

TITLE III NEWS

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TITLE III DEPARTMENT



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Director's Corner

Greetings & Welcome to the second edition of Title III's Quarterly Newsletter for the 2018– 2019 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



Dwan Barber

Information Systems Specialist II
ITS



Dr. Harish Bhatt

Mathematics Learning Specialist
CAS



Ellen Chester

Curriculum & Reporting Specialist
CAS



Patrina Lingard

Program Support Specialist
CT&FD



Scott McDowell

Classroom Support Specialist
ITS



Dr. Shawn Rosenquist

Program Director
CT&FD



Nicole Wiggins

Special Projects Assistant
WHCJ Radio



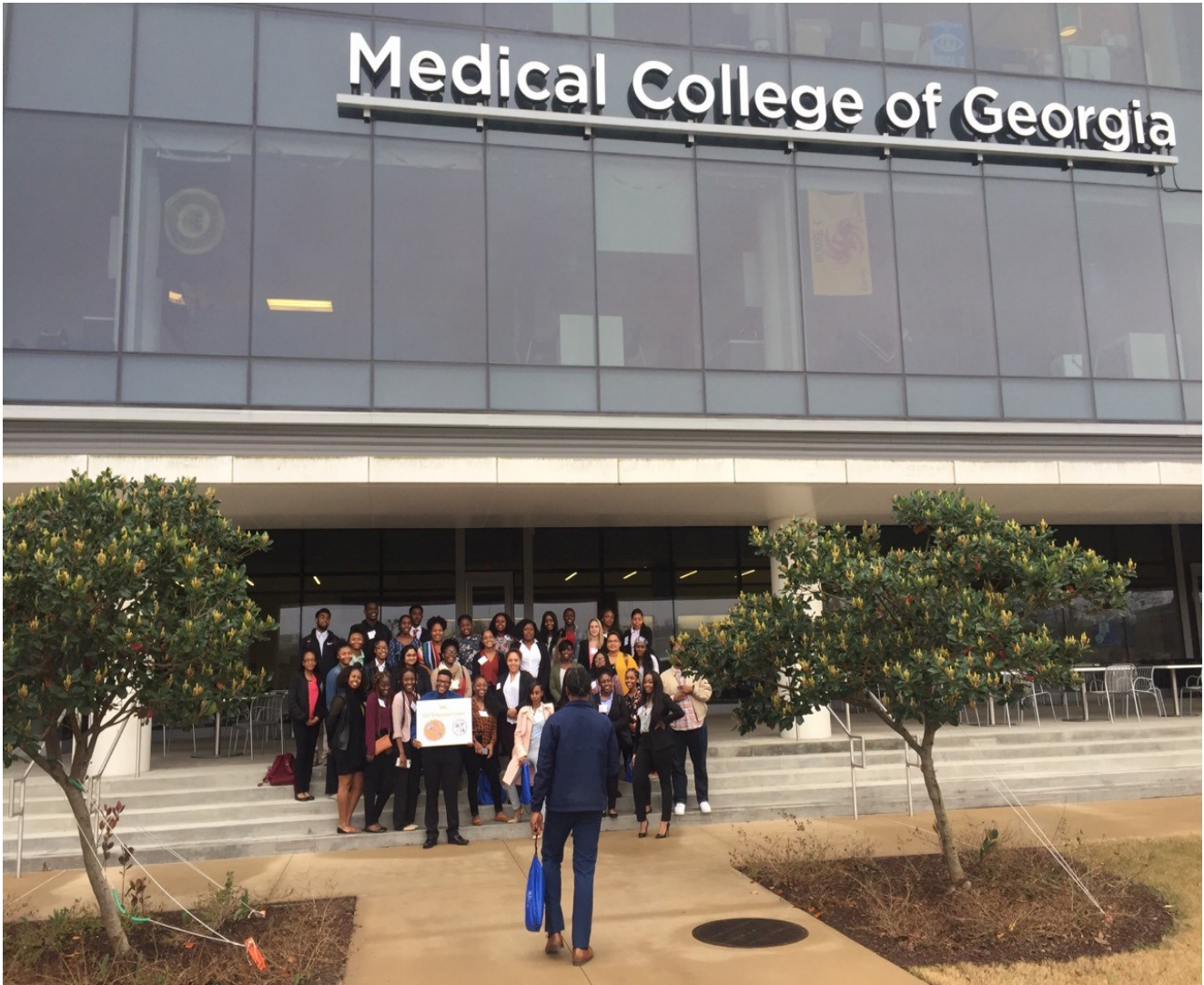
India Worthy

Education Advising Specialist
COE

Welcome to the Team!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

STEM Success Center



STEM peer fellow, Nigel Alexander-Ivery was honored as the student keynote speaker for this year's Honors Convocation. Nigel will also be the headliner student speaker for the 2019 STEM Awards on April 26th.



STEM peer fellow , Kaleeuh Steele has been accepted into a pharmacy program and is set to begin this fall after graduation. She is currently in efforts to secure funding for her education expenses.

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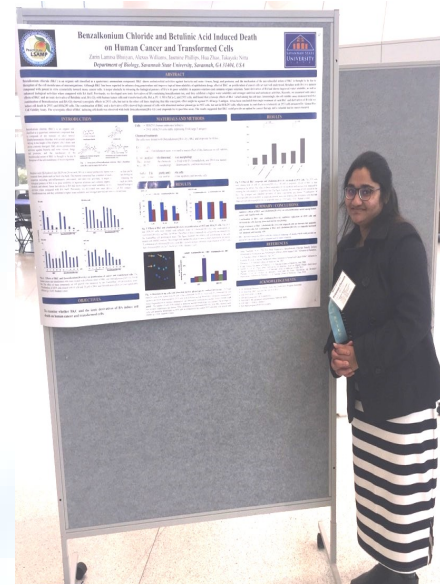
Throughout this semester the STEM Success Center was able to collaborate and coordinate professional mentoring sessions with the Urban Mentoring Academy of Savannah and Vekter Management, a drone education company. Live recordings of those sessions are available for viewing on YouTube ([STEM SUCCESS CENTER SSU](#)). *Go subscribe and tap the bell icon to stay up-to-date with all of our upcoming content .*



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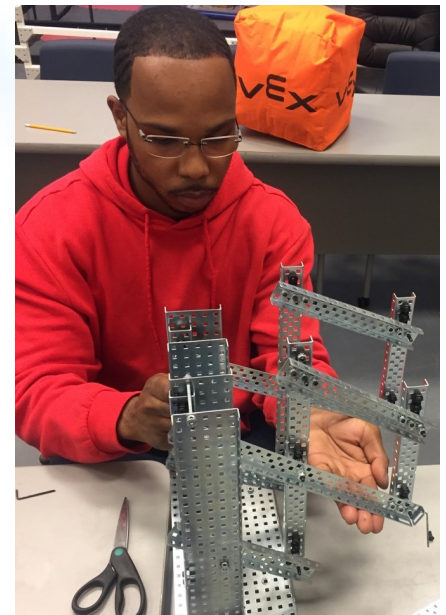
STEM Success Center



This semester the STEM Success Center (SSC) was able to successfully collaborate with the Biology Department and Counseling Services to provide several students with the opportunity to attend the IGNITING THE DREAM conference in Augusta, GA. Students sat in on sessions, presented research, and applied their networking skills to build professional connections in education and medicine.



The SSC was able to provide students with several volunteer and community engagement opportunities during Spring 2019. Student groups judged inventions at the Georgia Tech Inventure Prize competition, showcased progress with VEX robotics at Heard elementary, and even assisted with facilitating the SECME Competition with judging, scoring and entertainment.



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

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Wright Choice Mentoring Program



The Wright Choice (TWC) Mentoring Program of SSU started 2019 with some memorable moments. TWC was able to collaborate with students in the departments of Fine Arts Humanities and Wellness, The College of Teacher Education, Africana Studies, Journalism and Mass Communications, English Languages and Cultures as they shared their scholarship and creativity.

In January, students demonstrated their ability to embody the significance of the atrocities suffered by enslaved Africans, some of whom were undoubtedly on the very grounds Savannah State is built on. Historically it is understood that SSU was once a placenta plantation. Students, faculty and staff gathered in The Marsh View Room for the National Freedom Day kickoff in which students shared “The Unheard Voices: The Slave Narratives”. They were joined by students who choreographed dance performances to accompany their “Unheard Voices”. Three students were awarded prizes for their essays entitled *Freedom is a Bloody Business*. The evening performances were filmed and live streamed by students in the Mass Communications Department.

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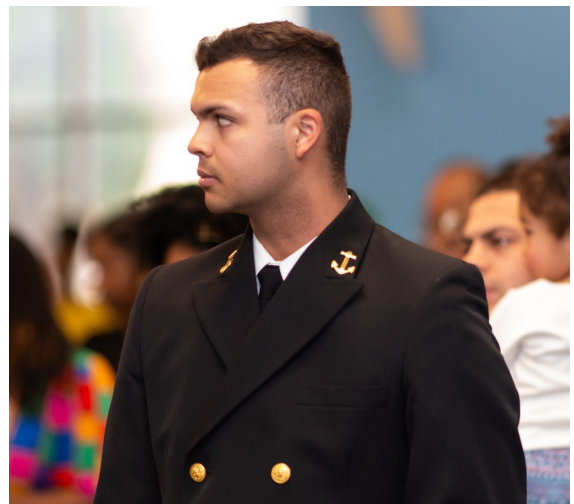
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Wright Choice Mentoring Program



The Momentum continued in February as TWC hosted a lecture and panel discussion commemorating the signing of the 13th Amendment with a National Freedom Day Celebration where over 100 students attended. Richard R. Wright, the Founding President of Savannah State University, began this celebration in 1948 as a call for a plan for a New World organization to maintain and safeguard universal peace. Four students engaged with the university's guest lecturer of the day Dr. Teresa Fry Brown as participants in a panel discussion. Dr. Brown is from Emory University where she is a professor. In addition, she is a prolific writer and editor and offered any student who wrote a reflection of the day an opportunity to have their essay published in The Christian Recorder.



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Wright Choice Mentoring Program



TWC continued promoting student success in March giving students opportunities to learn how to make their vision for themselves after graduation into a reality. Guest lecturer Mark Eschoe, a cinematographer, editor and producer, spent quality time with students meeting one on one and mentoring them on “next steps” beyond degree completion. A radio interview of Mr. Eschoe was conducted on WSAV by a student sharing with the campus community ways to overcome obstacles in the workforce. The Wright Choice Mentoring Department is committed to student success and will continue to foster a campus wide mission to help students make “The Wright Choice”.

For more information on the **Wright Choice Mentoring Program**, contact Mr. Christopher Corinthian at CorinthianC@SavannahState.edu.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Forensic Science

SSU Forensic Science Week 2019

April 8th – April 13th, 2019

Who We Are

“DNA Detectives”
with Dr. Shen



Officer Johnna “Kat” Lawson
Forensic Investigator, Savannah

“Follow the Current”
with Dr. Prasad

“Exploring other Dimensions”
with FARO

“Substance Analysis”
with CAPS

Where are they now?
&
Mystery Dinner

“Illuminating”
with Dr. Ekuase



Community Service

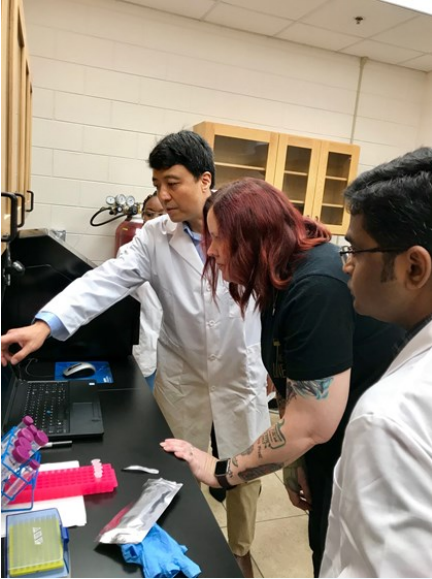
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Forensic Science Week: The 4th Annual Forensic Science Week was held April 8th-April 13th, 2019. This year’s theme was **“Who We Are”**. Led by forensic science students, faculty and industry experts, participants experienced an in-depth look at how the forensic process works. Workshops included Gel Electrophoresis, Substance Analysis, cutting edge technology for DNA profiling RAPIDHIT DNA. The week culminated in a public demonstration of SSU’s Rapid HIT DNA analysis machine, which was featured in the **Savannah Morning News** ([View Article Here](#)). As stated in the press feature, the RAPIDHIT DNA instrument was purchased with the Title III grant. SSU students will be trained on this new technology that is expanding to police stations and laboratories around the country.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Forensic Science

RAPIDHIT DNA Workshop



Substance Analysis Workshop



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Forensic Science

FARO 3-D Workshop



Officer Lawson guest speaker: "A Day in the Life of a Forensic Investigator"



For more information on **Forensic Science**, contact Dr. Karla Sue Marriott at MarriottK@SavannahState.edu.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond The Library



It's been a busy spring semester at the Satellite Library! Since January 2019, the Satellite has provided 22 outreach events/activities at the Tiger's Lair (Morgan Hall #124) and around campus. Highlights have included:



Weekly Study Nights at the Tiger's Lair Satellite Library – every Wednesday from 3:00p – 8:00p. A unique and supportive study environment, including research and tutoring help, free study supplies, and more.



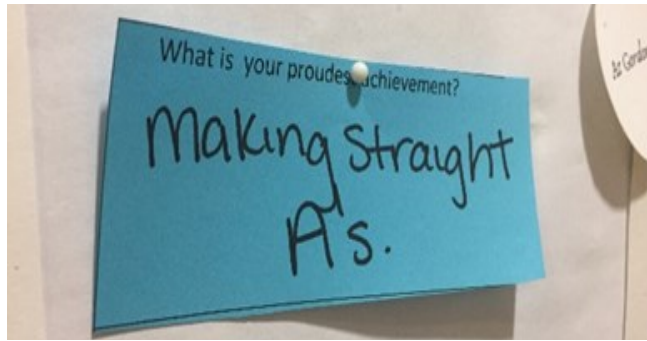
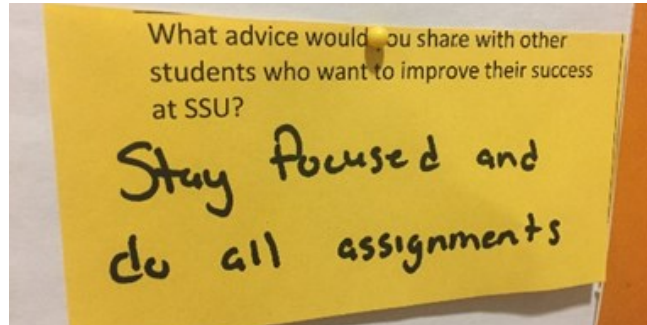
Mobile Librarian Mondays at the Residence Halls – every other Monday, afternoons and evenings. Satellite Library Manager, Heather Koopmans visits Tiger Place, Camilla Hubert Hall, and Bowen Smith Hall to share the latest library resources, and to provide research support



#GOALS library displays - The Satellite Library is highlighting resources on topics from growth mindset, to research and writing skills, to career development. Plus, students are invited to share their tips and successes with each other on the Tiger's Lair interactive bulletin board. More info is posted at <https://savannahstate.libguides.com/goals>.

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Beyond The Library



Other news:



Satellite Library Assistant, Katharine Rapkin was hired in April. Ms. Rapkin supports evening and weekend operations at the Tiger's Lair, and provides library and research support to students.



The Tiger's Lair Satellite Library will provide extended late night hours during the week of finals. The Lair will be open from 3:00pm to midnight, Monday – Thursday, May 6 through May 9.

For more information on **Beyond The Library**, contact Dean Mary Jo Fayoyin at FayoyinM@SavannahState.edu. For more information about the Satellite Library, contact Heather Koopmans at KoopmansH@SavannahState.edu or visit <https://savannahstate.libguides.com/satellitelibrary>.

TITLE III REMINDERS

Activity Budget

- All Activity Directors should be keeping track of their money spent throughout the year. By the end of April, at least **58%** of activity funds should be spent or encumbered
- 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

- All echo Travel Authority Requests must be submitted at least (2) WEEKS prior to the travel dates to allow for the appropriate signatures
- 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 manually via the paper procurement form through July 2019 —Your department may retrieve the procurement forms from the Title III Office
 - ⇒ **E-Procurement**/Manual Procurement - Please submit all payment requests for Registration, Membership, Supplies, etc. via the electronic/manual procurement form
 - ⇒ **Check Requests** - Please submit check requests for Hotel payments

Title III Office

- Phase I Data is being collected in preparation for submission to the Department of Education. This data determines Title III's funding level for the upcoming budget period (October 2019 - September 2020)
- Mid-Year Reports and Equipment Inventory Reports (October 2018- March 2019) were due to the Title III Office on April 12th.
- 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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