Holmes Scholar’s -
A Model of Excellence

An Open Letter Holmes Scholars
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Presentation Outline

- History
- Partnership Goals
- Examples of Outstanding Student Organizations
- Proposed Holmes Model of Excellence
- Conclusion
History of Holmes Group

- Started between 1986-1987

- Strong institutions were eliminating their schools/colleges of education (Prestige)

- Top Universities/Policymakers did not value the contributions of schools/colleges education

- Many outside the field of Education felt that these schools/colleges had met their responsibilities

- In 1996 became Holmes Partnership
Holmes Scholars Program Est. in 1991

- Designed to provide support and mentoring

- Focused specifically on underrepresented students in Graduate Education Programs

- Provide networking and research feedback opportunities

- Expose students to professional opportunities within the professoriate, K-12 administration, and education policy organizations
Partnership Goals

- High Quality Professional Preparation

- Simultaneous Renewal (developing partnerships with K-12 schools, higher education, organizations, and associations)

- Developing faculty and students who are culturally competent

- Advance cutting-edge educational research

- School and Institutions of Higher Education-Based Faculty Development

- Educational Policy Analysis
Some Great Things Holmes Scholars Currently are Doing

- Helping to facilitate annual Holmes Partnership Conference
- Summer Research Institute
- Provides Leadership Opportunities (Council Officers)
- Updating Group Website
Examples of Other Outstanding Organizations

- Golden Key International Honour Society
  (offer discounts to members such as DiversityInc Magazine, Geico, Textbooks, etc.)

- Full-bright Scholars
  (offers grants to study and teach abroad)

- Rhodes Scholarship
  (offer full-tuition waiver, food and board for graduate work)
So how can Holmes Scholars further distinguish themselves
Holmes Scholar's Model of Excellence

Publication: Holmes Scholars Journal

Promotion

Holmes Scholars

Selectivity
Publication

- Establish Peer-Review Journal
- Staffed by Holmes Scholars
- Opportunity for Scholars to publish before they graduate
- Gain Leadership Experience
- Gain hands-on experience and understanding of peer-review process
- Possible collaboration between mentoring NASHA
Publication Poll

Do you feel that having a peer-reviewed journal developed by Holmes would be a good idea? Yes or No
Promotion
(If Resources Allow)

- Sponsor Special Activities within school/college
- Promote scholars activities within school/college of education
- Advertise Scholars Activities at major conferences (AACTE, AERA, ASHE, etc.)
- Advertise on educational websites
Promotion Poll

Should we try to advertise what Holmes scholars are doing outside of schools/colleges of education? Yes or No
Standardize Entrance Policy

- Currently entrance policy determined by individual institution
- Example: Auburn University
- Must be accepted into educational doctoral program
- Minimum GPA of 3.3
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Complete 4 essays (professional goals, leadership, philosophy of education and civic responsibility)
- Successful interview (Holmes advisor, Dean, and Faculty)
Standardize Entrance Policy

Should we standardize our entrance policy? Yes or No
Conclusion

Any Questions?