published in national refereed journals by our PhD Students in Educational Leadership at Prairie View A&M University -The Texas A&M University System. Most of these articles are also indexed in ERIC (Education Resource Information Center). Doctoral students have published in hard copy issues as well as in online periodicals. PV leads the nation in publishing refereed journal articles by PhD doctoral students in educational leadership prior to their earning the PhD.

PhD students in educational leadership at PV in Cohort 4 have articles published in the spring 2008 issue of the DOCTORAL FORUM: National Journal for Publishing and Mentoring Doctoral Student Research (National Refereed Journal). Doctoral students published include: Donna Charlton, Alison- Coates-McBride, Misti Morgan, Christopher O’Brine, Mary Ann Springs, Loretta Terry, Alex Torrez, Lavada Walden

Michalyn Demaris, Debbie Watkins and Monica G. Williams, members of Cohort 3, will have articles published in the spring 2008 issue of the National Journal FOCUS: Focus On Colleges, Universities, and Schools - Online (National Refereed Journal)

Cohort 3 doctoral students Jennifer Butcher, La’Shonte Iwundu, Margaret Patton, Tracy Perkins, Desiree Skinner, Rhodena Townsell will be published in the spring 2008 issue of the National FORUM of Educational Ad-

ministration and Supervision Journal – Online (National Refereed Journal).

Jennifer Butcher, La’Shonte Iwundu, Debbie Watkins, Jennifer Butcher, Margaret Patton, all members of Cohort 3 will be published in the spring 2008 issue of the National FORUM of Applied Educational Research Journal - Online (National Refereed Journal).

Tracy Perkins (Cohort 3) will be published in the spring 2008 issue of the DOCTORAL FORUM: National Journal for Publishing and Mentoring Doctoral Student Research (National Refereed Journal).

PhD students in educational leadership at PVAMU in Cohort 3 will have articles published in spring 2008 issue of The Lamar University Electronic Journal of Student Research (Referred Journal) - Online sponsored by the Dean’s Office, College of Education and Human Development, Lamar University. Doctoral students published include: Crystal Collins, Rebeca Duong, La Shonda Evans, Fletcher Holloway, Kimberlin Sturgis, Porchance White.

Doctoral students from Cohort 2 that have published in national refereed journals include the following: Allena Anderson, Taiwanna Anthony, Cynthia Lawry Berkins, Robert Branch, Eunetra Ellison, Sorie Gassama, Janetta Gilliam, Karen Jacobs, Clarence Johnson, Cheng-Chief Lai, Alfreda Lov, Jacqueline McNeir, Grace Thomas-Nickerson, Steven Norfleet, and Barbara Scott-Holman.

Doctoral students from Cohort 1 that have published several articles in national refereed journals include the following: Gary Bates, Gail Cyrus-Parson, David Edgerson, Teresa Ann Hughes, James Laub, Nasrin Nazemzadeh, Lauritice Nickson, Arthur Petterway, Roselia Alaniz Salinas, Todd Stephens, Melody Wilson, and Frances Worthy.

PhD recipients in Cohort 1 include: Dr. Gary Bates, Dr. Teresa Ann Hughes, Dr. James Laub, Dr. Lauritice Nickson, Dr. Gail Cyrus-Parson, Dr. Arthur Petterway, Dr. Roselia Alaniz Salinas, and Dr. Todd Stephens.

Faculty members serving in a mentoring capacity to assist doctoral students in getting published include the following: Dr. Ben C. DeSpain, Dr. Pamela Barber-Freeman, Dr. Douglas Hermond, Dr. David Herrington, Dr. William Allan Kritsonis, and Dr. Tyrone Tanner.

Dr. F.A. White

Francis A. White is a former Superintendent from Mississippi. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Educational Leadership and Counseling Department, a position he has held since 2001. Dr. White teaches classes in both counseling and administration. He emphasizes basic fundamental in his classes and expect high academic performance from all of his students. Although, Dr. White emphasizes academic excellence in student learning and teaching, he is adamantly about research and service. Dr. White’s most recent publication is “Social Justice and Cultural Diversity: A Professional Collaborative Effort.” He is currently working on two articles; (1) Tenure and Promotion 101: What you need to know? , and (2) An Assessment of Self-Concept of Charter School Students. Even though much of his time is spent teaching and writing, he still finds time to attend professional conferences. He is a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the Texas Counseling Association (TCA). He has presented at both the state and national level. He constantly encourages his students to become members and presenters at professional conferences. TCA Conference is being held in Houston, Texas, November 2008. Prairie View’s graduate students in the counseling program, are being encouraged to join and be a presenter at this upcoming conference.
The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion,
Speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies,
Caution lights called Family.
We will have flats called Jobs.
But, if we have a spare called Determination,
An engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith,
We will make it to a place called Success.

The Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling is proud to present at our next Counselor’s Conference the renowned Dr. Na’im Akbar. Dr. Akbar will be the keynote speaker on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Memorial Student Center on PVAMU campus. He is known as a Psychologist and an Afrocentric Scholar, sharing his thoughts on national issues with the entire population through books, articles, lectures, seminars, radio talk shows and Internet chatrooms.

Dr. Akbar is the author of many thought provoking books which include Visions of Black Men, Know Thyself, Breaking the Chains of Psychological Slavery, The Community of Self, and many others. He feels very strongly that truly relevant ideas should be available to as wide an audience as possible in order that they may study these ideas and apply them to their lives and to their communities. The measure of success for this aspect of his scholarship becomes the number of people from various walks of life that have been able to study these ideas, change their lives and their world.

You will not want to miss this dynamic speaker! Donation is $30.00 pre-sale; $35.00 at the door for ELC graduate students. General admission is $35.00. ELC faculty are encouraged to allow their classes to attend and support this event. See you there!

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