Saint Augustine’s University HBCU Teaching Fellows Attends Kick-Off Meeting

Four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) – Johnson C. Smith University - Charlotte, NC; North Carolina Central University - Durham, NC; Bennett College - Greensboro, NC and Saint Augustine’s University - Raleigh, NC have joined forces to (1) strengthen the interest in the future of learning and education among students and (2) develop connections across HBCUs and in the education sector. With generous support from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust, a HBCU Teaching Fellowship Pilot Program has been established. The lead institution for this initiative is Johnson C. Smith University. Each consortium institution has selected students to serve as HBCU Teaching Fellows in priority designated areas. The priority designated area for Saint Augustine’s University is science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Naudia Gray – Biology Major, Mr. Ka’shawn Robertson – Chemistry Major and Mr. Jose Reyes – Engineering Mathematics Major have been selected as HBCU Teaching Fellows. The HBCU Teaching Fellowship Program supports – innovation, creativity, leadership, collaborative networking, service learning and mentorship. HBCU Teacher Fellows will attend monthly meetings, conduct service-learning projects with professional mentors, complete surveys, and share knowledge and experiences with peers. Saint Augustine’s University HBCU Teacher Fellows will gain knowledge, skills and resources in a STEM based content area to enhance their interest in the teaching profession and will earn generous stipends.

Saint Augustine’s University HBCU Teaching Fellows – Left to Right: Ka’shawn Robertson - Chemistry Major & Sophomore; Naudia Gay - Biology Major & Junior and Jose Reyes - Engineering Mathematics Major & Sophomore.
HBCU Teaching Fellows and Faculty from Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina Central University, Bennett College and Saint Augustine’s University at the Kick-Off Meeting held on March 3, 2018 at North Carolina Central University.

The HBCU Teaching Fellows Kick-Off Meeting was held on March 3, 2018 at North Carolina Central University. Dr. Philliph Mutisya, Professor of Education at North Carolina Central University was the host for the event. Faculty representing Saint Augustine’s University were Dr. Tyrell Carr, Assistant Professor of Biology and Dr. Sarah Straud, Assistant Professor of Biology. Dr. Mark Melton, Professor of Biology and Dean of the School of Sciences, Mathematics and Public Health who initiated Saint Augustine’s University participation in the HBCU Teaching Fellows Pilot Program was unable to attend. He was serving on a National Science Foundation Proposal Review Panel.

**HBCU Teaching Fellows Program Leadership**

Mr. Terik Tidwell – Program Director  
Johnson C. Smith University

Dr. Mark Melton – Consortium Liaison  
Saint Augustine’s University

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Dr. Tyrell Carr – Campus Director

Dr. Sarah Straud – Faculty Mentor