BLACK MALE ACHIEVERS SPRING REPORT

SUCCESSES

There were 34 students listed as active members during the Spring 2008 semester:

BMA participated in the following School and Community Events

- Black, Brown, and College Bound Conference in Tampa, FL
  1. The President and Vice President attended

- TCC African-American Heritage Month calendar unveiling-
  1. 3 participants served as hosts; 1 participant was featured on the calendar

- African-American Heritage Month Activities
  1. Opening Ceremony- 4 participants served as hosts
  2. Gospel Extravaganza- 3 participants served as hosts
  3. Youth Day- 2 participants volunteered their efforts

- MLK Day march/cookout- 9 participants (8 new members were not part of the organization)

- New Orleans Habitat for Humanities- 6 participants

- Relay for Life- 3 participants

- Critical Thinking Skills workshop (Dr. Jones)- Average of 9 participants (based on 5 sessions)

- TCC Career Expo – 3 participants

- Mock Interviews- 2 participants

- Membership Base increased from Fall to Spring semester- 25 (Fall 2007) to 34 (Spring 2008)

- Average meeting attendance remained constant from Fall to Spring Semester- Avg. of 9

- BMA has active representation on the Student Leadership Council, which is an arm of the Student Government Association

- Less than 2% of the membership has a GPA below 2.0 (same percentage of those that had above a 2.0 prior to entering the BMA Program)

- Few early alerts reported for active members

CHALLENGES

- Minimal/Sporadic Participation
  1. Meeting attendance average dropped from Fall to Spring, but there were more events during the Spring semester

- Lack of motivation

- Maintaining program development

- Limited Budget Capacity

- 50% still not advised with only a few weeks left in semester (Spring)

- 37% of members that were active on the Fall, were not active in the Spring

MOVING AHEAD

Items we would like to improve upon next year:

- Leadership Training for organization officers in an effort to make the program self-sustaining
• More motivational/role model speakers
  o The BMA received an Innovation Fund Grant in the amount of $2500 to bring in a guest speaker, Kirk Nugent, for a “Back to School” motivational program in Fall 2008

• Offer concrete tutoring opportunities for members
• Present at relevant conferences
• Increase consistency of meeting attendance
• Greater percentage of members being advised at the time that is set aside for that purpose