

AT&T Minority Engineering Program

*10th Anniversary*  
*Celebration Gala*

April 14, 2007

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Gala and Dance

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Reception



7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Shirley Scott-Harris

Comments

Dean Larry Benefield

Invocation

Rev. James E. Brown

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Shirley Scott-Harris

Speaker

Mr. David Scobey

President and CEO, AT&T Southeast

Dennis W. Weatherby  
Scholarship Presentation

Ms. Muriel Foster, '05  
System Process Assurance Associate  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

The Challenge

Mr. K-Rob Thomas, '01  
Mississippi Power Company  
Transmission Lines Supervisor



Dance

Band: *Souled Out*

DAVID W. SCOBEBY, JR., is president & CEO for AT&T Southeast. He was named to this position in January, 2007. Previously, Scobey served as president of BellSouth Retail Markets, an \$8B business unit with more than 10,000 employees serving about 12 million residential and small business customers.

During his 29-year career at BellSouth(now AT&T), Scobey has held many leadership positions across the corporation, including president of BellSouth Long Distance, where he prepared the unit for the largest product roll-out in BellSouth history. He began his career in network engineering and operations, and has worked in product management, sales, marketing, strategic planning, business development and yellow pages operations.

An active member in his community, Scobey serves on the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Industrial Advisory Board, the President's Council at Harding University and serves as an Elder at the North Atlanta Church of Christ. He was the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Auburn Engineer Award and the Lipscomb University Christian Businessman of the Year for 2005. Scobey was also honored in 2005 by being named to the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. In addition, he volunteers his skills as a private and instrument-rated pilot for charitable causes.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Scobey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University, and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in Boston, Mass. He married Debbie Westmoreland in 1977, and they have two married children, Lauren Strahan and Graham Scobey.



## DENNIS W. WEATHERBY

Dennis Weatherby is currently the associate provost for student success for Northern Kentucky University (NKU) in Highland Heights, where he coordinates all university units that help students transition to college life and succeed. Student success includes meeting students' academic needs, as well as their social and personal needs.

Prior positions include associate dean in the Graduate School at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.; assistant dean of engineering for minority affairs and director of the BellSouth Minority Engineering Program at Auburn University; faculty member in the International Center for Water Resources Management at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio; and process engineer with Procter & Gamble Company. Weatherby is co-inventor of Lemon Liquid Cascade and holds the original patent on the product.

While at Auburn, Weatherby was responsible for developing and implementing academic support programs to assist underrepresented ethnic and cultural undergraduate and graduate engineering students in their transition and adjustment into the Auburn Engineering environment. He assisted in the recruitment of minority faculty and worked with College of Engineering leadership to develop retention programs for new minority faculty. Under his leadership the program acquired a significant academic component. In 2000, the BellSouth Corporation became the Minority Engineering Program's primary sponsor and the program was renamed the BellSouth Minority Engineering Program in honor of their commitment.

During Weatherby's time at Auburn, African American enrollment in Auburn Engineering increased from 239 students in the fall of 1996 to 315 students in fall of 2001 and the number of degrees awarded to African Americans increased from 28 (awarded in 1997-98) to 45 (awarded in 2000-01) – nearly a 61 percent increase. In addition, based on the 2000-01 graduation results, Black Issues in Higher Education ranked Auburn University 13th nationally in producing African Americans with bachelor's degrees in engineering. The program, now known as the AT&T Minority Engineering Program, continues to provide academic and scholarship support to eligible students.

Weatherby graduated from Central State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and from the University of Dayton in 1984 with a master's degree in chemical engineering. He also earned a doctorate in educational psychology from Auburn University in 2001. His research interests include engineering curriculum development, instructional design, program assessment and evaluation. He married Marpessa (Mardi) Dione Huguey in 1984. They have six children.



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