

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## Spring commencement yields 362 degrees

Three-hundred-and-sixty-two degrees were awarded during commencement exercises at Francis Marion University on May 5.

These included 333 undergraduate degrees and 29 graduate degrees awarded by Francis Marion.

The William H. Blackwell Award was presented by Tim Norwood, chairman of the FMU Foundation, to Magan Alicia Bishop of Johnsonville, and Callie A. Norris of Florence. The Blackwell Award, named in memory of the founding chairman of the FMU Foundation, is presented to the undergraduate Francis Marion University student, or students, with the highest grade point average (for all academic work undertaken at FMU) of those graduating during the past academic year. Both students compiled perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Norwood also recognized the recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award for the 2006-07 academic year: Professor of English Pamela A. Rooks.

Eleven FMU students completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher and received their degrees

summa cum laude (with highest honors). Receiving degrees magna cum laude (with high honor) were 14 students who completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89. Thirty-six students completed degree requirements with a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74 and received their degrees cum laude (with honor).

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were conferred upon William Charles Moran, former president of Lander University, and Florence businessman Frank Harper Avent. Moran was also the commencement speaker.

Richard N. Chapman, provost at FMU, presided at the commencement ceremony. Luther F. Carter, president of FMU, gave the official welcome and conferred the degrees.

Pamela A. Rooks, director of the FMU Honors Program and professor



*FMU building maintenance employee Ben Strickland graduates with a bachelor's in business administration, management.*

of English, presented honor cords to six students. Honor cords are presented to graduates who compile a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for all academic work and for a minimum of 21 hours in Honors courses.

Teresa C. Anderson, a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to graduate students, while Robert E. Lee, also a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to undergraduate students.

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## FMU holds nurse pinning ceremony for first graduating class



*Sylvia Lufkin, chair of the nursing department, pins a nursing student.*

Twenty-eight Francis Marion University students crossed the stage to receive their nursing pins March 4, marking the end of their education in the college's Nursing Program and the beginning of their career as nurses. These students are the first to graduate from FMU's Nursing Program since the transfer of control from the Medical University of

South Carolina.

The Nursing Pinning Ceremony took place in Lowrimore Auditorium on FMU's campus.

Registered nurse Renatta Loquist was the guest speaker. Fred Carter, FMU president, and Sylvia R. Lufkin, chair of the Department of Nursing, also addressed the students.

The pinning ceremony is a way to formally recognize students upon completion of the program.



*Nursing Pin*

## FMU holds Activities Camp, May 29-June 22

Francis Marion University will hold its annual FMU Activities Camp 2007, May 29 – June 22. The camp for boys and girls, ages 5-12, is divided into four sessions and runs weekdays from 8 a.m. until noon.

Each of the five-day sessions, June 4-8, June 11-15, and June 18-22, is \$55. The cost of the one four-day session, May 29-June 1, is \$44. A rate of \$185 is available for all sessions. Camp activities will include softball, kickball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and swimming.

For more information, contact camp director Mark Bluman at 1239.

## Lady Patriots Soccer Academy to be held this summer

The Francis Marion University women's soccer program will host the Lady Patriots Soccer Academy residential camp on the FMU campus, in addition to offering several Half-Day Academy camps.

The residential camp will be divided into a pair of sessions. A camp for girls, ages 9-13, will be held June 16-19. A camp for girls, ages 14-18, will be held July 21-24.

The cost will be \$360 for campers staying on campus, and \$305 for commuters.

The Half-Day Academy camps are set for June 25-28 at the Florence YMCA (coed ages 4-13), July 23-26 at FMU (girls ages 4-13), and August 6-9 at the ESAB Soccer Complex (girls ages 4-13). The June camp will be held in the evening (5:30-8:30 p.m.), while the later two will be morning camps (9 a.m.-noon). The cost is \$95 per camper.

Francis Marion women's soccer head coach Marty Beall is the camp director.

For more details, contact Beall at 1248 or mbeall@fmarion.edu.

## Patriot Soccer camps set for this summer

The Francis Marion University men's soccer program will hold several Patriot Soccer Academy camps during the summer.

Two half-day camps for boys and girls, ages 7-13, will be held June 4-8 at the ESAB Soccer Complex and June 11-15 at the Marion Recreation Complex. The camps will meet each day from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$85 if paid before June 1, and \$100 after that date.

A residential camp for boys ages 14 to 18 will be held at FMU, July 6-9. The cost of this camp will be \$350 for those staying on campus and \$275 for commuter campers.

This camp is designed for advanced players at the high school and select level. Newly appointed Francis Marion men's soccer head coach Kevin Varnado is the camp director.

For more details, contact Varnado at 1241 or kvarnado@fmarion.edu.

## FMU Tennis camps set for June 11-15 & July 9-13

Francis Marion University will sponsor two sessions of Tennis Camp '07 for boys and girls ages 8 to 18.

The camps will be held Monday through Friday, June 11-15 and July 9-13, from 9 a.m. until noon on the Kassab Courts on the FMU campus.

Each camp will cost \$60.

FMU men's and women's tennis coach Garth Thomson is the camp coordinator and instructor.

For more details or to request a registration form, contact Thomson at 1185.

## Cornwell joins women's basketball

Francis Marion University women's basketball head coach Heather Macy has announced that Jami Cornwell of Mt. Crawford, Va., has joined her staff as an assistant coach.

Cornwell's primary responsibilities will include recruiting, on-floor coaching, individual player workouts, pre- and post-season workouts, and helping in the area of academic support for team members.

She served as an assistant under Macy for the past two years at Pfeiffer University. The Falcons compiled a two-year mark of 40-20, including a 26-5 record this past season that included an appearance in the NCAA Division II national tournament. Pfeiffer led the nation in scoring offense (83 ppg) and recorded the fourth-best win-loss record improvement of all Division II women's programs.

Cornwell also spent one season as an assistant coach at NCAA Division I University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Cornwell earned a B.A. degree in secondary education (cum laude) from USC Aiken, where she was an All-Conference performer in both basketball and softball. She was a two-time All-Region selection on the basketball court, established new school records for points (1,476), assists (568), and steals (317), and ranks in the top 10 on the Peach Belt Conference career lists for all three statistics. In 2004, her No. 20 basketball and softball jerseys were retired by the school.



## LRADAC head wins statewide leadership award

The Francis Marion University Nonprofit Leadership Institute and the South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations (SCANPO) awarded the inaugural Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership to Deborah Francis, president and chief operating officer of LRADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of the Midlands.

This award is presented to an individual who has excelled in the management of her organization through organizational and resource development.

"I am honored to have been selected for this award," said Francis. "SCANPO and Francis Marion University are dedicated to serving and strengthening nonprofit organizations for a better South Carolina. I am pleased to be recognized by such outstanding organizations."

Francis was selected for this award based on her work with LRADAC. Since her appointment, Francis imple-

mented an organizational structure designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency. In addition, she is adept at bringing multiple groups and agencies together to explore solutions for reducing the problem of substance abuse throughout the state.

LRADAC operates nationally-accredited health care programs from several locations convenient to residents of Lexington and Richland Counties.

The Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University was established to provide leadership training to strengthen non-profit organizations across the state.

For more information, please visit [www.fmunonprofit.org](http://www.fmunonprofit.org) or call Cheri Richardson at 1229.

*Article contributed by LRADAC.*

## Dove appeals to Congress for library needs

Paul Dove, dean of Francis Marion University's Rogers Library, joined librarians from South Carolina in urging Capitol Hill legislators to support libraries as part of National Library Legislative Day held May 2 and 3 in Washington, D.C.

The group, representing South Carolina, met with members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation to seek support for library legislation now pending in Congress. After meeting with staff members of Senators Jim DeMint and Lindsey Graham, the 11 attendees then broke into two teams to meet with all six Congressional District Representatives: Henry Brown (1st District), Joe Wilson (2nd District), J. Gresham Barrett (3rd District), Robert Inglis (4th District), John Spratt (5th District) and James Clyburn (6th District).

The event is sponsored by the American Library Association, FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries USA), and other concerned organizations to raise awareness about the importance to local communities of federal funding and programs such as E-rate discounts on telecommunications services for libraries which provide Internet access to South Carolina public libraries and schools.

"Libraries are integral to an informed electorate," said State Library Director David Goble. He also stated, "To ensure that South Carolina citizens continue receiving public library services, we must let Congress know the importance of libraries and library services at the local level."

*Article contributed by Curtis Rogers with the S.C. State Library.*



*Loretta Spears, senior library technical assistant/cataloging, and Wendy Moore, cataloging coordinator work diligently to serve FMU students. (R-L)*



# Activities Around Campus



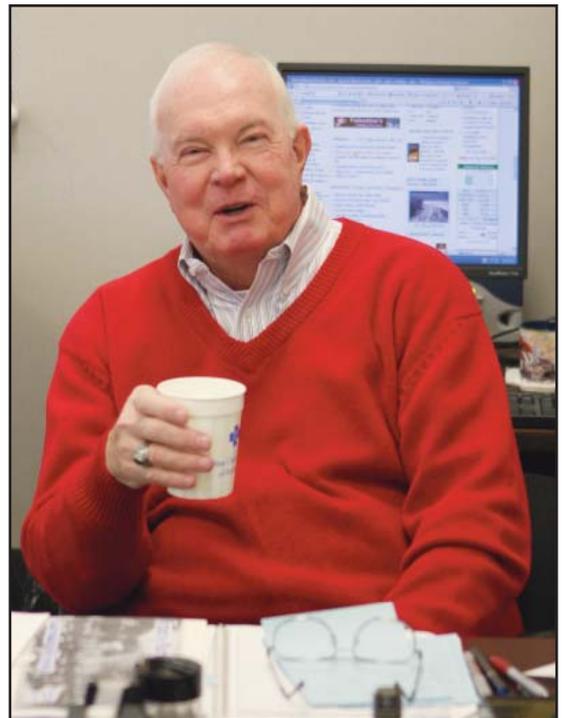
*Julian Young, FMU assistant director of admissions, holds tree dedication to the memory of the parents of FMU Board of Trustees member Hal Campbell.*



*FMU School of Business faculty, Young Professionals of Florence and community business leaders gather at The Cottage.*



*Martha Pee, FMU custodian, cleans the restrooms in the Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. Science Facility.*



*Garry Ballard, executive director of communications services, looks forward to retiring this month.*



*Staff Advisory Committee pictured (L-R): Quentin Williams, chair; Claretha McCall; Benita Woodberry; JoRetha Evans (new); Susan Johnson; Kim Davis; Brenda Calcutt, secretary (new); Ted Stewart, vice chair (new).*



## Faculty/Staff News

**Kenneth Crocker** has been named professor emeritus of marketing at Bowling Green State University. Crocker joined the FMU School of Business in the fall of 2006 as a professor of marketing.



*Kenneth Crocker*

The **Annual Community Health Charities of South Carolina Campaign** is currently underway at FMU. This campaign affords each employee an opportunity to support the health agency or agencies of their choice.

Employees received a pamphlet and pledge form through campus mail which can be used for payroll deduction or employees may make a cash donation.

For more information, contact Libby Cooper, director of community relations, at 1221.

Francis Marion University Board of Trustees and Foundation board member **Robert Williams** passed away on May 12, after an extended illness.

Williams had been a member of the Board of Trustees for the past eight years and of the FMU Foundation from 1992-2001. He has been an honorary member of the Foundation's board since 2001.

Services were held May 14 in Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel in Georgia. Interment followed in Dublin Memorial Gardens. Williams, retired president and chief executive officer of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Inc., of Darlington made significant contributions to FMU.

The deadline to submit FMU faculty and staff nominations for the **Outstanding Staff Service Award** has been extended to **May 25** at 5 p.m.

Nominations should be submitted to the Communications Services Office, 116 Stokes Administration Building.

A nomination form is available to be submitted electronically from our website at [www.fmarion.edu/news/nomination.htm](http://www.fmarion.edu/news/nomination.htm). Contact Nancy Wright at 1220 for additional information.

This year's **modified summer work schedule** will begin on Monday, **May 28**, and run through Friday, August 10. Offices will remain open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. To account for the July 4 holiday, offices will remain open from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 6.

### FMU Men's Basketball Program schedules summer camps

The Francis Marion University men's basketball program will conduct three summer camps during the month of June: an Individual Day Camp to be held June 11-14 for boys and girls in grades three through twelve; a Middle School/Junior High Boys' Team Camp (June 9-10), and a High School Team Camp (June 16-17).

The four-day Individual Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The cost of the camp is \$130, and it includes lunches. For each of the team camps, squads are guaranteed six games. Games will be officiated by certified referees. The cost of the camp is \$100 for each overnight camper (includes meals) and \$70 for each commuter camper.

FMU head coach Gary Edwards will direct the camps. For more information, call 1240.

### FMU to hold summer orientation sessions for new students

Francis Marion University will hold four orientation sessions this summer for new students who will begin classes at the university in the fall. Each new student is required to attend one of the sessions, scheduled for June 7-8, June 21-22, July 12-13, and Aug. 7.

FMU's orientation is a fun event that gives incoming students the chance to familiarize themselves with the university. For more information about orientation, call FMU's Orientation Office at 843-661-1563.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 22. There is still time for students to apply and be accepted to the university for the fall 2007 semester.

For application information, call the FMU Admissions Office at 843-661-1231, or toll free at 1-800-368-7551.

### Summer terms to begin at FMU

Classes begin May 30 for the first summer term, and a second summer session is slated to begin July 9. Most classes meet for an extended period of time Monday through Thursday.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled FMU students is already under way. New and continuing students can register May 29 for the first term summer classes, and July 5 for the second term. Available classes may be viewed on the FMU website at [www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu). Click on "current students" and then hit "open class review." New students must be accepted to the university prior to taking classes at FMU.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at 1231, or 1-800-368-7551.



## Human Resources Update

### Prevention Partners to hold stroke workshop

The State Health Plan Prevention Partners encourage all employees to attend a workshop designed to teach prevention methods, treatment and effects of stroke.

The workshop "Stroke Is No Joke," will be held May 24 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Nursing Building's Thomason Auditorium.

Sara Price, of Region Four of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, will conduct the workshop.

For more information or a registration form, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at 1143 or email her at [rculbertson@fmarion.edu](mailto:rculbertson@fmarion.edu).

### State Health Plan covers colonoscopy

The State Health Plan has long paid benefits for diagnostic colonoscopies, that is, those performed as a result of a symptom or a family history of colon cancer.

But beginning Jan. 1, 2007, the State Health Plan will cover one colonoscopy every 10 years for patients age 50 and over, even if there are no apparent problems present. The procedures are subject to patient deductibles and coinsurance. The State Health Plan covers state employees and retirees and some city and county workers.

For more information, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at 1143 or email her at [rculbertson@fmarion.edu](mailto:rculbertson@fmarion.edu).

## Jobs On-Campus

(as of 5-10-07)

- Assistant/Associate/Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of English
- Temporary, part-time grant writer for Center of Excellence Activities
- Senior Administrative Assistant for Financial Assistance
- Assistant Professor of Speech Communications
- Temporary, part-time Reference Librarian
- Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
- Performing Arts Center Director
- Child Care Director
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Management
- Director of University Communications
- Custodian
- Part-time Adjunct English Faculty
- Administrative Associate - Campus Police Dispatcher
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Nursing
- Student Services Counselor for Admissions
- Administrative Assistant for the Counseling and Testing Center

Visit Human Resources  
SAB 105, or call ext. 1140

## Coming Up On Campus

### MAY/JUNE

May 25	5 p.m.	Deadline for Outstanding Staff Service Award nomination
May 27	3 p.m.	Dooley Planetarium, NASA Missions, CEMC, Second Floor
May 28		Late Spring Classes End; Exams
May 29-June 22		FMU Activities Camp
May 30		Summer I classes begin
June 1 and 2	9-11 p.m.	Observatory Open House
June 10	3 p.m.	Dooley Planetarium, Yardsticks of the Universe, CEMC, Second Floor
June 12	10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Hewn Timber Cabins open for public viewing

## Patriot Digest Deadlines

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Questions or comments? Contact Angela Crosland at 1227.

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