

INTERNSHIPS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

As the marketplace becomes even more competitive, students seeking to enter the work force will often need prior experience in their chosen profession. Internships can provide this experience and establish a network that can help students land a job. Agnes Scott College's Office of Career Planning and Counseling is a frequent stop for students researching internship opportunities. While some internships compensate with an hourly salary or set stipend, others provide only hands-on experience and/or academic credit. Companies and organizations offering internships in the Atlanta area include:

Biology and Science

- ◆ CDC
- ◆ Chattahoochee Nature Center

Business and Finance

- ◆ Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- ◆ DeKalb County Tax Commissioner

Communications and Journalism

- ◆ CNN
- ◆ American Red Cross

Education

- ◆ Gables Academy
- ◆ United Cerebral Palsy

International Relations and Foreign Languages

- ◆ The Carter Center
- ◆ Consulate General of Argentina

Political Science

- ◆ American Civil Liberties Union
- ◆ Galler and Ginsberg Law Firm

Social Services

- ◆ Atlanta Community Food Bank
- ◆ Egleston Children's Health Care Center

THE CLASS OF 1995: WHERE ARE THEY NOW

The Office of Career Planning and Counseling traditionally surveys each outgoing class several times within a year of graduation to determine their career objectives and outcomes. A survey of the class of 1995, with a 70 percent response rate, the most recent results obtained last fall are as follows:

- ✓ 35 percent - employed full time
 - ✓ 38 percent - enrolled in post graduate study
 - ✓ 28 percent - enrolled in the ASC Year Five Program
- "There is a real difference in the quality of the jobs of the students who did internships [as undergraduates] versus those who did not," says Amy Schmidt, director of career planning and counseling.

Schmidt adds that a number of the graduates with internships were able to parlay their experience into either a position with the company or organization where they interned or a professional position elsewhere. "And a lot of those who didn't have this experience began with entry-level training or administrative assistant-type positions," she says.

STUDENT PROFILE—KATYA MASON '99

Although she was 950 miles away in St. Joseph, Mo., first-year student Katya Mason '99 already had a connection to Agnes Scott before arriving on campus. Her aunt, Gloria Mason Martin, had taught drama at the College.

A self-described hard worker, Mason says coming to Agnes Scott wasn't a difficult decision, although she realized it would be quite a distance from her family. "I wanted a liberal arts education because of the variety of academics available and to go to a smaller school so I could get to know my professors. I had heard horror stories from friends at larger schools who said their professors didn't know who they were."

"But, I haven't had that experience here," she adds. "In fact, I had been in classes only a few weeks and my professors knew my name. They get to know you personally here. Plus, I really like the relaxed classroom atmosphere."

Outside of her studies, Mason is a part-time student assistant in the Office of Development. A biology major, she plans to go on to graduate school to earn a Ph.D. in marine biology. Her interests also include dance and theater. Minor in dance at Agnes Scott, Mason is involved in the College's Studio Dance Theatre, which she says with a laugh "consumes much of my free time."



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Katya Mason '99

Spring-Fall

April 17
Awards Convocation
10:25 a.m.

April 18
Joyful Noise Concert
7 p.m.

April 18
* Macon College
Macon, Ga.



Blackfriars' performance of Aladdin Dec. '95

April 19
President's Inauguration Ceremony
10:30 a.m.

April 25
Studio Dance Theater Performance
8:15 p.m.

April 28
* Kinkaid High School
Houston, Texas

May 2
* San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, Calif.

May 3
Bradley Observatory Open House
8 p.m.

* Agnes Scott's Office of Admission will be attending college fairs across the country. Parents are invited to assist with the College's recruitment efforts in these and other locations. For more information call 1-800-868-8602.

Visit our Web site at <http://www.scottlan.edu>

May 7
Last Day of Classes

May 9
Finals Exams Begin

May 15
* Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.

May 17
Baccalaureate Ceremony
4:30 p.m.

May 18
Commencement
9:30 a.m.

September 6
First Day of Classes

October 18-20
Fall Break

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LETTER HOME

To the families of Agnes Scott College students

Spring/Summer '96

A LETTER TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents

As the new president of Agnes Scott College, I would like to take this moment to tell you about myself, my background, and my plans for the College. Like your daughters will be, I am a graduate of Agnes Scott College (class of 1966). This time last year my family and I were debating whether or not it would be worth it to uproot ourselves from Washington, D.C., where we had been for 24 years. But I am delighted that we came to Decatur, and the reasons we did were probably the same ones that brought your daughter to our campus—Agnes Scott is rich in tradition and resources for the future.

Because Agnes Scott College is a liberal arts college for women, we take seriously the task of educating women for the 21st century. We know that women must be prepared to be leaders in a global world. Prior to coming to Agnes Scott, I directed national academic programs related to Asia. During my tenure here, I hope to expand our global awareness program to include study abroad experiences for all students. We know that women need access to career mentors, networks and strong advisory services. Agnes Scott offers scores of different intern opportunities, ranging from The Carter Center to CNN to social service organizations. We know that women thrive in a challenging intellectual environment that has high expectations, expects academic excellence and offers leadership opportunities.



Jessica Chatham '96, left, Mary Brown Bullock '66, Rolanda Daniel '98, right.

While retaining our traditional liberal arts strengths, I look forward to providing ongoing leadership which will make the liberal arts at Agnes Scott College more connected—more interdisciplinary, more local but also more global, and more scientific. To think across the disciplines expands our understanding, alerts us to questions of significance, and trains us for critical thinking in the new millennium. Our real test will come in our ability to implement focused new programs.

This year we launched our new Atlanta Semester program, and by this time next year we hope to announce the creation of the Atlanta Science Center for Women. Both are designed to provide women with critical intellectual and leadership skills, ones well suited for the 21st century.

Last but not least, we honor our Presbyterian heritage, our Judaeo-Christian tradition with an explicit affirmation of values. Put succinctly: Agnes Scott College values commitment to women, to teaching and learning, to the liberal arts, to an appreciation of diverse cultures, and a commitment to a community that values justice, courage and integrity. These values provide the framework from which our distinctive curriculum is evolving.

We are at a crossroads . . . the future is before us, looming, beckoning, challenging. And it is time to grow. Through the success of your daughters we will achieve greatness.

Sincerely,

Mary Brown Bullock

—Mary Brown Bullock '66, President, Agnes Scott College

Entering Student Profile

There were 581 applications submitted for admission to Agnes Scott College for the 1995-1996 academic year. Of those, 472 were accepted and 194 actually enrolled as first-year, transfer, Return-to-College, special exchange, joint enrollment or re-admit students.

The ethnic background for this group of students was varied: African American, 13 percent; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 7 percent; European American, 73 percent; Hispanic/Latina/Chicana, 2 percent; Native American, 1 percent; and Other/No Response, 4 percent. Geographic distribution was varied as well with the largest number of students applying from Georgia, 50; Florida, 15; Texas, 10; North Carolina, 7; and Tennessee, 7.

Standardized test scores for Agnes Scott women were impressive. The middle range for ASC students on the SAT verbal was 480-620. In comparison, women scored 350-500 nationally. The SAT math middle range for ASC was 480-620. The national women's range was 370-550. And the SAT composition middle range for Agnes Scott women was 960-1240, with the national women's range at 720-1050.

Parents Join ASC Travel Blitz

Agnes Scott's Offices of Development, Admission and Alumnae Affairs met with prospective students and their parents in 53 designated cities during the Travel Blitz campaign last fall. Parents in cities including Birmingham, Ala.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Houston, Texas joined Agnes Scott

staff in this second annual recruitment effort which provides information about the College and its admission requirements at dessert and discussion sessions.

Our appreciation is extended to Dr. David Huffines, father of Ann Huffines Neal '80, Dr. Anthony and Nancy Mastromarino, parents of Carrie Mastromarino '96, Raymond and Carlee Heit, daughter of Cecelia Heit '97 and other parents for their participation.

President's Inauguration April 19

The inauguration ceremony for Agnes Scott President Mary Brown Bullock '66 will be held April 19. Bullock, the College's first alumna president, was named the seventh president of Agnes Scott College on July 1.

Students Exceed Goal for Spring Fundraiser

Twenty-one students volunteered their time and efforts to the 1996 Annual Fund Spring Phonathon Feb. 25-29. They brought in 605 pledges totaling \$51,120—more than doubling the original goal of \$25,000. Special congratulations to Hillary Spencer '97, Lauren Miller '99, Marianne Kirby '99, Kathryn Lookofsky '97 and Kathy Butts, who earned the most pledges per night during the phonathon. Other participating students: Katherine Anderson '97, Ladonna Brown '99, Esther Dunn '97, Shana Higa '99, Alicia Jones '99, Rebecca Kayler '96, Katya Mason '99, Meredith Mason '99, Terri Miller '99, Ashlea Mittelstaedt '99, Lisa Norris '99, Narendra Pleas '99, Jamie Poplin '99, Lacey Pyburn '99, Amanda Swafford '98 and Aleesia Tolliver '99.

CAPPING—AN AGNES SCOTT TRADITION

During the week of April 8, ASC seniors will gather for a clandestine meeting. Their mission: selecting a junior to "usher" through the process of "becoming" a senior. This tradition, known as Capping, dates back to 1942. In the 40s, Capping consisted of seniors giving their caps and gowns to juniors as a way of symbolically granting them senior status. It has evolved into a week-long celebration involving stunts, imaginative costumes, skits, scavenger hunts and other activities. At the end of this week of shenanigans, the seniors, in a solemn candlelight ceremony, reveal their identity to their assigned junior and loan them their black academic robes to wear on the last day of Capping Week.

**Q • How does Agnes Scott help new students make the transition to college life?**

A • New Student Orientation Weekend in August is not only a welcome gesture on behalf of the College but also offers an excellent opportunity for new students to learn about student organizations, the do's and don'ts of being a student at Agnes Scott, academic advising and their fellow classmates.

Once they are settled in, new students are placed in focus groups that meet once a week during the first eight weeks of the academic year. Facilitated by ASC staff, faculty and students, the focus groups maintain an informal atmosphere where discussion of classes and "life in general" are encouraged, says Amy Schmidt, director of career planning and counseling.

"Making that transition to finding a home and sisters at Agnes Scott," is key to overcoming homesickness, says Margaret Shirley, ASC counselor. "It is normal to be homesick, everyone experiences some problems adjusting. But those with good social skills and a good history with friendships do much better. All young people need to find out who they are and make that transition [but at the same time] they can still be close to their family."

Finding a place of worship within the community also makes the transition smoother, says Paige McRight, ASC's chaplain. New students often seek her out for guidance in finding a place of worship similar to their denomination or faith community at home. "I suggest parents, if able, visit places of local worship and meet folks there. That way they can know what's available, while respecting their daughters' needs



Students gather for discussion during New Student Orientation Weekend.

to make their own choices," she says.

Community volunteerism helps a student to familiarize herself with new surroundings. The ASC Volunteer Board, made up of faculty, students and staff, links the Atlanta community with student groups and individuals on campus who would like to volunteer. Habitat for Humanity, DeKalb Rape Crisis Center and DeKalb Initiative for Affordable Housing are among the many organizations the Volunteer Board has supported.

"By getting involved, new students can feel connected with other people who share their interests," says McRight, coordinator of the Volunteer Board. "A number of students have said to me that since they spend so much time learning and being evaluated, it's satisfying for their own health and balance while in college to have places to serve—no grades or preparation involved—just hands-on doing."

We welcome your questions on any subject. Please write *Just Ask Us*, Office of Development, Agnes Scott College, 141 E. College Ave., Decatur, GA 30030 or email sarah.cave@asc.scottlan.edu

SEARCH THE WEB FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

A free scholarship search service on the Internet makes it a little easier to maneuver the financial aid maze. Within 15 minutes of inputting a profile of your daughter's background, academic and co-curricular interests, you will have information on scholarships and application deadlines. In addition, you can establish a mailbox with the service, and as new scholarships are added to the list, your daughter's profile is matched against the scholarship criteria. The World Wide Web site for this service is: <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/user/mkant/Public/FinAid/html/fastweb.html>

**FINANCIAL AID UPDATE
Mark Your Calendars**

Agnes Scott College financial aid applications and the results of applications for federal



student aid (FASFA) should be received in the Office of Financial Aid by May 1 in order for students to be considered for full grant eligibility from the College.

**FINANCIAL AID AWARDED BY
FAMILY INCOME AVERAGES IN 1994-1995**

Income Range	Percentage of Total	Average Award
0 - \$19,999	14%	\$17,200
\$20,000 - \$29,999	16%	\$17,400
\$30,000 - \$39,999	12%	\$14,900
\$40,000 - \$49,999	14%	\$15,100
\$50,000 - \$59,999	10%	\$13,200
\$60,000 - \$69,999	9%	\$13,200
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6%	\$12,200
\$80,000 - \$89,999	6%	\$11,600
\$90,000 - \$99,999	5%	\$11,000
\$100,000+	9%	\$9,918

**THE PARENTS FUND
An Investment In Your Daughter's Future**

Have you ever wanted to endow a student scholarship fund? Help renovate the Alston Student Center? Provide McCain Library with a rare manuscript of a literary masterpiece?

In effect, you can do all these things when you contribute to the Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund supports the College's yearly operating budget and plays a vital role in maintaining Agnes Scott's high standards. Agnes Scott is continually striving to improve ways of building our financial resources. One component of this effort is the newly-initiated Parents Fund. I hope that from the early stages, this special campaign for the Annual Fund will be a strong contributing factor to the College's development effort. Gifts of all sizes make a difference in the educational experiences offered to all Agnes Scott students.

As contributors to the Parents Fund, you have the opportunity to take an active role in your daughter's education. Tuition and fees cover only half of the total cost of an Agnes Scott education; the rest must come from private gifts and endowment income. As you know, high quality education comes from excellent professors, academic programs and extra-curricular opportunities—all of which take financial resources.

I look upon your daughter's education as an investment in the future; and I invite you to invest in the future of Agnes Scott College.

If you have any questions about the Parents Fund, or have an interest in joining the Parents Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Parent's Council Co-Chair F. Marion Mitchell and his daughter Anne Mitchell '97 enjoy a conversation with Dance Professor Marylin Darling at the Ambassadors Dinner held on campus in November.