Mentoring@Purdue Presents:

The 2021 Summer Scholars Program

7 Years of Excellence
Rooted in Diversity

Purdue University
College of Agriculture
June 11-12, 2021
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Graduate Programs of Study
Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering (ABE)
Department of Agricultural Economics (ARGE)
Department of Agricultural Sciences Education & Communication (ASEC)
Department of Animal Sciences (ANSC)
Department of Biochemistry (BCHM)
Department of Botany & Plant Pathology (BPP)
Department of Ecological Sciences & Engineering (ESE)
Department of Entomology (ABE)
Department of Food Science (FS)
Department of Forestry & Natural Resources (FNR)
Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture (HLA)
Department of Interdisciplinary Life Science (ILS)
Department of Agronomy (AGRON)
Interdepartmental Nutrition Program (INP)

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College of Health and Human Sciences

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Purdue Graduate Students

Special Guest
Sierra Nance, Tony Larkin, and Nnamdi Edokobi, HBCU- DAP
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<td>7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome, Opening Remarks, &amp; Introduction of M@P SSP Team</td>
<td>Dr. Levon Esters, Dr. Neil Knobloch, Dr. John Gates, Dr. Pamala Morris, M@P SSP Coordinator</td>
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<td>7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Networking &amp; Social Hour</td>
<td>Hosted by M@P team members with special guests!</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, June 12th (Day 2)</strong></td>
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<td>Opening Activity</td>
<td>Icebreaker, Host-Crenel Francis Jr.</td>
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<td>10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Keynote</td>
<td>Dr. Brittini Brown</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Workshop A: Facilitating the Transition from MSI to PWI</td>
<td>Dr. Brandon Allen and Dr. Torrie Cropps</td>
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<td>11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Break (Pre-Questionnaire)</td>
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<td>11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Workshop B: Campus Resources</td>
<td>Multicultural Programs, Graduate Diversity Initiatives</td>
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<td>Lunch Break</td>
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<td>1:20 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.</td>
<td>Workshop C: Funding Graduate School</td>
<td>Dr. Shawn Donkin</td>
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<td>1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.</td>
<td>Workshop D: Application Process for Graduate School</td>
<td>Dr. Neil Knobloch and Dr. Levon Esters</td>
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<td>2:55 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.</td>
<td>Social Networking Activity</td>
<td>Black Graduate Student Association</td>
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<td>3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Panel: Purdue from a Graduate Student Perspective</td>
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<td>Conversations with Department Representatives: Breakout Rooms</td>
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Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University
O’Maya Ajogbor
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Veterinary Medicine

Albany State University
Bernadette Hernandez
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Psychology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Coppin State University
Ruth Damoah
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Biomedical Sciences

Grambling State University
Destney Johnson
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Business, Real Estate

Hampton University
Georquel Goodwin
Year: Recent Graduate
Interested Area(s):
ARGE, ASEC, ESE, BPP

Kentucky State University
Dustin Hodges
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Biotechnology, Nutrition, Neuroscience

Audi Hicks
Year: Freshman
Interested Area(s):
Health Science
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
Mikayla Trollinger
Year: Recent Graduate
Interested Area(s):
Veterinary Medicine

North Carolina State University
Taleek Harlee
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
ASEC

Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical University
Ines Frazier
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Agronomy, Nutrition, Horticulture, Natural Resources

Spelman College
Aliana Stanley
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Food Science

Tennessee State University
Anarra Williams
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Food Science, Dietetics

Anthony Branch
Year: Sophomore
Interested Area(s):
Veterinary Medicine

Angelique Hamilton
Year: Sophomore
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Azia Tanks
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Virginia State University
Deanddra Richards
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
ASEC

Nieko Ward
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Daria Clinkscales
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Food Science, Veterinary Medicine

Kyle Jacobs
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Leadership and Innovation, Technology, Management
Mentoring@Purdue Team

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Postdoctoral Research Associate, Rice University

Pamala Morris, PhD  
Director of Multicultural Programs, Purdue University

Julius Eason, PhD  
Office of Graduate Diversity Initiatives (OGDI), Purdue University

Dr. Shawn Donkin, PhD, Assistant Dean and Associate Director of Agricultural Research and Graduate Education, Purdue University
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are some ways that I can take advantage of this program experience?
   A. Engage, engage, engage! With all sessions, please take the time to take notes and ask questions if time permits. You may also submit questions to a M@P team member who will be available all throughout the sessions.

2. What do I do if I have technical issues?
   A. First, check your wireless connection. Second, log off and log back into the meeting. Third, restart computer and notify one of the M@P team members to help you troubleshoot. Also, for further help visit [Zoom](#).

3. Can I talk to someone about my résumé, CV, and/or statement of purpose?
   A. There will be a session on Friday with someone from the Center for Career Opportunities to answer questions regarding your resume or CV. Workshop D: ‘Application process for graduate school’ will assist you with your statement of purpose and there will also be time for a Q&A.

4. How can I learn more about funding?
   A. Please pay close attention to Workshop C: ‘Funding Graduate School’ and visit the Purdue’s Graduate School website for funding opportunities [Graduate School Funding](#).

5. How can I get in touch with department faculty?
   A. We encourage you to search your department of interest faculty pages and email any faculty of interest using our M@P Resource Guide to help you structure your emails and approach.

6. What are we required to wear during the SSP virtual experience?
   A. Please wear your school shirt or polo for Friday and business casual for Saturday. You may wear business casual for both days if you are unsure your attire is appropriate.

7. What is Zoom etiquette?
   A. Please find a link here: [Zoom Etiquette & Tips](#).

8. How may I contact any presenters, guests, and speakers from SSP?
   A. Please refer to this program guide. Purdue faculty, staff and student information is available on their respective department and division pages. If you are not able to find a contact, please reach out to Crenel Francis Jr., SSP Coordinator.

Notes