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MAP Celebrates 25 Years !

The Multicultural Achievement Program was created in 1983 to ensure that African Americans reached the highest academic and social achievement in college. Now this academic program has expanded its wings to help meet the needs of all underrepresented minorities including Hispanics, Asians, and all International students.

For 25 years MAP has been instrumental in aiding in the academic progress of minority students all over campus by providing academic programs and services. In honor of 25th Anniversary MAP will be offering 25 rap sessions to aid students in Math, English, History, and Science.

MAP offers a number of services including tutoring, career exploration, academic advisement, study skill training, grade monitoring and guided success groups that encourage student to student participation by providing study sessions that focus on time management, effective note taking, reading comprehension, and understanding personal learning styles. *Best of all, all our services are free !*

For more information, MAP is located in the UCC room 202.



Students Leading in Student Government



"As an SGA member I hope to bring student organizations together to unify this campus"

Marvin Smith—SGA Judicial Chair



"I'm excited to help take SGA to another level, by giving students the best experience we can offer"

Robert Kelly— SGA President



"I hope to build ties between faculty and student and help strengthen the relationship"

Jerrod McAllister— SGA Vice Pres.



"I'm excited to be apart of bettering UWG for students now and in the future"

Elizabeth Anderson—SGA Treasurer

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The Student Government Association (SGA) is working hard to meet the needs of UWG students all around campus, and the newly elected administration is determined to legislate and implement services and programs that better serve students and their organizations.

The 2008-2009 SGA Executive Council includes, incumbent Senior, Robert Kelly; President, Senior, Jerrod McAllister; Vice President, incumbent Junior, Elizabeth Anderson; Treasurer, and Senior, Marvin Smith; Judicial Chair.

The expectations for the upcoming council look quite promising.

"I think SGA did excellent work last year, but this year we hope to expand the wings of the Student Government and better promote the name of SGA in order that all students know the great work that we are doing," said Kelly.

For Anderson meeting the needs of students on campus and encouraging students to become involved in transforming their educational experience on campus is a major priority. Although past administrations attempted to accomplish this endeavor, the newly elected council hopes to create a lasting legacy by reaching the concerns of the majority in order to help UWG meet the needs of students.

"One of the main goals for SGA both in the past and presently has been to populate the voice and concerns of students who want influence in major decision making. But in order to make a difference we need to have a larger student population to bring change," said Anderson.

Smith hopes that this involvement will better unify the campus, organizations, and students; believing that unification of the student body will have a positive influence on the work being put forth by organization leaders.

"One major goal we have for the year is raising student involvement. We plan to achieve this by turning an ear to the voices of student life and learning as well as listening to their concerns, and by showing students exactly what it is that we do" said McAllister.

Members within SGA often become involved in projects on campus that will heighten their overall college and academic experience. These various activities often range from improving faculty and student academic advisement, to aiding in the determination of reasonable student fees for various services including transportation and parking.

Regardless of the hard work these members have ahead of them, these SGA members remain positive and expectant about their future accomplishments.

"I look forward to working with a great senate that works hard together, that are committed to hard work and working with students," said Kelly.



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Taking Initiative to Lead

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Interested in starting a campus organization but don't know where to start? Well follow after the lead of Feyi Alabi, a UWG Junior who took the initiative to create, Bethel Campus Fellowship (BCF), a Christian campus organization that strives to meet the spiritual needs of college students all over campus.

In August of 2007 BCF became an official campus organization and Feyi set forth the hard work to create a fellowship that students on campus recognized and could relate to, based on the organization's mission – *“to lead students to Christ, while raising up reliable men and women that God can entrust with His work for this generation and other generations to come.”*

Each week members of BCF meet to converse and share in bible study. It's during bible study that the tight family connection between members is seen. Members within this organization work hard to be available to one another in times of need, and in being involved to do the ministerial work of God. Outside of bible study, BCF hosts two large events throughout the year, two in past being “The Gethsemane Experience” and the “Marvelous Encounter.”

Despite the difficult task of creating the campus organization all by herself, the hard work and dedication has paid off, as Bethel Campus Fellowship begins to become a more recognizable name on the UWG campus.

“Bethel for me has been really challenging. It took a lot of courage and strength to even feel worthy enough to start a ministry, and I'm still not worthy of this great endeavor the Lord has given me.” It took a lot of crying, praying and encouragement, but in the end it all led to my growth in Christ, so I thank God for that!”

Although this rising Junior will graduate within another year, she hopes that BCF continues to prosper and grow and to reach college students who seek a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

“I hope that Bethel continues to reach new heights in God and that it continues to reach the masses. Ten years from now I hope to see that BCF has the passion and hunger for Christ that it does today, *and more!*”



Feyi Alabi