Minnesota State Mankato Senior Awarded the Multicultural / Historically Black Institution (M-HBI) Visitation Program at Purdue University

Aaron Flomo (History ’17) was recently awarded a place at the M-HBI Visitation Program at Purdue University.

The HBI Visitation Program was established in 1988 by Director of Multicultural Programs, Dr. Dwight Lewis, and then Dean of the Graduate School, the late Dr. Robert Ringel. Among other activities, the M-HBI Visitation Program provides an opportunity for outstanding, undergraduate minority students interested in pursuing graduate studies to visit the Purdue University campus. Generally, students selected to participate in this program have relatively high GPA’s and a strong likelihood of gaining admission to one of Purdue’s graduate programs. During the three-day visit, students tour campus facilities, receive a comprehensive view of departmental programs, and meet with faculty, administrators, and graduate students with plenty of opportunities for questions.

Flomo has presented during the Undergraduate Research Symposium on the current president of Liberia Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and the role of women in Post-Colonial Africa. He worked with Professor Agnes Odinga on his research and presentation. He is hoping to study the history of the African diaspora in graduate school.

Flomo utilized resources in the Office of University Fellowships and the Department of History in pursuit of this award.

For more information on the Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State Mankato, see www.mnsu.edu/fellowships.

For more information on the Department of History, see http://sbs.mnsu.edu/history/.

For more information on the M-HBI Visitation Program at Purdue University, see https://purdue.edu/gradschool/diversity/hbi/index.html.