“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.
The MLK Academic Retention Program begins with an Extended Orientation Program. This orientation occurs immediately prior to the regular first-year Fall Welcome Week and gives you the opportunity to learn about the programs and services at Shippensburg University, to make new friends, and to begin to feel at home.
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Dr. Gwendolyn Vanessa Brown-Durham obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary\Early Childhood from Shippensburg University, a Master of Science Degree in Counseling Education from Shippensburg University, and she earned her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from Duquesne University. The research which she conducted for her doctoral study contributed to the university and its on-going quest to find effective reading strategies for first-year, first-semester students in higher education. In addition to being the academic coordinator of the MLK Program Dr. Durham is also an assistant professor in the Teacher Education Department.

Dr. Durham was formerly employed in the Shippensburg Area School District, located in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. While employed there, she taught grades three, four, and five; she also served as an elementary guidance counselor for the school district. Dr. Durham’s passion has always been in the field of education. Hence, she is a life-long learner.

Dr. Durham has dedicated herself to professional growth and continuing education. She is cognizant of diversity and the necessity to have a repertoire of strategies and techniques to meet the needs of all students.
Dr. Sarah Stokely earned a Ph.D. in English with a specialization in rhetoric. From 1991 to 2003, she was a faculty member at Mount Saint Mary’s University in Maryland where she chaired the Department of Rhetoric and Communication. She also provided leadership on a number of faculty and college committees, and among other grant activities, she and a colleague designed and led a year-long new faculty mentoring program funded by a Lilly Foundation grant. For 12 years she also taught the writing-intensive, two-semester freshman seminar. In 2006 she was named as a dean in academic affairs at McDaniel College in Maryland, first as assistant dean for first-year students and then as associate dean of student academic life to support the academic success of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Dean Stokely is responsible for oversight and development of programs and services that advance the academic enrichment, engagement, persistence and success of students, including, the Learning Center, the Academic Success Program, the Testing Center, the Office of Disability Services, Academic Support Services for Student Athletes, Advisor Development, and the Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program.
Arianna is from York, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Helen Thackston Charter School as Vice President of her 2015 class. She has recently started her sophomore year at Hagerstown Community College in General Studies. While Arianna attended Shippensburg University she was involved in DIVAS, Open Mics, and other events on campus.

Arianna was also a former mentee of the Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Retention Program. She participated in the majority, of events sponsored by the program throughout the year, including the Black Leadership Conference. She truly does dedicate her free time to helping give back to the program that created a foundation of family and resources at her fingertips. This program has helped Arianna in many aspects of her life and made Ship feel more like a second home.

Arianna hopes to touch every mentee during this journey because obstacles and challenges will arise. The saying is true, “college will either make you or break you.” The MLK program is here to help you persist to graduation. We are all here to make sure that you succeed therefore, as the Assistant MLK Academic Coordinator and Event Planner, Arianna’s principal goal is to reinforce that academics should be a primary focus. In addition, she intends to help mentees invest in beneficial relationships with professors and peers on campus that will last a life time. Throughout the semester she will equip each and every mentee with as many resources on and off campus as possible. Arianna will seek an array of learning service projects, community outreach opportunities and campus activities that will promote well rounded young adults.
David Delp was born and raised in Carlisle, PA. David has an older sibling, Cheyenne who graduated from Shippensburg University and has a teaching degree. She also introduced David to the MLK Program through being a mentor. David is a 2015 graduate of Carlisle High School. He has always been interested in helping others in any way he can. David is a junior Criminal Justice major with a History minor. David dreams of becoming a youth counselor.

All throughout David’s life he has been dedicated to the service of others through his youth group. In 2012, David went with his youth group to New Orleans, Louisiana, where they helped rebuild the beautiful city after Hurricane Katrina. In New Orleans, he helped stuff school bags for the local schools. Again in 2015, David went to Detroit, Michigan, to also help rebuild the beautiful city. On the way to Detroit, he stopped in Pittsburgh to help sort clothing at a donation center and also paint. He also stopped in Sandusky, Ohio and helped clean up yards and gardens. Once in Detroit, David helped clean up abandoned neighborhoods. David is still involved in his youth group and helps out any chance he can get.

The past two summers David has been a camp counselor at a Lutheran church camp called Camp Nawakwa. David has worked with children of all ages through a variety of games and challenges. David is loved by all of the children and his fellow counselors.

David loves spontaneous adventures with his dog, Peanut, who is a chiweenie, and with his sister Cheyenne. David loves playing sports and video games. In high school, David played football for three years. He also loves bowling and trying to beat his mom and sister at it. David has also worked at Rita’s Italian Ice.

David entered the MLK Program in 2015 as a first year student. Through his sister introducing him to the program, he fell in love and wanted to become a mentor. This will be David’s second year being a mentor. David enjoys watching first-year students grow and learn to love college.

Let’s start your first year off right! Go Raiders!!

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Jarred Jallah was born in Ivory Coast, West Africa. He grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jarred graduated from Freire Charter High School. He is currently a senior at Shippensburg University where he is majoring in Management Information Systems and minoring in Mathematics and Physics. On the campus of Shippensburg University, Jarred Jallah is an emerging leader and a big advocate for academic success. He is a member of B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S, the African Student Association (ASA), as well as the President of the Iota Sigma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

As a former mentee of the Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Retention Program, Jarred understands the huge impact that the prestigious program can have on a student’s life. He attributes a lot portion of his success to the MLK Academic Retention Program. The lessons that that he learned during the Extended Orientation Program (EOP) and the various classrooms sessions are still applicable to his classroom and personal development. He still cherishes the bonds and friendships that he formed with other mentees and his mentor. As an upperclassman of Shippensburg University, Jarred understands that he must play his role in cultivating youth and that is why he is honored to be a mentor.
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Sarah is a Junior Political Science major with a Business minor at Shippensburg University. Sarah wants to concentrate in international politics, and has studied abroad this past summer for political science. She is from Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and has one brother. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and holds the positions of Historian, To Dragma Reporter, and Alumnae Relations. She also volunteers at the Special Olympics on campus and has a job in the Registrar's office. In Sarah's free time she likes to read, hangout with her friends, and go hiking.
Te’Sha McFarland was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Harrisburg High School-SciTech Campus. Te’Sha was born February 16, 1996. Her zodiac sign is an Aquarius. Te’Sha is the oldest of five children. She is currently a senior at Shippensburg University, where she is majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Psychology. In addition to being a mentor of the MLK Program, Te’Sha is also a desk assistant for campus housing. Te’Sha enrolled in Shippensburg University through the Academic Success Program (ASP) Summer Bridge.

Te’Sha understands how important the transition from high school to college is. She believes that it is essential that first-year build relationships with their community, peers, and faculty. While participating in ASP, she learned that having a support system other than family while in school is very beneficial and a wonderful experience. Te’Sha has built lifelong relationships with both peers and faculty that she now considers to be family. She hopes that she can have a huge positive impact on YOU and your educational goals. She quotes, “It takes a village to raise a child.” She is a firm believer in the impact that someone else can have on others. Her door is ALWAYS open to you for assistance. Let’s enjoy this journey and prosper together!
Karina Padilla

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Karina Padilla is from Lancaster, PA, and is currently a sophomore at Shippensburg University, majoring in Criminal Justice. Karina graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School Campus. In high school, she was a cadet in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where she was also on their Honor Guard. Karina was also a member of the 2015 Annual Latino Empowerment Program, and is the youngest member to ever join the program. She was also a scholar of the Attollo College Prep Program, which helped her develop much of her knowledge as a first-generation college student. Karina feels that a college education is very important to succeed in our developing world.

As a first-generation college student, Karina quickly realized how beneficial participating in the Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program was. The MLK Extended Orientation Program was especially memorable to Karina, as it helped her get accustomed to the campus and introduced her to a few new friends. With the help of Dr. Durham and her mentors, Karina was able to overcome many obstacles her first year. Karina looks forward to building a relationship with her mentees. She wants all mentees to know the importance of reaching out for help as soon as they need it.
Sunday,

August 20, 2017

Orientation Sunday
10:00 am - noon  Move-in Day……..Residence Hall Check-In……McLean Hall
Mentors will be available to help and answer any questions.

Noon  Check-in with MLK in Reisner Dining Hall Dining Hall, the Tuscarora Room – Obtain MLK articles

12:30 - 2:00 pm  Welcome Luncheon for Parents and Students
Miss Arianna Brinkley-Stephens, Assistant MLK Academic Coordinator & Event Planner, Welcome Address
Dr. Gwendolyn Durham, Academic Retention Coordinator Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program
2017 Mentee of the Year & Current Mentor--------Karina Padilla
2017 Mentors……………David Delp & Jarred Jallah

2:00 - 3:00 pm  Students:
Join the mentors and get to know each other  Faculty Dining Room
Parents:
Remain in the Tuscarora Room

Dean Stokely… The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Dr. Durham/Miss Brinkley-Stephen
MLK Presentation/Questions and Answers

3:00 - 3:15 pm  Wrap-Up – Students and mentors return to Tuscarora Dining Room

3:30 pm  Parents depart for home
Students return to dorms until dinner

BREAK 3:30 – 6:00 pm

6:00 pm  Sunday Sit-Down Dinner – Reisner, Faculty Dining Room
Monday,

August 21, 2017

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Tuesday,
August 22, 2017
Team-Building Tuesday
All Team Building Activities Before 4:30 pm will be held in CUB, Room 232, Anchor Meeting Room

8:30 – 9:15 am Breakfast - Reisner Hall 107, Faculty Dining Room

9:30 – 10:30 am Mentor College Reality Activities – Part 1

11:00 am – noon Classroom Etiquette 101 Dr. Sharnine Herbert, Associate Professor of Human Communication Studies & Director, Ethnic Studies

12:15 – 1:00 pm Lunch - Reisner Hall 107, Faculty Dining Room

BREAK 1:00 – 2:00 pm

2:00 – 3:30 pm Mentor College Realities Activities – Part 2

4:30 – 5:30 pm Team Building with MSA Workshop,
Ms. Diane L. Jefferson, Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs & Ms. Kapri L. Brown Assistant to the Director

6:00 pm Dinner – Reisner Dining Room, Student Area of Your Choice
Today’s Reflection
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

What You Need to Know Wednesday
8:30 – 9:15 am Breakfast - Reisner Hall 107, Faculty Dining Room

9:30 – 10:00 am mentors will conduct campus tour (last destination Counseling Center)

10:00 – 10:45 am Counseling Center Tour, Wellness Center, Naugle Hall .......................... Dr. Chris Carlton, Director of University Counseling Center

11:00 – 12 noon - Career and Community Engagement Center, Old Main Chapel – “Overview of C.C.C. Services,” Ms. Victoria Kerr, Director of the Career & Community Engagement Center

Old Main Tour Conducted by Mentors

12:00 – 12:15 pm

Learn the importance of offices in Old Main.

1. Financial Aid Office
2. Student Affairs Office:
3. Student Accounts
4. Social Equity

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch – Reisner Dining Hall
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  Library Daze/Lehman Library

(10 minutes) Circulation Desk: Mentee will have to approach the circulation desk and learn the importance of the desk. Information will include ID check-out requirement, laptop borrowing agreement, media equipment agreement, and how to check out books on reserve.

(10 minutes) Tech Support: Mentee will approach the tech support desk and learn the importance of the desk. Information will include computer protection services, friendly services, basic computer repair, the truth of “Ask us Anything.”

(30 minutes) Learning Center: Mentee will approach assigned learning center presenter. They will receive information about tutoring information, learning center hours, other information.

(30 minutes) Research Help: Mentees will approach the assigned librarian presenter. They will receive information. –Lehman Library, Librarian

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  Drug and Alcohol Presentation – Shippen Hall, Room 224
Mr. Lavell Simpkins, Coordinator of the Connections Drug & Alcohol Program,
    Dean of Students Office
    & Ms. Rebecca Zelner, Graduate Assistant

    BREAK 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

6: 00 pm – 8:00 pm  Multicultural Feast ............ Reisner Hall 107, Faculty Dining Room

8:00 – 9:00 pm  Mentor Event: Scavenger Hunt
Mentors and mentees are expected to participate in the Fall Welcome Week activities.
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