

MSU students celebrate 8 years of ‘stuffing the bus’ for Lansing area children

Lansing, Michigan – September 11, 2009 –After “stuffing the bus” with new school supplies, MSU freshmen will be delivering them to the students at the Shabazz Public School Academy in Lansing on Friday, September 11th at the school’s assembly.

The MSU students, who took part in the Multicultural Business Programs Summer Business Institute (SBI) in July, collected \$430 worth of school supplies during their “Stuff the Bus!” community service event for Shabazz Public School Academy students. This year this successful program is celebrating its 8th anniversary.

In the last eight years, the “Stuff the Bus!” event has purchased almost \$4000 in school supplies. The supplies have been donated to the Lansing Public Schools, Red Cedar Elementary in East Lansing and New City Academy in Lansing. This is the fifth year the school supplies will be donated to Shabazz Public School Academy.

At SBI, students are assigned to teams for group projects, including community service. Each student donated school supplies, worked with their team to decorate boxes to store the supplies and presented a team report about the value of

community service. The boxes have inspirational themes such as “Knowledge is power”; “Dream big!” and “Reach for the stars”.

“It is a powerful time during the Summer Business Institute. It gives students a chance to reflect on the heroes who helped them overcome obstacles and become successful. Now they have chance to be a hero to a child in the Lansing community. Stuff the Bus completes the circle of support,” said Anne Crain, Multicultural Business Programs coordinator.

The annual visit to Shabazz Public School Academy is a chance for the MSU freshmen to connect with students in the Lansing community. The MSU students enjoy spending time with the Shabazz students and learning about the school’s unique philosophy and approach to education. “It is our hope that today’s Shabazz student will be tomorrow’s MSU student,” said Darrell King, Multicultural Business Programs, associate director.

SBI is designed for incoming freshmen business majors at MSU. The program provides academic seminars, corporate workshops and other learning experiences for incoming freshmen in order to prepare them for success.



MSU students deliver school supplies to El Shabazz Academy in 2007



MSU ‘stuff the bus’ for Red Cedar elementary school Academy in 2003



Colton Leppink, MSU finance junior, explains the impact of stuff the bus.



Anne Crain, MBP Program Coordinator, speaks to a WILX 10 NBC reporter.



Summer Business Institute 2008 participants pose outside El Shabazz.



Summer Business Institute Stuff the Bus 2002-2009



Brandy Vanderploeg, Alexis Wallace, Kelli Parzuchowski enjoy breakfast prepared by the Shabazz Academy staff during the Stuff the Bus Delivery in 2005.



Darrell King, MBP Associate Director Anne Crain and Eugene Cain, Shabazz Academy Principal prepare for the school assembly.



In 2006 Priya Ahluwalia, Joe Adkisson, Michael Oben, Varun Paranjpe, Arturo Fausto represent the Summer Business Institute and MSU at the Stuff the Bus Delivery.



Nick Drew, accounting major, signs up to deliver school supplies at the MBP Open House in August 2007.



MBP staff and students present the Stuff the Bus boxes to East Lansing's Red Cedar Elementary in fall 2003.



After preparing their boxes with inspirational themes and images, the SBI 2003 students pose for a group picture in Shaw hall.



MSU students learn about the history of Shabazz Academy during the Stuff the Bus Delivery in 2006.