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**Harris-Stowe Students Accentuate Job Training and
Corporate Relations through Internships**

ST. LOUIS, MO (May 14, 2013) – Through diligence, dedication and a focus on co-curricular activities, Harris-Stowe State University students are making the most of their summer by successfully competing for scholarships and earning their place in the workforce. HSSU students realize that academic excellence makes for an easy transition to what could potentially be the next phase of their career.

Jordan Fowlkes and Michael Tabb, senior Accounting majors at the Anheuser-Busch School of Business (ABSB) at HSSU, have received internships with The Boeing Company. These paid internships will begin May 31, and continue full time through September 2013, with the possibility of being extended. Their training and professional development will include budget forecasting for Supply Chain Management and Operations in the Boeing Defense, Space and Security unit in St. Louis.

Fowlkes, in addition to being considered a star student, has held several offices for student organizations at HSSU including former vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), president of the Pre-Law Club and currently serves as president of the ABSB Accounting Students Association (ASA).

“Through this experience I want to learn more about The Boeing Company, budget forecasting and further develop my leadership skills. In general, I hope to gain more knowledge about the vast field of accounting at the corporate level.” said Fowlkes, who is a former vice president for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Student Advisory Council and a Des Lee Fellow for the United Way.

He has previously interned as a grade 6-8 mathematics teacher for the St. Louis Public Schools and Pamoja Preparatory Academy, in addition to holding positions at the Department of Veterans Affairs and Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Michael Tabb, also a stellar HSSU student representative, serves as president of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Student Chapter-St. Louis and a former president of ASA, the Pre-Law Club and a past Thurgood Marshall student ambassador. He has experience as a junior accountant with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga., an intern he held last summer.

The Atlanta CDC accepted two more of Harris-Stowe's students as interns this summer. 2013 Health Care Management graduate, James Guest IV and senior Urban Affairs major Christopher Miller will reside in Atlanta on a paid internship.

Guest's 11-week program in collaboration with Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., will involve research and counseling for incarcerated men to develop substance abuse prevention and HIV intervention programs.

"The ABSB at HSSU does more than provide a quality education – they provide great internship opportunities for their students," explained Guest. "Dr. Eisel, chair, of the Health Care Management department was a key advocate for me in attaining the internship. These are opportunities I needed to further my training and skills to be successful in my field and prepare me to enter graduate school."

Prior to the CDC, Guest interned for the St. Louis Collector of Revenue and the State Department of Veteran Affairs. His on-campus involvement includes past president for the HSSU Health Care Management Club and the United Way Student Chapter.

Christopher Miller, SGA president and former Mr. HSSU, will spend his 10-week CDC internship writing safety regulations and operations procedures for the Office of Safety, Health and Environment.

Said Miller, "This opportunity with the CDC will provide me hands-on experience in public affairs and allow me to showcase the skills and talents I have acquired while at HSSU."

Harris-Stowe's College of Arts and Sciences has collaborated with Saint Louis University (SLU) to provide a joint summer lab experience for senior Biology majors Rana Bost and Ronnesha Smith and sophomores Aya Alkhaleeli and Andres Nieto, who will participate in a new summer internship program at SLU's School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacological and Physiological Sciences. These six-week paid internships will require each student to work in a different medical research lab at the School of Medicine.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Educational Studies, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the metropolitan area.

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