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**Kudos**
- Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Greek-lettered sorority of presidential candidate Kamala Harris, has pledged $1.6 million to national HBCUs. On 2/28 in Chicago, FSU was one of 32 participating schools to receive $50,000, the first installment of the endowment gift.
- Congratulations to Drs. Chu-Chun Fu, Kim Tran, Laura Coyle & Anthony Hubert for winning the UNCF Career Pathways Initiative Faculty Grant!

**Departments’ Doings**
- Dr. Phelan and Dr. Glackin recently presented research papers at ACERE—Australian Centre for Entrepreneurship Research Exchange Conference—in Sydney, Australia.

**The Cyberworld**
- In honor of Black History Month, Dr. Paul Boaheng, Dr. Linda Tomlinson and Dr. Marishia Pash presented a cyber presentation/panel on African American struggle for education and FSU Alumni contributions to society to 45 Tanzania students.

**Help Wanted**
- Tenure-track faculty are invited to submit their research proposal to L.V. Hackley Chair Dr. Nikolai Wenzel (nwenzel@uncfsu.edu) for one of two upcoming—3/28 & 4/18—Hackley Research Series events. Selected participants receive a $1,000 award when their work is published.

**Whatever Happened To**
- FSU graduate Michelle S. Jones, President of the Bones Theory Group, became the first woman to serve as a division Command Sergeant Major. Until she retired, Commander Jones held the highest Noncommissioned Officer position of any woman in the Army.

**Announcements**
- Dr. Abdelmajid Kassem and team have published “Genome reorganization of the GmSHMT gene family in soybean showed a lack of functional redundancy in resistance to soybean cyst nematode” in the February Issue of *Scientific Reports*.
- The Fayetteville Observer pays tribute to Dr. McGee, renowned Martial Artist, winner of 445 medals, as well as talented professor of Accounting.

**Celebrate Students**
- Pre-Law society members Shelby Holloman (President), Glenwood Avery, Johnnai Hinesmon Brandon Person-Boyd, and Brittany Reeves attended the Mid-West Black Law Students Association Conference in Chicago 2/6-10.
- Every FSU nursing student—twenty two in sum—who took the recent nursing licensure examination has passed!

**Community In/Out Reach**
- Motivating Adolescents Through Technology to Choose Health (MATCH) is thriving in our region due to the collaborative efforts of Dr. Marvin Connelly Jr. Superintendent of Cumberland Schools and Dr. Suzanne Altobello.

**Travel**
- Professor Carole Weatherford will serve on the panel “Leaping off the Page: The Poet and the Picture Book,” at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs’ conference in Portland, Oregon on 3/28.
- Catch Dr. Connie Lightner’s son, Kai Lightner, a world-class competitive rock climber and Olympic hopeful, on the PBS show titled *My Home, UNC*.

**What’s New**
- English Dept. students Katherine Hysell, Alandra Lawrence, Yushan Xie, Juhyeon Kim, Yuejiao Wang, and Fulbright scholars Yetunde Alabede, Fudong Qian publish SPEAK—a cultural journal.

**Early Colleges**
- After placing 3rd regionally and winning the Spirit award, CCECHS will compete in the State Science Olympiad on 4/27 in Raleigh.
- Thirty two Cumberland and IECHS students will travel to Alabama on the Southern Civil Rights Tour.

**The Classroom Experience**
- Pop-up your class! Pop-ups refer to an experimental style of higher education pedagogy meant to engage students for smaller blocks of time and/or help students acquire skills that insure success across a broad range of course work.

To include news in next month’s issue, please contact Micki Nyman, mnyman@uncfsu.edu.