

A team of three Fayetteville State students won honorable mention (4<sup>th</sup> place) in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Society of Financial Services Professionals (SFSP). The contest required the students to interview numerous financial professionals and to produce a formal research paper titled “An Exploration of Three Career Paths in Financial Services.” The students were invited by the SFSP to present their research on a Royal Caribbean cruise to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico, from March 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. While on the cruise, the students also had the opportunity to network with a wide variety of financial services professionals. The team consisted of MBA students Bryan Darden and Gina Proffitt and undergraduate student Rose Darensberg. The following professionals were interviewed for the paper and all were very generous with their time:



- Ashley Austin, AFC®, ATFA, State Employees’ Credit Union
- Michael L. Best, Global Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch
- Dana Haglund, Ellie Mills Insurance Agency State Farm
- Dan Heiman, State Farm
- Lewis Hershey, Ph.D, Eastern Michigan University
- Mary Lib Perry, CLU, ChCU, AFC, State Employees’ Credit Union
- Kalele K. McEachin, The Stanfield McCarthy Group at Morgan Stanly
- Davis Simmons, CFP®, ATFA, State Employees Credit Union
- Peter Simms, CFP®, ATFA, State Employees’ Credit Union

