

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Homecoming 2005 activities set for Feb. 10-12

Francis Marion University will celebrate Homecoming 2005, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 10-12.

The events will kick off Thursday with a wine and cheese reception for School of Education alumni from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at The Cottage on the FMU campus.

Friday's activities will begin with a 9 a.m. breakfast for School of Business graduates at The Cottage.

At 8 p.m., in the McNair Science Building auditorium, FMU's Office of Multicultural Affairs will present a step show - "Game Over - Stomp Down 2005." Tickets for this stepshow are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Precious Cristwell at 843-661-1188.

A coffee and dessert reception at The Cottage for all alumni will begin at 8:30 p.m. The classes of 1975, 1985, and 1995, as well as former athletes, will be honored.

Saturday's festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the women's basketball alumni game in the Smith University Center gymnasium, followed by the men's basketball alumni game at 11:30 a.m.

The highlight of the day, Patriot Fest, begins at 12:30 p.m. at the university center. Alumni can enjoy a barbecue lunch while reminiscing with former professors and fellow graduates. PatriotFest will also feature music, door prizes and activities for children.

From noon to 5 p.m., alumni can take advantage of a 20-percent discount on selected items at the Patriot Bookstore.

From 1:30 to 5 p.m., a silent auction will be held in the north end of the Smith University Center gymnasium. Bids on exclusive items will support Patriot athletics.

A basketball doubleheader with

Augusta State University will begin with the women's game at 2 p.m. and the men's contest at 4 p.m. Between the two games, the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame induction will be held.

The 2005 inductees are Jeremy Halpin (baseball), Alvaro Figuerola (soccer) and Krissy Burt (volleyball). During halftime of the men's game, the 2005 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned. Admission to the games is free.

At 6:30 p.m. in the university center commons, a Patriot Celebration will begin, featuring a live auction to benefit the athletic program.

Participants will have the chance to bid on vacation packages and rare sports memorabilia. Admission is \$5 for Swamp Fox Club members and \$10 for non-members.

For more information about homecoming activities, call the FMU Office of Alumni Affairs at 1228.

FMU to hold Open House for prospective students, Feb. 5

Francis Marion University will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, Feb. 5.

The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the McNair Science Building lobby, and a welcome will be given at 9 a.m. An information fair will run from 8 to 9 a.m. and three consecutive information sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m.

Session topics will include academic programs, financial assistance, residence life, campus services, admissions and more. The information fair will provide an informal way to gather information and ask questions, and will high-

light support services available to students.

From 11:20 a.m. to noon, tours of the campus and residence halls will be given. A social and wrap-up will be held from noon to 1 p.m.

Open House is a great way for prospective students to meet faculty, staff, administrators and current students - all while learning about FMU programs and services.

The final Open House for this academic year is scheduled on April 16.

For more information, contact the FMU Admissions Office at 1231.

African-American history month program to be held Feb. 17

"Fulfilling Promises, Realizing Dreams" is the theme for the African-American History Month program that will be held in Lowrimore Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

Joint sponsors of this program are the FMU African-American Faculty/Staff Coalition, the FMU Chapter of the NAACP, the Wesley Foundation, and the Salt of the Earth

Ministry.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Carolyn A. Davis, victim/witness assistant for the State Law Enforcement Division. The program is free to FMU faculty, staff, students, and the general public. There will be a reception in the lobby area immediately following the program.

For additional information, call Linda Becote at 1308.

Faculty/Staff News

Joe Aniello, assistant professor of management, attended the annual conference of the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE), Jan. 13-16, in Palm Desert, Calif.

He presented his competitive paper titled "Improving Adult Creativity Using Therapeutic Models" as well as co-facilitated a workshop titled "Entrepreneurs-in-Action."

Buddy Bilbrey, assistant professor of computer science, gave a presentation to the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity on the topic of web page development on Oct. 13.

Jacqueline Colonel has joined the FMU staff as an admissions counselor. A native of Tabor City, N.C., she currently resides in Lumberton, N.C. She earned a B.S. degree in mass communication from UNC Pembroke.

The next **educational technology forum** will be on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. in the President's Dining Room in Ervin Dining Hall.

As is customary, lunch will be provided for the first 40 to sign up via the computer form located at: <http://acsweb.fmarion.edu/Wattles/Forum/index.htm>

Attendees are encouraged to come

and eat at 12:30 p.m. The presenter is Lisa Layton, account development and training manager for Science Direct, and her talk will begin at 1 p.m.

The library currently subscribes to ScienceDirect, the world's largest electronic collection of science, technology and medicine full-text and bibliographic information. However, many don't know how to use it effectively.

As more and more databases offer full-text, online journals it becomes increasingly difficult to know which journals can be accessed from home or office, and this talk will help clarify this.

Center of Excellence offers staff development programs for teachers

Francis Marion University is offering two free staff development opportunities to all local public school teachers and administrators.

During the spring 2005 semester, FMU will host speeches by education experts Richard Allington on Feb. 17 and Joyce Epstein on April 25. Both speeches will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Reservations are currently being accepted for Allington's speech, which will be held in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Reservations for Epstein's speech may be made after March 1.

Reservations may be made through the Center of Excellence at 843-669-3391, ext. 28 or by e-mail to COE@fmarion.edu. Seating is limited for both events and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

FMU was awarded a five-year grant that established on campus a

Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty. The grant includes a component that supports staff development and in-service training for teachers in the Pee Dee region.

Allington is a professor of education at the University of Tennessee and the president-elect of the International Reading Association. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 research articles and several books.

Among the books are: "Classrooms That Work," "Schools That Work," "No Quick Fix," "What Really Matters for Struggling Readers," and "Big Brother and the National Reading Curriculum."

Allington serves on the editorial boards of *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Remedial and Special Education*, *Journal of Literacy Research*, and the *Elementary School Journal*. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Irving and Rose Fien Distinguished

Professor of Education at the University of Florida.

While holding a joint/part-time appointment as a professor of sociology at Johns Hopkins University, Epstein is the director of the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships, and a principal research scientist and co-director of the School, Family, and Community Partnership Program of the Center for Research on the Education of Students Placed at Risk (CRESPAR).

Epstein received her Ph.D. in sociology from Johns Hopkins. She has more than 100 publications on the effects of school, classroom, family, and peer environments on student learning and development, with many focusing on school and family connections.

In all of her work, she is interested in the connections of research, policy, and practice.

Board of Trustees to consider three resolutions, Feb. 4

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in Ervin Dining Hall.

The trustees will consider three resolutions -- one approving the FMU Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, one increasing housing and dining fees, and one authorizing issuance of \$1.2 million in state institutional

bonds to build a student activity center.

The trustees will also hear reports from their standing committees and from the university president.

The board will honor the three new Trustees' Research Scholars -- Jeff Lee, Jeff Pompe and Jon Tuttle -- at a luncheon following the meeting. A planetarium show is scheduled for the trustees at 1:30 p.m.



Pianist Stephen Carlson to perform at FMU, Feb. 8

Pianist and Coker College music professor Stephen Carlson will perform in concert at Francis Marion University, Feb. 8, as part of FMU's First Tuesday Arts Event.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Carlson is a versatile soloist and chamber musician who has performed at many colleges, universities, and festivals throughout the Midwest and Southeastern U.S. and Eastern Canada.

Since 1995, he has regularly appeared at Minnesota Valley Sommarfest, where he has performed an array of solo and chamber works.

Carlson has performed chamber

music with members of the Greenville Symphony and also performed Mozart's Concerto in A major, K. 414 in cities throughout eastern Canada, including Montreal, Quebec City, and Halifax with the Gustavus Adolphus College Chamber Orchestra.

In addition, he is one-half of the McKay-Carlson Piano Duo.

He was appointed to the performing artist roster of the South Carolina Arts Commission and is also in demand as an adjudicator and clinician. Carlson will make his New York debut as a solo recitalist this March in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

He completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance and pedagogy at the University of

Iowa, where he studied with Uriel Tsachor.

He is also a graduate of the University of Illinois and Gustavus Adolphus College, where he studied with Ian Hobson and John McKay, respectively.

Carlson is in his fifth year as assistant professor of music and coordinator of the music program at Coker College in Hartsville, where he teaches piano, piano literature, piano pedagogy and music theory.

Formerly a visiting assistant professor of music at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, he has also taught piano at Gustavus Adolphus College and St. Joseph's School of Music in St. Paul, Minn.

Firenze Quartet to give concert in Kassab Recital Hall, Feb. 1

The Firenze Quartet will perform in concert at Francis Marion University, Tuesday, Feb. 1.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The quartet was originally scheduled to perform Jan. 25, but now will replace piano duettists Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt, who had to cancel their Feb. 1 performance due to an illness.

Violinist Thelma Hawkins serves as one of the Florence Symphony Orchestra's assistant concertmasters. Recently retired from the public

schools where she was the strings teacher at Williams Middle School and Wilson High School, she is well-known to the Florence musical arts community.

Violinist Doris West is also a member of the Florence Symphony. She spent many years teaching strings in Florence, serving as the orchestra director at Moore Intermediate School and West Florence High School.

Sherry Woods is principal viola of the Florence Symphony and a member of the South Carolina Philharmonic. She recently completed the D.M.A. degree in musical composition from the University of South Carolina,

where she completed a D.M.A. in viola in 1991. She maintains a studio of private students in Florence. The performance will include a piece composed by Woods.

Julia Krebs, cello, is a member of the Florence Symphony as well. Krebs is well-known to FMU students as a professor in the biology department and she was named the university's Distinguished Professor for the 1985-86 school year.

Violinist Starr Ward will join the quartet for the Feb. 1 performance. She is a concertmaster of the Florence Symphony, and also teaches privately in Florence.

Nominations being accepted for annual faculty awards

Francis Marion University annually presents three faculty awards of \$2,000 each to honor excellence over the past three years in: teaching, research/scholarship, and service.

A faculty member may nominate himself or herself or any other faculty member. The deadline for nominations for this year's awards is Feb. 4. Nominations should be sent to Dr. David White, Vice Chair, Faculty Life Committee, 133 FH.

After nominations are received, the Faculty Life Committee will notify each faculty member of his or her nomination. Specific submission requirements for each of the three awards posted on the FMU faculty governance website. The nominee should report only on activities relevant to the particular award and covering the most recent three years. Nominees' packets should be addressed to White. The Faculty Life

Committee must receive all materials from nominees by March 4.

A faculty member may be nominated for more than one award but in that case must submit a separate packet of materials for each award.

Announcement of recipients of the Faculty Awards for Outstanding Teaching, for Outstanding Research /Scholarship, and for Outstanding Service will be made at the spring faculty dinner.



Human Resources Update

Jackson Hewitt offers discount on tax service

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service has provided FMU with a supply of \$20 discount coupons for its tax preparation service.

The coupons will be available to

any FMU employee as long as the supply lasts or until the April 15 expiration date. Employees may pick up a discount coupon in the Human Resources office in SAB 105.

Spring sports teams open 2005 season

Four of the Francis Marion University spring sports teams open their 2005 seasons in the coming week.

The Patriot baseball team opens its 2005 campaign at home on Cornell Field with a Saturday (Feb. 5) afternoon doubleheader against Alderson-Broadus College.

First pitch is scheduled for noon with FMU vice president for development Jay Dowd throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. Fifth-year FMU head coach Art Inabinet welcomes back 10 of 23 lettermen from last year's 29-17 squad that finished tied for fifth place during the Peach Belt Conference regular season.

The FMU softball team takes the field for the first time in 2005 with a Feb. 8 home twinbill against St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Game

one will start at 1 p.m. First-year Patriot head coach Stacey Johnson inherits nine letterwinners, including six position starters and two starting pitchers, from the 2004 squad that finished 37-17, the third-highest win total in team history, and narrowly missed earning the program's first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. FMU finished conference play in fourth place with a school-record 12 PBC victories.

The men's and women's tennis teams, under the direction of longtime head coach Garth Thomson, will open their seasons this coming weekend (Feb. 4-5). The Patriot women will play host to Presbyterian College on Friday at 2 p.m., while both FMU squads will entertain Georgia College & State University, Saturday at noon on the Kassab Courts.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 1-27-05)

- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant Professor of History (Europe)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Pediatric Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Medical Surgical Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Coordinator of Orientation and Provisional Programs
- Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of Computer Science

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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- through Feb. 17 Art Gallery Series: Drawings by Howard Frye, HFAC galleries
- through Feb. 17 Art Gallery Series: "Reorganization of Space," digital images by Kathleen Pompe, HFAC galleries
- through Feb. 17 Art Gallery Series: Sculptural/Functional Clay from USC's Ceramics Program, HFAC galleries
- through March 17 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by James Meekins, UC gallery
- 1 8 pm Concert: The Firenze String Quartet, Kassab Hall, HFAC
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- 8 8 pm Concert: Stephen Carlson, piano, Kassab Hall, HFAC
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- 22-April 7 Art Gallery Series: "Beginnings," paintings by Anya Belkina, HFAC gallery
- 22-April 7 Art Gallery Series: "Spirit Houses," by Carol Owens, HFAC gallery

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