

WILEY COLLEGE

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I'm pleased to report that Wiley College had another record enrollment for the Fall 2006 semester with 862 students enrolled. Retention was a big focus during the summer enrollment planning sessions and new initiatives and programs designed to address student difficulties are making a difference in retaining students. The Office of Residence Life has established Residence Center Councils and computer-based study centers to help residents enjoy a positive learning community experience at Wiley. We acknowledge the difficulties associated with making the transition from high school to college and are taking steps to ensure our students get the initial indoctrination that will make them successful in their matriculation at Wiley.

The College works hard to bring in scholarship dollars for deserving students. This effort was enhanced by Wiley's distinction as the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month for September 2006. Wiley enjoyed the distinction of being featured at four sky shows in Orlando, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; Huntsville, Alabama and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Wiley also was fortunate to be the first stop of the first Tom Joyner Foundation Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Tour. Ten students and their parents were the College's guests for the 2006 President's Convocation. Tom Joyner Foundation representative, Kim Peters, presented Wiley with the first of many checks for student scholarships.

With scholarships come accomplishments. Wiley students continue to achieve excellence through pride in performance. Ediberto Barrera III, a junior biology/pre-med major, completed a summer internship at the Texas A&M Medical School Scott and White Regional Clinic. Damon Brandon Graves, senior hospitality and tourism administration major, completed a summer internship with White Lodging Services in Merrillville, IN. "Can't Knock the Hustle", an article written by Alexandria Green, was published in the latest edition of AMPS Magazine. Green, a senior mass communications major, began writing for the magazine this past summer while interning with KBTT 103.7 FM. Regina Joe, a senior chemistry major from Naschitti, NM, completed a summer internship at the University of Connecticut. Ashley Phillips, a junior biology/pre-med major, completed a summer internship at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She also participated in the SMART PROGRAM (Summer Medical and Research Training Program) at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Isaac Edward Preston III, a senior biology major, completed a summer internship at the University of Connecticut. Edgar Siyakurima, a sophomore biology major from Zimbabwe, completed a summer internship at the University of Arkansas. Joseph Tinsley, a junior English major, completed a summer internship at C-Span in Washington, DC. Andrew Toh, a junior biology major, completed an internship with the University of Connecticut. Cholrelia Wesley, a senior biology major, completed a summer internship with the University of Connecticut. Lucas Williams, a senior criminal justice major, completed a summer internship with the Department of Homeland Security.

In keeping with the visionary words of the Wiley Alma Mater, the College's graduates continue pursuing "glorious deeds to do." Graduates of Wiley College are distinctive in many areas. Kelvin Cochran, Class of '99, was recently appointed 2nd Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs where he serves in Shreveport, LA. Attorney Ernestine Sapp, Class of '62, delivered the commencement address for the Thomas Good Jones School of Law this past June; she was the first African-American to graduate from the Law School & the first African-American to deliver a commencement address; and the Black Law Student Association named its chapter for her. Of special note, the Reverend Dr. Michael Bell, Class of '73, was elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; the first African-American to hold the position in the Convention's 120-year history. Research compiled by Lavinia Jackson, Class of 2005, was published in the April 2006 issue of the Genomics Journal. Jackson is a lab manager

for the Department of Ophthalmology, Eye Institute, Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

We strive at Wiley College to follow the admonitions of John Wesley: “Doing all the good that you can do wherever you find yourself with what you have.” We thank you, the Wisconsin Annual Conference, for your assistance in helping us to attain our goal.