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THE 2005-2006 RESEARCH AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS CLASS PROJECT: CARING ABOUT CAREGIVERS

During the fall and spring semesters of this school year, seven students and I embarked on a project given by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the research and quantitative methods class. The AAA desired to gain an insight on the availability and usefulness of resources for caregivers in Augusta-Richmond County. It also wanted to receive information that showed the level of awareness caregivers in the area have of resources available to them.

Although I'm sure my classmates along with myself were very apprehensive about the project, we accepted the challenge and began by finding and reading journal articles and other written materials. The articles and additional sources helped our group to understand the various aspects of caregiving. They were also useful in the paper we wrote during the fall semester.

While becoming one with the many written sources on caregiving, my group members and I focused our attention on preparing for the second phase of the project that took place during the spring semester. We became very familiar with the Rosalynn Carter Institute survey instrument that the Area Agency on Aging asked us to use for the project. In fact, our familiarity with the survey instrument led us to add an additional section to the instrument and to create a Hispanic version of the instrument.

Once my classmates and I returned from Christmas break, we switched gears with the project and moved outside of our academic setting. No longer did we

rely upon a researcher's findings from a published article, we personally distributed copies of the survey to different agencies in Augusta with the intent of getting first-hand information from caregivers in the area.

Two focus groups comprised of caregivers from the Economic Opportunity Authority and the Area Agency on Aging certainly gave our group first-hand information. The caregivers at both focus groups made comments that opened my eyes as well as the eyes of my fellow group members on how frustrating it can be as a caregiver. Yet, the caregivers expressed the joy they receive from caring for their loved ones and offered suggestions on how to increase the level of awareness caregivers have of resources in Augusta.

After nine months of researching, becoming familiar with and distributing surveys, conducting focus groups, scheduling group meetings, sending emails, and performing other steps to complete the project, my fellow group members and I presented Dr. Reinke and the Area Agency on Aging with a finished product of the project. Individuals at a Care-Net meeting on May 25th received the completion and presentation of this study very well. Their responses and questions to our completed project gave me the impression that the results and recommendations of the project may represent the first steps toward improving the assistance caregivers receive to care for their loved ones. Their overall response showed me the posi-

tive impact that the research and hard work for this project will have upon Augusta's community.

This project has the potential of influencing agencies throughout Augusta to make an extra effort to show caregivers that they do not have to care for family members and friends alone. Because of this potential impact, I believe that my fellow group members and I should be very proud of the work we did to improve the lives of individuals in our local community. This project demonstrates the importance of public administrators in the real world, and I thank Dr. Reinke and the Area Agency on Aging on behalf of my group members and myself for giving our research and quantitative methods class the opportunity to use what we learned in class to help the community.

LaKeisha D. Lowe



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Dr. Reinke** presented her research on faith-based organizations working with juvenile offenders at the American Society for Public Administration April 1-4th.
- **Dr. Whiting** has been named as the Project Manager for a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant. Dr. Reinke is assisting by conducting data analysis.
- **Dr. Harris** has been named Director of Augusta State University's new Center for Immigration Studies, dedicated to learning more about immigrants in our region.
- **Dr. Miller's** article *Hit the Bricks, Buddy™: Nepotism and the Dark Side of Reinventing Government* was recently published in the NASPAA Publication of *Public Voices*. The article is in the eighth volume, second issue of *Public Voices*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Our May graduates, **Annette Carter, Philip Stavale, Jennifer Hillard, Stephanie Quattlebaum, Douglas D. Miles, Lynthia Ross, Valinsa Gainey, Katherine Lawhead, and April Zahner**

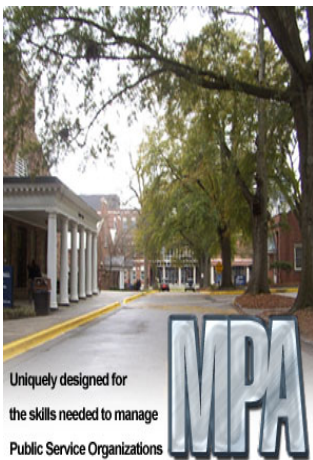
The new 2006 Phi Alpha Alpha members, **Michelle DeLoach, Aisha Lavin, Katherine Lawhead, Stephanie Quattlebaum, and Lynthia Ross**

Laura Collins (2005), was nominated for Employee of the Year for her work at the Social Security Administration.

Linda Aubrey (2005), who was engaged to Justin on December 19, 2005.

Tom Chumbley, who has been hired as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Coordinator for the state of South Carolina.

In the front row of the picture from left to right, Katie Lawhead, Stephanie Quattlebaum, and Lynthia Ross sit as they are sworn in as three of



COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2006/2007

Summer 2006

PADM 6020, Intro. to GIS (Ms. Howard)

PADM 6200, Human Resource Management (Dr. Miller)

PADM 6300, Budgeting (Mr. Crosson)

PADM 6950, Selected Topics in Public Administration (Dr. Harris)

Fall 2006

PADM 6000, History, Scope & Practice (Dr. Miller)

PADM 6010, Communication Skills (Dr. Wood)

PADM 6250, Planning and Resources Administration (Dr. Wood)

PADM 6500, Research Methods (Dr. Hammond)

PADM 6550, Human Services Administration (Reinke)

PADM 6850, Intergovernmental Relations (Dr. Harris)

PADM 6900, Internship in Public Administration (Dr. Walker)

PADM 7050, Capstone Project (Dr. Johnston)

Spring 2007

PADM 6000, History, Scope & Practice (Dr. Miller)

PADM 6010, Communication Skills (Wood)

PADM 6030, Grant Writing (Ms. Gray)

PADM 6050, Constitutional & Administrative Law (Dr. Whiting)

PADM 6100, Organizational Theory (Dr. Walker)

PADM 6240, Strategic Planning for Nonprofits (Dr. Hargrove)

PADM 6600, Quantitative Methods (Dr. Hammond)

PADM 6800, State Government (Dr. Harris)

PADM 7050, Capstone (Dr. Reinke & Dr. Johnston)

INTRODUCING...

Dr. Augustine Hammand who will be joining our program in the Fall, teaching Research Methods and Quantitative Methods. Dr. Hammand is coming to us by way of the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. There his area of research was "An Assessment of Adolescents' Perceptions of and Attitudes Toward Police Instructors in School-Based Drug Prevention Programs". Before coming to the United States, Dr. Hammand worked as an administrative officer for the National Board for Small Scale Industries in Accra, Ghana.

Mr. Thom E. Tuckey is the newest member of the Community Advisory Board. Mr. Tuckey is currently the Director of Military Affairs at the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Augusta, Georgia and Executive Director of the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, Inc. From 1996-1999, Mr. Tuckey served as the Garrison Commander of Fort Gordon, Georgia.

POLITICAL WORD SEARCH

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Ms. Kim Gray

BEST WISHES TO THE SPRING 2006 GRADUATES

Annette Carter, Philip Stavale, Jennifer Hillard, Stephanie Quattlebaum, Douglas D. Miles, Lynthia Ross, Valinsa Gainey, Katherine Lawhead, and April Zahner

