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St. Aug Alumni Gather for Annual Summer Workshop

Raleigh, N.C. - Saint Augustine's College National Alumni Association gathered for a four-day summer workshop on campus July 17-20. This year's theme "Reconnecting, Reaffirming and Retooling" fueled the conversations for the meetings. Chapters representing Raleigh-Wake Retired, Raleigh-Wake, Falcons In the East, Columbia S.C., Washington, D.C. Metro, Fayetteville, Hampton Roads and Durham attended this year's workshop.

Workshop topics included student recruitment and alumni retention strategies. A panel discussion including alumni presidents and vice presidents from Morris College, Shaw University and North Carolina A&T State University reviewed ideas for an effective alumni association. Sheryl Ximines, Saint Augustine's College director of alumni affairs, said the alumni leaders' efforts will benefit the College. "Ms. Kimberly Hayes, executive committee president and class of '89, has built a committee that will work hard not only to increase the Association's membership, but also provide moral and financial support to the College and the student body," Ximines said.

Alumni got an opportunity to further mingle during an appreciation reception held Saturday evening at the Raleigh City Museum. The Rev. Linwood Long Sr., class of '72, was the guest speaker during chapel service Sunday, July 20, and over the weekend, Dr. Wiley M. Davis, retired vice president for Student Affairs and class of '51, presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to support student scholarships.

The workshop wrapped up with the discussion of future plans to implement more creative fund raising projects, redesign the web site, and recruit and retain members.

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