

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Lufkin to head FMU's new nursing program

Sylvia R. Lufkin, formerly the administrator of Wilson Medical Center in Darlington and vice president of patient services for McLeod Health, has been named head of the new nursing program at Francis Marion University.

FMU President Fred Carter said Lufkin will join the FMU faculty as professor of nursing and chair for the Department of Nursing, effective Aug. 1.



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In that capacity, Lufkin will be working to effect the transfer of the bachelor of science in nursing program from the Medical University of South Carolina to FMU, participating in planning a new School of Nursing building on the campus and providing the leadership for the development of the baccalaureate program to meet the needs of the Pee Dee.

In May, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation made a \$5 million gift to FMU to build a facility to house the

nursing program.

Carter said, "Getting someone with Sylvia Lufkin's experience to take charge of the FMU nursing program at this juncture is crucial to its long-term success."

"With her vast experience as a clinical nurse, as an educator and as a medical administrator, Sylvia brings the perfect set of credentials to this new position at FMU," said Carter. "She will do an extraordinary job in developing this program and increasing the number of nurses to serve the region."

Lufkin has been employed with McLeod Health for nearly 11 years. Prior to that, she served in administrative roles for Mayo Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., and Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

Lufkin also served as associate professor, department chair and program director for MUSC's College of Nursing satellite program at Francis Marion University from July 2000 until September 2003. She also has taught in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina.

She received her doctor of educa-

tion degree from the University of South Carolina and her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She has completed post-doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Minnesota and MUSC.

Her professional memberships include serving as a member of the South Carolina League for Nursing, and a member of the National League for Nursing, the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau -- the National Honor Society for Nursing and the International Association for Human Caring.

"I am delighted to face this new challenge and look forward to the development of such a vital educational program for the region," stated Lufkin. "I am also very appreciative of the support and professional relationships I have developed over these many years at McLeod Health, and most recently in the community of Darlington."

Lufkin resides in Florence and has two daughters, Marci and Roslyn.

Koltonski named director of facilities management

Frank J. Koltonski of Lumberton has been named director of facilities management at Francis Marion University.

Koltonski replaces Owen M. (Mitch) Martin who retired after serving FMU for 32 years.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Koltonski will oversee operation of the university's physical plant, including new construction, building maintenance, custodial services and grounds maintenance.

"I'm delighted to get someone with Frank Koltonski's experience to manage our campus facilities," said Jay Kispert, vice president for business affairs. "He brings a solid background in facility operations and maintenance,



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energy management, capital projects management, planning and budget administration."

Koltonski most recently was regional engineer and facilities manager for EMC Corp. (formerly Data General Corp.) with campuses in Apex and the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina and Duluth, Ga.

He also has held similar positions with Converse, Inc., in Lumberton, Day Engineering in Charlotte and Tultex Corp. of Martinsville, Va.

Koltonski earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace technology/engineering from Kent State University in Ohio and a master's degree in architectural engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

He and his wife Joan have four children and one grandchild.

Travel Assistance Program

The Hartford offers a Travel Assistance program to all Basic and Optional Life Insurance subscribers and their dependents through Worldwide Assistance Services, Inc. (WA).

Through this program, subscribers and their covered dependents traveling 100 or more miles from home for up to 31 consecutive days can get pre-trip information services while planning their trips and emergency assistance if they need it while traveling.

Recently, some subscribers have been confused about what information they will need to provide in order to access these services. Because the Travel Assistance Program is provided through WA rather than directly through the Hartford, the ID number for this program is different from the Hartford Life Insurance group policy numbers.

As listed on your travel assistance card, your WA ID number is GLD-09012. The Hartford group policy number for Basic Life subscribers is GL674267 and for Optional Life subscribers is GL33913. When you call to access your travel assistance benefits through WA, you will need to provide both the WA ID number and your Hartford Life Insurance group policy number.

You may find it helpful to write your group policy number in indelible ink in the space provided for it on your travel assistance card. For more information on the Travel Assistance

Program, including a complete checklist of information you will need when accessing these benefits, consult your 2004 Insurance Benefits Guide or log on to the Worldwide Assistance Services Web site at www.worldwide-assistance.com.

Accident Questionnaires

When State Health Plan (SHP) subscribers report accident-related claims, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC) needs information about the event. They gather this information through an Accident Questionnaire (AQ) that the subscriber completes.

These AQs are sent to subscribers when there is a claim filed for treatment of an injury or diagnosis that has been established by BCBSSC's staff of physicians as likely to be accident or work-related. AQs are generated once per week, based on the claims that were received that week. Some subscribers receive multiple AQs related to the same event, which can be confusing. Below are some reasons why this might happen, along with the best way to resolve each of them.

One possibility is that BCBSSC may simply not have received a response to the first AQ they sent. Since AQs are generated weekly, it is possible that a subscriber may not have sufficient time to respond to the first one they received before a second is generated. The subscriber should not receive more than one extra AQ if they return the first one in a timely manner.

Additional AQs will be sent to the subscriber each week until BCBSSC receives a completed AQ.

To help eliminate the extra cost and inconvenience of receiving AQ forms, subscribers should complete and return them in a timely manner. Subscribers may also receive more than one AQ if more than one covered person in the same family receives treatment related to the same accident. In this situation, BCBSSC will send out an AQ for each covered individual being treated for injuries related to the accident.

To distinguish among the different AQs, BCBSSC lists the name of the patient for whom a particular AQ has been generated at the top of the questionnaire. Subscribers should answer and return promptly an AQ for each covered individual being treated for injuries related to the accident.

Once BCBSSC receives an AQ response, it is valid for six months. If claims meeting the established accident-related criteria are reported more than six months after the original accident date, the subscriber will receive another AQ.

This six-month cycle helps BCBSSC identify any subsequent accidents that may have occurred. If claims reported more than six months after the original accident are related to that event, the subscriber should simply check the "update" space and return the questionnaire to BCBSSC. This will update the subscriber's file for another six months.

McDill appointed assistant vice president for accounting

M. Augustus (Gus) McDill of Florence has been appointed assistant vice president for accounting at Francis Marion University.

He replaces Sarah H. Brown who retired recently after 27 years at FMU.

In this position, McDill will be responsible for much of the university's business operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivables, financial reporting and account-

ing services.

"Gus McDill has a wealth of experience in financial management, and I'm pleased that he has accepted our offer to manage this function at Francis Marion," said Jay Kispert, vice president for business affairs.

For 16 years, McDill was controller at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. He also has served as controller at English Park Medical

Center in Marion and accounting manager at Chester County Hospital and Nursing Center.

A native of Chester, McDill studied business at York Technical College and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Winthrop College in 1984. He served in the Army Reserve National Guard from 1970 to 1976.

He is married and has two children.



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Comparisons of Undergraduate Student Fees (Per Semester)

2004-2005 Full-Time In-State Undergraduate Students

		Difference from FMU
Francis Marion University	\$2,770	
USC-Aiken	\$2,811	41
Lander	\$2,933	163
Citadel	\$2,950	180
USC-Spartanburg	\$3,030	260
Coastal Carolina University	\$3,050	280
SC State	\$3,085	315
College of Charleston	\$3,101	331
USC-Columbia	\$3,208	438
Winthrop	\$3,908	1,138
Clemson	\$3,920	1,150
Average	\$3,161	391

Source: SC Commission on Higher Education and school web sites as of July 12, 2004

FMU staff
are invited to the
Annual Staff Luncheon
honoring the recipients of
the **Outstanding Staff
Member Service Award**
and the
State Service Awards

Special guest
Rep. James A. Battle Jr.
District No. 57

Ervin Dining Hall
Wednesday, July 21
noon to 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to Linda Sullen, 1396
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Three new members join FMU Foundation Board of Directors

Three Florence businessmen have joined the Francis Marion University Foundation Board of Directors.

Jesse Franklin Bullard III, Reamer Benjamin King and James F. O'Loughlin officially joined the board July 1.

They replace O.S. "Sandy" Aiken Jr. and C.B. Askins, who each served the maximum nine years on the board, and Jay Vinson, who served eight years on the board and resigned due to his appointment as a Family Court Judge.

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of Francis Marion University.

Bullard is the regional president - coastal region for BB&T bank. He is a member of the Foundation Boards for Florence School District 1 and

Florence-Darlington Technical College. He is also a member of the executive board of the Pee Dee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the MUSC Children's Hospital Advisory Fund Board, and the Florence Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three children.

"Frank Bullard and BB&T have been major supporters of FMU, financially and otherwise, and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity," said FMU president Fred Carter. "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated partner join our foundation board."

King is the president and owner of King Cadillac Buick Pontiac GMC Inc. He is a board member of BB&T bank, and a member of the West Florence Rotary Club and Central United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Betty Gail, have three grown children.

"Reamer King has demonstrated his commitment to FMU in numerous ways over the years. He truly cares about the community and this university," Carter said. "He brings valuable experience to the foundation board."

O'Loughlin is the chief executive officer of Carolinas Hospital. He is a member of the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, and YMCA boards.

He is also a co-chair of the Relay for Life, and a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the Florence Rotary Club. He and his wife, Helen, have two children.

"Since his arrival in Florence in 2002, Jim O'Loughlin has immersed himself in the community," Carter said. "His expertise and leadership skills will be a valuable asset to the FMU Foundation."



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Instructional Fair to be held July 22

The Pee Dee Teacher Forum and Francis Marion University will sponsor Instructional Fair 2004, Thursday, July 22.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the FMU campus. The cost of the fair is \$10 and includes lunch.

Teachers attending the fair will take part in mini-sessions designed to give useful information and strategies to make the classroom a true community of learning.

Special presentations will be made by Shelley White Marsh, National Rural Teacher of the Year, and Ruth F.

Taylor, finalist for 2004-2005 S.C. Teacher of the Year.

Special sessions will be devoted to teachers considering National Board Certification. Attendees will also be able to explore new educational products from vendors, as well as interesting field trip opportunities.

Advanced registration is required on or before July 15. Details and a registration form are available at <http://alpha1.fmarion.edu/~townsen/home5304.html>.

For more information, call Nancy Townsend, Pee Dee Teacher Forum liaison, at 4649.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 7-13-04)

- Craftsman
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Custodian

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Corporate Golf Challenge set for 4th year

The Francis Marion University golf program and the South Carolina Junior Golf Association will continue to be the designated beneficiaries of the fourth-annual Carolina Bank Corporate Challenge golf tournament scheduled for Sept. 9-10. The 36-hole event will again be hosted by The Country Club of South Carolina in Florence.

The Challenge is a four-player team stroke event, handicapped by 75 percent of USGA handicaps. A maximum field of 32 teams is expected to be filled by corporations and individuals from throughout the Pee Dee region

and the state. Players will be competing for personal prizes as well as having their corporate name engraved on the tournament's perpetual trophy on display at The Country Club of South Carolina. Tournament registration also includes player gifts, lunch, refreshments for both days, and a veranda party and awards ceremony following the final day of play.

In three years, the event has raised nearly \$60,000, of which more than \$46,000 has benefited the FMU golf program.

For more information contact FMU golf coach Mark Gaynor at 1352.

Coming Up On Campus

JULY

15-16		Orientation for new students
21	noon	Staff Awards Luncheon, Ervin Dining Hall
29-30		Orientation for new students

AUG.

7-Oct. 29		Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Stephen M. Welch, UC gallery
10		Orientation for new students
12		Summer II classes end
17-Sept. 30		Art Gallery Series: 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational, HFAC gallery
22		Housing opens for new students
25		Fall classes begin

Keith joins FMU staff

Gloria D. Keith of Florence has joined the FMU staff as administrative assistant/receptionist in the Provost's Office. She and her husband, Wendell, have two children.

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