

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## FMU begins 36th year with fall classes, Aug. 24

Francis Marion University officially begins its 36th year with the start of fall classes this month.

A new faculty orientation is scheduled Friday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Lowrimore Auditorium. Housing for new students opens at 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, and housing for continuing students opens at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 21.

FMU president Fred Carter will welcome all faculty members back to campus with a breakfast on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 8:30 a.m. in the Ervin Dining Hall.

Students who have not yet attended an orientation session will be able to do so on Monday, Aug. 22. Students also will be able to meet with their advisers for open registration and pay their fees on Aug. 22.

The first day of fall semester classes is Wednesday, Aug. 24. Late registration and drop/add will be held Aug. 24-26 and Aug. 29-Aug. 30.

A "Welcome Back Jam" for students will be held beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, in the Smith University Center commons.

Area businesses will provide infor-

mation about their services to students at a community fair Aug. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the university center commons.

An organizations fair for new students will be held Aug. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the university center commons. The fair will introduce new students to many of the organizations, clubs, departments and activities available to them at FMU.

Construction began in June on a new 30,000-square-foot, \$7.5 million building to house the Department of Nursing. The building will be located west of the McNair Science Building across Alumni Drive.

FMU assumed administrative control of the baccalaureate nursing program from the Medical University of South Carolina on July 1, and nursing students will now earn baccalaureate degrees from FMU. The new building will house state-of-the-art equipment along with classrooms and lab space.

As a result of the nursing building project, Parking Lot B will be closed. Because of the loss of these parking spaces, several short-term parking changes are necessary. Resident stu-

dents will be prohibited from parking in Parking Lots A and H in order to provide parking for commuter students during the construction.

All students (commuter and resident) will still be able to use the open parking spaces in Parking Lots C, D, E, F and G. Faculty/Staff spaces from Parking Lot B have been re-located to Lot H and Lot A. Students are asked to refer to a campus map for the locations of these parking lots.

Construction on a new \$1.5 million student activity building will also begin this fall. The facility will be located next to the outdoor pool on campus.

The center will provide a venue for students to relax and choose from a variety of dining options during extended hours of operation. It will also include a game room and serve as a location for special events hosted by campus groups.

For the fourth straight year, the university has had a record number of freshman applicants. As of Aug. 1, applications were running at about a 16 percent increase over last year.

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## Golf and women's soccer teams move to Division I

Francis Marion University learned Monday (Aug. 8) that the NCAA has accepted its petition to move the Patriot golf and women's soccer programs from Division II affiliation to Division I.

The university received official word in a correspondence from Vanessa Fuchs, assistant director of membership services for the NCAA. With this announcement, effective this fall, the two programs will no longer be affiliated with the Division II Peach Belt Conference, but will compete as Division I independents. The remaining 12 sports offered at FMU will con-

tinue as members of the PBC.

"This is an important day for Francis Marion University athletics," said FMU president Fred Carter. "To compete at the Division I level of the NCAA is both a challenge and a privilege for FMU. All alumni, current students, and supporters of Patriot athletics can take pride in this announcement."

Following a two-year transition period, the women's soccer and men's golf programs will be full Division I members, beginning with the 2007-08 seasons. During that year, the university will assess its entire athletic pro-

gram, including how it has met goals, concerns, and issues. A decision will then be made as to whether to take the remaining 12 sports to Division I status.

FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler called the announcement, "an exciting moment in Patriot athletic history, and one that we have been looking forward to." He added, "With this official word, now a good deal of hard work must begin. Both of these programs have been very successful at the Division II level, and we are looking to experience the same success in

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**Tammy Pawloski**, director of the Center of Excellence (COE), and **Janis McWayne**, Health Resources Coordinator for the COE, have published a Health Resources Manual for the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty.

The manual was developed for the COE's partner districts (Darlington, Florence 1 and 2, Dillon 2, and Marion 1, 2, and 7). The manual is designed to be a teacher-friendly source of health referrals for students, their families and communities. McWayne will provide training sessions for

use of the guide at the district level.

**Joe Aniello**, assistant professor of management, co-authored a paper, "A Problem-Based Learning Environment for Engineering Entrepreneurship," which was published in the proceedings for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) annual conference in Portland, Ore., in June. This paper has also been listed as a resource for the University of Central Arkansas's Small Business Institute website newsletter.

## McWayne's research published in American Cancer Society journal

Janis McWayne, assistant professor of health education at Francis Marion University, had her research published in the Aug. 1 issue of "Cancer," a journal of the American Cancer Society.

McWayne's article, "Psychologic and Social Sequelae of Secondary Lymphedema," is associated with a research study she is working on at the South Carolina Cancer Center in Columbia (SCCC).

McWayne collaborates with breast cancer researchers and epidemiologists at the Medical University of South Carolina and SCCC.

She began by studying the psychosocial impacts of breast cancer treatment and became interested in the seemingly high incidence of Secondary Lymphedema (SLE) in South Carolina compared with other states. SLE is a swelling caused by lymph accumulating in the tissues.

Her research found that SLE negatively impacts psychological and social health. The psychological impact included frustration, distress, depression and anxiety, resulting in a lower quality of life.

The findings are significant because SLE is under-recognized and under-researched. Many women develop SLE because they are not informed that they are at risk.

McWayne is also a co-investigator on a four-year, \$1.5 million National Institutes of Health-funded study regarding the delivery of interventions to breast cancer patients in rural South Carolina.

She joined the FMU faculty in 2003. She earned the B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Colorado, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in health promotion and education from the University of South Carolina.

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Division I. To accomplish this goal, we must step up our recruiting and fundraising, improve our facilities, and enhance our entire athletic department."

This process began last fall (2004) with a report compiled by the Athletic Study Committee, a group appointed by Carter in June 2004 to study the future of FMU athletics.

As part of the petition to the NCAA, Hartzler explained, "We were required to submit a strategic plan that will be examined during the 2005-06 year. The NCAA will tell us how we have met our goals and what we may need to improve on or change. During this transition process, the athletic department must accomplish certain objectives during the 2005-06 year and additional items during the 2006-07 year."

The Patriot women's soccer team will open its 2005 slate with a Sept. 2 road match at Vanderbilt University. The schedule includes 10 matches against Division I opponents, including home matches against Howard University (Oct. 10) and UNC-Asheville (Oct. 18). Some Division II opponents will remain on the 2005 schedule as the team transitions to full Division I status.

"During the initial year (2005-06), we must meet all Division I requirements except for scheduling," Hartzler said. "The following year, we must meet all requirements including scheduling."

Francis Marion women's soccer coach Martin Beall was pleased with the news. "With all of the success that our women's soccer program has experienced since its inception (a .736 winning percentage over its 10 seasons), this is a logical next step. Our first-year schedule will challenge us, and will be

used as a measuring stick to see just how far away we are from competing for Division I post-season play."

The 2005-06 Patriot golf schedule includes tournaments hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Old Dominion University, Troy University, Davidson College, Furman University, and Wofford College. FMU will also host two tournaments, Sept. 19-20 at the Country of South Carolina and Feb. 27-28 at the Wexford Plantation on Hilton Head Island, that will be comprised almost entirely of Division I schools.

"We have competed against Division I programs in the past," said Patriot golf coach Mark Gaynor, "but now instead of a bonus to our schedule that improved our play, these tournaments will be the norm. I am excited about the challenge to take the golf program to a point where FMU is competing for post-season play at the Division I level."



# Center of Excellence looks forward to second year

The Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty (COE) is beginning its second year of operation.

The center was founded a year ago with a five-year, \$700,000 grant from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

The purpose of the center is to increase the achievement of children of poverty by improving the quality of undergraduate teacher preparation, graduate teacher preparation, and the professional development of in-service teachers.

Each of the center's seven partner districts (Florence 1, Florence 2, Darlington, Dillon 2, Marion 1, Marion 2, and Marion 7) has identified a district-level liaison as well as a master teacher, who will work with the COE in many different activities.

The center's five major goals are to: design and implement teacher education programs that enable graduates to effectively teach children of poverty; provide high-quality professional development programs; equip teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively with parents and community resources; develop a master's degree program which leads to South Carolina certification as a Teacher of Children of Poverty; and become the premier resource in South Carolina for helping teachers learn how to provide a high-quality educa-

tion for all children of poverty.

To achieve these goals, many initiatives will be undertaken or continued during Year 2.

"The focus of our second year will expand from undergraduate teacher preparation to include teachers already in the field," said Tammy Pawloski, FMU education professor and director of the COE. "The in-service activities that are planned will provide new tools to assist practitioners as they work to improve the success of children living in poverty."

Fifteen new modules of study will begin to be used this fall in courses in the FMU College of Liberal Arts and the School of Education. These instructional units will better prepare undergraduates for teaching children of poverty.

The Center of Excellence Colloquium Series initiated in Year 1 will continue, with speakers to be announced soon. An informational and interactive website, [www.fmucenterofexcellence.org](http://www.fmucenterofexcellence.org), became active Aug. 5. Partner-district teachers can use the website to access COE information and participate in local web discussions.

The COE will begin a partnership with Johns Hopkins University's National Network of Partnership Schools. This project will enable COE partner school districts to join the National Network and be trained in research-driven strategies.

There will also be two major activities, led by nationally recognized educational researcher Lorin Anderson, that partner-district teachers will be able to take part in. The first is an "action research" activity, and the second is a year-long "social studies curriculum development" project.

Partner districts will receive the COE's new Health Resources Manual, which outlines programs, services and other resources that are available to support the needs of children and families that live in poverty. A version of the manual geared toward parents will also be developed, using information gathered from community outreach activities. Preliminary work will also begin on the establishment of a Teacher of Children of Poverty degree from the FMU School of Education. A timeline for the program's development is expected to be finalized at the beginning of Year 3.

"We expect to announce within the next month our receipt of additional significant grants that will enable us to expand the programs and activities we have planned," Pawloski said.

"FMU's Center of Excellence is a good example of the collaboration between our School of Education and Pee Dee area schools to meet a crucial need in our area," said Ron Faulkenberry, dean of FMU's School of Education. "We look forward to increasing these collaborative efforts."

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## FMU Board of Trustees holding annual retreat today

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees is holding its annual retreat at Santee Cooper's Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis.

The retreat began Sunday and continues today. This is the first meeting of the new fiscal year led by Chairman Ken Jackson of Florence.

The trustees will hear reports on campus development from President Fred Carter. Other topics to be discussed

include new degree programs, faculty affairs, university auxiliaries, community relations, university development, the TERI program, athletics, student affairs and accreditation.

The trustees will hold their quarterly board meeting at 10:45 a.m. today. Resolutions to be considered include the naming of the nursing building now under construction and establishing standing committees and meeting dates for the coming year.



## Human Resources Update

### McLeod offers free cancer screenings

McLeod Health will hold a series of free skin cancer, prostate cancer, and breast cancer screenings in August, September and October.

A skin cancer screening will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the McLeod Family Medicine Center in Florence, located behind the McLeod Emergency Department and across from McLeod Occupational Health. A second skin cancer screening will be held Thursday, Aug. 25, at Carver Community Health Center, located at 1001 W. Sumter St. in Florence.

Prostate cancer screenings will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13 at McLeod and Thursday, Sept. 22 at Carver.

Breast cancer screenings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11 at McLeod and Thursday, Oct. 20 at Carver.

All screenings will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information or to register, call McLeod Health On Call at 777-2005 or 1-800-667-2005.

#### TIAA-CREF sessions

TIAA-CREF will offer personal financial sessions at Francis Marion University, Tuesday, Aug. 23.

The one-on-one sessions with representative Randy Brady are free of charge for full-time FMU employees.

Sessions will be held in SAB 105 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit the company's website at [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc) or call Darlene McAllister at 877-267-4505 extension 5810. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The sessions will help you:

- Understand the importance of protecting your assets against inflation
- Select your TIAA-CREF options
- Find the right allocation mix
- Understand basic types of investment choices available
- Learn about TIAA-CREF retirement income flexibility

## Jobs On-Campus

(as of 8-11-05)

■ Project Manager for The Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty (Temporary Grant Position)

■ PC/Network Support and Training Specialist/Computer Application Programmer

Faculty positions to begin in August 2006:

■ Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting

■ Assistant/Associate Professor of Management

■ Assistant/Associate Professor of Management

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

## Coming Up On Campus

### AUG.

through Sept. 19 Art Gallery Series: "Xochimilco: La Isla de las Munecas," photographs by Ann Lane, HFAC gallery

through Sept. 19 Art Gallery Series: "Homage to Hopper and Other Structures" by Lin Barnhardt, HFAC gallery

through Oct. 27 Art Gallery Series: "Life and Art," paintings by Alex Powers, UC gallery

14-15 Board of Trustees Retreat

19 8:30 am New Faculty Orientation, Lowrimore Auditorium

20 Housing opens for new students

21 Housing opens for continuing students

22 10 am Open Registration for new and returning students

23 8:30 am Faculty Breakfast, Ervin Dining Hall

23 12:30pm Luncheon for New Faculty and Mentors, Ervin Dining Hall

24 Fall classes begin

### SEPT.

6 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Artists TBA, Kassab Hall, HFAC

## Patriot Digest deadlines

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