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WELCOME TO THE SPEECH DEPOT!

Over the summer, our faculty members put on their work boots to revamp the Speech Communication Department. During the transition, faculty and students may have confused the chaotic department for the inside of a Home Depot store. Offices were rearranged, walls were painted, and even a Hall of Fame was instated. Eagerly, we visited the Speech Communication Department to get the buzz on the influences behind these positive changes.

Upon entering the department, appealing blue walls, fashionable carpeting, and colorful bulletin boards welcome students and staff. Successfully, the new decor provides a friendly and professional image that reflects the values of the Speech Communication Department.

The progress launched when the school offered new carpeting to the department, which compelled the faculty to begin evaluating the entire office. Dr. Isaac Blankson and Secretary Debbie Brueggemann ambitiously piloted this renovation. Although the improvements were much desired, the process proved challenging.

With empty offices full of open paint cans and rolls of carpet, the department closely resembled a visit to the Home Depot. Inevitably, this led to a frenzied environment for the summer school staff. Among several obstacles, various professors worked out of cardboard boxes and even compromised access to their computers for nearly two weeks. Fortunately, this provided many cooperative professors with an opportunity to share ideas, build cohesion, and most importantly improve the quality of their surroundings.

Several creative displays have been added to the walls to unite faculty and staff, as well as delight

incoming visitors. Cleverly, the Wall of Fame, one of the most significant displays, was established by Dr. Isaac Blankson to acknowledge and encourage faculty and students in the Speech Communication Department. The Wall of Fame will broadcast renowned individuals from this department in appreciation of their efforts. Conveniently, individuals may either be nominated by fellow colleagues and students or simply nominate themselves.

In an interview, Dr. Alicia Alexander enthusiastically shared, "The department looks fantastic! It is more inviting and coordinated." Needless to say, the Speech Communication Department has successfully evolved into a rewarding environment in which both faculty and students may be proud.



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