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Dillard University Announces The Seventeenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium

200 Faculty from Nation's HBCUs to Discuss "Strategies that Work" in Three Day Conference at the Hilton Riverside; Dillard Hosts Reception For Symposium Faculty at the University's Professional Schools Building on Thursday, October 21 at 5:30pm

(New Orleans, LA) The Board of Directors of the HBCU Faculty Development Network are pleased to announce *the Seventeenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium* will be held at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 21-23, 2010. Dillard University and Louisiana's Historically Black Colleges and Universities are hosting this year's conference. Co-sponsors include the HBCU Faculty Development Network and the UNCF Institute for Capacity Building.

"HBCUs must adapt to the needs of the millennial students," said Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Dillard University's Associate Provost, and President of the Board of the HBCU Faculty Development Network. "Our purpose this week is to share teaching innovations that contribute to the quality of historically black colleges and universities."

The theme of this year's conference is "Closing the Generational Divide: Strategies that Work for Teaching and Assessing Millennial Students at HBCUs." The theme of this year's symposium emphasizes the three-fold role of HBCU faculty in teaching, research and community outreach. The stated mission of the HBCU Faculty Development Network is to promote "effective teaching and student learning through a variety of collaborative activities that focus on faculty enhancement."

The Thursday breakfast keynote speaker is Robbie Melton, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor of eLearning, Academic Affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents. The keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon is Fred Bonner, Ed.D., Associate Dean of Faculties at Texas A&M University. W. Joye Hardiman, Ph.D., Washington State, will conduct the Breakfast Plenary Session on "Five Strategies for Closing the Generational Divide" on Friday morning.

National Board Members of the HBCU Faculty Development Network include Hasan Crockett of Morehouse College, Henry J. Findlay of Tuskegee University, Lorette B. Foster of Prairie View A & M University, Eugene Hermitte of Johnson C. Smith University, Clarissa Myrick-Harris of the UNCF's Institute for Capacity Building, Board President Phyllis Worthy Dawkins of Dillard, and Executive Director Stephen L. Rozman of Tougaloo College. Planning Committee members for

this year's conference include representatives from a number of Louisiana Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The symposium planning committee includes Dr. Ruby Broadway, Dr. Ramona Jean-Perkins, Barbara Albert and Brendan Twist of Dillard University; Wynetta Lee of Grambling University; Kim Chavis of Southern University and A & M College ; and Marguerite Giguette and Elizabeth Yost Hammer of Xavier University of Louisiana.