



# L.E.A.D. Leadership, Enrichment, and Academic Development

## L.E.A.D. Awards Grant Aid



Congratulations to 27 LEADers this year for their hard work and dedication. Because of their commitment,

L.E.A.D. awarded these individuals a Grant Aid Award of \$1000 which was applied to their student account.

The recipients of the 2002-2003 Grant Aid Award were: Shila Barnes, Amina Bilal, Tocarra Cecil, Kelsey Coleman, DeVonie Cuning, Tiaunna Dickens, Ernest Gibson, III, Kenneth Gilkes, II, Ana Gonzalez, Shakia Gullette, Tiffany Gunter, Krystal Horton, Brandy Jackson, Pherris Noel King, Quentoria Leeks, Harley Leftwich, Shanna Lewis, Lillie McDaniels, Alicia Parker, Antisha Partee, Erika Perez, Hermise Pierre, Crystal Randolph, Natalie Rimmer, Mayra Salas, Tamika D. White,

### Latiaa Whitfield

Each spring, L.E.A.D. awards grant aid to individuals who meet the following criteria: participant is preferably a freshman or sophomore; attends majority of workshops; and are in good academic standing with the university. All awards are need based.

Applications for Spring 2004 Grant Aid Award can be picked up in the L.E.A.D. and McNair Scholars Program Office located on the first floor of Cravath Hall Room 102.

*Congratulations to our 2002-03 Leaders!*

## We've Moved!!!!

Cravath Hall's (built in 1930) renovation was completed in July and several University offices have been anticipating the move from Crosthwaite to Cravath. The L.E.A.D. and McNair Scholars Program office is now located in room 102 (first floor) of Cravath Hall. Visit us in our new space and also take a tour of the beautifully renovated historical building, Cravath Hall.



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- Upcoming Programs for 2003-2004
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# Cultural Enrichment with “Aida” and Trip to Memphis



“AIDA”



Thirty-five L.E.A.D. participants had the opportunity to see the Broadway musical “Aida” this past Fall at The Tennessee Performance Arts Center downtown Nashville. This excursion was for many, the first time they had experienced a real Broadway show. It was a great experience for all that participated.

## Memphis

L.E.A.D. took twenty-seven students to Memphis, Tennessee this spring. Leroy Moore, Coordinator of McNair Scholars Program, UT Memphis, spoke to the Fisk students concerning the summer research opportunities program and graduate programs at the University. After our educational segment, the participants visited the Civil Rights Museum and the Underground Railroad. These two stops were pivotal and moved some students to

tears as they grasped what our ancestors endured to survive. Though these cultural stops had tour guides, L.E.A.D. was honored to have Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of History as our guide and expert. Last year, students spent the day touring historical sites in Montgomery, Alabama. Fiskite Carolyn Maull Kingsley presented her personal recollection of the bombing at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist church. Four young girls were killed on that tragic day in 1964.

Each year the L.E.A.D. program takes a cultural enrichment excursion to broaden students cultural and historical perspectives. Next year, L.E.A.D. plans to visit the Biltmore in Ashville, North Carolina. Hopefully we can include more students next year.

*See you there!!*

## Congratulations to our 2003 Graduates

Nogozi Truth Crushhon

DeVonie Cunning

Shanelle Hunt

Angela McDowell

Antisha Rena Partee

Kevin Sanders (Summer 03)

Morris Thomas

Unique Robinson

Taron Williams

Some of our graduates have taken employment and others have been accepted to

graduate schools such as Carnegie Mellon, Fisk University and The Ohio State University. We are truly proud of our graduates for their accomplishments and success.

*We wish them the best in their future endeavors!*

*When you change your performance, you change your life.  
Author: Unknown*

## Peer mentoring

Occasionally, students need a little support or ally on their side when times are rough. Sometimes they just need a listening ear. That support may come in the form of a peer mentor. The Peer Mentoring Program supports Student Support Services' goal to help participants remain in college and graduate. During the academic year, the program provides opportunities for students to build relationships with Peer Mentors who are successful upper-class students. All first-year students who express interest in being a part of the program are matched with a Peer Mentor (to the extent possible) according to major and

or career interest. Students participate in formal and informal educational and cultural activities. The mentoring activities are designed to promote the intellectual, personal and social development of students.

This year the Peer Mentors will meet monthly on Tuesdays at 6 pm. The schedule is as follows:

- September 9, 2003
- October 14, 2003
- November 11, 2003

- December 9, 2003
- January 13, 2004
- February 10, 2004
- March 9, 2004
- April 13, 2004

If you have questions, come by the L.E.A.D. and McNair Scholars Program Office in Cravath Room 102.

## Fisk Awarded McNair Scholars Grant

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Fisk University has been awarded the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Grant. Established and founded by the U.S. Department of Education, this Trio initiative is designed to increase the number of minorities who complete an undergraduate degree, enroll in graduate school and finish a PH. D. degree program.

Fisk will select twelve McNair scholars from each class year. These students will be matched with academic and research mentors and attend GRE preparation sessions, financial counseling sessions, and a research mentor. The academic mentor, who is a FISK faculty member, brokers for the McNair student. This includes arranging tutorial or other services the student needs to complete the baccalaureate degree and prepare to undertake doctoral study. The McNair Program provides GRE Prepa-

ration workshops as part of a monthly workshop series to familiarize students with the examination and promote the acquisition of effective test-taking strategies. On alternate months, financial counseling sessions including financial aid and debt avoidance will be conducted. Each McNair scholar will be responsible for overseeing the student's exposure to research teaching, and jobs in industry that require the Ph.D.

FISK is pleased to have been awarded its own McNair Scholars Grant and thankful to have had the opportunity to participate in the McNair Partnership along with four other institutions under the tutelage of the University of South Florida.

## Programs and workshops

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Last year L.E.A.D. sponsored programs that empowered and stimulated students intellectually and culturally. The diverse programs planned for 2003-04 should continue to generate excitement among the participants and increase participation levels at all activities.

FISK's Dr. Roosevelt Faulkner,

Coordinator of the Counseling Center Fisk University and Beverly Robinson, Grant Writer from Tennessee State University were two of many participating faculty participating in conveying knowledge to our students regarding stress management and writing essays and research papers respectively. Some of the programs will be repeated for incoming freshmen. Returning participants can expect new work-

shops such as: Business and Dining Etiquette, Public Speaking, Personal Health and Nutrition and Writing the Personal Statement: Choosing the Right Graduate Program and Career Objectives and Resume Formats. Calendars for the new year can be obtained in the L.E.A.D. and McNair Scholars Program Office in Cravath Hall.

### *From the Director's Desk, Ms. Ingrid Collier*

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Hello LEADers, I hope that you've had an invigorating and enjoyable summer break. Summer's almost over and we're looking forward to seeing you again and hearing your, "what I did on my summer vacation" stories.

The L.E.A.D. staff has been diligently preparing an exciting year of workshops and cultural activities that only L.E.A.D. can do! Mrs. Alicia Gibbs, L.E.A.D. counselor, Bettina Summers, Program Assistant and I are now located in the

beautifully renovated Cravath Hall on the first floor in Room 102. The other Counselor, Mr. Keith Pitts, will remain on the second floor of the Honors Center.

Dr. Roosevelt Faulkner, Director of Academic Advising and Testing will also counsel and work more closely with L.E.A.D. students this year. Mrs. Bernice Giles, former Director of the Learning Resources Center, which is your tutorial site, is now Coordinator of Special Programs, Study Abroad and Exchanges.

She will be your point of contact if you choose to go on exchange or study abroad for a semester (which we hope you will do)..

We've been diligently working on your behalf and we trust that you'll be as eager to see us as we will be to see you.

*Ms. Ingrid Collier*

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### ***L.E.A.D. Develops Leaders!***

*The Leadership, Enrichment and Academic Development (L.E.A.D.) Program is a new student Support Services initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides personal, career and academic counseling, tutorial services, and basic skills workshops and cultural activities to underrepresented students. Targeted to first-generation college student, disabled and or economically challenged college students, L.E.A.D. is funded to serve 150 students each year. Students who are enrolled in the program are provided services throughout their enrollment at Fisk. The L.E.A.D. Program's professional staff, tutors and peer mentors enable students to: (1) achieve academic success, (2) increase retention and graduation rates of participants, (3) receive additional assistance with difficult courses, and (4) meet University's requirements for their degree choices.*

*Students may apply for admission to the program by completing an application in the L.E.A.D. and McNair Scholars Program located on the first floor of Cravath Hall Room 102.*

## ADA Compliance



If you have a documented cognitive, physical or psychological disability, which includes learning disabilities (LD), attention deficit disorder (ADD), depression, anxiety or mobility, as described by Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) it is recommended that you contact the Counseling Center at 329-8776. The Counseling Center will assist you in arranging appropriate accommodations with the instructor.



### **L.E.A.D. Program Schedule**

- September 8, 11- "Orientation"
- September 22, 25- "College Survival Skills"
- October 9- "Academic Planning"
- October 27- "Writing the Perfect Research Paper and Essay"
- October 30- "Building Self-Esteem and Managing Stress"
- November 3,6- "Research on the Internet : Scholarship, Internships, Graduate School Searches"
- November 20- "Mini Career Conference"
- December 4- "Dining/Dress Etiquette"
- December 11- "HOLIDAY CELEBRATION"



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