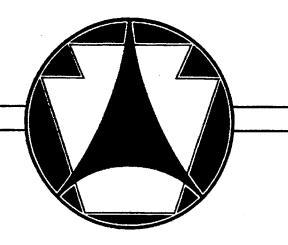


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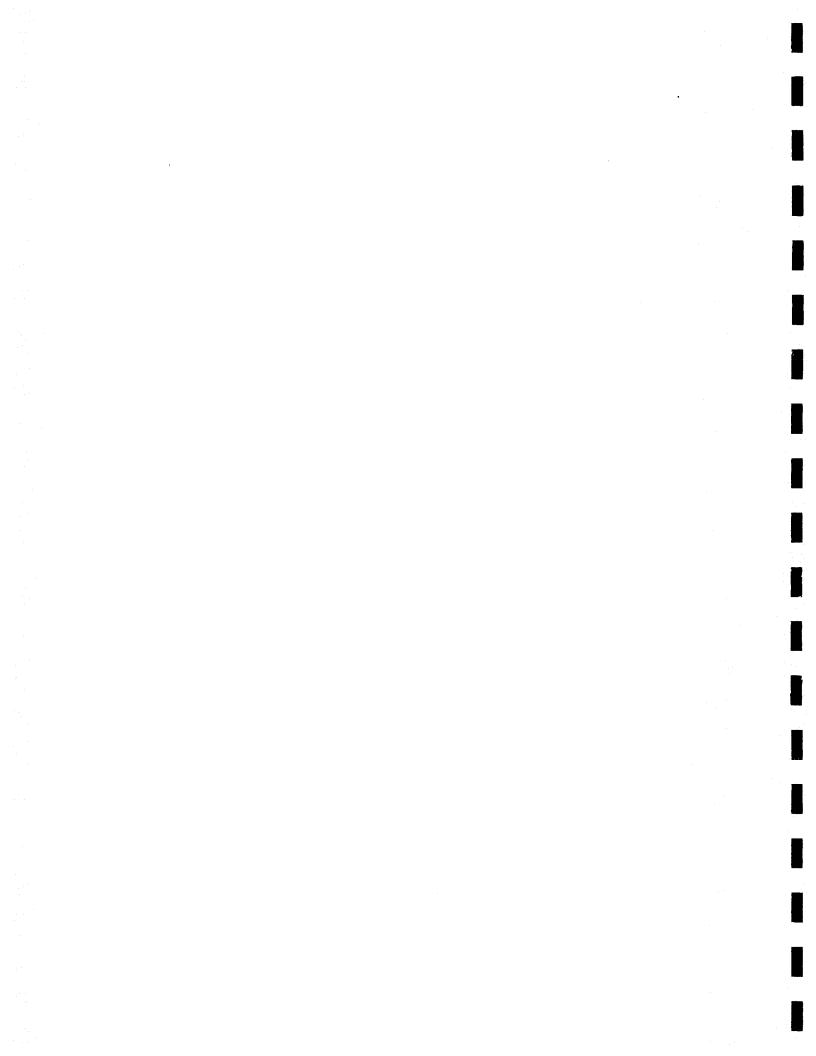
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ABSTRACT

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OBJECTIVES

1. To recruit 25 high-school students to participate in Cheyney University's 2000 STI program. Measuring method: Number of students recruited.

Accomplishment: Twenty-five students were recruited for the program mostly through STI faculty's personal contacts with some schools. Two other methods were used for recruitment.

The first method involved sending information to schools or meeting with counselors. However, this method was not effective for recruitment because most schools did not do much beyond posting the recruitment announcement on the school bulletin board.

The second method involved sending out letters to each member of the faculty and staff requesting them to contact prospective STI students for recruitment. This method had limited success.

2. To introduce a selected group of college-bound high school students to the broad concept of transportation and to careers in transportation.

Measuring methods: Poster project, model dragster project and model bridge project.

- 3. To make the students aware of the skills needed to pursue careers in transportation.

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- 4. To strengthen math backgrounds and language skills of the selected group.

 Measuring method: Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) post-test.
- 5. To expose college-bound high school students to a college environment.

Measuring method: Ability of the students to utilize facilities available on campus. Most of the students were using computer labs, library and recreational facilities at Cheyney University.

6. To establish linkages with communities for publicizing the importance of the STI program and for their support.

Measuring method: Number of applicants to STI 2000. We need to plan better to establish linkages with community.

7. To use the 2000 STI program as a learning experience to identify our strengths and weaknesses.

Measuring method: Faculty and staff meetings, student evaluations, and advisory board input.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The first week began with the introduction to transportation, the span of three modes of transportation and their inter-relationship and careers in transportation. Students took two trips on the first week. The first trip was to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) headquartered in Philadelphia. The second trip was to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Students started to work on building softwood model dragster that week. Later in the week students were introduced to the basic concept of energy in science, the relation of various aspects of our lives that use energy, and how energy is produced.

During the second week, students visited the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland) Power Grid. Here students learned how PJM serves as a broker in distributing energy generated by power plants in its service area. Later in the week students were given an introduction to water transportation. An engineer working with the TRAC program was the guest speaker. The students practiced writing their resumes. Every two students were given one disposable camera to take pictures with a transportation theme.

The third week started with a trip to Delaware Airway Science Airport to learn about careers in aviation. Students had an opportunity to fly trainer airplanes. A second field trip was to a PENNDOT construction site. Students also began working in groups of two to build model bridges. Students started to work on a project to design and make a poster to advertise a transportation-related job. Students searched the Internet to find pertinent information for their projects.

Air and space transportation was discussed in the fourth week. The students finished their bridge projects. Students visited the Sign Management and Retroreflectivity Tracking System (SMART) Transportation Museum and the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. In addition, students visited the construction site of the Atlantic City tunnel and to the Coast Guard training facility.

Evening Enhancement Program

After dinner there were three hours of scheduled activities. The first two hours consisted of SAT preparation in math or language arts. Each student was given an SAT preparation book. A pretest math assessment was given and a post-test was given later to measure each student's progress. Students were given certificates of achievement based on the test on graduation day. During the third hour, students worked on their resumes and poster projects. A \$20 cash award was announced to motivate students to finish their poster projects on time. It worked like magic. The resume and the posters were showcased during the graduation program.

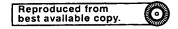
Cultural Enhancement

Activities were planned with the fine arts department. An attempt was made to provide piano lesson to the students, but the project did not go well. Instead, an STI rap and a skit with Cheyney STI as its theme were held. The students presented the rap and the skit during the graduation program.

Recreation Program

On days with no field trip scheduled, students spent one hour and a half in the recreation facility in the university. Here they used the indoor basketball court and the swimming pool. At night, between evening enrichment and bedtime, students had the option of being in one of the three groups: (1) play outdoors basketball or volleyball, (2) play computer games and (3) watch video movie. One chaperon would accompany every group. The students were taken to a local amusement center on the third week of the program.

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AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards program took place on July 21, 2000, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mr. Robert Garrett, manager of PENNDOT Research and Planning, was the keynote speaker. Other guests included:

Dr. W. C. Pettus, president, Cheyney University

Ms. Shirley Dennis, vice president of Institutional Advancement, Cheyney University

Mr. Henry Drougter, Federal Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Division

Mr. James Chetham, Director, Federal Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Division

Mr. William Kerney, project manager, PENNDOT, Bureau of Equal Opportunity

Ms. Frances Triesbach, program manager, PENNDOT research

Each student was given a certificate of completion and a \$100 check. The students were also given achievement awards based on their achievement in the SAT pre/post test in math. The students came up with and voted for another set of awards. Lists of these categories and name of students receiving the awards are provided below:

SAT Award

1.	Most Improved in Math (overall)	Sultana Baynard
2.	Best in Math (overall)	Rashed Harun
3.	Best in Math (ninth grade)	Rashed Harun
4.	Best in Math (tenth grade)	Naila Uqdah
5.	Best in Math (eleventh grade)	Nouman Bashir
6.	Best in Math (twelfth grade)	Bayyinah Lewis

Student Chosen Award

1	Mast Casishia	David Corr
1.	Most Sociable	David Gray
2.	Funniest	Joshua Bridge
3.	Most Athletic	Andre Campbell
4.	Most Likable	Chelbi Mobley
5.	Strongest Male	Nouman Bashir
6.	Strongest Female	Shealynn Baynard
7.	Most Argumentative	Leslie Kennedy
8.	Most Punctual	Rashed Harun
9.	Computer Freak	Sultana Baynard
10.	Most Articulate	Chelbi Mobley

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Recruitment was again a problem. Personal connection with people proved to be most effective again. Personal involvement with schools and personal acquaintances of some of the faculty was the most successful effort in recruitment. A limited success was achieved in the method to involve all Cheyney faculty and staff by the STI. This method can be expanded by requesting all Cheyney students as well to identify prospective STI students. Now that the Cheyney Web Mail System is up and running, this will be a simple thing to do. The Cheyney STI and Lincoln STI, with PENNDOT's assistance, are also planning on joint recruitment effort for their institutes.
- 2. Hire more student chaperones. STI students relate better with younger people.
- 3. Bring in two STI graduates who are in good academic standing and have positive leadership qualities to set the learning tone early in the program.
- 4. Make booking for field trips a few months in advance of the program and confirm the appointments prior to the start of the program.
- 5. Comply with the advisory board's recommendation. Plan more field trips for STI students.
- 6. Develop a better plan for the camera project.
- 7. Start recruiting activity earlier, possibly in December.

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164	Concepts from the field trip were related to the field of transportation.	2.6	2.5		2.9	3	3	3.1	3	6	3.2	3	3
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	7 Transportation to and from the site was safe.	3.4	3.5	4	3.1.	3	3	3.1	3	4	3.6	4	4
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1	1	Speakers were well			
	1	organized.	3.1	3	3
2	2	I was academically challenged by the activities the Speakers provided.	2.7	3	3
3	3	Speakers responded well to the questions posed to them. Staff	3.2	3	3
1	1	The Staff was very interested in my career awareness.	2.9	3	3
2	2	The staff was very helpful when I had problems.	3.0	3	3
3	3	The Staff encouraged students to strive for excellence in all their academic pursuits.	3.1	3	3
4	4	The Staff was always available when I had a question or needed assistance.	3.0	3	3
. 5	5	The Staff was very friendly at all times.	2.8	3	2
6	6	The Staff was very knowledgeable on transportation-related careers.	3.1	3	3
7	7	The Staff was very enthusiastic about transportation-related careers.	3.2	3	4
8	8	Counselors were helpful in the dormitories.	3.2	3	3
		Activities			
1	. 1	Project activities helped me understand transportation careers better than before.	3.2	3	3
. 2	2	Generally, adequate time was allotted for project activities.	2.7	3	3
3	3	Generally, adequate time was allotted for	3.1	3	4

		audience participation.			
4	4	Project activities gave me some practical experience related to transportation.	2.9	3	3
5	5	Generally, adequate time was allotted for audience participation.	2.7	3	3
		Project activities often included competition between groups.	2.8	3	3
		Other			
1	1	Life in the dormitory was fun.	3.2	3	3
2	2	The food in the dining hall was delicious.	1.6	1	1
3	3	The number of speakers was appropriate.	2.8	3	3
4	4	The number of field trips was appropriate.	2.6	3	3
5	5	The number of projects was appropriate.	2.9	3	3
5	5	Evening/Enhancement activities were beneficial.	3.0	3	3
7	7	Sports/Recreation activities were fun and worthwhile.	3.0	3	3

Daily Schedule Cheyney STI 2000

		•	WEEK 1		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30
9:00-11:30	ID, Library card,	SEPTA trip to	History of	Franklin Institute	Dragster
	Security	Philadelphia	transportation,		8
	•	•	Energy		
11:45-1:10	Lunch		Lunch		lunch
1:15-2:15	Introduction to	•	Dragster WC 36		Dragster
	and modes of		•		WC 36
	transportation				
2:30-4:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation		Recreation
4:00-6:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
6:00-9:00	SAT/project/	SAT/project/	SAT/project/	SAT/project/	Departure
	computer	Computer	Computer activity	Computer	Ai & Ch
	activity	activity		activity	Truth Lobby
9:15-11:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	
			WEEK 2		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7
9:00-			PJM Trip	Computer lab	Intro to Water
11:30				(simcity etc.)	Guest speaker
11:45-			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:10			Dunen	Lunen	Edileii
1:15-2:15			Music	Computer lab	Music
				(simcity etc.)	MA
2:30-4:00			Recreation	Recreation	Recreation
4:00-6:00			Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
6:00-9:00			SAT/project/	SAT/project/	Departure
			Computer activity	Computer activity	•
9:15-	,		Recreation	Recreation	,
11:00					

		•	WEEK 3		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
9:00-11:30	7 a.m. Airway	Finish Dragster	Bridge	Computer lab	Bridge
	Science (DE)				WC 36
	Trip				
11:45-1:10	Trip	Trip	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-2:15	Trip	PennDOT	Bridge	Funscape	Bridge
	•	Construction	WC 36	-	WC 36
		Trip			
2:30-4:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation		Recreation
4:00-6:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
6:00-9:00	SAT/project/	SAT/project/	SAT/project/		Departure
	computer	computer	computer		
	activity	activity	activity		
9:15-11:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	
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	WEEK 4				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
9:00-11:30	Bridge	Trip	Air and Space	Atlantic City	
		Washington DC		Trip	
11:45-1:10	Lunch	Trip	Lunch		Lunch
1:15-2:15	Bridge	Trip	Air & Space	•	1:30 -5:00
					Closing
2:30-4:00	Recreation		Recreation	·	
4:00-6:00	Dinner	·	Dinner		
6:00-9:00	SAT/project/		SAT/project/	•	
•	computer		computer		
	activity		activity		
9:15-11:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	

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Vaux-Logan Auditorium Cheyney University

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July 21, 2000 2:00 p.m.

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Special Recognition

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Words of Appreciation Dr. Sakkar Eva

Closing Remarks Dr. Kwo-Sun Chu

Viewing of Student Projects

Reception

2000 NSTI GRADUATES

Anderson, Tiana Penn Wood High School

Bashir, Nouman B. Reed Henderson High School

Baynard, Shealynn World Communications Charter

Baynard, Sultana World Com Charter

Bowers, Dayron Audenried High School

Bridges, Joshua Central High School

Brown, Christopher Cheltenham High School

Campbell, Andre Preparatory Charter High School

Davis, Mercede Multiculture Academy Charter

Gray, David Masterman High School

Harun, Rashed Strath Haven High School

Kennedy, Leslie Multiculture Academy

Lewis, Bayynah Quba Institute

Macon, Joseph

Mobley, Chelbi

Seere, Josephine Archbishop Ryan High School

Staley, Harrison City Center Academy

Triggs, Jujuan Chester High School

Uqday Na'ila Quba Institute

Washington, Cassandra

Wright, Mertiz North East Magnet High School

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