

Spelman Hosts 25th International Association of Philosophy and Literature Conference

During the first week in May, the world arrived at Spelman when over 300 national and international scholars of noted interdisciplinary expertise in the arts, humanities, and the social sciences attended the 25th Annual International Association of Philosophy and Literature Conference (IAPL). *Beginnings*, the theme of the conference, referred to IAPL's beginning a new quarter century. This occasion marked the first time that an historically black college had hosted this world-renowned event, which began on the campus of Harvard University. The first IAPL conference in the twenty-first century explored the dimensions of beginnings, in relation to issues of race, gender, culture, history, technologies and arts.

Conference coordinators Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Director of the Women's Center and the Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies, and Dr. Roy Martinez, chair of Philosophy and

Religion department, welcomed participants from colleges that included Princeton; Cornell; Boston University; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Oxford University, United Kingdom; The University of Sydney, Australia; McGill University in Montreal, Canada; and University of Helsinki, Finland. In addition, local colleges and universities including Emory, Georgia State, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University and Oglethorpe University were in attendance. Associate Provost Dr. Romie Tribble served as associate coordinator for the conference.

Prior to the opening address, "Beginning and Deleuzian Becoming," by Dr. Paul Patton, a philosopher from the University of Sydney, Australia, President Audrey F. Manley officially welcomed IAPL executive director Dr. Hugh J. Silverman, a professor of philosophy and comparative literature at SUNY/Stony Brook, New York, and IAPL members to the College. She noted that this scholarly conference was an ideal avenue for introducing students to intellectual discourse in the academy.

IAPL scholars in attendance included Dr. Frank Kirkland, chair of the philosophy department at Hunter College; feminist critic and writer Dr. bell hooks, who gave the keynote address, "Speak To Me of Love"; and writer Pearl Cleage, who participated in the session on Black Feminist Agendas for the 21st Century. Ms. Cleage presented her paper, "When Li'l Kim Meets Diana Ross at the Crossroads or How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love BET."

A conference headliner was Dr. Charles Johnson, 1990 National Book Award winner for *Middle Passage* and the S. Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Endowed Professor of Creative Writings at the University of Washington in Seattle. During the conference, Dr. Johnson discussed or responded to comments on his latest novel, *Dreamer*, (Scribner, 1998) a fictional excursion into the last two years of Martin Luther King's life, when the political and personal pressures on this country's most preeminent moral leader

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Spelman Welcomes Its First Cosby Chair Recipient

At Commencement on Sunday, May 20, Mr. Eric Hanks, art collector and brother of Dr. Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby, presented the first recipient of the Cosby Fine Arts Chair. She is Professor Ayoka Chenzira, a filmmaker and video artist whose productions span features, animation, documentary, performance art and experimental narratives.



Professor Chenzira

Professor Chenzira is considered to be the first African American woman animator. She is also one of the first African American women filmmakers to write, produce and direct a 35mm feature film, *Alma's Rainbow*, listed in *Billboard Magazine* as one of the top home video rentals (May 1998). Chenzira's work is recognized around the world. Her films have appeared in festivals in Brazil, France, Japan, Cairo and other places in between. Some of these works have been translated into French and Japanese.

This initiative will serve as a model and frame of reference as the College designs similar Cosby professorships in the humanities and social sciences as outlined under the terms of Dr. Cosby's endowed gift. The ultimate goal of the program is to elevate the fine arts to a higher level of recognition that is consistent with Spelman's historic legacy and the vision and life work of Drs. William and Camille Cosby.

Andrea D. Barnwell, C'93, returns to Spelman as the new Director of the Spelman Museum of Fine Art

Dr. Barnwell is an art historian, writer, and critic. Her primary research interests are African American, black British and contemporary African art. She is the principal author of *The Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art* (1999). Dr. Barnwell recently completed her Ph.D. in art history from Duke University, where she also received her master's degree in 1999. Her forthcoming book, *Charles White* – the first monograph in The David C. Driskell Series of African American Art – will be published in 2001 by Pomegranate Books. She is the recipient of a MacArthur Curatorial Fellowship.



The 25th International Association of Philosophy and Literature Conference participants and coordinators pictured left to right: Dr. Hugh Silverman, IAPL executive director; Dr. Romie Tribble, associate provost; Dr. Cynthia Spence, academic dean; Dr. bell hooks, feminist critic and writer; and the conference coordinators, Dr. Roy Martinez, chair of the Philosophy and Religion department, and Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, director of the Women's Center and the Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies.

Philosophy and Literature Conference

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were the greatest. Professors who had critiqued *Dreamer* were from universities in New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Vermont and as far away as the National University of Singapore.

Dr. Martinez, author of *Kierkegaard and the Art of Irony* (Humanity Books, 2001), moderated the final plenary roundtable entitled "Rethinking Race and Gender in the United States." He noted that "by all accounts the conference was a success. But to me, I take particular pride in the thought that the conference participants from abroad had the rare occasion to interact with us on our own campus. Whatever might have been their perception of African Americans before this conference at Spelman College, these scholars will return home with a positive impression of this community."

Next year's IAPL conference will be held in Holland.

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MESSAGE from MANLEY

Our second semester at Spelman has been a season of special anniversaries. As we mark these important passages of time, we do so with a mixture of reverence and joy.

Wednesday, April 4th launched a weeklong series of events commemorating the 120th anniversary of our school's first beginnings. Of course, I am speaking about Founders Day. This year's theme was appropriate — *To Serve This Present Age*. We celebrated the selfless dedication of Miss Packard and Miss Giles, two white educators who left the comforts of their Massachusetts home to teach newly freed black women and girls and prepare them for their new life of liberty.

On Sunday, May 20th, our College celebrated its 100th Baccalaureate Commencement at the Cathedral at Chapel Hill in Decatur. At Saturday's Baccalaureate Service, Reverend Walter Scott Thomas delivered a powerful sermon. He exhorted these young Spelman women to "finish what was left undone" (from Titus 1:5), by recognizing that God has a unique purpose for each of them. He encouraged them to be strong, to utilize their degrees to the fullest advantage, and to reach out to those sisters who are less fortunate. The Honorable Alexis M. Herman, U.S. Secretary of Labor, 1997–2001 was an ideal choice as our Commencement speaker. She admonished our graduates to keep learning, keep growing, and to never forget that the price of success in the workplace is not worth the cost of failure within your family. Rest assured, our students enjoyed a superb sendoff.

For the first time in Spelman's history, we were moved to witness the graduation of an Asian student, Nao Ayabe. She learned about Spelman College by reading *Ebony* magazine from her home in Tokyo, Japan. Having earned her degree in psychology, Nao plans to remain in the United States in order to work with children. At a time when our nation is approaching the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, this strikes me as a poignant moment. Indeed, we are uplifted by Nao's fresh face of hope as she embarks upon her adult life here in America as a Spelman woman.

On March 8th, I had the privilege of sharing the United Negro College Fund's 57th Anniversary Dinner. This event alone generated over \$1 million that will enable promising students to pursue their dream of a college education.

April was also a time for celebrating the 30th anniversary of our Health Careers Program. Created in 1971 to help our students find challenging, meaningful careers in the health industry, it has allowed many of our students to go on to become physicians, research scientists, developers of technology and even policy makers for global health initiatives.

The 25th Annual International Association of Philosophy and Literature Conference was hosted at Spelman College. This was the first time that a historically black college has hosted this world-renowned event.

We welcomed our corporate friends to the campus for the 8th year at the Corporate Partners Program. More than 55 liaisons representing 25 *Fortune* 500 Partner companies joined 50 faculty and staff for the two-day event.

Connected with our Founders Day activities was the 6th Annual Breakfast at Tiffany & Company, where 10 outstanding alumnae were presented with the Alumnae Achievement Awards.

In 1997, Dr. Arturo Lindsay, Associate Professor of Art & Art History developed the Spelman College Summer Art Colony. Now in its 5th year, the program was designed to provide students with an opportunity to develop their artistic talents as they live and learn in the historic village, Portobelo, Panama, that is seminal in the history of the African Diaspora, as well as the development of Latin America.

It seems that, as we close out this academic year, we are coming full circle as we connect more than a century of scholastics with an ever-broadening world of people, cultures and ideas. Now more than ever, the world is at our doorstep. Indeed, Spelman is ready to serve this present age.

Audrey Forbes Manley
President



Founders Day 2001: To Serve This Present Age

The College marked its 120th Founders Day anniversary celebration with a week of activities under the theme *To Serve This Present Age*. In her Founders Day address, Jane Smith, Ed.D., C'68, Leadership Consultant and Third President & CEO, National Council of Negro Women, stated, "We are here today to honor the founders, observe another orientation for freshmen on the important history of Spelman College, salute alumnae, initiate the 'send off' of seniors but most importantly to pass the baton of leadership for service to the soon-to-be new graduates in order that they may become an active part of Spelman's legacy *to serve this present age*." Dr. Smith, along with Bernette Joshua Johnson, JD, C'64, the first African American female to be

appointed as Supreme Court Judge for Louisiana, received the Doctor of Humane Letters and the Doctor of Laws respectively from their Alma Mater. The Founders Spirit Award for 2001 was presented to Mildred Collier Walton, Ed.D., retired Atlanta City Schools Elementary Schools principal. The 2001 Fannie Lou Hamer Award for community service was awarded to Dr. Colm Mulcahy, associate professor of mathematics. Dr. Mulcahy spearheaded the formation of the Spelman College chapter of Habitat for Humanity and recently helped coordinate an AIDS Walk that raised \$9,400. The True Blue Award 2001 was awarded to Robert D. Flanigan, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs and Treasurer, by the President and the Board of Trustees. This reward is bestowed to outstanding

constituents for exemplary leadership, service and philanthropy on behalf of Spelman College. Mr. Flanigan has been a dedicated member of the community for over 30 years.

Prior to the formal convocation, other week celebrations included a convocation with Spelman alumna Jerri L. Devard, C'79, Chief Marketing Officer, E-Consumer, with CitiGroup, as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Devard is one of four alumnae selected to lead Spelman's Phase II of a \$4 million fundraising campaign to renovate and preserve historic Sisters Chapel entitled *Revival of the Spirit*. As a new Founders Day week tradition, the annual Breakfast at Tiffany & Co. was held to present 10 outstanding women with the Alumnae Achievement Awards.



Members of the staff and faculty applaud Robert D. Flanigan, Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs and Treasurer, as he approaches the stage of Sisters Chapel to receive the True Blue Award 2001 from the College.



During the Memorial Ceremony, Terique Smith, C'01, President of the Granddaughters Club, places a wreath on the plaque bearing Miss Sophia B. Packard's image.



After being honored by her Alma Mater, Dr. Jane Smith, C'68, Leadership Consultant and Third President & CEO, National Council of Negro Women, leaves Sisters Chapel with President Audrey F. Manley following Founders Day ceremonies.



The Class of 2001 march into Sisters Chapel on Founders Day 2001, "To Serve This Present Age."

Commencement 2001 Marks 100

Spelman College observed its 100th Commencement in May by awarding degrees to over 500 graduates – a far cry from the mere two in the first class to receive college degrees in 1901, namely Claudia White Harreld and her only classmate Jane Anna Granderson. A few days before the graduation ceremony, the College celebrated this anniversary by formally receiving The Claudia White Harreld Papers from Mrs. Herreld's daughter, Josephine Harreld Love, C'33 during Reunion 2001: *To Serve This Present Age – Celebrating 100 Years of Baccalaureate Women*. The Collection, which will be stored in the Spelman College Archives, comprises 2.5 linear feet of correspondence, literary writing, printed material, biographical information, news clippings and photographs from 1897–1952. We share these words of wisdom from Claudia White Harreld on the occasion of her 50th Reunion (May 1951). They are just as pertinent for the graduates of the class of 2001.

"The worth and satisfaction of achievements are measured and weighed in the innermost being, not by the fullness of applause nor by the lack of it, but by one's conviction of honesty and sincerity of purpose. A belief in this concept prepares one to meet the ups and downs of life with equanimity and stamina."



Ruha Benjamin

One hundred years later, the Ivy Oration is delivered traditionally on Senior Class Day by the senior who has earned the highest scholastic average. This year it was Ruha Benjamin, C '01. These are her rhythmic words of wisdom to her classmates:

"...Did you know that the mythic gates of Spelman actually revolve?"

...Spelman gates revolve... circular/four year cycles/not the up and out/vertical success/of PR/package n tied/on our back/packers/ heading up up into the rodent invested world/run woman run/ up and away/ from the ground/ it's a bird! it's a plane! / no it's a Spelman woman with her diploma in hand/ passport to enter the pearly whites/of success...

But, Spelman gates revolve... so what goes in must come out/so what you put in/ is what you'll get out of/four years of/space/ to grow/to find that the fundamental issues of the world/all the issues of Spelman/ to find that diversity exists here and there/and here has to understand how to welcome difference

Spelman gates evolve... so sistas entering from Africa n the Caribbean/ won't have to contend with discrimination based on their origin/ absurd/ internalized racism/ Spelman gates evolve... so pregnant students n already moms/ are not made to feel/ like a lighter shade of true blue/so organizations like Afrekete trying to broaden the space/ are rendered invisible/women/ as said Ellison/invisible "simply because people refuse to see"/difference



The Class of 2001 included television child star Keshia Knight Pulliam who played little Rudy Huxtable on NBC's *The Cosby Show*. A sociology major, Ms. Pulliam is a member of the Mortar Board Honors Society and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. A Bonner Scholar, she played an active role in numerous community service projects, including the establishment of a new Brownie and Girl Scout Troop for neighborhood girls. Based in Atlanta, she plans to resume her career in acting as well as directing in both Los Angeles and New York.



Nao Ayabe, C'01, from Tokyo, Japan, learned about the College by reading *Ebony Magazine*. Ms. Ayabe earned a degree in psychology and has expressed an interest in remaining in the United States to teach Japanese in the public schools.



A beaming mother, Mrs. Janet Turner, C'70, has now attended six Spelman graduations including her own. As parents of five daughters, Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Turner had such a high regard for the College, they encouraged all five daughters to attend. As a result, Diedre Turner, C'01 became the fifth daughter to graduate. Pictured left to right: Dawn Turner, C'95; Dr. Turner, Medical Director of Atlanta's South West Hospital; Dennise Turner, C'91; Deidre Turner, C'01; Donni Turner, C'91 (Dennise's twin); Mrs. Janet Turner, C'70, a travel agent who must be planning a well-deserved getaway vacation, and Dorian Turner, C'98.

Years of Baccalaureate Women

Spelman gates evolve... whispers the little girl in me/ and now after four blue n white years/ of learning sisterhood through laughter, sweat n tears/ after figuring out that/ "my Spelman experience" wouldn't come gift wrapped n bowed/ n the 'space' to BE is actually what we paid for/ a space in which we reap what we sow/ grow sista grow/ might actually read better/ sow sista sow

The Class of 2001 received sound advice from commencement speaker **The Honorable Alexis M. Herman**, U.S. Secretary of Labor, 1997–2001, who received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. In addition, honors were awarded to **Dr. Ruth Kirschstein**, Deputy Director of the National Institutes for Health (Doctor of Science), and **Dr. George Walker, Jr.**, recipient of the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Music (Doctor of Fine Arts). **Ms. Zora Kramer Brown**, who founded the Breast Cancer Resource Committee (BCRC), received the 2001 National Community Service Award from the Spelman Board of Trustees. In her commencement address, Ms. Herman stated:

"...As Secretary of Labor, I was sometimes referred to as the nation's top counselor.

... I want you to remember the importance in this economy of continuing to take on knowledge and make knowledge and the gathering of knowledge a lifelong pursuit for you. Now that is probably the last

thing you want to hear from me on your graduation day — after all your countless hours of studying, cramming for and stressing over your exams — that what you need to do is continue your education — but the fact of the matter is today's economy is a knowledge-based economy and knowing means growing. . . . Remember that the price of workplace success cannot, and must not be, family failure. With cell phones, e-mails, faxes and pagers, we are working in an environment where the virtual office door never closes due to technology. So let's remember that we have to use technology for the better. And we have to make sure that it does not use us. I want you to remember this institution and its great traditions. We all stand on the shoulders of those who have gone on before as we witness its 100th Commencement. . . . I pursued my career after college as a social worker at Catholic Charities but before that I had gone back to my hometown of Mobile, Alabama. There I remember being turned down for job after job after job. Sometimes I was turned down because I was black. Other times I was turned down because I was a woman. I remember there was one bank employer who looked at me and said 'If you're lucky, Ms. Herman, perhaps I can hire you even as a secretary.' Well, I'd love to know where that employer is today, because, you see, I'd like to be able to turn to him and say, 'Sir, I did become a Secretary!' . . . I measure success in a different way. It's how you honor your parents, your grandparents, and how you give back to your community. I want you to do well and make money but I also want you to go out and 'do good.' My graduates, you must remember that there are no dress rehearsals in life and you may have to ad lib a few scenes along the way. But I encourage you to follow your dreams, to listen to your heart, to lead with your soul and to march to the beat of justice. "



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The College of Drama and Dance presented **A Conversation with Ms. Eartha Kitt** on Thursday, March 22. Speaking before an audience of students, faculty and visitors in the Baldwin Burroughs Theatre in the Rockefeller Fine Arts Building, Ms. Kitt was both witty and wise in the telling of her life and career. After her initial presentation, she was even more entertaining during a lively question and answer session. A reception at Manley Center followed immediately after the performance.



On April 19, 2001, **Spelman College dedicated its new tennis** courts to former coach and "First Man," Arthur J. Robinson, Jr. The



dedication was offered in appreciation for nine years of service as a volunteer coach, mentor and teacher for Spelman women in the sport of tennis. Pictured here, left to right are Dr. June Gary Hopps, Dr. Audrey Forbes Manley, Mr. Arthur J. Robinson, Jr. and his wife, Spelman President Emeritus, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole.



In the Giles Hall Painting Studio, **students work with master artists from the International Artists-in-Residence Program**, March 20th – 30th. Dr. Arturo Lindsay, Associate Professor of Art & Art History, developed the program in 1997. By collaborating with self-taught Congo painters in the village of Portobelo, Panama, Dr. Lindsay has opened new doors for Spelman students as they live and learn in this historic village that is seminal in the history of

the African Diaspora. First designed as an art experience, the Spelman College Summer Art Colony also serves as a valuable learning experience, providing cultural exchange opportunities for students and the people of the village.

Spelman has had plenty of Oxygen on campus. It seems only fitting that America's newest national network by women, for women should visit Spelman College. Oxygen Media has included Spelman in numerous venues, including an interview of Dr. Manley, and student interviews for their show *Trackers*. On March 22 in the lower Cosby Auditorium, they hosted *Women in Power*, a conference about the changing roles of women in business, education, media and politics.



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Spelman College Corporate Partners Program proved to be an excellent fit. In 1995, Xerox became a Corporate Partner by making a gift of \$15,000 and establishing the Xerox-Spelman scholarship that annually provides financial assistance to Spelman women pursuing degrees in computer science or engineering. The company has continued to contribute to the scholarship fund over the past four years and has provided Spelman students with internship and other opportunities for professional advancement.

Xerox's Corporate Partner liaisons with the College include Dawn Sutherland, a controller in the

California office, and two liaisons in the Atlanta office, Cynthia Carter, Marketing Operations Manager for the Public Sector, and Janet Chess, Marketing Operations Manager for Major Accounts. As liaisons, Carter, Chess and Sutherland work with the College to develop programs, internships, full-time employment and scholarship opportunities to further strengthen the long-standing relationship between the company and the College. Spelman College is excited and proud to have the Xerox Corporation among its Corporate Partners!

SPOTLIGHT ON TRUSTEES

The Spelman College Board of Trustees consists of nationally recognized leaders ranging from corporate executives and noted academicians to entrepreneurs and civic leaders from across the country. We are honored to have included the following individuals on our Board.

Juan D. Johnson

Mr. Juan Johnson is Vice President & Director of Knowledge and Learning Management Services at the Coca-Cola Company and a valued member of the Atlanta community. Elected to the Board in 2001, Mr. Johnson is very familiar with the relationships, opportunities and challenges facing the Atlanta University Center schools – he earned his Master's degree in business administration from Clark-Atlanta University. Mr. Johnson's commitment to public service is evidenced by his work with other organizations such as Hands On Atlanta, The Atlanta Humane Society and 100 Black Men.

Allen P. McDaniel

A board member since 1992, Allen P. McDaniel holds the position of Managing Director of Fixed-Income Sales with Salomon Smith Barney in Atlanta. During his years of service as a trustee, Mr. Daniels



Juan D. Johnson



Allen P. McDaniel



David N. Sundwall, M.D.

had headed the Development Committee and served on the Finance and Budget Committee. He presently serves on the Board's Executive Committee. In his commitment to nonprofits, Mr. McDaniel serves in numerous venues, as a Board member for the Metro YMCA and Montgomery Bell Academy, and also for the Cathedral of Christ the King. Previously, he served on the Board of the Thomas Mitchum School for Handicapped Children, and as a member of Leadership Atlanta, Class of 1988.

David N. Sundwall, M.D.

As President of the not-for-profit American Clinical Laboratory Association, Dr. Sundwall has devoted his life's work to serving patients, colleagues, students and the general public. Dr. Sundwall's previous aca-

demetic appointments include various fellowships and professorships with universities across the country. These include the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD, and Georgetown University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. In the public arena, he served as Administrator for organizations that include the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Public Health Service (PHS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and was appointed as Assistant Surgeon General in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Sundwall's combined expertise in the medical sciences and public services attracted him to our Board. He was elected into office in 2001.

2001 Corporate Partners Conference: Investing in the Top Tier

Spelman marked its eighth year celebrating the Corporate Partnership Program, March 22–23, 2001, with record-breaking partner attendance. More than 55 liaisons representing 25 *Fortune* 500 partner companies joined 50 faculty, students and staff for the two-day event. Given the current climate of economic uncertainty, the high partner attendance rate was an encouraging sign of continued commitment to Spelman College. In fact, this year's conference theme, *Investing in the Top Tier*, focused our partners' attention on the critical need for continued and expanded support from the corporate sector.

A select group of students had the opportunity to participate in a pre-conference preparation workshop entitled, "How To Work A Room," facilitated by speaker and professional development coach Celeste Jonson of Celeste Jonson International. Thursday evening, this year's networking reception was held at the prestigious 191 Club in downtown Atlanta. More than 60 corporate liaisons, students, faculty and staff mixed, mingled and traded best practices and business cards. On Friday the day was filled with valuable information, including an enlightening keynote presentation, "Expanding the Top Tier," by Stephanie Bell-Rose, President of the



Stephanie Bell-Rose

Goldman Sachs Foundation. When Dr. Manley presented the State of the College address, the audience was visibly pleased to hear that, on a national level, Spelman College continues to excel at preparing African American women for leadership and service.

Partner liaisons also took advantage of three concurrent breakout sessions that provided timely information and discussion relevant to their liaison roles. Sessions included: "Preparing the Top Tier: Investing in Technology," led by Ellis Rainey and Dr. Manley; "Shaping the Top Tier: Developing Student Leaders," led by Dr. Zenobia Hikes and Dr. Cynthia Spence; and "Retaining the Top Tier," led by Celeste Jonson and Toni Ireland.

This year also marked the initiation of an annual awards presentation, whereby Spelman



Kimberly-Clark Research Manager, Laura Dellaripa, receives "Partner of the Year" award on behalf of her company.

recognized the Corporate Partnership Program constituents who best represent and carry forth the spirit of the Program. Kimberly-Clark was chosen as Partner Company of the Year. Still other new partners were introduced, and existing partners renewed their financial support of the College. Faculty and staff awardees honored were Dr. Sylvia Bozeman, Dr. Zenobia Hikes and Dr. Rosalie Richards.

Overall feedback from all participants was extraordinary. We look forward to continued growth and success of the innovative Corporate Partnership Program. For a closer look at this year's Conference, view our online photo album at <http://thesolution.com/conference/album>.

NASA and Kimberly-Clark Sponsor the 13th Annual Science, Engineering and Math Day

On Friday, March 30, a distinguished panel of scientists from Kimberly-Clark, Merck Research Laboratories, Georgia Tech, The National Security Agency, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morris Brown College and Clark Atlanta University served as judges for an impressive display of science projects.

This year's theme was *Science in the Liberal Arts: Opening Doors to Careers*. More than 80 Spelman students participated. Subjects included math and engineering, computer science, biology, physics, chemistry and environmental science. The program is designed to help prepare Spelman women for an increasingly interdisciplinary, collaborative and global job market. In the photo, Marcia Price presents her team's biology project to one of the judges. Also on her team were Jamila Belgrave and Denise Saunders, as supervised by Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Jann P. Primus.



The Estate of Donna R. Mitchell Brings Top Students To Spelman With \$1 Million

Raised in a farming community in Iowa, Mrs. Donna R. Mitchell was the second of five daughters, all of whom assisted in running the family farm. For most of her career, she served as a longtime aide to Nelson A. Rockefeller. First joining him in Washington during World War II, she followed him as he moved to the Department of Health, Education and Human Services, to New York where he served as governor in 1974, and then back to Washington when he became Vice President.

Her gift of \$1 million was received at a time when the College was able to seize an opportunity to recruit a very talented pool of students for fall 2001. Many of these students have attained National Merit Scholar status. In recognition of this generous gift, the College will establish the Donna R. Mitchell Endowment, to support scholarships for high-achieving students, and a Restricted Fund for the Class of 2001. All of the recipients will be named Donna Mitchell Scholars. It's been reported that Mrs. Mitchell had a passion for education and provided many opportunities to others to attend college. "We are indebted to Mrs. Mitchell for enabling these talented young women to attend Spelman," says Trisa Long Paschal, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "And we are honored to include the Donna Mitchell name among our roster of scholarship donors."

A new logo for a new century

Spelman's new logo is now in use. As part of the design process, key staff members were interviewed and asked to identify the building or architectural symbol that most symbolized Spelman College. Sisters Chapel was identified first and foremost by all parties involved.

Limited edition "First Step" posters are now being sold exclusively in the campus bookstore

This now familiar image has been reissued in poster form as a tribute to Sisters Chapel, and proceeds will go towards *Revival of the Spirit: The Campaign for the Renovation and Preservation of Sisters Chapel*. Photographed by Jo Moore Stewart at Sisters Chapel on July 4, 1982, the subject is Rebecca Royster. Now a Spelman student herself, Ms. Royster recently completed her freshman year.



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