

Developing Leadership:

“Creating Innovative Leaders in a Global Society”

September 30th-October 1st, 2017 Youth Leadership Weekend

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Campers will arrive at Gateway Market for a 7:00 a.m. Departure
- 7:30 a.m. Bus departs
Eat breakfast (aboard bus during travel)
Welcome, Introductions & Review of Conference Agenda
Leadership activity facilitated by sponsors
Discussion of potential opportunities for leadership, political involvement and ways to promote civic engagement in your community
- 9:45 a.m. Bus arrives at the TON Camp. Students will take their belongings off of the bus and place them in their respective cabins.
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Activity 1**
Theme: Leadership/Career Building
Location: TON, near Camp I
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch from Crystal's Catering delivered to Touch of Nature in Camp I Dining Hall*
- 12:30 p.m.-1:10 p.m. **Evan Brown, CEO at Meet & Teach, Current Ph.D. Student at SIU-C in Educational Administration**
Theme: Overcoming Failure: What Does It Mean to Achieve the “Road to Success?”
Introduction: Cedric Mitchell
Location: Touch of Nature, Dining Hall
- 1:10 p.m.-1:50 p.m. **Chester Hood, Associate Director for Diversity, Alumni and College Relations SIU-C**
Theme: Work
Introduction: Lavon Singleton
Location: Touch of Nature, Dining Hall
- 1:50 p.m. Break
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. **Activity 2**
Location: TON Leadership/Career Building
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 p.m. **Plenary Session II – Cordy Love, Director of New Student Programs SIU-C**
Theme: Transitioning to College
Room Facilitator: Mike Sankey
Locations: Touch of Nature, Camp I Dining Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Break

- 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Alumni and Affiliate Panel
Oliver Keys, Automotive Technology Graduate SIU-C, Former Leadership Weekend Participant
Travis Washington, Education Administration Graduate SIU-C, Alexander Lane Intern
 Theme: My Journey: The Importance of Internships and Extracurricular Activities
 Moderator: Darren Suggs
 Location: Touch of Nature, Dining Hall
- 5:30 p.m.-- 6:00 p.m. Depart for Football Game
- 5:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Tour SIU Football Telecast and Tail Gating:**
Dennis Galloway, Assistant Instructor, Radio, Television, and Digital Media SIU-C
- 6:00 p.m.—8:15 p.m. **Football Game**
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Student Discussion and Pizza**
 Location: Paul Cook Lounge, SIU Arena *Primos Pizza*
 Theme: *Life as a College Student- Responsibility and Tools for Survival*
 Moderator: Ramar Henderson, Ph.D. ABD Rehabilitation Counseling, Rehabilitation Institute, SIU-C
 Panelists: **Cordaro Thomas, Academic Advisor and Masters of Public Administration graduate and Exploratory Student Advisement Professional SIU-C, Ryan Vickers, former Illinois House of Representatives Intern, currently on the Belleville City Council and graduate of the History Department SIU-C, and Kevin Gettis, Law School Student SIU-C**

***Note:** The panelists discuss a variety of topics centered on retention and graduation of black males. The do's and don'ts of social networking, interpersonal relationships, challenging yourself in high school, the value of civic and community involvement, activism, starting good study habits now, the value of volunteerism, preparing for the ACT and SAT test, the college application process, the ABC's of college life, the importance of academic success, the value of career and academic advisement, the importance of having a mentor , the value of internships, safe guarding your credit, the financial aid and scholarship application process as well as balancing work and play. * Following opening remarks from the moderator, panelist will engage the campers in an interactive session where several rounds of small group conversations will occur. The conversations will be transcribed. The conversation will be documented and the work will ultimately be converted into a document to be used for future students.

- 9:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Board the Bus to head to TON
- 10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Activity 3**
 Theme: Leadership/Career Building
 Location: TON near Camp I
- 11:30 p.m. Capstone Activity with Chaperones & Lights Out
 Location: TON Campsite

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Wake Up, Brush Up, and Clean Up
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Ecumenical – *Golden Corral Delivery to TON*
Location: TON Camp I Dining Hall
- 8:00 a.m. **Speaker: Bill Norwood, Retired, First African American Pilot for United Airlines**
Theme: *Race, Faith and Justice*
Location: TON Camp I Dining Hall
Moderator: Cedric Mitchell
- 9:00 a.m. Load Items Onto Bus and Board bus for New Teams Course
- 9:15 a.m.--11:15 a.m. **Activity 4**
Theme: Leadership/Career Building
Location: New Teams Course
- 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Board Bus to Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and Snack
- 11:30 a.m. *Note: Camper's complete letters of reflection, place them in pre-addressed sealed envelopes, and then place in designated boxes. Pass out T-shirts to Sponsors to distribute. Students cast their votes for the First Runner Up and Winner of the 2017 Paul Simon Youth Leadership and Character Award.*
- 12:00 p.m. **Michael Rashid, Plan President and CEO of Illinicare Health, Former CEO at AmeriHealth Caritas**
Location: Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Theme: Innovative Leadership: A Mandate for the Future
Introduction: Cedric Mitchell
- 1:00 p.m. **Closing Speakers: Jak Tichenor, Interim Director SIU-C & Linda Baker, University Professor SIU-C**
Note: Special remarks and announcement of the winner of the 2017 Paul Simon Leadership and Character Award Recipients (Winner & First Runner-up)
- Note:** The Local Planning Team will join Interim Director Jak Tichenor, Dr. Baker, and Guest Speaker for a photo with recipients followed by individual organization photos.
- Directions and closing remarks Dr. Baker
 - Student complete Weekend Evaluation
 - Board the bus
- 2:00 p.m. *Lunch Box lunches provided by McCalister's*
Depart from PSPPI and return home
- 4:00 p.m. Arrive at Gateway