SCHOLAR MENTOR PROGRAM:
College is a big step for many young adults and the SCHOLAR Program (Socio-Cultural Holistic Learning and Retention) established a Peer Mentor Program to assist first-year students in their academic success. We know that students who participate in a quality mentor program, such as the one available, are more prepared academically and socially for challenges they face during their first year of college.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:
Welcome back!! We hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday break and looking forward to a successful Spring semester 2017. During this semester, we especially want to encourage mentors and mentees to start thinking about summer employment or internship in their field of study, graduation and/or fall enrollment. To help students accomplish these goals, our program invite professionals to meet with our students in the form of network luncheons. We also partner with the Center for Leadership, Activities & Career Services to enhance their career development process, resume critique, volunteer opportunities and more.

In addition to supporting the students academic achievement, the program hosts events to enhance their social interaction with mentors and their protégé. A few program activities are team building exercises, mentor appreciation day, outdoor activities, and Ferris athletic & cultural events. We look forward to continued collaborative efforts with campus departments and the community to support our students.

Warm Regards,
Karen GreenBay, Director

Seeking Mentors Who Are:
- Sophomore status or higher
- Positive role models
- Motivated to help others
- Academically driven
- Willing to commit to assigned mentees

In April 2017, the SCHOLAR Program will begin recruiting mentors for Fall 2017. Help us to encourage prospective mentors to visit our website to complete a mentor application and ‘Make A Difference’.

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER….. YOU CAN.

John Wesley’s Rule of Life
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON PRESENTER

Mentor Appreciation Luncheon - Thursday, January 26, 2017
Presenter: Paul T. Jones-Salaam, Motivational Speaker
11:00am – 1:00pm, University Center 213

The SCHOLAR Peer Mentor Program is pleased to invite Mr. Paul T. Jones-Salaam as our Mentor Appreciation Presenter. Mr. Jones-Salaam, affectionately known as PT Jones, has been an educator and coach for more than 40 years. A native of Philadelphia, PA where he received his primary education. He attended Bowie State University (HBCU in Maryland) where he graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Physical Education and Health.

He began his teaching and coaching career in 1980. In the fall of 1982, he moved to Baldwin, MI. He has had careers in Employment Training, Juvenile Justice, Adult and Secondary Education and Coaching for the past 30 years.

He is married to his wife, Faith Thomas-Jones of 30 years. They have two adult children, both graduated from Baldwin Community Schools. Their son graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in Construction Engineering and their daughter holds a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy from Florida A & M University. He is very proud of his children, however he is most proud of the impact that he and wife have had in their community.

SPRING PROGRAM EVENTS

Mentors and mentees have an opportunity to strengthen their bonding relationships when they participate in program sponsored and community events where they engage in topics to enhance their college achievements.

January 22nd
Harlem Globetrotters

January 26th
Mentor Appreciation

February 19th
CranHill Winterfest

February 23rd
Network Luncheon

March 23rd
Network Luncheon

April 20th
Network Luncheon

Campus Cultural Events

FOUR GREEN FIELDS FARM—CORN MAZE

The SCHOLAR Peer Mentor Program visited a local farm and had a great time exploring and navigating through a Corn Maze; then sitting back enjoying a wagon ride pulled by beautiful Belgian horses. This event is one of many community resources where participants learn about life skills, bonding, and making connections.