

## Diversity Project 2000 - Summer Institute

The Diversity Project 2000 (DP2000) Summer Institute took place August 12-16, 1997, in Chicago, IL. Twenty-five students of color from 13 community colleges across the United States attended the four-day Summer Institute (SI). The Office of Special Populations of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), directed by **Lula Beatty, PhD**, and the Division of State and Community Systems Development, directed by **Joyce Berry, PhD**, of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) were major funders and sponsors. Other sponsors were: The American Association of Community Colleges, Psi Beta (the national honor society in psychology for students in community and junior colleges), and OEMA.

The Summer Institute's invited keynote address was delivered by **Alice F. Chang, PhD**, University of Arizona at Tucson. Dr. Chang's address entitled Making It Work For Us focused on her personal experiences in achieving success in the psychological community. Three mentors who are psychologists at community colleges, **Maria Cisneros-Solis, PhD**, Austin Community College, Austin, TX; **Robin Hailstorks, PhD**, Prince George's County Community College, Largo, MD; and **Sandy Ladd, MS**, West Valley Community College, Saratoga, CA, as well as **Arthur L. McDonald, PhD**, CEO of the Dull Knife Foundation, Lame Deer, MT, contributed to the success of this year's 4-day event. Summer Institute student participants heard presentations on leadership development, careers in psychology, undergraduate and graduate level training preparation, career options in psychology, development of mentoring partnerships, and overviews of NIDA and CMHS programs. Invited speakers included: **Khahn Bui, PhD; Martin L. Harris, PhD; Pamela Goodlow; Arnold M. Kee; Tony L. Strickland, PhD; and Tawa M. Witko.**

The Summer Institute's project co-directors, Professor Ladd and Dr. Hailstorks, agreed that the students gleaned useful information from the presentations and enjoyed attending the many APA convention programs. This year's Summer Institute was different from past events in that a former Summer Institute student participant, **Tawa M. Witko**, currently a graduate student at the California School of Professional Psychology at Los Angeles, served as the project's graduate assistant. Ms. Witko was instrumental in coordinating the voluntary participation of graduate students from the University of Chicago, as graduate student mentors for the SI student participants. The graduate student mentors were: **Sue Bae, Kneia Dacosta, and Shelly Wynecoop.**

The primary objective of the 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 in collaboration with APA's OEMA.