

RLM WELCOMES INAUGURAL ADVISORY BOARD TO CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY



The Recreation and Leisure Management (RLM) Program recently welcomed its first ever advisory board to Cheyney University. Following brief greetings from Hospitality & Recreation Management Department Chair Dr. Ivan Turnipseed, Senior Recreation Intern Jordan Richardson and Senior Alicia Mackey joined Prof. Patricia Walker, Board Facilitator; Dr. Gregory Smith, Senior Faculty; and Prof. Zakiya Newton in an engaging discussion with the diverse group of industry partners.

“We established the advisory board to continually improve our program, courses, curriculum, delivery strategies and facilities,” remarked Prof. Walker. “We respect our partners’ knowledge, experience and training, and believe they can make valuable contributions to the RLM Program. They can help guide professional development, prepare students for productive futures, and promote and advocate for the requisite networks, resources, and preparation for success.”

As the Board dined on a delicious lunch prepared by HRTM students under the direction of Chef Christine Neugebauer, they learned about Cheyney University’s history, received an overview of the Recreation and Leisure Management Program, and heard about future plans. The Board is already in discussion not only about how they can support Recreation scholars but how they can contribute to the student body in general. They are excited about the work ahead and look forward to serving the entire Cheyney University community. Welcome to the family RLM Advisory Board!

Pictured in the **front row from left to right:**

Prof. Walker, CU; **Richard Ashenfelder**, Assistant Director, West Chester Parks & Recreation; **Renee Bridges**, Senior Manager, Diversity, Inclusion & Community Outreach, United States Tennis Association; **Jordan Richardson**, CU; **Alicia Mackey**, CU; **Jason Lang**, Director of Park & Recreation, East Goshen Township; **Prof. Newton**, CU; **Dr. Smith**, CU

Back Row left to right:

John Conlow, Regional Park Ranger, Department of Facilities & Parks, Chester County; **Rebecca Richards**, Superintendent of Recreation, Berks County Parks & Recreation Department; **Ryan Simon**, Coordinator, Ticket Services, The Philadelphia Phillies; **Kenneth Lehr**, Park & Recreation Director, West Goshen Township; **Ryan Harris**, Founder/Director, As I Plant This Seed