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Director's Corner

Greetings & Welcome to Title III's Quarterly Newsletter for the 2019– 2020 grant period.

The purpose of the Title III program is to provide financial assistance to establish or strengthen the physical plants, financial management, academic resources, and endowments of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Here in the Title III Office, we are committed to keeping SSU's campus community abreast of all the wonderful and exciting things happening with our funded activities.

In this newsletter we will introduce our new Title III Employees, share highlights of the wonderful work accomplished by Title III funded projects at SSU, and helpful reminders regarding the Title III Budget and approval process. I hope you find this newsletter insightful and informative. Please stay tuned for more exciting things happening in Title III.



Dr. Dedra N. Andrews

Title III Director & Interim AVP of Enrollment Management

Additional Questions About Title III ?

Visit Us: www.SavannahState.edu/title-iii

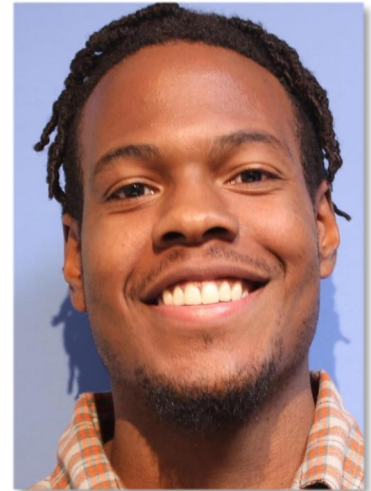
Title III New Employees



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Welcome to the Team!!!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond the Library Walls



Heather Koopmans had the opportunity to attend and present at the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy (GICOIL) held in Savannah on February 20-22, 2020. Librarians and educators from across the U.S. (and beyond) gathered here to share teaching strategies and other efforts centered on helping students to think critically about information.



Heather was able to pick up useful new ideas, and also share the successes of the Satellite Library initiative with a broader audience. Her presentation was entitled "Stories from the Satellite Library: Lessons Learned From Launching A New Academic Branch Library".

For more information on **Beyond The Library**, contact Dr. Cora Thompson at Thompsonc@SavannahState.edu. For more information about the Satellite Library, contact Heather Koopmans at KoopmansH@SavannahState.edu or visit <https://savannahstate.libguides.com/satellitelibrary>.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Center for Teaching and Faculty Development

The Center for Teaching and Faculty Development exists to support the academy at Savannah State University in best practices related to engaged teaching and learning. We strive to be a place of convenience, comfort, creative collaboration, and connected community. Faculty can find a wide variety of resources at the Center to enhance their instruction, future career planning, and share their challenges. The Center provides opportunities for professional development, effective teaching and learning strategies, participation in workshops, and learning communities.

The Center for Teaching and Faculty Development has provided numerous opportunities for faculty to participate in conferences and workshops:

- Classroom Management Series: “Managing the First 8 Weeks”
- Classroom Management Series: “Managing the Second 8 Weeks”
- D2L Training Sessions and Remote Instruction
- Institutional Review Board Workshop
- New Faculty Orientation
- Scholars of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference | Savannah, GA



For more information on **Center for Teaching and Faculty Development**, contact Dr. Frank Williams at Williamsf@SavannahState.edu or contact Jontae Nash at Nashj@SavannahState.edu or visit <https://www.savannahstate.edu/ctfd/index.shtml>

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



STEM Success Center

The STEM Success Center started off the year right with service projects planned throughout the semester. One of the first service projects was building a cohort of Freshmen volunteers in conjunction with the American Society of Civil Engineers at SSU to assist with cleanup of the Civil Engineering lab. Student volunteers were led by senior student Elliot Medlock, a senior Civil Engineering major and soon to be professional engineer.



The second service project was having students serve as judges for the K-12 Inventure Prize at GA Tech - Savannah Campus. Several students and area schools were present for this event where SSU COST Volunteers spent the day judging projects and interviewing students. This was also a great way for them to network with company representatives and educators in the area.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

STEM Success Center Continued



Another project started at the beginning of this year was the interview series with SSU Alumni Coast Guard members. The STEM Success Center worked with on campus Coast Guard representatives to reconnect Coast Guard alumni with current students, faculty, and staff, and conduct an interview. We continued these efforts in February with another Lt. Gholson coming to speak at the ASCE student meeting.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

STEM Success Center Continued



In March we had plans of working with America's Second Harvest food bank for their recurring "Brown Bags for the Elderly", unfortunately this service project had to be postponed due to COVID-19 developments. However, we are maintaining our relationship with American Second Harvest and encouraging students to volunteer at their local food banks if they are able to during this quarantine. There are several families that still need assistance and volunteers would be highly useful.



The STEM Success Center was able to take another trip to the Igniting the Dream Conference at the Medical College of GA. About 40 students between this office, SSU Counseling, and Student Support Services were able to attend this medical conference and learn about the new developments in medicine. Ironically and thankfully, this trip was taken right before we were all affected by the COVID 19 shutdowns.



During this quarantine, the STEM Success Center staff has been continuing service to students by hosting virtual meetings and office hours with students, continuing to assist with applications, and future planning. We have also stepped up in the social media realm by being more active through Instagram and our YouTube page. We also have future webinars planned with SSU Alumni from COST, and other STEM Professionals

For more information on the **STEM Success Center**, contact Mr. Patrick Dean at DeanP@SavannahState.edu.

TITLE III REMINDERS

Activity Budget

- All Activity Directors should be keeping track of their funds spent throughout the year. At least **58%** of activity funds should be spent at the end of April.
- All activity spending is being monitored by the Title III Office. If your activity is flagged as “**not spending**” funds may be swept from your activity and given to another activity to spend.

Requests/Approvals

- Staff and/or Student Employment Contracts must be submitted for approval at least two weeks prior to their official start date. Please note, submission time should take into account the gathering of signatures from:
 - ⇒ Business and Financial Affairs office (all contracts)
 - ⇒ Financial Aid office (student contracts only)
 - ⇒ Human Resources office (all contracts)
 - ◆ A background check has to be completed for all new staff contracts before they can begin working.
- Business and Financial Affairs Office has closed the PeopleSoft system for Year-End
 - ⇒ Following the online purchasing system shutdown, please submit all requests for upcoming Title III purchases via eProcurement during this time.

***During this time of teleworking, some adjustments are being made for request being submitted due to COVID-19.**

⇒ **E-Procurement**/Manual Procurement - Please submit all payment requests for Registration, Membership, Supplies, etc. via the electronic/manual procurement form.

Title III Office

- Phase I Data has been submitted to the Department of Education. This data determines Title III's funding level for the upcoming budget period (October 2020 - September 2021).
- Mid-Year Reports and Equipment Inventory Reports (October 2019- March 2020) were due to the Title III Office on April 17th.
- All Title III related reports should be submitted on time. Failure to comply **will** result in funds being held until all reports have been received.

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