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## MSU Welcomes Visiting Faculty Partners to form Educational Collaborations



Wednesday through Saturday, September 4-7: Michigan State University hosted the 2013 Michigan State University AGEP Visiting Faculty Partners Conference and faculty from 17 colleges and universities attended. The institutions represented included: Medgar Evers College, Lehigh University, Prairie View A&M University, Morehouse College,

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Florida International University, Jackson State University, Tennessee State University, New York City

College of Technology, North Carolina A&T University, University of North Texas-Dallas, Alabama A&M University, Grambling State University, Tuskegee University, Virginia Union University, Clark Atlanta University, and Spelman College.

Activities on Thursday involved a full day of working group discussions to identify specific opportunities for collaboration, including student development, faculty development and curriculum design. This year our goal was to facilitate brainstorming and networking among faculty at the various external institutions and MSU. Newly appointed adjunct faculty member at MSU, Dr. Carleitta Paige-Anderson (Virginia Union University), had this to say about the Visiting Faculty Conference, "The dialogue was very productive. We were able to identify both long and short term deliverables to ensure that progress continues toward establishing a more formal arrangement between the various institutions." Following the working group session, faculty members were able to participate in the September AGEP Learning Community meeting, located in the Kellogg Center. Over 80 people were in attendance.

Many of the visiting faculty continued to stay in East Lansing, for that Friday and Saturday to participate actively in 2013 Fall AGEP conference. Many of the faculty representatives served participated as panelists and facilitated several of the conference workshops and panels. Dr. Dereck Skeete from Medgar Evers College, commented "I was totally impressed with the information divulged at the Faculty Partnership Conference. The information revealed at the Conference can greatly assist the students at my college."

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