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Benedict College Receives an \$87,430.00 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Grant from the U.S. Department of Education

Professors and K-12 educators will travel to Cameroon, Central West Africa to Assist in Curriculum Development to Enhance Critical Thinking

Columbia, SC -October 2, 2016- The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board along with the U.S. Secretary of Education recently announced that Benedict College will receive an \$87,430.00 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Grant. The grant is designed to contribute to the development of college and K-12 curricula and to the improvement of instructional delivery by providing training opportunities for faculty and K-12 teachers in international countries where the United States has diplomatic representation.

Professors and K-12 educators will spend 4 weeks in Cameroon, Central West Africa at Saint Monica University in Beau, Cameroon. Benedict College recently signed a MOU with Saint Monica University and is in full partnership with the College's international programs through the Office of the President and the Office of International Programs (OIP).



Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, Dean of the Freshman Institute, the Principal Investigator and Project Director teamed up with Dr. Gloria Boutte, Professor of Education at the University of South Carolina and Adjunct Professor at Benedict College, the Co-Principal Investigator and Co-Project Director to co-author the application. In May 2016, Dr. Hopkins served as the International Ambassador to Cameroon for the National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS) and guided a group of U.S. faculty to Cameroon. Dr. Hopkins delivered the commencement address at Saint Monica University and was conferred the Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa).

The additional Benedict College faculty who collaborated on the Kamtok project included: Dr. Gwenda Greene, Associate Professor of English; Dr. Kenzoe Brian Selassie, Chair of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Mass Communication; Dr. Damara Hightower, Dean of the School of Education, and Dr. Norma Jackson, Director for the Office of International Programs. Special assistance was provided by President David Swinton and Dr. Janeen P. Witty, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

For more information about the Kamtok Project, please call Dr. Hopkins at 803.705.4777.

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