HSA: The Coming Year in Retrospective

**Purpose** The Honors Student Association is a student body organization that assists other students in excelling in activities related to academics. This is done by participation in other Honor Association activities.

**Goal** To challenge students to be well prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century by engaging them academically in honors level coursework and critical thinking activities, enhancing their writing skills and preparing them for publication and supplementing their preparation for study at graduate and professional school through conference and research.

**Executive Board**

President: Lauren Thomas  
Vice President: Tamieka Atkinson  
Treasurer: Martika Moss  
Secretary: Christina Hale  
Membership & Recruitment: Dominique Bryant (Chair)  
Academic Advancement: Paige Edwards (Chair)  
Special Projects & Events Committee: Bria Way (Chair)  
Publicity & Communication: Mirasha Brown (Chair)  
Community Service: Nellena Adekoya (Chair)  
Fundraising: TBA

**Members** To date the Honors Student Association serves about 300 students currently enrolled at Florida A&M University.

**Calendar of Events for 2011-2012**

- **Thursday, September 1, 2011:** “Welcome To the Hill-Scholar Edition”  
  A Welcome to the hill party/get-together for all of our members... The purpose of this event is to serve as the first official meeting of the year. We will introduce the E-board at this time and collect contact information from members. This event will also serve as a social to welcome our freshmen members.

- **Saturday, September 17, 2012:** “Squeaky Clean: Honor Student Car Wash”  
  FUNDRAISER. Honor Students will be expected to participate in our car washing fundraiser to raise funds for HSA.
Thursday, October 6, 2011: “Lions, and Tigers, and Bears... Oh my it’s Scary Movie Night”
A night of bonding, snacking, and relaxation before midterms. Members are welcome to come and bring friends as we indulge ourselves in scary and comedic films.

October 2011: “Homecoming: Campus Beautification”
COMMUNITY SERVICE. As part of homecoming week we will conduct our own campus clean up project in order keep the clean and beauty during the busiest week of school.

Thursday, November 10, 2011: “Giving Honor Where it’s Due”
A “FAMUly Affair” for our members before we leave to go home for thanksgiving. A potluck dinner social for our members so that we can bond and reflect on the year thus far.

November 2011: National Association of African Americans Honors Program Conference
Purpose: To keep abreast of the academic trend-settings changes taking place at the collegiate level and to be able to bring information back to FAMU for implementation, keeping us competitive with academic society.
*Students are expected to participate in conferences as a requirement of the Honors Program.

Sunday, December 4, 2011: “Usually We Study but We’re Desperate Cuz It’s Finals”
In preparation for finals, HSA will host a cram-jam of it’s own. Snacks and beverages will be provided so that students can socialize and have a fun time while studying for exams.

Thursday, January 12, 2012: “Back To the Books”
As a celebration to begin another semester. We will make it a goal to congratulate the student who made accomplishments in the fall. This will also serve as the first official meeting of second semester.

February 2012: Florida College Honors Conference
To showcase the Honors Students of FAMU among the other HAS organizations of Florida in our poetry, writing, and presentation skills competition.

Thursday, February 9, 2012: “Showing Our Love”
This event will mark the beginning of a new tradition. We will have members vote on for their “HSA Teacher of the Year”. The winning teacher will be presented with a plaque from the organization. This event will also serve as our Valentine’s Day social.

The purpose of this activity is to promote sociability and camaraderie among Honor students while honoring prominent African Americans during Black History month.

Thursday, March 15, 2012: “Almost to the Finish Line”
This meeting will serve to congratulate our graduating seniors. Nominations for the upcoming elections will take place here. We will also plan to do something off campus for our members (preferably bowling or skating), we will take a vote as to what the members would like to do best.
• March 2012: “Giving a Helping Hand”
COMMUNITY SERVICE. This project has yet to be decided.

• Thursday, April 5, 2012: “A Little R&R for the Over-Achievers”
This activity will serve as a social outing for Honors students at the FunStation that will allow peers to get to know them better.

• Thursday, April 26, 2012: “It’s been Great... That’s All Folks”
This will serve as the last event for HSA as well as the last meeting of the year. New officers will be presented during this meeting. The last social will take place here; this will be our year in recap. Closing statements will be given from the current E-Board.