



## CAU Team Wins First Place and \$10,000 Scholarship at Ninth Annual Opportunity Funding Corporation Challenge

A student team representing Clark Atlanta University recently won first place and a \$10,000 scholarship during the Ninth Annual Business Plan Competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, sponsored by Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC).

The student company, Apex Plastics, presented its business plan as an early stage technology company that enables plastic manufacturers to reduce their expenditures on quality assessment and reduce their time in creating commercial plastic products for the \$17 billion industry. The company consists of Yemaya Stallworth-Bordain (M.S. Computer Science candidate, CAU, B.S. Engineering CAU '08); Kamau Sewell (B.S. Engineering from Georgia Tech, B.A. Finance from Morehouse College); and Ainsley Smith (2009 MBA candidate in Finance from CAU, M.S. Physics from CAU). The CAU team competed against 22 teams representing HBCUs that have MBA programs.



Sewell and Stallworth-Bordain also placed second in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Global Venture Challenge 2009 Idea to Product competition on March 27, 2009.

“CAU raised the bar for future OFC competitions,” said Stallworth-Bordain. “This win and the Jesse Hill Jr. Championship Award demonstrate the quality of CAU’s academic programs, as well as the quality of our students. We are honored to represent Clark Atlanta University with the best business plan of the six competition finalists.”

The team’s advisor is Dr. Edward Davis, interim dean of the School of Business at Clark Atlanta University.

“We are extremely proud of the CAU team’s representation and placement in a very competitive event,” said Davis. “The team’s achievement is a reflection of the support that professors and mentors have provided to the students, helping them to become such high achievers. This award is a testament that CAU students can compete on the national level with any other students and are top candidates for the American work force and entrepreneurship.”

OFCVC.org - Past OFC Venture Challenges - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://ofcvc.org/past\_ofcvc.htm


**OFC VENTURE CHALLENGE**  
Helping HBCU's since 2000

Back to Home


About OFC Past Challenges Participating Schools Sponsors Calendar Contact Us

**PAST OFC VENTURE CHALLENGES**


**2009 Winner : Clark Atlanta University**

 **CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY**


Second Place : North Carolina Central University  
Third Place : Winston Salem State University  
Fourth Place : Southern University  
Fifth Place : Delaware State University  
Sixth Place : Fayetteville State University



**2008 Winner : Fayetteville State University**



**2007 Winner: Fayetteville State University**



Check out the new Media section here

If you haven't already, register for the [2010 OFC VENTURE CHALLENGE](#)

**National Policy Forum on Minority Entrepreneurship Education**  
April 16-18, 2010

**HBCU Dean/Faculty Development Seminar**

Done Internet

**OFC VENTURE CHALLENGE**  
Helping HBCU's since 2000

**2009 OFC Venture Challenge**

National Policy Forum on Minority Entrepreneurship Education: April 17-19  
HBCU Dean/Faculty Development Seminar: April 16-19  
Business Plan Competition: April 16-19



Host: Fayetteville State University

The mission of the OFC is to help historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to develop a comprehensive entrepreneurship curriculum that would be particularly relevant in preparing young African-American men and women to become entrepreneurs. The program also aims to stimulate student interest in entrepreneurship and give them the experience of conceiving business ventures and preparing and presenting those plans.