

Patriot ★ Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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FMU to celebrate Homecoming 2007

Francis Marion University will celebrate Homecoming 2007, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 15-17. This year's Homecoming theme is "Let's Go Back."

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

On Friday, Feb. 16, the School of Business will hold an alumni leadership breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Ervin Dining Hall.

Friday evening's festivities include FMU Alumni Night at Redbone Alley in Florence at 6 p.m. The event will include an alumni hospitality area and drink and meal specials. Reservations for dinner parties of eight or more can be made by calling 843-673-0035.

Also on Friday, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the National Pan-Hellenic Council will sponsor a Homecoming Step Show for FMU

alumni in the McNair Science Building Auditorium. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Unfortunately, the show is sold out.

Saturday's events will kick off at 11 a.m. with the women's basketball alumni game, followed by the men's basketball alumni game at 11:30 a.m. Both games will be held in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

At 12:30 p.m., PatriotFest will be held in the Smith University Center commons. Alumni can enjoy live music and a meal of traditional Southern chicken bog while reminiscing with fellow graduates, former professors and friends. Alumni can also register to win great prizes and pick up free alumni goodie bags.

Also on Saturday, the Patriot Bookstore in the Smith University Center will offer special Homecoming sales and discounts from noon to 5 p.m. A silent auction of sports memorabilia and other items will be held in the

north end of the Smith University Center gymnasium beginning at 1:30 p.m. The auction's proceeds will support Patriot athletics.

A basketball doubleheader with Georgia College and State University will begin with the women's game at 2 p.m. and the men's game at 4 p.m. Between the two games, Patriot fans and the FMU Athletic Department will recognize the 1976 inaugural men's cross country team, the 1987 men's track and field team and the 1987 women's softball team. Admission to the games is free.

For more information about Homecoming activities and to register for events, call the FMU Office of Alumni Affairs at 1228.



FMU Presents Alumni Awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2006-2007 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner, Feb. 1.

The Outstanding Alumnus is Terry Alexander. A native of Florence, Alexander earned a bachelor of general studies from FMU in 1991. In November 2006, Alexander was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives, District 59 seat. In this position, he serves as a member of the medical, military, and public and municipal affairs committees. He is a career development consultant and managing partner of Sunrise of the Pee Dee and serves as pastor of Wayside Chapel Baptist Church in Florence. In addition, Alexander is an adjunct professor of religion for Limestone College.

Alexander has an extensive history of community involvement and public service. Before being elected to the House, he served on Florence County Council from 1990-2006, where he was chairman in 2002 and 2004. In addition, he worked for former Congressman Robin Talton. Alexander has held numerous leadership positions in the Pee Dee and served as president of the Florence branch of the NAACP, the Boys and Girls Club of Florence and Habitat for Humanity. His professional and civic affiliations include



(L-R) Julian Young, Ricky Cox, Rev. Terry Alexander, Paul Seward, Fred Carter

membership in the Florence Breakfast Rotary Club, Francis Marion Society, 100 Black Men of the Pee Dee, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Pee Dee Chapter of the American Red Cross, National Association of County Officials,

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Sen. John McCain to visit FMU Feb. 20

United States Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona), a candidate for his party's nomination for the presidency, is scheduled to visit Francis Marion University at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 20). His visit is planned for the lobby of the Lee Nursing Building and is open to students, faculty and staff.

The Estate of Mary Alice Caudle Ingram makes contribution to nursing program

The Estate of Mary Alice Caudle Ingram recently made a \$25,000 contribution to Francis Marion University's school of nursing.

The Last Will and Testament of Mary Alice Caudle Ingram, managed by daughter Mary Alice Ingram Busch, allowed for the \$25,000 contribution. Busch said she chose to make the donation to the nursing program for various reasons.

"We have had so much illness in my family, and the nurses and doctors have done so much for us," Busch said. "It was one of my top priorities to help those I thought really needed it. Besides, my mother and father were deeply interested in Francis Marion since it first began."

The gift is to be used to provide scholarships for nursing students who are in financial need.

"We are very grateful to receive this contribution from the Estate of Mrs. Mary Alice Caudle Ingram," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "Mrs. Ingram and the Ingram family are recognized as charitable leaders in our community and have a rich history of involvement at Francis Marion University."

Scholarship established to assist Beneteau USA employees/dependents

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by the leadership team at Beneteau USA in Marion to assist employees and their dependents pursue and complete degree requirements at FMU.

The Beneteau USA Scholarship will be awarded based on the approval of the financial assistance committee at FMU. The recipient must either be an employee at Beneteau USA who has a defined career path or the dependent of an employee who has demonstrated financial need. If there are no candidates who are employees or dependents of an employee at Beneteau USA, the recipient must be a resident of the Pee Dee Region and have a financial need.

"As a good corporate citizen, Beneteau is excited to offer this opportunity to its employees and dependents," said Jennifer Reinman, human resources director at Beneteau USA. "This is a step in the right direction to improve the overall level of education in Marion County and the Pee Dee."

The scholarship will be funded annually and administered by the FMU Foundation.

"Francis Marion University is grateful to Beneteau USA for establishing this scholarship. With over 80 percent of our students receiving some form of financial aid, scholarships are very important to their educational journey," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "This is yet another example of a local corporation stepping up to benefit its employees and the students residing in their community. Thanks to Beneteau's leadership team for this gift."

Trustees approve revised FMU mission statement

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees approved a revised mission statement for the university during its quarterly meeting Feb. 2.

The mission statement is more condensed than the previous version and primarily addresses the university's three-fold purpose of providing students with an excellent education, stimulating inquiry and research, and providing services to the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

The trustees also approved a \$25 per semester increase in the student activity fee as well as increasing the housing costs by 10 percent and dining fees by five percent. All fee increases will be effective with the 2007 fall semester.

The student activity fee will go from \$47.50 per semester to \$72.50 to fund student development activities.

Housing costs will increase as follows: Village Apartments from \$1,585 to \$1,750 per semester for four-bedroom units and from \$1,650 to \$1,820 per semester for two-bedroom units; Forest Villas Apartments from \$1,995 to \$2,195 per semester for both the two- and four-bedroom units; and Residence Halls will go from \$2,715 to \$2,930 for the two-person, one-room suites that include the 19-meal plan.

Dining costs will increase from \$1,145 to \$1,205 per semester for the 14-meal plan and from \$1,235 to \$1,300 per semester for the 19-meal plan.

Trustees also approved the naming of the soon to be built Center for the Child in honor of Gail and Terry Richardson of Barnwell, long-time supporters of FMU and enthusiastic proponents for establishing the Center for the Child.



Faculty/Staff News

Former associate dean of the School of Business, Palmetto Professor of Management, MBA program director and associate provost **Robert T. Barrett**, was appointed dean of the College of Business at South Carolina State University.

Georgena Jiunnies, mother of **Julie Bush**, associate provost for enrollment management, died Monday, Feb. 12. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Joe & Georgena Jiunnies Scholarship Fund at USC-Aiken.

Danielle Rowell, political science instructor, attended a one day anti-terrorism seminar for South Carolina Law Enforcement on Feb. 1, "What You Should Know 5 Years After 9/11". The seminar was sponsored by the LECC Anti-Terrorism Training Subcommittee. Federal and State agencies

in attendance included the FBI, ICE, JTTF, IRS, FDL, DEA, Federal Air Marshal Service, SLED, U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Attorney for the District of S.C.

Rowell will also attend a two-day "Intelligence Quick Start Program" seminar in April, sponsored by the Intelligence Program, School of Criminal Justice-Michigan State University. This seminar is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Office for Domestic Preparedness, and qualifies as a DHS Office of Grants & Training approved course.

Charles G. Carpenter, professor of accounting, has been appointed chair of the Accounting Careers/Educators Task Force of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants for 2007.

Jay Dowd, vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation, was elected an at-large District III member of the board of directors for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at the 2007 Annual Conference held in Nashville, Feb. 4-7.

Kathy Andrews, director of publications and marketing; **Jay Dowd**, vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation; **Brandie Hayes**, director of alumni affairs; and **Angela Crosland**, news writer/editor attended the 2007 Annual CASE Conference held in Nashville, Feb. 4-7. Conference attendees obtained knowledge to build stronger relationships with their alumni and donors, raise funds for campus projects, produce recruitment materials and market their institutions to prospective students.

...Alumni awards (continued from front)

National Association of Black County Officials, S.C. Association of Black County Officials, S.C. Association of Guidance Counselors and the S.C. Alliance of Black Educators. He has served on the boards of the Boy Scouts of the Pee Dee and Mercy Medicine.

In addition to his education at FMU, Alexander earned the master of divinity from the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C., in 1998. He is married to Starlee Davis Alexander, and they have two children, Terrell McClain and Matthew.

This year's winner of the Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus Award is Ricky Cox. Cox earned the bachelor of business administration in management in 1998. A cum laude graduate, Cox returned to FMU and earned an M.B.A. in December 1999. He is also a 2002 graduate of the National Commercial Lending School of the American Bankers Association and a 2005 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. Cox currently serves as the vice president and city executive for the Florence region of First Reliance Bank.

In addition to banking, Cox is active in several community organizations, including Kiwanis and Leadership Florence 2005-2006. He also serves on the board of

trustees for the Garden City Chapel and Retreat Center. Cox volunteers with the Pee Dee Area Big Brothers organization and is an active member of the Church at Sandhurst in Florence. He is married to Virginia Cox, and they have two children, Caleb and Gracy.

The Alumni Volunteer of the Year is Paul Seward. Seward earned a bachelor of arts in history in 1994 and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. at FMU. Seward is also a distinguished graduate of the Wake Forest/BB&T Banking School and has served as the vice president of commercial lending at BB&T for the past four years.

As an alumni volunteer, Seward plays an integral role at Student Alumni Association meetings as a speaker, mentor and supporter of all FMU students.

In addition, Seward is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, where he chairs the student relations committee. He serves on the Alumni Foundation's golf committee for the Chairman's Golf Classic, and he can be seen on campus at both alumni and student events.

Seward also serves on the Florence County Board of Disabilities and is a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, where he serves on the financial oversight committee. He is married to fellow FMU alum Debbie Young Seward, and the couple has two children, Olivia and Jack.



Human Resources Update

McLeod to offer ways to quit smoking

McLeod Behavioral Health Services is offering a Quit Smart program in three-class sessions on March 6, 20, 22 and April 3, 17, 19 that give support for reducing nicotine dependence and breaking the habit of smoking. The sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. at 701 Cashua Ferry Road in Darlington.

For more information or to register, contact McLeod Reservations & Scheduling at (843) 777-2005 or (800) 667-2005.

FMU Tax II students provide free tax return services

FMU and the IRS have joined forces to provide free tax return services to the Greater Florence area, FMU students, staff and faculty, each Thursday night beginning Jan. 25-April 8.

Anyone in need of tax assistance can receive it in the School of Business computer lab located in Founders Hall, room 259 C.

For information, contact Brad Johnson, FMU tax professor at 1427.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 2-14-07)

- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate/Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre History
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Biology (Non-Tenure Track)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Assistant Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of History (Public History/United States History)
- Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
- Performing Arts Center Director
- Child Care Director

Visit Human Resources
SAB 105, or call ext. 1140

Faculty schedule for Spring 2007

Cycle Two

Friday, Feb. 23: Proposals to Rannie Gamble, Provost's Office

Thursday, Mar. 1: Proposals from Gamble to David Cowles, AAC Chair

Friday, Mar. 2: Proposals from Cowles to the Faculty

(Spring Break: Mar. 5 - 9)

Thursday, Mar. 15: AAC meets, 3:45 p.m., President's Board Room

Tuesday, Mar. 20: Proposals from Beckie Flannagan to Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Mar. 27: Faculty Senate meets

Coming Up On Campus

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through Mar. 8 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Art Gallery Series: Soulscape: Drawings and Paintings by Harry Arnette McFadden, Tim Green and Randall Fulton, UC gallery

Feb. 15-17 Homecoming

Feb. 17 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Open House for prospective students

Feb. 20-Apr.5 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Gallery Series: Pit-Fired Clay Installations: Sculptures by Mark Gordon, HFAC Gallery

Feb. 22-24 8 p.m. The University Theatre, "This Is Our Youth" by Kenneth Lonergan, HFAC Theatre

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