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HBCU Library Alliance Announces ASERL Librarian Exchange Participants

Atlanta, Georgia – April 10, 2013 - The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance is pleased to announce the participants of the Librarian Exchange Program with the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL).

A component of the HBCU Library Alliance's Leadership Institute, the Librarian Exchange Program, in partnership with ASERL, focuses on development of emerging leaders at HBCU libraries. In Phase IV of the Leadership Program, the exchange program has been expanded to allow for hosts from HBCUs, as well as ASERL. This encourages sharing of HBCU library best practices, increases networking within the HBCU community, and explores the internal capacity to sustain the exchange program beyond the grant. Seven more HBCU librarians will work with another library, either an HBCU or ASERL library, on a pre-identified area for strategic development within the HBCU. In addition, staff from host exchange libraries will spend time at the partner HBCU. Travel costs for participating librarians to visit their partner's library during the Exchange are covered by grant funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The goals of the exchange program are to develop and foster connections between libraries and strengthen skills of emerging leaders through focused initiatives to improve library services and programs. Each exchange includes significant time onsite at the partner libraries — typically about two weeks — to design and plan implementation of a project that is strategically important to the HBCU library. The first set of Exchanges occurred in the Summer of 2006, with additional exchanges in 2008 and 2010. By identifying, analyzing, designing and implementing these projects, both ASERL and HBCU librarians gain valuable insight into the workings of each other's library, and build new project management and leadership skills.

Many participants have fostered long-lasting, beneficial relationships between both individual librarians and between their libraries. Exchange librarians were selected through an application process. Selection criteria include: the applicant's potential for leadership as demonstrated by their past record of achievement; history of the applicant's creative contribution to organizational problem-solving; the applicant's experience in effective engagement within and outside of the library; articulation of the strategic area that will be the focus of the exchange and how the exchange will advance the library and university missions; and plans for sharing the benefits of the exchange with others on campus. Selection decisions were made by the HBCU Library Alliance Executive Director

and ASERL Executive Director. Successful applicants have been matched to an ASERL or HBCU library with interest in the exchange program and strength in the strategic area of focus identified by the exchange librarian.

HBCU Library Alliance/ASERL Exchange Matches

| Librarian | Project | Host |
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| Kieren Bailey Oakwood University (AL) kbailey@oakwood.edu | Delivering Library Service at a Distance | Mary Jo Fayoyin Director of Library Services Savannah State University (GA) fayoyinm@savannahstate.edu |
| Ivy Brannen Savannah State University (GA) branneni@savannahstate.edu | Library Support for New Faculty | Carolyn Willis Associate Professor East Carolina University (NC) willisc@ecu.edu |
| Cotina Jones North Carolina Central University cjone104@nccu.edu | Comprehensive Orientation for New Library Staff | TEAM MATCH Lynn Sutton, Dean Wake Forest University (NC) suttonls@wfu.edu Kathy Bradshaw, Human Resources Librarian UNC Greensboro akbradsh@uncg.edu |
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“The Exchange program is a wonderful learning and collaborative process allowing partners to gain hands-on experience and new perspectives,” states Mary Jo Fayoyin, Director of Library Services at Savannah State University (GA) and Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors.

“We are excited to continue our partnership with ASERL through the Exchange Program, as it aligns with our goal of enhancing education through librarianship and working together to be more effective,” says Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance Executive Director.

For more information about the HBCU Library Alliance, please visit www.hbculibraries.org.

About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of institutions dedicated to providing resources designed to strengthen the libraries and archives of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU Libraries and the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance member libraries.

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