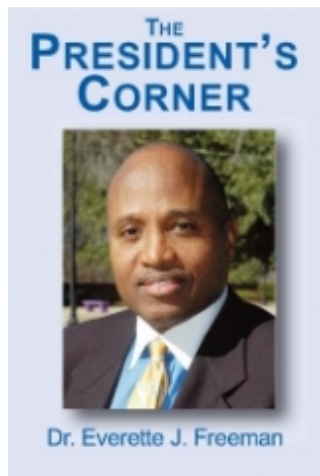


InsideASU



Strength in Numbers

HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) have some of the most active alumni. When students graduate, they don't just walk away with a degree; they return with new students in tow or with the goal of reaching out to those students who come after them.

Alumni are one of the greatest assets of HBCUs.

But not all HBCUs are the same. State-run HBCUs face different issues than private HBCUs. That's why alumni from Albany State University, Fort Valley State University and Savannah State University gathered this week for the 26th annual GAAHBSU (Georgia Alumni Associations of Historically Black State Universities) Legislative Conference in Atlanta.

GAAHBSU is made up of the national alumni associations of each of the three public HBCUs in Georgia to promote these three universities while looking toward the future. The Legislative Conference included a student recruitment event as well as interaction with state legislators and University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis.

The old adage, "There's strength in numbers" is particularly true in this case. It's so important that ASU alumni join with the alumni of Savannah State and Fort Valley State because we face some of the same issues. The alumni of three public HBCUs are greater in number and in force than the alumni of just one.

UpcomingEVENTS

AMF Leagues will host the **ASU Golden Rams Bowling League** on Mondays at 9 p.m. running for 13 weeks at the AMF Bowl-a-Rama Lanes,



Participating in the Campus Connections tour of Albany State University on Thursday, Jan. 27, are (from top left) Dr. Richard Williams, athletic director and chair of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Dr. Melvin Shelton, director of the Velma Fudge Grant Honors Program; and Sherrell Byrd, coordinator of the First and Second Year Experience Program; Second row from top left: Greg Woods, Campus Connections; Charles Birch, Campus Connections; Gerald Baucom, Campus Connections; and Dr. Kathaleena Monds, interim dean, College of Business.

Bottom row from left, Khaliya Ward, enrollment services counselor; Detrenyona Chester, enrollment services counselor; Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, dean, College of Education; Kathie Baucom, Campus Connections; Dr. Abiodun Ojemakinde, vice president for Academic Affairs; Patricia Hampton, Campus Connections; Dwana Trimble, enrollment services counselor; Anthony Pelham, Campus Connections; April Butler, Campus Connections; and Virginia Stewart, vice president and chief information officer.

Campus Connections brings future Rams to Albany State

By Joseph West
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On Jan. 27 Campus Connections, a Charlotte, N.C.-based student services company, brought 128 students to visit Albany State University. The visit, part of the organization's swing through Georgia, was aimed at visiting all of the HBCUs in the state.

Since 1985, Campus Connections B.C.T. Inc. (Bible Centered Teaching) has been working with high school students to increase their awareness of the educational and cultural opportunities available to them at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"We are pleased to have you visit our campus," Dr. Abiodun Ojemakinde, vice president for Academic Affairs said to the 128 Campus Connections students visiting the campus. "I want you to know that all you have to do is your best at ASU, and we will meet you so that you can realize your professional potential."

Campus Connections B.C.T. Inc. is a nonprofit Christian organization that can serve up to 155 students per school year in grades 10th through 12th.

"The students are interested in seeing how Albany State University and other HBCU programs match up with their goals," said Kathie Baucom, chief intake counselor with Campus Connections BCT Inc. "This is our second visit to Albany State in the last four years. We are looking forward to having our first students to enroll in ASU, graduate and become our alumni."

The minimum academic requirement for the program is a 2.5 G.P.A. More than three-fourths of Campus Connections students have a G.P.A. of 3.4 or greater. Each year since 1997, seniors in that program have been offered million(s) of dollars in scholarships. Several students are offered multiple scholarships each year and many are full scholarships.

The organization annually visits HBCUs around the country allowing its participants an opportunity to

1200 West Broad St., Albany. The cost is \$12 per person for three games per week. League benefits include a free custom-drilled ball, 10 free games at the end of the league, 20 percent off at the snack bar, a discount on open bowling prices and two free games per week via email. For more information contact [Peter Stevenson](#) in HPER at (229) 430-1394.

ASU's Marching Rams Show Band will perform in the [Honda Battle of the Bands](#) at the Georgia Dome on Saturday, Jan. 29. ASU's band is one of only eight chosen from 45 HBCU bands to perform in the showcase.

Katherine M. Kikivarakis-Laster, author of the book "He Chose Me," will hold a benefit book signing at the Flint Riverquarium from 3 to 5 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 29. A portion of the proceeds will benefit **Chosen to Conquer** and its Make Up for Life, which assists women with the affects of breast cancer. Laster, who works in Financial Operations at ASU, wrote her book to help other women dealing with divorce, single parenthood and cancer. For more information, contact Laster at kmaster242@yahoo.com.

ASU will present an interactive performance by the [Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble](#) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Albany Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5, \$10 and \$20. Tickets are available at the Albany James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center Box Office. (ASU student tickets are \$3, \$5 and \$10 when purchased at the box office with a valid studnet ID.) For more information, contact the ASU Department of Fine Arts at (229) 430-4849 or (229) 430-4832. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Albany State University will hold the **Southwest Georgia Education Career Fair 2011** from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in the HPER Gymnasium. For more information, contact Glorya Williams, director of Career Services, at (229) 430-4654 or careers@asurams.edu.

The ASU Holley Ambassadors will hold a "**Golden Event**" at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in the L. Orene Hall Building. After 5/cocktail attire is requested. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from any Holley Ambassador or from [Robert Newton](#), Holley Ambassadors advisor, at (229) 430-4646.

Recreational swimming is now available at the HPER pool from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lifeguards will be on duty. An ASU student ID card is required.

find out about admissions, financial aid and scholarships offered by the various institutions.



John Bailey

ASU student lands a position with a Fortune 500 company

By Joseph West
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An Albany State University senior has been selected for a Technology Analyst Development program with a global financial powerhouse – JPMorgan Chase. John Bailey, a technology management major from Albany, Ga., has accepted an offer from JPMorgan Chase to participate in a 24-month Information Technology training program.

Bailey, on track to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in applied science, plans to begin working for JPMorgan Chase at the company's Columbus, Ohio, office in June. He will work closely with the company's internal clients to design, develop, test and maintain the technologies and applications essential to the firm's success.

Bailey, who was flown to Ohio by the company for a series of interviews, said he is looking forward to the challenges that await him.

"My immediate goals are to learn, apply myself and work toward becoming a project manager and eventually to become a chief information officer," he said.

Dr. Kathaleena Edward Monds, interim dean of the ASU College of Business, expressed confidence in Bailey's ability to be an asset to JP Morgan Chase.

"Mr. Bailey is an exceptional student who is able to bridge his Technology Management skills with the knowledge requirements of our business program here at ASU," Monds said. "His selection for this program is further evidence that our Technology Management (TM) program, coupled with the Business Information Systems (BIS) program, teaches the skills that are valued by major corporations."

The ASU Technology Management program is a new degree program that partners two-year technical school students with ASU business programs to award the BAS degree. The BIS program, offered entirely online, targets traditional and non-traditional students and awards the BS degree.

Bailey, a 24-year-old Air Force veteran, began his college career at Albany Technical College in 2006. He completed his studies there in 2009 and transferred to ASU to pursue a bachelor's degree.

A native of Oakland, Calif., Bailey has resided in Albany since 2001 when his family relocated after his mother accepted a position at the Marine Corps Logistics Base. Bailey, the youngest of three children, is the son of John Bailey, Jr. and Ruth Bailey. He has two sisters, Rachel, a 2008 ASU graduate, and Latisha, who currently attends Albany Technical College.

"Bailey is a serious, focused individual who will represent ASU and the College of Business in a way that will help bring a long-term partnership between JPMorgan Chase and the ASU College of Business," Monds said. "JPMorgan Chase has, for several years, recruited our ASU students. We are elated that they recognize the value-added benefits of the College of Business student who demonstrates a good balance of technology skills and business acumen. I am very excited for him."

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Lena Baker

Film highlights an episode of injustice in Georgia history

During Black History Month Albany State University will present a special showing of a film that chronicles one of the greatest injustices imposed upon an African-American woman in the state of Georgia. "Hope and Redemption: The Lena Baker Story," a film about the first African-American woman to be electrocuted in the state of Georgia, will be presented Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the ACAD Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Lena Baker, a maid and mother of three in Cuthbert, Ga., in the 1940s, was sentenced to death by electrocution in 1945 after an all-white male jury convicted her of murdering her employer. In 1944 Baker's employer, Ernest Knight, forced Baker into an unwanted sexual relationship. That relationship ended when Knight was shot to death during an altercation between the two. Baker was found guilty of murder, in spite of overwhelming evidence of self-defense.

The film, first released by Southwest Georgia's Film Commission and Lionsgate in 2008, has re-emerged to the forefront since Baker's descendants and sympathizers placed a headstone at her Cuthbert, Ga. gravesite on Jan. 12.

"Lena Baker's heart-breaking story must be told over and over again to current and future generations," said Dr. Raquel Henry, civil rights fellow and assistant professor of history at ASU. "It's important to ensure that Georgia's African-American past will not be forgotten."

"Hope and Redemption: The Lena Baker Story" is presented to the community through a collaboration of the Albany State College 1961 Civil Rights Celebration and the ASU Housing and Residence Life Office. For more information, contact Henry at (229) 430-2799.

Preparing for the Battle



On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Albany State University Marching Rams Show Band will be one of eight HBCU bands featured in the annual Honda Battle of the Bands held in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Members of the Marching Rams' drum line rehearse on Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the battle. For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.hondabattleofthebands.com.



With a new surface, ASU's track stands ready for the upcoming season.

ASU's track gets resurfaced

*By Joseph West
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The Albany State University track has been recently re-surfaced with a layered polyurethane material called Spurtan-BV or Rekortanis, a 14mm, two-layer sandwich system especially designed for running tracks. It features a layer composed of Styrene-Butadiene-Rubber (SBR) granules bound with a polyurethane binder, and a wear coat of colored Ethylene Propylene Diene Methylene (EPDM) granules cast into a premium polyurethane flood coat.

The material is similar to that used on the original track. ASU officials say that in terms of performance it is comparable to the original surface.

"That means it should be fast," said ASU Track Coach Ken Taylor. "The installation execution was right this time. The surface prep was sufficient and glue application and drying time were adequate. There has also been a drainage system added to improve a surface that has already been proven to eliminate the water puddles on the track after a rain shower."



Conservation Tip of the Week

Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures drop below 20°F. This will keep pipes from freezing and leaking after they thaw.

(Source: Water – Use it Wisely www.wateruseitwisely.com/100ways/se.shtml)

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Taylor also said proper care of the track surface will increase the life of the facility.



ASU bookstore employees and ASU students held a fundraiser to help Salisa Harris (third from left), a mother of six. Employees participating in the fundraiser are (from left) Edgars Patani, manager, business services; Octavia Hunt, text book manager; Tara Johnson, bookstore manager; Ashley Taylor, bookstore accounting clerk; and Richetra Lavant, bookstore general merchandiser.

ASU students, bookstore employees give back

By Joseph West
Publications Specialist

Near the end of the Fall Semester 2010, the Albany State University Bookstore employees wanted to find a way to help one needy family during the holiday season. That desire evolved into a fundraiser that solicited contributions of at least \$1 from ASU students who sold their books back to the bookstore.

On Jan. 26, ASU Bookstore Manager Tara Johnson delivered a check for \$741 to Salisa Harris, an Albany mother of six. Harris, employed by Georgia Personnel Temporary Services, was chosen to receive the gift by Martha Hines, the first lady of the Thunder Temple Church, and Katresa Daniel of the Department of Family and Children Services.

Harris seemed truly humbled by the gift.

“No words can express how thankful I am,” she said. “I’m overwhelmed that the students cared that much about my family. I want them to know that the money will be used wisely.”

After delivering the check, Johnson said, “We wanted to give this check during the holiday season, but it all took longer than we expected. I hope it will still be a blessing to the family.”

CETLA announces supplemental instruction sessions for spring

The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Advising will hold the following supplemental instruction sessions now through April 28. For more information, contact CETLA at (229) 420-1199.

Basic Statistics, 7:05-9:05 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Simmons Hall Room 108, facilitated by Dr. Ghunaym Ghunaym

College Algebra, 7:05-9:05 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Simmons Hall Room 110, facilitated by Jerome Myricks

Organic Chemistry, 7:05-9:05 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ACAD Room 143, facilitated by Dr. Ghislain Mandouma

Physics, 7:05-9:05 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ACAD Room 184, facilitated by Dr. Arun Saha

Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry, 7:05-9:05 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Simmons Hall Room 317, facilitated by Dr. Zephyrinus Okonkwo

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