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(FreshStart 2001 excerpt)

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) mission: to increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.

FreshStart 2001

“... positively impact the community”

by James Smalls, AA-NSBE President

On Saturday, October 6, 2001, the Austin Alumni Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (AA-NSBE) hosted FreshStart 2001 on the Parmer South Campus of Dell Computers. FreshStart is an AA-NSBE Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Program designed to allow interaction between engineering / science professionals and our local youth. The interaction is performed through a series of hands on workshops and discussion sessions that cover math, science, and computer literacy.

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Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Programs such as FreshStart focus on accomplishing the **“... positively impact the community”** aspect of our mission statement.

FreshStart 2001 was a tremendous success. Over forty teenagers from middle/high schools within Austin and surrounding districts attended this all day series of workshops.

The workshops offered to the students:

- WS1 - Civil Engineering, design competition on support structures
- WS2 - Intro to HTML
- WS3 - Digital Imaging & Video Editing
- WS4 - Robotics I
- WS5 - Robotics II
- WS6 – Tour of Dell Electromagnetic Compliance (EMC) and Product Safety Test site
- WS7 - Scholarships and Loan for Juniors & Seniors
- WS8 - Financial Planning (balancing your budget, handling credit, etc.)

The Opening Session kickoff speaker, Rob Williams, began the day with these three words: **“See, Strategize, and Struggle”**. AA-NSBE hopes that these workshops accomplished the task of exposing the students to potential career paths, thereby enabling them to “See” themselves and their potential in a new light. AA-NSBE also hopes that these students will take the knowledge and hands-on experiences that they received during this event and “Strategize” to accomplish their career goals and dreams. Thanks to the “Struggles” of our parents, we’re all able to seek and achieve our individual goals and dreams.

FreshStart is one of several AA-NSBE PCI events. If you missed out on helping us with FreshStart 2001, we have several opportunities on our calendar for you to “...positively impacting the community.” Before the Thanksgiving holiday, we will announce our 2002 Scholarship Essay Competition. Two high school and two college students will be recognized at our Annual Scholarship Banquet in April for receipt of \$500 each for the next Fall Semester. In January, AA-NSBE will host the Austin Area Try-Math-A-Lon Competition between the high school teams (NSBE Jr. Chapters) that have been chosen by UT and TAMU NSBE chapters. UT has chosen LBJ HS to be their official NSBE Jr. Chapter; the Austin Alumni Chapter will assist UT by tutoring the students in preparation for the “Jeopardy-style” math/science competition. The Pre-College Initiative and College Initiative Committees could use at least ten more people to help them accomplish these and others programs. Sign up TODAY and help us make a difference.

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Richard Leslie, Dell VP of CPG Support Engineering, gives the students a summary of his corporate ladder climb and delivers the Official Dell Welcome.



Rob Williams delivers the Opening Session Kickoff speech with the theme “See, Strategize and Struggle”.



Robert Booth (PCI Chair) (far left) and LaToya Suber (PCI Committee Member) take a picture with the student participants of Fresh Start 2001.

Photos provided by Wendell Ramsey, AA-NSBE Public Relations Chair, 2001-2002

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AA-NSBE would like to recognize and thank the following people for their contributions to FreshStart 2001:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FreshStart Contribution</u>
<u>AA-NSBE PCI Committee</u>			
Robert Booth	Motorola		Chairman, AA-NSBE PCI Chair
Peter Daniels	National Instruments		
Kisha Spikes	Dell	CPG Desktop Sustaining Engineer	
LaToya Suber	IBM		
<u>Workshop Presenters</u>			
Reva Tolliver	Dell	Lead E-Support Software Engineer	Intro to HTML/ Internet Workshop
Rob Williams	Dell	Dimension Lead EE Engineer	Opening Session Speaker
Vanessa Kaye Jones Deirdre Hamilton			Civil engineering – Building Structures
Mike Smith			Digital Imaging & Video Editing
Butch Edwards			Robotics
Richard Sapp			Scholarships and Loan for Juniors & Seniors
Marshall McDade			Financial Planning
<u>AA-NSBE Chapter Executive Board</u>			
James Smalls,	Dell	CPG Desktop Regulatory-EMC,	AA-NSBE President
Gregory Harrington	Pervasive		AA-NSBE VP
Sherri Miles	Applied Materials		AA-NSBE Secretary (videographer)
Zawadi Bryant			AA-NSBE Membership
Wendell Ramsey	IBM		AA-NSBE Public Relations/President Emeritus (photographer)

Dell On-site Support

John Prudhomme	Dell	Manager, Regulatory Test Group	
Richard Leslie	Dell	CPG Vice President of Support Engineering,	Official Dell Welcome
Walter Freeman	Dell	Procurement Manager	Student Group Escort
Vanessa Laws	Dell	Admin	Reservation of Technology Briefing Center
Monique Fitzgerald	Dell		
Security Officer Reyes	Dell		



Chris and Earl testing their support structure



Butch Edwards and students during Robotics I session



James speaks to the participants during the closing session



Jay and Lee build a bridge





***AA-NSBE thanks you all
for your continued
support!!!!***