

Psi Beta Diversity Project 2000 - Summer Institute

The primary objective of the Psi Beta Diversity Project 2000 (DP2000) is to increase the number of undergraduate students of color majoring in psychology through mentoring and leadership activities at the local, regional, and national levels. The DP2000 Summer Institute component was designed by Psi Beta (the national honor society in psychology for students in community and junior colleges) in collaboration with APA's OEMA.

For a second year, the DP2000 Summer Institute was an overwhelming success for both students and presenters alike. The DP2000 Summer Institute Program Director, Sandra L. Ladd, coordinated an exceptional program for the 1995 event in New York City, NY. Thirty students of color from the five Psi Beta regional chapters participated in this four-day activity. The students were exposed to topical issues in psychology that included: "The Diverse Fields of Psychology," "The Future of Mental Health," "Pathways to Your Professional and Personal Futures: The Role of Ethnicity and Culture," "Graduate School: Perspectives From Students of Color," "The Impact of Affirmative Action on Education," "Culture and Prevention," and "Developing Mentoring Partnerships".

In addition, Bertha G. Holliday, PhD and Joseph Trimble, PhD, delivered keynote addresses to a receptive audience. Other eminent psychologists of color that took part included: Jose M. Arcaya, PhD, Naftali G. Berrill, PhD, Gwyneth M. Boodoo, PhD, A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, PhD, Victor de la Cancela, PhD, Jean Lau Chin, EdD, Madonna G. Constantine, PhD, Cynthia Grace, EdD, L. Philip Guzman, PhD, Joseph J. Horvat, Jr., PhD, Tammy L. Mann, PhD, Charles J. Pine, PhD, Grace E. Powless Sage, PhD, Frances K. Trotman, PhD and Barbara W. K. Yee, PhD. Graduate students of color included: Alfiee M. Breland and Bryant K. Ford, both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Ana L. Gomez, University of Denver, and Sislana G. Grocer, Howard University.

In the past, the DP2000 Summer Institute has enjoyed support from APA, the American Psychological Foundation, the Center for Mental Health Services, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. This year in addition to APA and Psi Beta support, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) also will be a major funder and sponsor.