

DOVIA Mississippi
August 16, 2012 @ Museum of Natural Science
“Accessing College Volunteers”
Meeting Notes

Thank you to our host, Ms. Ann Peden, for the wonderful breakfast!

Present:

- Cynthia Armstrong
- Fran Baker
- Michele Baker
- Shari Barnes
- Doris Bridgeman
- Ben Cloyd
- Elizabeth Coleman
- Krista Estes
- Michael Gentry
- Claire Hawk
- Daphne Higgins
- Dawn Jones
- Debbie McCollum
- Becky Olthof
- Ann Peden

Treasurer’s Report: \$2,149.06 in the bank

Program: Accessing College Volunteers

Speakers: Ben Cloyd (Hinds CC), Debbie McCollum (Hinds CC, Honors Institute), Shari Barnes (Mississippi College), Doris Bridgeman (Tougaloo College), Millsaps College (by email)

Question: What are the logistical challenges of utilizing college volunteers?

Answer: Transportation, timely sign up, paperwork, fitting volunteerism into the student’s academic schedule, training for volunteer position

The Honors Institute at Hinds Community College (Raymond Campus) has 60 students. They support many volunteer opportunities and need hours to graduate.

Question: What is the best way to get the word out to college students about available volunteer opportunities?

Answer: there are lots of good ways, including:

- Get information to the Community Service Officer
- Campus newsletter
- Send information to the college PR office
- Link the opportunity to something happening in the news (make it current & relevant)
- Tougaloo College requires 60 hours to graduate – students NEED these opportunities!
- Ongoing vs. one-time volunteer projects
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is always looking for projects
- Virtual volunteering and on-site volunteerism
- Most sought-after volunteer opportunities are connected to career goals; show how the volunteer opportunity could lead to a career
- www.volunteermisissippi.org
- Millsaps – 1c1c@millsaps.edu – send events, projects, help wanted; have weekly newsletter; post flyers in student center
- Tougaloo – dbridgeman@tougaloo.edu
- Hinds CC – honors@hindsc.edu
- Mississippi College – sbarnes@mc.edu