

**ACS Diversity Mini-Grants for Student Led Collaboration with Faculty/Staff  
Proposal Cover Sheet**

Please print or type all information

Project Title: Black Student Leadership Conference

Student Name: Jeffrey Scott                      E-mail: jescott@davidson.edu

Institution: Davidson College    Phone: 704-894-2225

Faculty/Staff Name: Ernest Jeffries    Department/Office: Dean Of Students Office

Phone: 704-894-2225                      Fax: 704-894-2849                      E-mail: erjeffries@davidson.edu

Amount requested: \$2500

Proposed grant period:

Signature of student submitting proposal \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of faculty/staff collaborator \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Thomas C. Shandley  
Name of Senior Student Affairs Officer

Dr. Clark G. Ross  
Name of Chief Academic Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sr. Student Affairs Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Academic Officer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Evidence of institutional support is required for each mini-grant proposal in the form of a joint letter of support from the proposal author's senior Student Affairs Officer and senior Academic Dean. The faculty/staff collaborator also needs to include a letter outlining his/her involvement and support.**

---

For ACS Office use only

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Review

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Action \_\_\_\_\_

Notification sent \_\_\_\_\_

Award Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF  
Legacy Black Student Leadership Conference

February 1-3  
Davidson College

**Conference Overview:**

The Legacy Black Student Leadership Conference is designed to help students claim the legacy of leadership and service left by African American leaders too numerous to mention. The conference will expose students to practical leadership skills that can help them become confident leaders who realize their personal, professional, and spiritual goals. It will also provide a forum for discussing issues common to students of color at small, private colleges and universities in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Legacy Student Leadership Conference will challenge students to build multicultural student organizations that provide a welcoming and affirming environment for students of color, while offering students opportunities to participate in culturally enriching and affirming activities. It will also challenge students to participate in and lend their voices to other campus organizations and committees so that they can prepare for living and working in an increasingly more global society.

In addition, the Legacy Student Leadership Conference will give students an opportunity to expand their personal and professional networks while enjoying high-energy entertainment.

**History of the Conference:**

The Furman University Office of Multicultural Affairs, in support of the Student League for Black Culture, traditionally attends a student leadership conference. For several years students had discussed the idea of hosting a conference. Wanting to expand this idea other campuses, we entered into conversation with Furman University and Presbyterian College. Since all three colleges are small, private, liberal arts institutions and have similar populations of African-American students, we decided to target other small, private, liberal arts institutions in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The advisors from the respective schools developed a framework for the conference and the students provided input on the sessions and social activities. After a very successful initial conference, we decided to expand to include other institutions. This year we have added Wofford College, Queens University of Charlotte, and Washington and Lee University.

**Role of Students:**

In addition to being involved with the overall planning of the conference, students will staff registration tables and participate on dinner programs giving welcomes, introducing speakers, and making presentations to guest speakers. Students will also serve as session facilitators, direct round table lunch discussions, and plan all social events.

**Program Review:**

With this year being the second conference we are expecting approximately 120 students from six participating institutions. The conference will begin with an alumni networking reception and opening dinner. The guest speaker for the dinner will be 1997

Davidson Alumnus and President of the Davidson Black Alumni Network, Mrs. Tiara Henderson. Following the lecture, students will participate in the late night social at the Davidson College Black Coalition House. On Saturday morning, there will be three sessions including one general session and two concurrent sessions. During lunch in the Davidson dining hall, students will break in to small groups to discuss various topics: black student organization presidents' roles/challenges, involvement in student government, and involvement/representation in mainstream campus organizations. Following lunch, there will be two afternoon sessions. The closing banquet will feature entertainment from Davidson students and an address by the Dr. Walter Kimbrough, President of Philander Smith College, Little Rock Arkansas. Following the dinner, the students will have an opportunity for social networking first with a concert performed by *Uncommon Jazz* of Charlotte, NC.

(Conference Schedule Attached)

**Assessment:**

An assessment of the conference will be conducted through a count of the number schools and individual participants. In addition, participants will complete a conference evaluation. See attached.

**LEGACY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Friday, February 1, 2008**

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
.....**Check In**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
.....**Student/Alumni Reception**

7:30 p.m.  
.....**Opening**

**Banquet**  
*Speaker: Ms. Tiara A. Henderson*

10:00 p.m. - Until .....**Legacy Mixer  
and Party**

**Saturday, February 2, 2008**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
.....**Session I**  
*"The Good Life"*  
*Speaker: Mr. Steve Benjamin, Esq.*

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
.....**Session II**  
*Concurrent Sessions*

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
.....**Session III**  
*"From Spectator to MVP: Strategies for Addressing Campus  
Issues"*  
*Facilitator: Mrs. Telesia E. Davis*

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
.....**Lunch**  
*Table Top Discussion*

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
.....**Session IV**  
*"A Beautiful Struggle: A Documentary"*  
*Facilitator: Ms. Sabrina Brown*

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

.....**Session V**

*Concurrent Sessions*

7:00 p.m.

.....**Closing**

**Banquet**

*Speaker: Dr. Walter Kimbrough*

10:00 p.m. - Midnight

.....**Concert**

*Featuring: Uncommon Jazz*