Mission: Student Empowerment

The University’s highest purpose is to empower its students to succeed as individuals and citizens of the world. To that end, SU’s exemplary curriculum is enhanced by a host of visiting lecturers and a center dedicated to leadership training. With such powerful influences, it is little wonder that SU students are being noticed regionally and across the nation for their academic and civic achievements.

Business School In Top 20%

Four Perdue School of Business students, Douglas Church, Benson Harper, Alexis Johnson and Karsten Ploog, scored in the 99th percentile on the Educational Testing Service’s Major Field Test for Business 2003. Accounting, finance, information systems, management and marketing majors all scored roughly 94 percent in their respective fields. The 159 graduating Perdue seniors who took the test competed with students from other business schools across the country and placed SU in the top 20 percent of schools in the country.

Leaders Learn Here

SU’s Scarborough Student Leadership Center brings together fraternities and sororities, academic honor societies and leadership programs under one roof. To complement and enhance the University’s curricula, the SSLC offers leadership programs and activities that are open to all students, from those who are experienced leaders to those who are just starting out. Some examples of these programs include a long-standing leadership workshop series, the Nantahala Creative Leadership Experience, trips to regional leadership conferences and an annual Celebration of University Leadership that honors the accomplishments of campus leaders.

Philosophy Of Nonviolence

Founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Memphis, TN, Arun Gandhi, grandson of legendary peacemaker and spiritual leader, Mahatma Gandhi, shared with the University a powerful philosophy of nonviolence. Gandhi’s lecture was part of the University’s thought-provoking, and timely, spring Peace and Conflict Cultural Series.
Leading The Way
When a group of Perdue School of Business students decided to better relations between SU students and the community, the SU Cup Classic became a reality. Led by senior interdisciplinary studies (sports marketing/management) Rusty Brown, the charity soccer tournament and community fun day brought together 16 teams and some 200 SU students to raise funds to benefit the Wicomico Mentor Project as well as the Maryland Food Bank.

Common Concerns
It had long been a wish of SU’s student chapter of the NAACP to bring Kweisi Mfume to campus. With the cooperation and financial support of many departments on campus, the NAACP president and chief executive officer visited campus to discuss political empowerment and the Civil Rights agenda. Student leaders such as SU NAACP Chapter President Tiffany Guest and Past-President Darren Jackson had the opportunity to meet Mfume (center) and discuss common concerns.

Inspire And Inform
Guaranteeing a steady flow of inspirational and informative speakers, SU hosts the following lecture series:
- Great Leader Lecture Series (business)
- Riall Lecture Series (education)
- Sarbanes Lecture Series (politics)
- Writers-on-the-Shore Literary Series (writing/literature)

Outstanding Educators
Every semester the Riall Lecture Series brings to the University outstanding national lecturers in the field of education. Most recently the series welcomed Luis Garden Acosta (left), the co-founder of El Puente (“the bridge”)—a human services organization that transformed one Brooklyn neighborhood, and current president of the National Academy of Education, Dr. Nel Noddings (right, with Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies Dean Dennis Pataniczek).