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WICHITA BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL

Baker University had the privilege to participate in this year's 40th Annual Wichita Black Arts Festival over Labor Day Weekend. McAdams Park was the site of this year's event that celebrated African-American heritage and culture. To kick off the activities, the festival's first official event was the UMOJA (a Swahili term meaning unity) Fun Run, which Baker University co-sponsored. With over 400 participants, everyone of all ages enjoyed this 5K event!



NiKima McPherson, a student in our CMDR program, at the Baker University booth



Baker University also had an informational booth set up throughout the entire weekend for people wanting more information on our programs at the Wichita campus. As the festival continued over the holiday weekend, it hosted approximately 7000 attendees who enjoyed a parade, live music, dancing, and plenty of fantastic food.

Student Accounting available in evenings!

To better meet students' needs, Courtney Hundley is available to assist Wichita students Monday through Thursday, 4:00 pm—10:30 pm. Students may e-mail her at chundley@bakeru.edu or call her at 316-636-2322 ext 6026.

Coming soon! All accounting communications (statements, reminders) will be done via e-mail. This process is expected to begin the end of September. (This excludes Education students).

Welcome all new Education and Liberal Arts students!

Welcome BBA 185! First night of class was 8-12-08.

We are glad you are here with us at Baker University!!

POLICY CORNER

This month's item is the policy regarding dropping a class. This policy is found on page 96 of the student handbook. An electronic version can be found at www.smartermind.com/pdf/spgs_catalog.pdf.

Individual Course Withdrawal

Students requesting to withdraw from an individual course must do so in writing, including the student's signature. Change of status forms are available at the SPGS office, or the student may write a letter of request. The date of receipt of the written notification is the date used in determining if any tuition refund is due (see the Tuition Refund Policy of student handbook catalog). If notification is not received, the student is assessed a failing grade for the course and is not eligible for any tuition refund.

Students receiving any financial aid through any of the Title IV programs must understand that a leave of absence due to family or medical problems may not exceed 90 days in length, within a 12-month period. Students should also see the "Withdrawals and Refunds" subsection under "Financial Aid" in the catalog.

See "Withdrawal" under the subsection of the catalog entitled "Grading Procedures" for information regarding academic assessment. Students may, if desired, remain with their original group after withdrawing from an individual course. The determining factors are the sequence of the course from which the student has withdrawn and the student's academic performance to date. The student should contact the Student Services office to make arrangements for staying with his/her original group or making a permanent group change.

Baker Staff Profile



Name: Linda McCormack

Title: Assistant Director

Years at Baker: 10 ½ yrs.

Family Info: My oldest daughter Kari & her husband Paul DiDonato live in Spring Hill with my 2 fabulous grandchildren Rylee & Nicholas. My youngest, Amy, lives in Park City with her husband, Jason Cheney & my two grand dogs, Hollie & Jordan. I also have a wonderful live-in companion, my dog Butch. OK, so I wouldn't have named a dog Butch, but since I inherited him from my younger brother...Butch it is.

Favorite Sports Team: WSU Shockers Basketball—of course!

Hobbies: Rylee & Nicholas, reading, sewing, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles

Fun Fact: I am working on my "Bucket List." So far I have seen the "big trees" in California, gone whitewater rafting down the Grand Canyon, visited the ruins at Tulum, snorkeled off of Honduras, spent 10 days in Slovakia, cruised the Caribbean, and visited Walt Disney World. I'm thinking my next adventure might be Alaska or Iceland!

Favorite thing about Baker: My co-workers, we have a wonderful team established in Wichita

Below is information on student membership in SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management). We want to make our students aware of this wonderful opportunity! Please read the information below and if you are interested in becoming a member, the contact names and numbers are listed at the bottom. You can also find out more about SHRM by going to www.shrm.org.



South Central Kansas SHRM Student Chapter

A consortium chapter of colleges and universities located in South Central Kansas

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

- SHRM is the world's largest professional association dedicated to HRM
- More than 210,000 individual members in over 100 countries
- Over 550 affiliated local professional chapters
- Purpose of SHRM's student program is to promote interaction between student and practitioners
- More than 430 affiliated students chapters with more than 11,000 student members

Benefits of SHRM student membership

1. Student membership dues are \$40.00 compared with professional dues of \$160.00. (\$35.00 for national dues; \$5.00 for student chapter dues; free professional chapter membership)
2. Receive 12 monthly issues of HRMagazine.
3. Receive on-line e-newsletter, Echoes, featuring chapter news, award recognition and job search hints; published 8 times per year.
4. Receive weekly e-newsletter, HRWeek, featuring the latest trends and issues in the HR field.
5. Discounted prices on HRM/general management publication from the SHRM store.
6. Access to collection of Information Center White Papers on relevant HR topics.
7. Attend national SHRM conference at substantial discount.
8. Access to searchable database of members to help you locate and network with SHRM professional members around the world.
9. Access to SHRM Online's HR Talk
10. Attend State and Regional Conferences
11. Ability to apply for SHRM Foundation Scholarships
12. Ability to achieve SHRM Student Leader Scholarship.
13. Access to Online information
 - Webcasts and Career articles
 - HR Policy and Forms databases
 - Job descriptions database
 - HR Toolkits/surveys/metrics
 - HR Job postings
 - Legislative updates for national and state
14. Opportunity to sit for PHR certification exam as student (reduced prices) with ability to convert to full membership at special rate

Qualifications for SHRM student membership

1. Enrolled in equivalent of at least six (6) credit hours per semester (or equivalency) Ask if you have questions about this!
2. Your coursework, taken or planned, supports a demonstrated interest in HR

Contact: Dr. Kim Scanlan, tscanlank@cox.net (Webster University)
Kathy Slemple, kslemple@friends.edu (Friends University)

CLASSES COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU!!!!

El Dorado

Baker University is pleased to bring its Bachelor of Business Administration to El Dorado. The classes are designed with the working adult in mind and will meet one night a week from 6-10 pm. We are anticipating beginning the classes either late Fall or early spring. If you would like further information please contact Jeffery Jones at 316-636-2322 or email him at jjones@bakeru.edu

Wellington

Baker University is also starting an Associate of Arts in Business program in Wellington. We already have a few applicants who are ready to get started as soon as possible. These classes also are designed for the working adult and will meet from 6-10 pm one night a week. If you would like further information please contact Angie Thompson at 316-636-2322 or email her at athompson@bakeru.edu

SAM'S CLUB is now offering the new COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP!

Stop by your Sam's Club in Wichita, purchase your \$40 Membership, and receive a FREE \$15 GIFT CARD!!!

All you need is your driver's license, student ID, and student e-mail address.



*You can request a student ID at www.smartermind.com by clicking on "Manage Current Students."

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 19:** Early tuition deadline for Fall II
- October 1:** Deadline for Intent To Graduate for December 2008
- October 4 & 11 :** Math Basic Training, Sat. 8:30-11:30am
- October 14:** Fall II classes begin
- October 15:** MAEd Orientation

NEED EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR CLASSES??

Listed below are available tutors and the subjects that they tutor in. Please use these individuals as a resource if you need additional help in a particular area.

FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, or MATH:

Christine Scott: 316-258-2391 or clscott@spgsmail.bakeru.edu

Vicki Ramey: Hm 620-326-2822 Wk 316-828-8501 Cell 316-641-9501
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