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MINORITY UD STUDENTS TO ATTEND INSTITUTE FOR RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS

DAYTON, Ohio -- Three minority students at the University of Dayton are among 32 undergraduate students throughout the country who have been accepted to this summer's Institute for Recruitment of Teachers at the Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass.

The institute, which runs from June 28-July 28, attempts "to attract people of color to the teaching profession after they go to graduate school," says Kelly Wise, institute director.

The monthlong institute is taught by minority faculty and doctoral students from top colleges and universities, including Brown and the University of Wisconsin. Among the goals of the institute are to refine students' writing and analytical skills, prepare them for the Graduate Record Examination, introduce them to the rigors of graduate school and "create a dialogue between participants and nationally known educators and writers and artists of color," says Wise.

The UD students, all of whom will be seniors next fall, are Stacy Brown, Karen Brame and Jeff Combs.

Brame, a psychology major and Dayton native, thinks it "would be nice to teach psychology at the high school level."

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"We are the future leaders. Maybe 10 years from now, I will be as noted as Alvin Poussaint," a noted psychiatrist and educator at Harvard University who has served as a consultant to "The Cosby Show."

Students at the institute write several papers each week and attend classes in which activities include staged readings of plays, films, lectures, seminars and small group discussions. They spend their evenings revising essays and completing reading assignments for the next day's classes.

Participants receive a stipend of $1,000, travel expenses and room and board. After they complete their undergraduate study, they receive extensive counseling assistance if they apply to graduate programs in a consortium of universities, including Harvard, Dartmouth, the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago.

The institute is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., says Wise, who has called the institute "a boot camp for graduate school."

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