

# FOCUSS

*Framework for Opportunity Convergence and the Utilization of Sustainable Solutions*

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## Calendar of Events

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## 2011 LeMoyne-Owen College FOCUSS Idea Competition Sponsored by Cummins, Inc.

The presidios campus of LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee, was the site of the most recent FOCUSS Idea Competition, which was held on 4 November 2011.



Created to stimulate constructive thought surrounding concepts of innovation and discovery, the FOCUSS Idea Competition provided students a unique opportunity to share and cultivate creative solutions to a sponsoring corporation.

Competition was open to all current LeMoyne-Owen College students. The corporate sponsor of the competition was Cummins, Inc.



Areas of concentration for this competition included:

- Policy Development and Effectiveness
- Minority Business Enterprise Growth and Development
- Minority Business Enterprise Growth and Development Tracking and Reporting Measures



For more information and to view additional scenes from this competition, please [click here](#).



## MISSION

The Mission of FOCUSS is to assist American minority individuals (entrepreneurs, academicians, existing companies, etc.) to discover sustainable solutions that will benefit society.

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## Senate Confirms Chief Counsel for Office of Advocacy

WASHINGTON - Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Mary L. Landrieu (D-LA), made the following remarks after the Senate confirmed Dr. Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant to be the Small Business Administration's Chief Counsel for the Office of Advocacy. Last month, the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship reported out favorably the nomination of Dr. Sargeant with 17 members voting in favor and 2 voting against.



"For more than a year, Dr. Sargeant [inventor and scientist] has been fulfilling the duties of Chief Counsel and has proven time and time again to be an invaluable asset for the small-business community," Sen. Landrieu said. "While I am pleased he finally received confirmation, it serves as a reminder that the nomination of a well-qualified nominee was needlessly delayed for two years. I thank the members of the committee, particularly the new members, for keeping an open mind and finding out for themselves why Dr. Sargeant is a good advocate for small businesses and how he can help reduce the burdens they face every day."

Dr. Sargeant is currently serving as the Chief Counsel for the Office of Advocacy through a recess appointment made in August of 2010. He was nominated for this post on May 22, 2009. During this time in the position, he has gained the approval of key trade organizations including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to this, he served as Managing Director of Venture Investors, a Midwest venture capital company with a concentration on starting up healthcare and technology companies. Previously, he co-founded Anetcom, a technology company now owned by PMC Sierra (a publicly-owned company), and served as a program manager for the Small Business Innovation Research program in electronics at the National Science Foundation.

## Proposed FOCUSS Idea Competition and Career Fair

A FOCUSS Idea Competition and first-ever Career Fair has been proposed for 2012 to take place at the historic campus of Alabama A&M University, located in Huntsville, Alabama.

Please watch our website (<http://www.foc-uss.com>) and newsletter for more information about this exciting opportunity for the students of Alabama A&M University!



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