

Physics dept Pre-Engineering Medical physics

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where many physics department are closing ,
our department is expanding!!





students' success in physics (our secret recipe of success)

1. Provide students with Financial support
2. Comprehensive academic advising
3. Hands-on training to involve them on real research activities which leads to peer review journal publication
5. Development of a professional culture through professional societies (OSA, SPS, NSBE, NSBP, $\Sigma\pi\Sigma$ physics honor society , Women of color in physics and optics chapters
6. Mentoring and Monitoring their success with feedback during monthly meetings
7. Academic support: Faculty and peer Tutoring—PASS (Peer Assisted Students session) program, and make them to take part of their academic success
8. Graduate preparation and placement, and workforce assistant and Guidance to Graduate School (GRE)
9. Placement in Summer internship REU programs

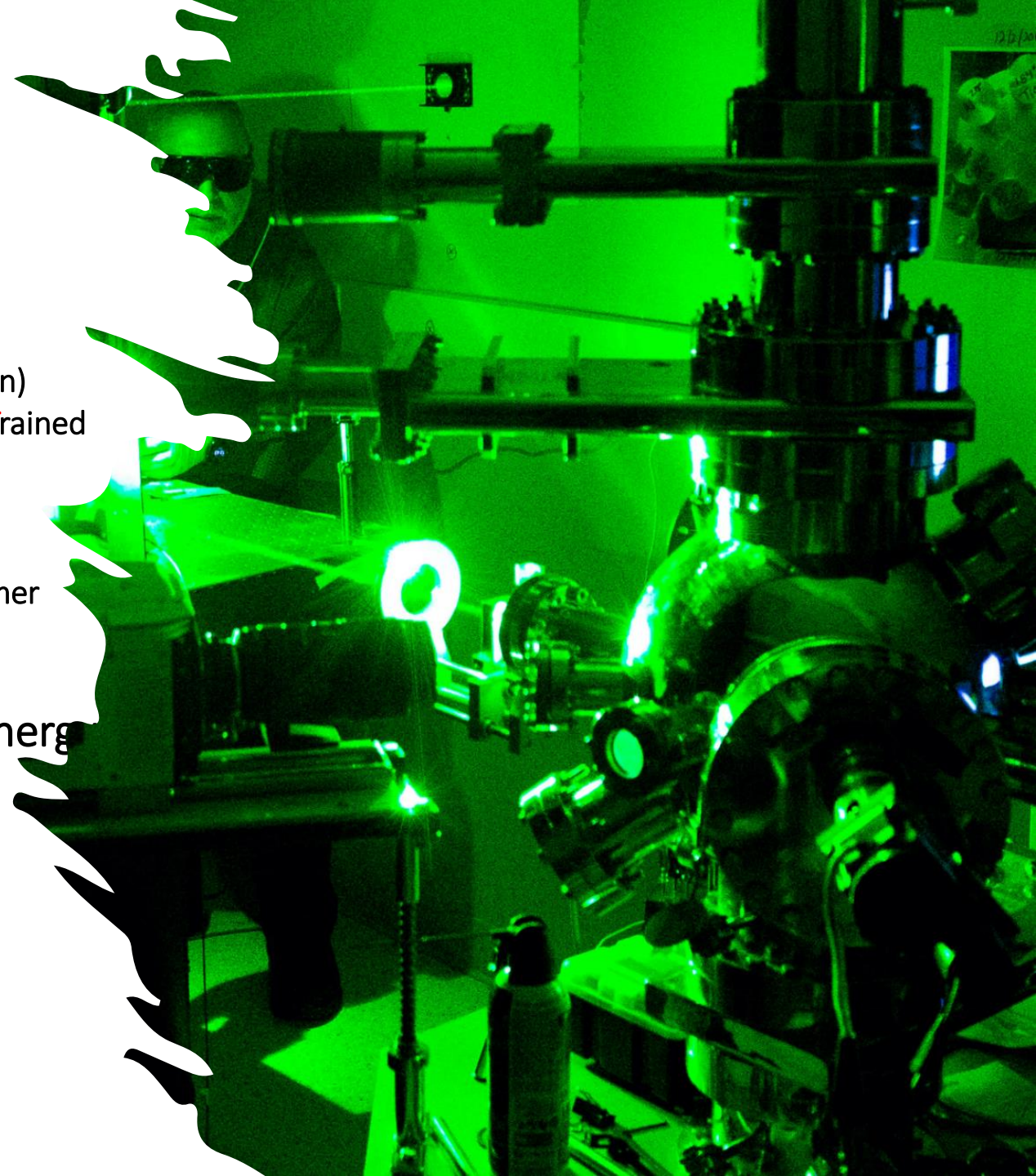


Dr. A. Darwish funding research, infrastructure (PI, CO-PI)

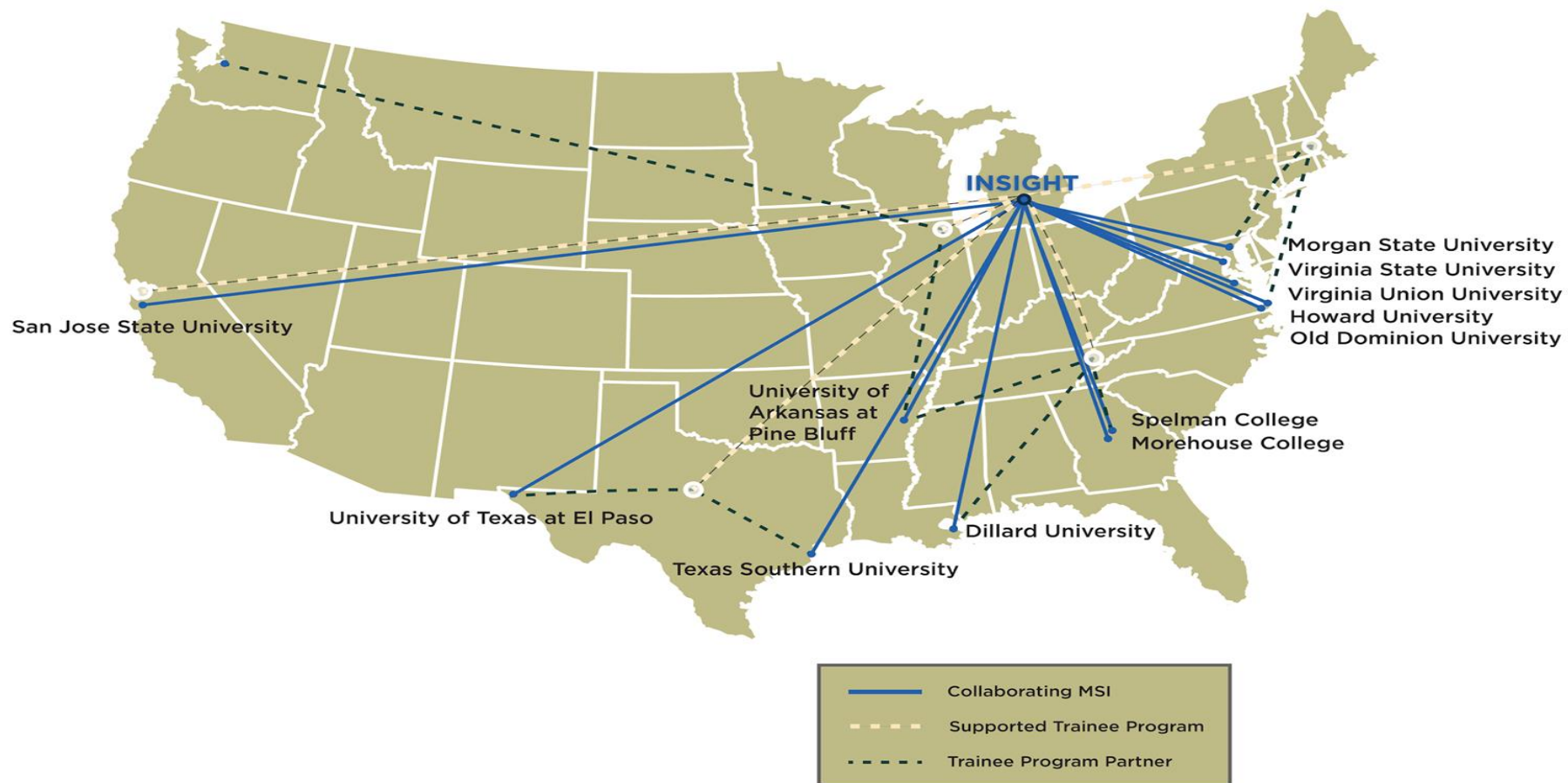
1. NSF LS-LAMP Alliance 1999-2026 Lead SUBR NSF/BOR
2. NSF GAEMP (Geoscience Alliance to enhance Minority Participation program 2004-2008
3. NSF GAELA (Graduate Alliance Education in LA) 2006-2011
4. NSF TESSE Transform Earth Science system Education program 2007-2013
5. NASA-EPSCoR Pulsed Laser Deposition of hard materials 2004 2007 (with Tulane Univ)
6. NASA– CAN NORC Research Center 2014-2018 (New Orleans 5 Universities)
7. NSF AGEP comparative study STEM Graduate USA-England DU&PSU 2012-2014
8. HBCU- PASS program to enhance retention and graduation 2014-2017 Helsinki
9. AFOSR and AFRL research grants 2008-20025
10. Army and ARL PLD for nanocomposite thin films for optical sensors and light emitting applications and instrumentation 2012-2019
11. Army and AFRL articulation agreement for fabricating new materials

Current Programs and centers in the Physics, Pre-Engineering and Medical Physics department

1. **IBM- HBCU** Quantum consortium for Qubit
2. **DOE: INSIGHIT center** (Darwish COPI, MSU lead institution)
Institute for Nuclear Science to Inspire the Next Generation of a Highly Trained Workforce
3. **DOE: HIPPO center** (Lead T A&M) & DU participant
Horizon-broadening Isotope Production Pipeline Opportunities (HIPPO)
4. DU WISHES program : **W**omen in **S**TEM **h**igh **s**chools **E**xperience **S**ummer program
5. **DoD AFOSR/Army (PI)** : Polymer nanocomposite luminescent spectrum convertors for photovoltaic energy harvesting
6. **LS-LAMP** Program Louis Stock—LA Alliance for Minority participation
7. **DU WISHES program** : **W**omen in **S**TEM **h**igh **s**chools **E**xperience **S**ummer **p**rogram



INSIGHT: Institute for Nuclear Science to Inspire the next Generation of a Highly Trained workforce



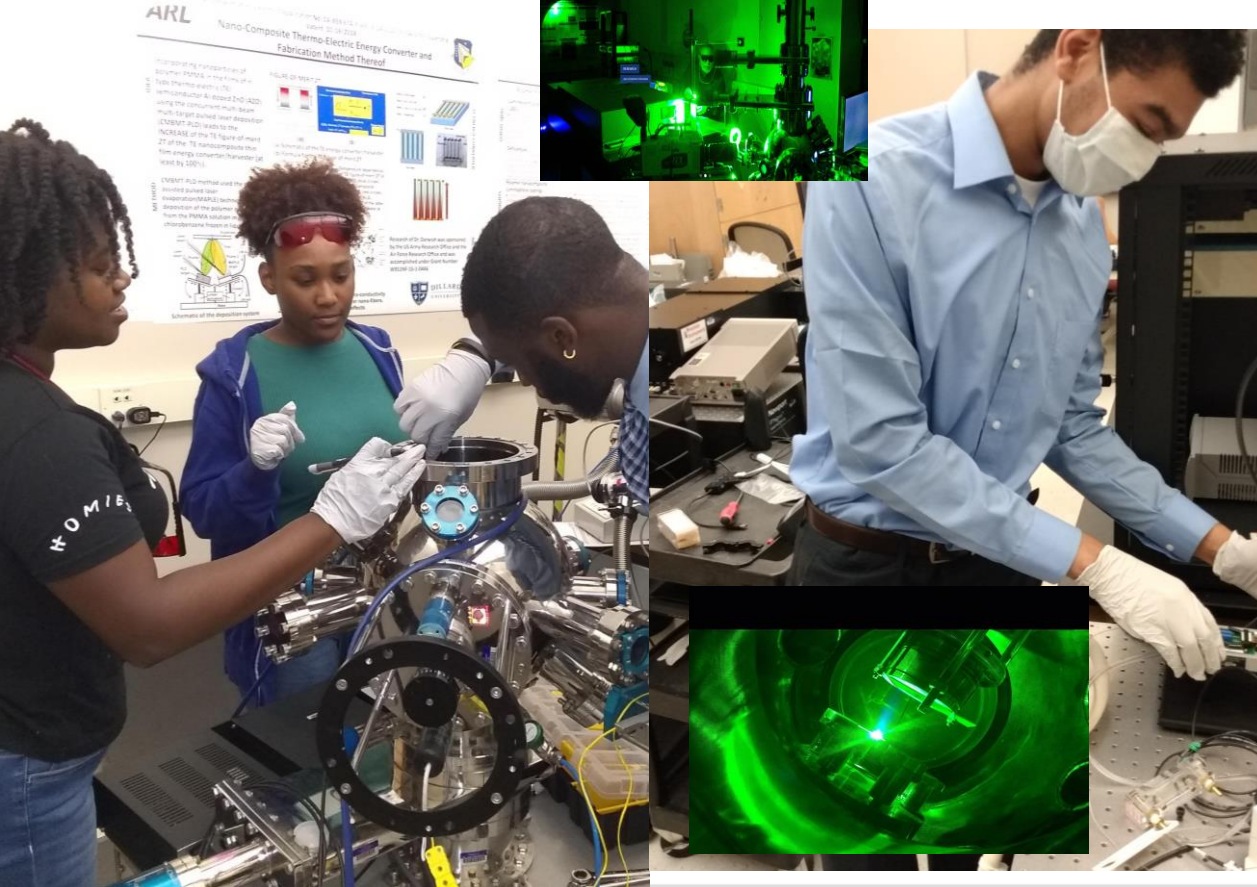
New Orleans After Hurricane Katrina





April 13, 2005, LS-LAMP program STEM conference, DU
Just before Hurricane Katrina





Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP)

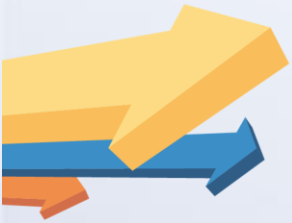
**Thanks to our STEM
STEM faculty who made
this program a success!!**

- The Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP) is one of 34 National Science Foundation Alliance Programs nationwide. This comprehensive, statewide coordinated program is aimed at substantially increasing the number and quality of minority students receiving baccalaureate degrees STEM and, subsequently, increasing the number of minority students entering graduate schools to earn doctoral degrees in STEM fields. The basic, statewide strategy is the replication and enhancement of exemplary mentoring and outreach programs. Thanks to all our STEM faculty.



NSF (TESSE) TRANSFORMING EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE EDUCATION

The TESSE project addresses the need for highly qualified teachers in the geosciences especially after Hurricane Katrina by developing a comprehensive plan to transform geoscience education at the middle and high school levels. The summer institute bolster existing preparation programs for teachers to include mentoring and networking with in-service teachers and bona-fide research experiences in Earth system science with teachers during subsequent academic years.



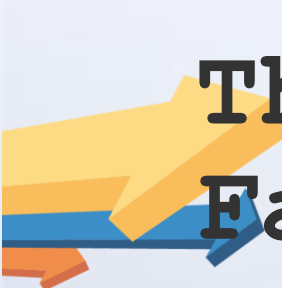
NASEM Report 2020 : Promising Practices for Addressing the
Underrepresentation
of Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine: Opening
Doors (2020) “Darwish panelist in March 2019”. Page 29

“Dillard University, an HBCU, located in New Orleans, Louisiana, boasts the second highest female African American physics undergraduates in the nation.

They also send a large number of physics undergrads to graduate school. The university’s physics and pre-engineering program is primarily credited with this

achievement. Through this program, students receive hands-on experience by working closely with professors on real-world projects, using major research equipment, and publish in journals. In addition, Dillard University Women in STEM High School Experience in Summer is a summer program for high school females of color who are interested in physics and optics, the goal of which is to increase the number of African American women in STEM fields (Dillard University, 2019)”.

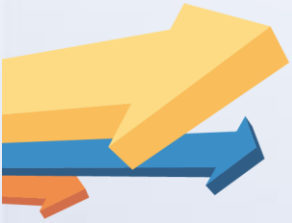
In 2019, I was invited by NASEM to present in a panel why Black females?



The Talent And Diversity Of HBCU Faculty

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/marybethgasman/2021/07/19/the-talent-and-diversity-of-hbcu-faculty/?sh=39d5be1b4d90>

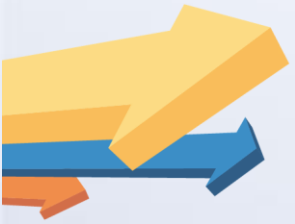
“At Dillard University, a small HBCU in New Orleans, professor [Abdalla Darwish](#) leads a physics program that is [second in the nation](#) in terms of the production of African American physics majors, and is an exemplar in terms of its production of Black women physics majors. Darwish noted in a recent [interview](#), “I believe in women, especially minority women... Just give them the chance and they will be the best.”



In the last 39 years, US physics doctorates went to 66 black women, four from Dillard University

<http://qz.com/432756/in-39-years-us-physics-doctorates-went-to-66-black-women-and-22000-white-men/>

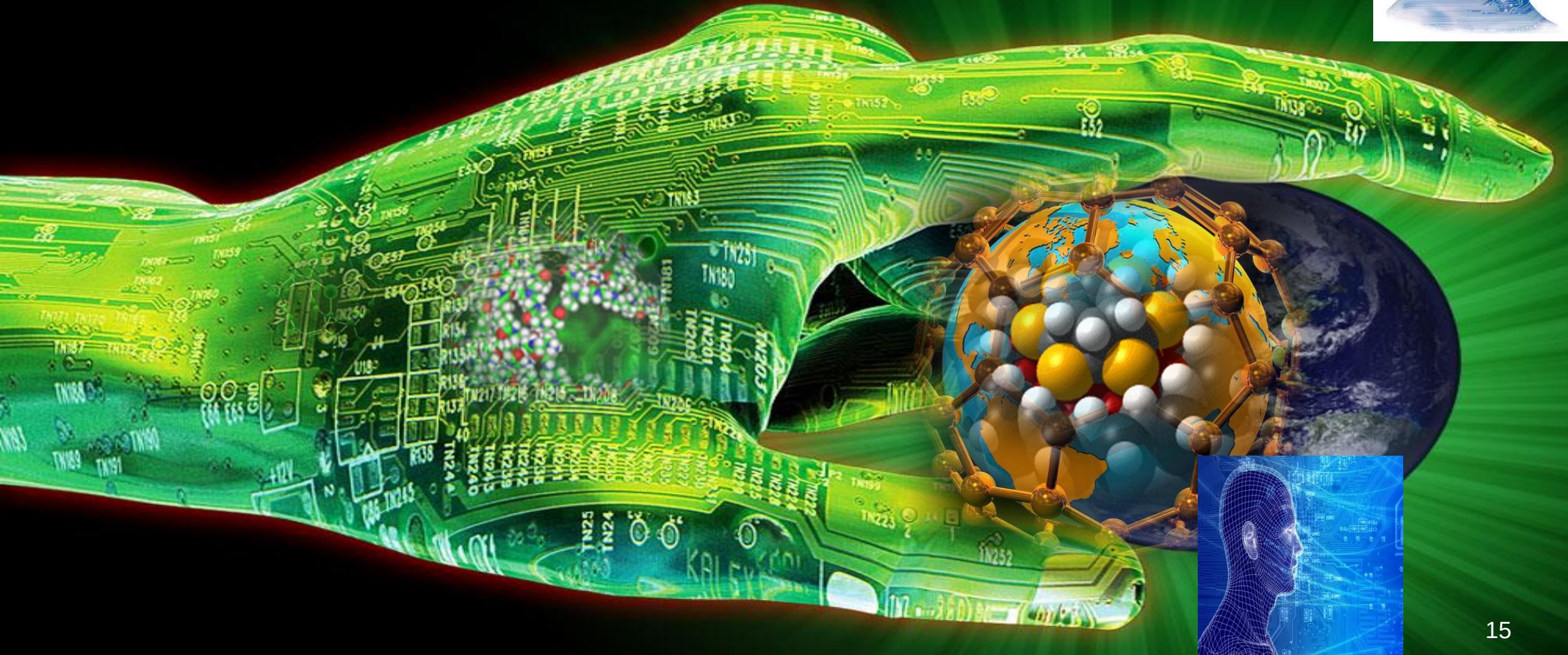
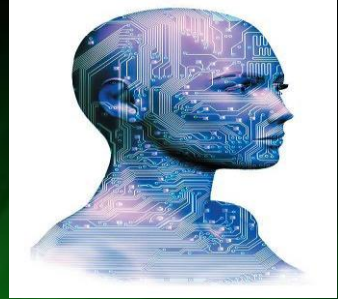




Return of Investments

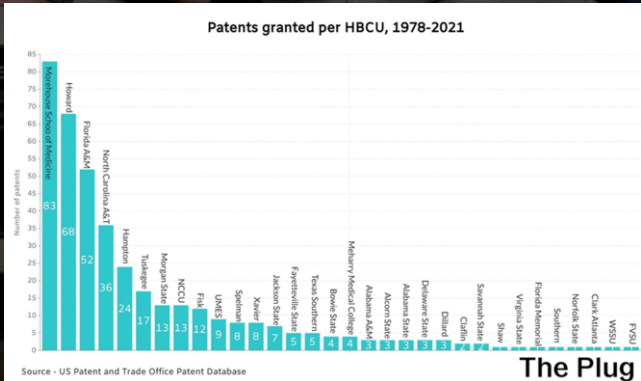
From previous and current programs

Our research : Nanocomposite Energy harvesting materials and Nano scale wearable flexible devices

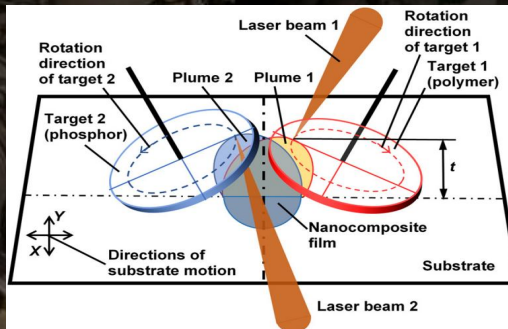




Reinvesting in Entrepreneurship and patents through DoD Army and AFOSR support



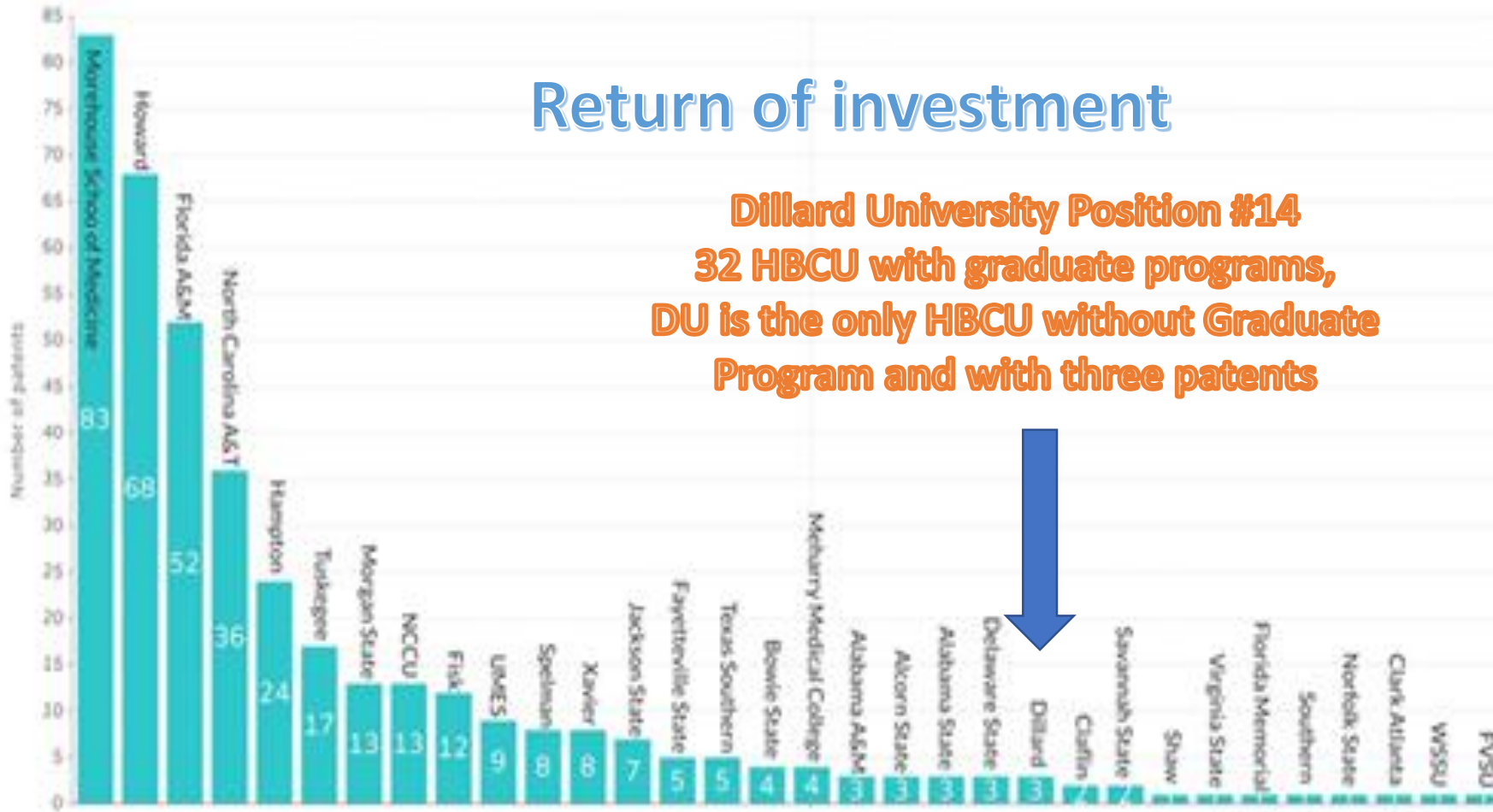
Patent No US 10,235,898 B2, METHOD FOR
COMBINING AIR FLOW WITH ELECTRIC ENERGY
CONVERSION AND FABRICATION METHOD



Patents granted per HBCU, 1978-2021

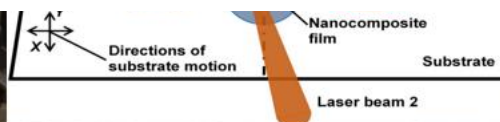
Return of investment

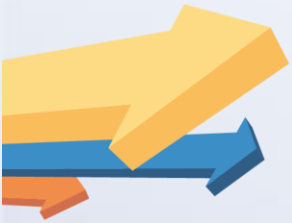
Dillard University Position #14
32 HBCU with graduate programs,
DU is the only HBCU without Graduate
Program and with three patents



Source - US Patent and Trade Office Patent Database

The Plug

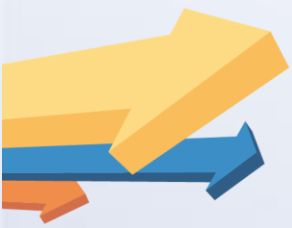




Dillard university Physics department Research infrastructure and Educational Labs



1. Nanocomposite of hard and soft materials, for the fabrications of optical, chemical and Biological sensors
2. Polymer nanocomposite luminescent spectrum converters for photovoltaic energy harvesting
3. Nano-Additive and 3D manufacturing



Students participating in summer REU and research internship during the AY as well

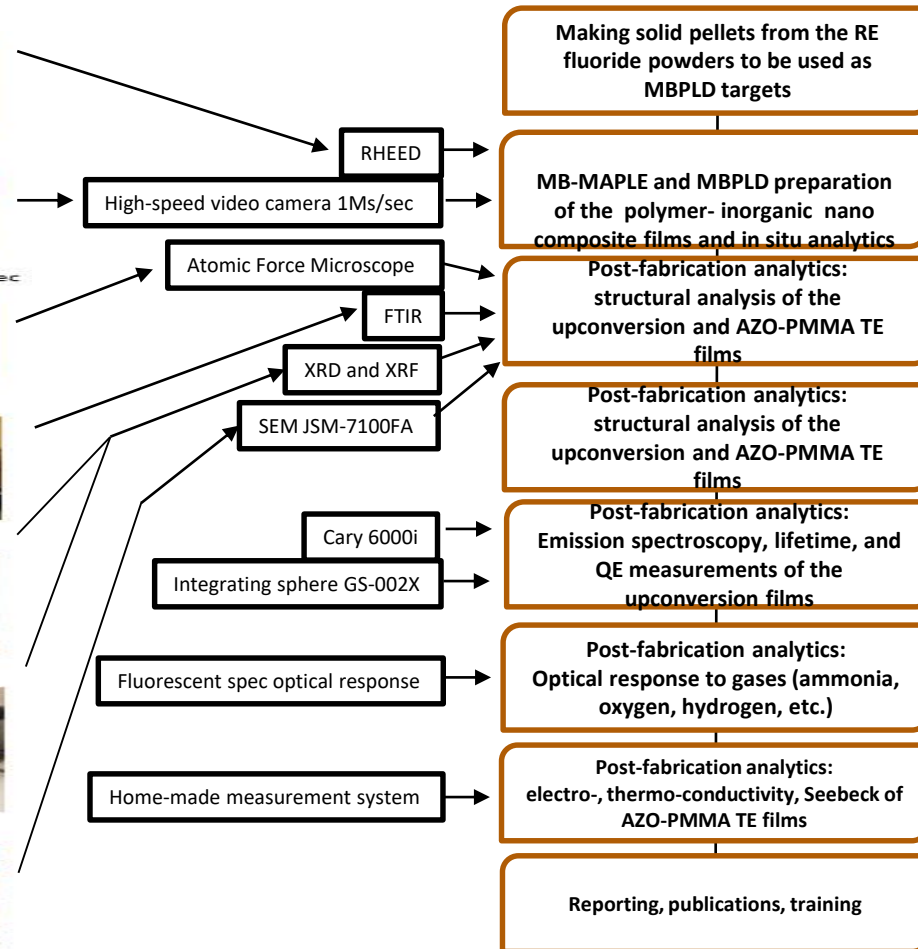
Internship:

ARL, AFRL, Fermi Lab, NASA, REU in many universities, INSIGHT center, HIPPO center, and many others

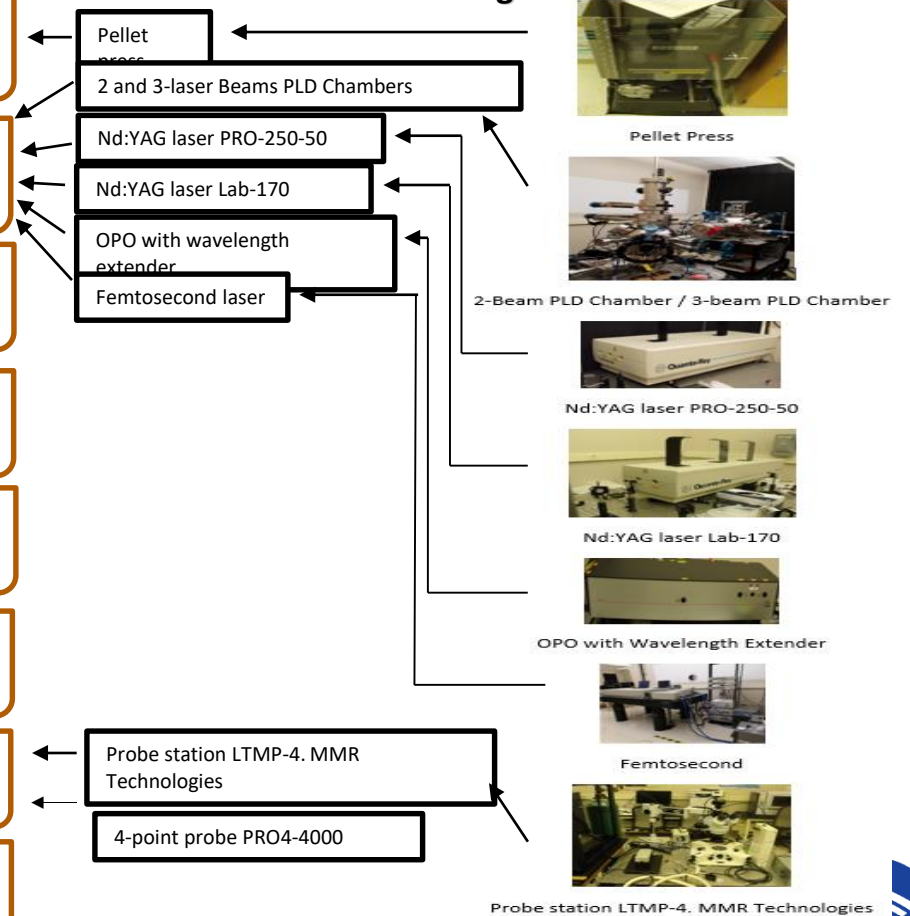
Center of Nanocomposite materials and thin film fabrication for Flexible and wearable devices using DTPLD/ MAPLE Fabrication & Characterization Flowchart



Analytic Instrumentation

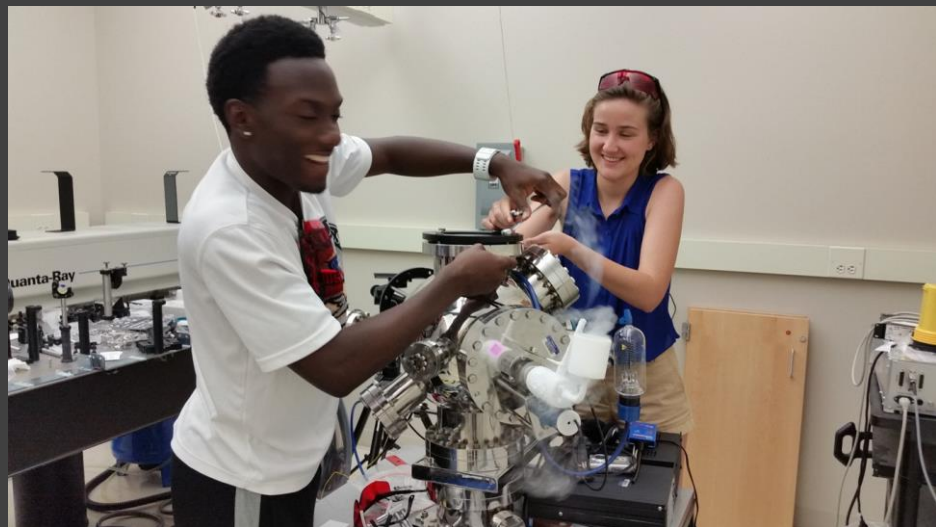


Processing Instrumentation





AFOSR & ARL MICOM site visit. Our patents to support warfighters



Share resources ..! Tulane
PVA&M and others



Fermi Lab, few hundreds feet underground,
Invited talk at Fermi lab



DoD site visites, where our students tell the stories

**DoD take the
pentagon to
people
meeting at
DU 2014.**



**One of the Research group and graduate schools' students
Shaelynn Moore, Wydgliif Dorlus ,Tyler Bastian, Patric Thomas, Jen
Flex, Aziz Muhammad, Daniel Jessar, Aliyah Emery, Jusstice Grace,**





Where are they now? **Some** of the physics graduates after getting their PhD or MS degrees

Dr. Jeff Josiah, Raytheon Company ,in Tucson, Arizona

Prof. Kelly Nash, Professor, UTSA

Prof. Kim Michelle Lewis Associate Dean Howard Univ.

Dr. Enrique Jackson, MSFC, Huntsville, Al

Dr. Trivia Frazier, Entrepreneur, Owner and CEO, >> Trivia Frazier Obatala sciences co, New Orleans, LA,

Ms. Ebonie Pierce (MS Engineering) , Naval Oceanographic, Miss.

Ms. Kamika Chandler, (MS, Engineering), Naval Oceanographic, Miss

Ms. Tayler (Ms, Nuclear Physics),

Kadegah Ransome, Jamaal Grainger (MS, Aerospace Engineering), Boeing, then Raytheon, Ia, Calif

And many much more!!!, currently, we have one females in PhD program, and two will start...)

Matrix Assisted Pulsed Laser Evaporation D/ T concurrent PLD

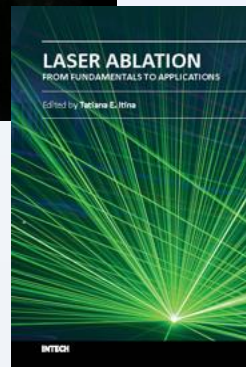
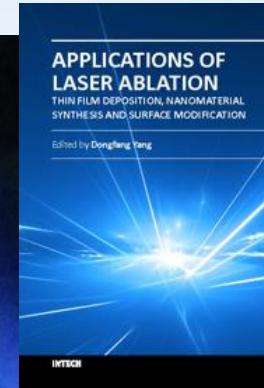
"Darwish's Textbooks chapters

"Concurrent multi-target laser ablation for making nano-composite films"



Laser Beam

frozen solution
of a polymer in a
volatile solvent



photon energy $\longrightarrow$ solvent $\longrightarrow$ converted to thermal energy $\longrightarrow$ heated polymer, solvent vaporized and polymer molecules gained thermal energy and transferred to gas phase.





Cary 5000 UV-Vis



Memrecam HX



Veeco di Innova AFM



D2 Phaser XRD



Acton 2750 Spectrograph



Tiger XRF



Physics 10Hz Laser





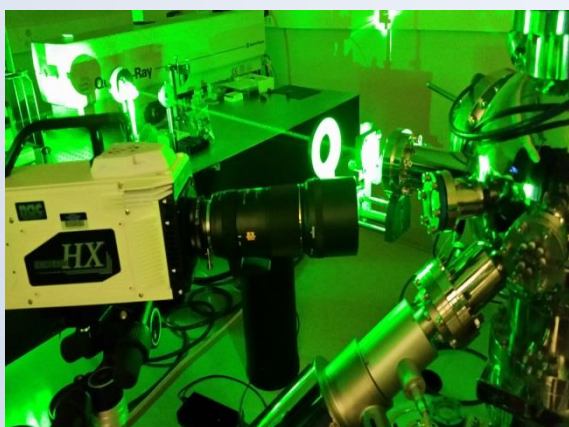
Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR Spectrophotometer



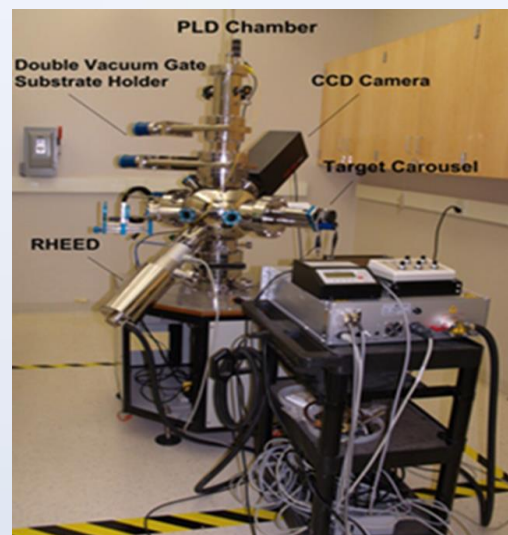
Spectra Physics 50Hz Laser



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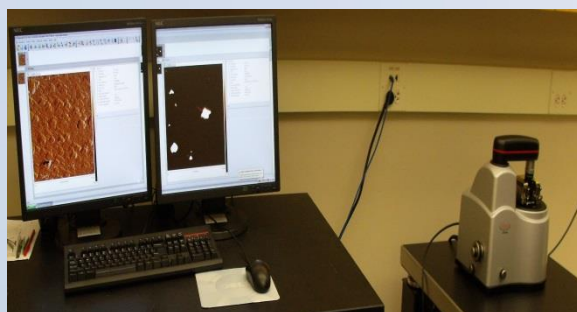
Memrecam HX High Speed Cam



GWU OPO



Spectra Physics 10Hz Laser



Veeco di Innova AFM

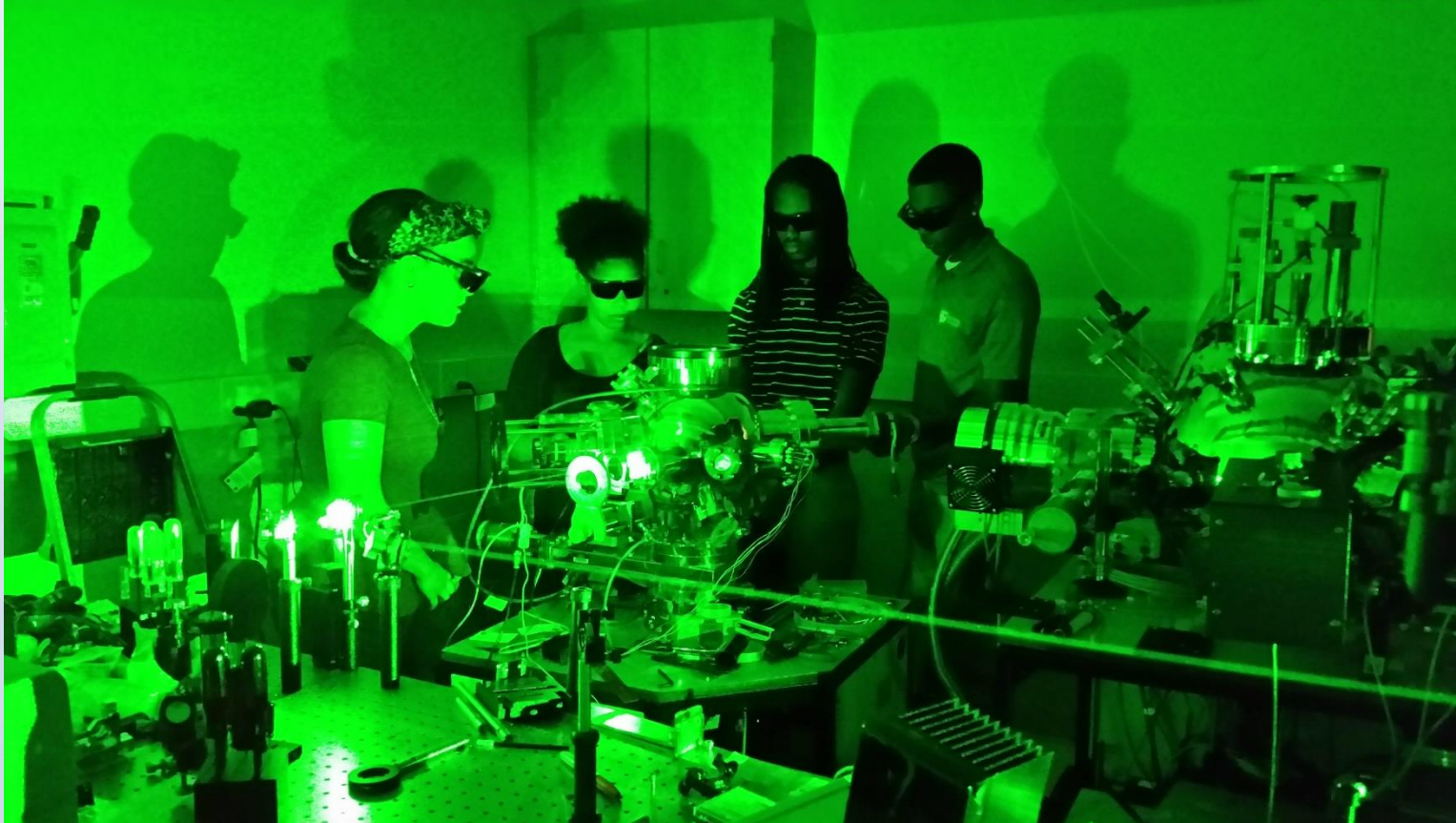


D2 Phaser XRD



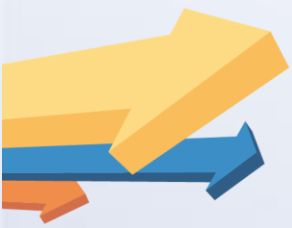
Acton 2750 Spectrograph

Students well trained and moving to graduate schools as their first choice



More outreach and Physics freshman programs



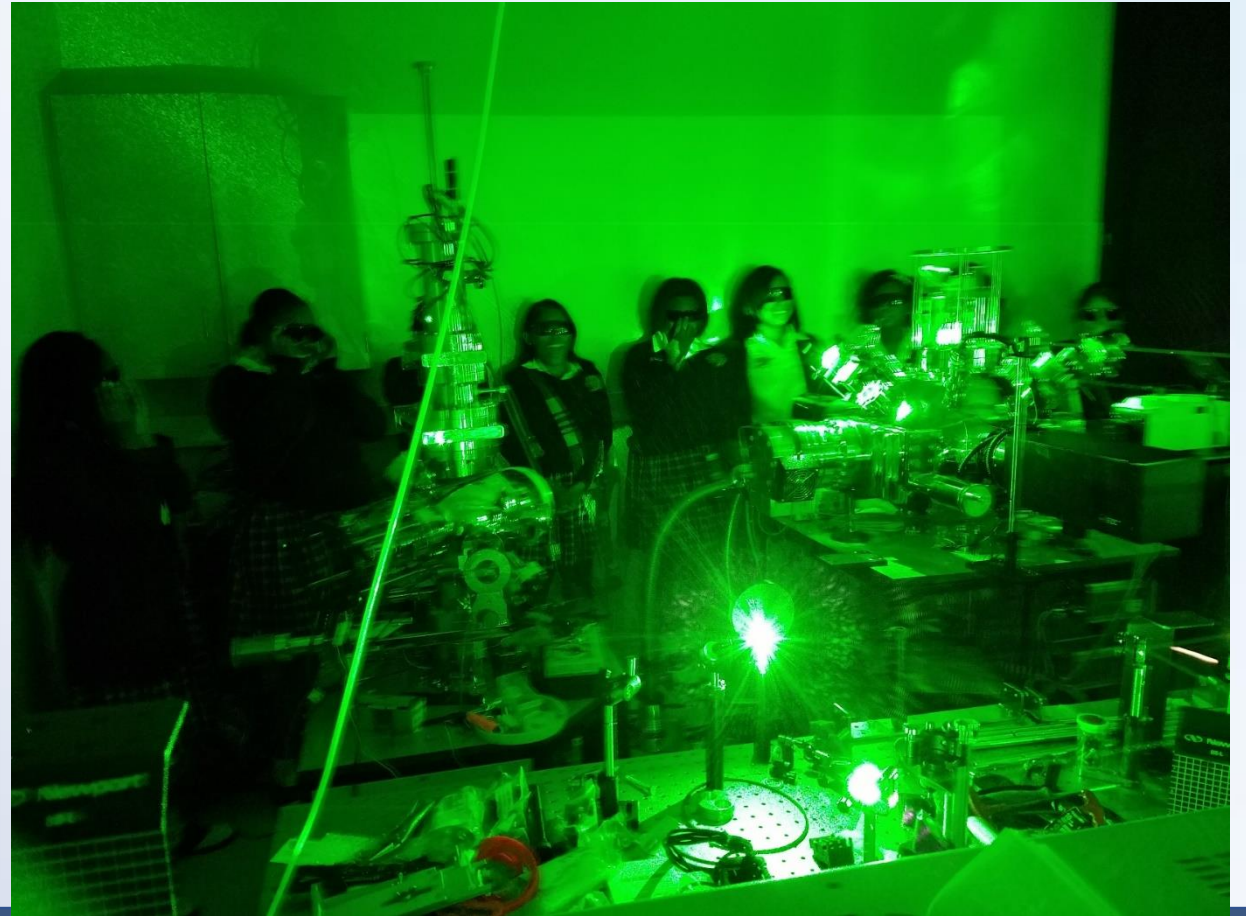


Dillard University Physics second top producer of Black Minority Females in Physics



Outreach programs: K-12 science on wheels visitation

Minority Female in STEM summer programs as part of DU WISHES program supported by the AFOSR





More outreach programs for minority

Females in STEM Like DU WISHES and Science on wheels





Success story and Impact of the AFOSR EPA on the DU WISHES program

Dr. Abdalla Darwish, Dillard University



Impact on the high schools' minority female participants:

1. We are able to increase the awareness of our community especially minority women to the need of more well trained and qualified females on STEM fields.
2. The DU WISHES summer program expand to have a tutoring component for high school students as well as STEM students at Dillard University.
3. According to our survey, 75 % retention rate in STEM fields from the high school minority females participants on DU WISHES program.
4. The hands-on training and explorations, made the participants to request more involve on the summer REU at DU which is supported by the AROSR.

EPA Impact of the African American Female in STEM

1. The New EPA enabled physics program to increase the number of black female in STEM disciplines especially physics.
2. More Black Females learned the importance of STEM fields and are interested to stay in STEM.
3. More funding was applied for to continue the education and research funding to increase the number of female participants and increase the capacity of minority in STEM.



1. University and students Impact :

2. The physics department became the DU University signature program
3. Number of the students tripled in physics dept to 56
4. More Females from DU STEM disciplines are tutoring the high school female students which initiated a PASS leader program at both DU and HS.
5. DU recognized as on the top five producing more than 55% of African American in Physics and the second top producer to black female in physics (AIP, AP, ..)



Impact on the University and physics department infrastructures

1. The physics department is equipped with state-of-the-art major research infrastructure
2. The physics department in process of establishing a MS program degree in materials science and optics.





Alesha Harris



Asha Pierce



Bridget Sisney



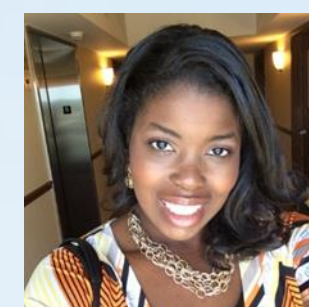
Byron Knowles



Enrique Jackson,,
MSFC,



Hassan Moore STEM CHAIR,
St. John Paul High School



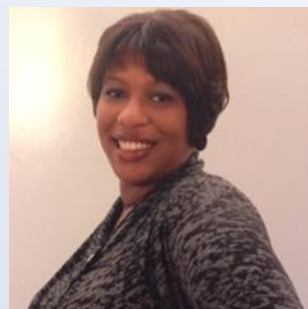
Ivory Ellis



Jeff Josiah
Raytheon Company
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Joy Semien



Karen Jack



Kelly Nash
Professor, UTSA



Kim Michelle Lewis
Associate Dean Howard Univ



Kurt Watson



LaKeasha Hamburg



Latisha Franklin



LaTonia Smith



Lawrance Mullen



Lewins Walter



Leyte Winfield

Return of investment over 39 PhD and PhD Md and MS STEM students were trained
by IAMP program

Publications Over 120 papers, four Book chapters and 9 Patents applications, three Patents awarded

Some of the published Papers See the complete list at WWW.Researchgate.net

1. Abdalla M. Darwish, Michael Tavita Sagapolutele, Sergey Sarkisov, Darayas Patel, David Hui, and Brent Koplitz, Double beam pulsed laser deposition of composite films of poly(methyl methacrylate) and rare earth fluoride upconversion phosphors, Composites Part B: Engineering, Volume 55, December 2013, Pages 139–146.
2. Abdalla M Darwish, Michael Tavita Sagapolutele, Simeon Wilson, Sergey Sarkisov, Darayas Patel, Brent Koplitz, and David Hui, Double pulse laser deposition of polymer nanocomposite films for optical sensors and light emitting applications, Proceedings of ICCE-21 (Twenty first annual internal conference on composite/nano Engineering, Edited by David Hui, July 21-27, 2013 Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, Paper 181.
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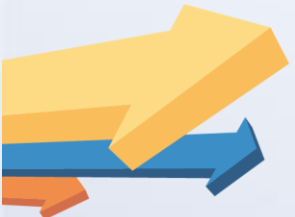


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7. Darayas Patel, Ashley Lewis, Donald Wright III, Danielle Lewis, Ruben Valentine, Maucus Velentine, Dennis Wessley, Sergey Sarkisov, and Abdalla M. Darwish "Optical properties and size distribution of the nano-colloids made of rare-earth ion-doped NaYF₄" in Optical Components and Materials XII, edited by Shubin Jiang, Michel J. F. Digonnet, Proc. of SPIE Vol. 9359, 93591L (2015) 93591L-1 – 93591L-9.
8. Abdalla M. Darwish, Simeon Wilson, Ashley Blackwell, Keylantra Taylor, Sergey S. Sarkisov, Darayas N. Patel, and Brent Koplitz, Ammonia Sensor based on polymer-inorganic nanocomposite thin film upconversion light emitter prepared by double-beam pulsed laser deposition, American J. of Materials Sciences 5(3A) (2015), 8-15.
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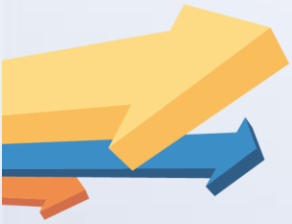
four Book chapters :

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Patent applications:

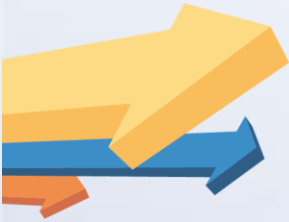
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8. 8. Abdalla Darwish and Sergey Sarkisov, Method and apparatus for open air pulsed laser





Conclusions

- The implementation of the success model produces a well hands-on trained black males and females and with great champions for cause and the purpose, then a success is a must.
- Building a strong research infrastructure facilitate the well trained, well educated black community who ignite the capacity of human capital for leadership, and homeland security.
- Our business in education is Working for a purpose everyday,. And Building legacy for generations to come.

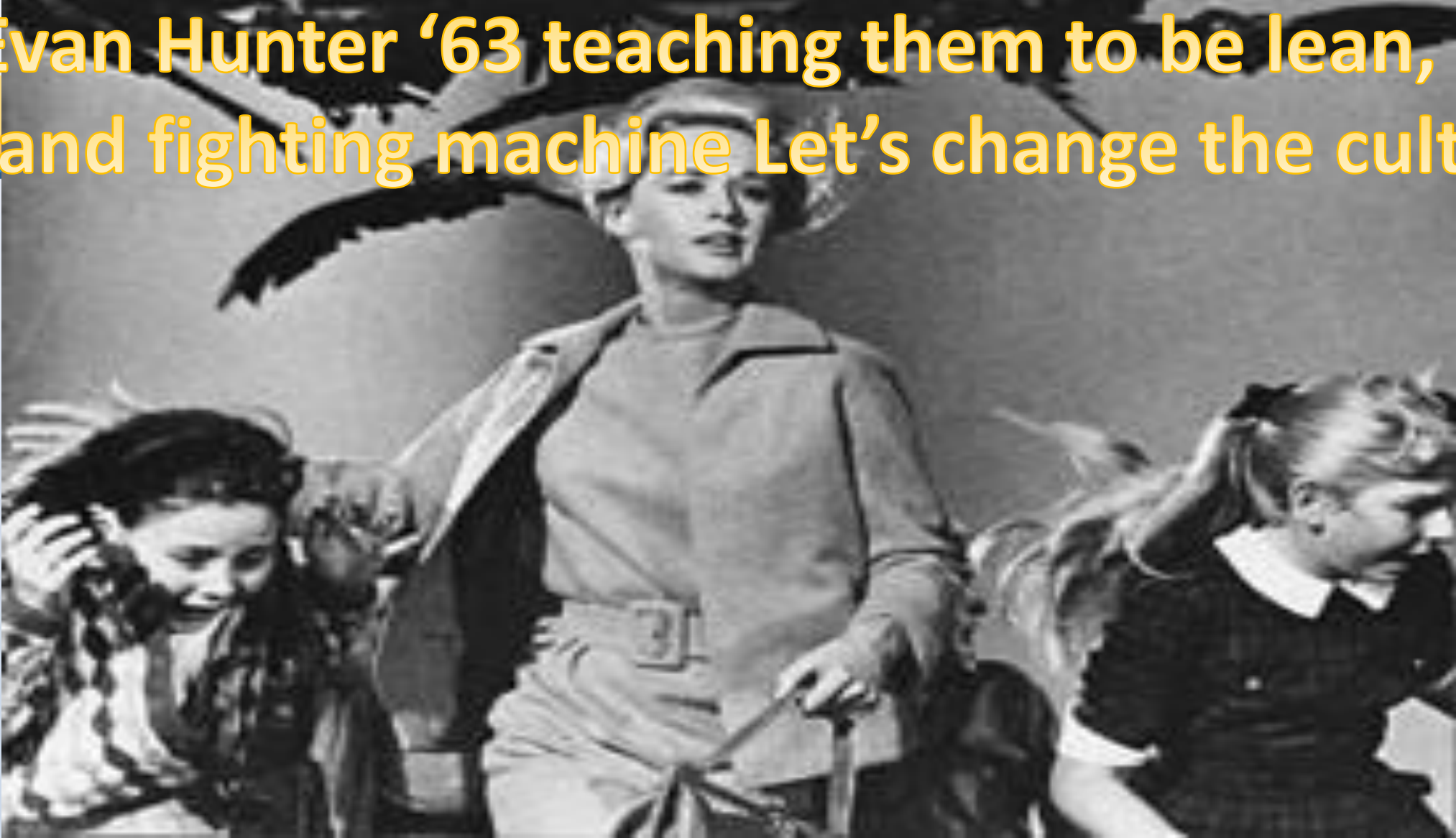


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**Evan Hunter '63 teaching them to be lean, mean
and fighting machine Let's change the culture !**



**It's not how much you take, but how much you leave behind
when you go! Building legacy! Where we go from here?
Questions?**

Questions ?

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

A photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a large, white, three-dimensional sign spelling "DILLARD UNIVERSITY" sits on a bed of white flowers. Behind the sign is a green lawn. In the background, a long, white, classical-style building with a central portico is visible, flanked by large, mature trees. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. A decorative vertical bar with yellow, orange, and blue segments is on the left edge of the image.