

Patriot Digest

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McNulty delivers Moran Address

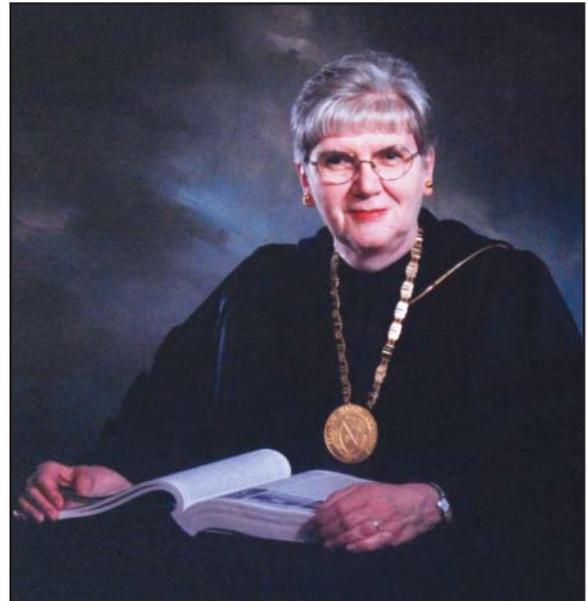
Francis Marion University English Professor Mary H. McNulty delivered the third-annual William C. Moran address at FMU, Thursday, March 27.

The program was held in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium with a reception in The Cottage following the program.

In 2002, McNulty was named FMU's Distinguished Professor and in the same year was honored with the Teacher Scholar Award by the Georgia/Carolinas College English Association. From 2000 to 2004, she held the Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank Endowed Chair in English.

A native of Wisconsin, McNulty earned her undergraduate degree from Dominican College, a Master of Arts degree from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. Before coming to FMU in 1979, she taught at Dominican College, the College of Racine and Johnson C. Smith University.

Over the years, McNulty has developed and taught a number of courses, most notably Literature for Children and Literature for the Young Child. She has also written textbooks for both courses. She has presented many papers at regional, national and international conferences and held memberships in the Children's Literature Association, the College English Association, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the Southeastern Medieval Association, the Philological Association of the Carolinas and the Georgia/Carolinas College English Association, for which she served in a number of offices, including president. Her



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publications include articles in the ALAN Review, the Carolina English Teacher, Notes on Teaching English and the Notre Dame English Journal.

At FMU, McNulty has served on many committees, including

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Lauren Benton crowned Miss FMU

Lauren Benton of Pamplico was crowned Miss FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University, March 28.

Benton is currently a junior at FMU and is majoring in biology/pre-med with minors in chemistry and general studies. She is on the Dean's and President's lists and a member of the National Scholars Honor Society. Benton is also an FMU Student Marshal, a member

of the Leadership FMU Advisory Board and Committee and an intern with the Advancing Rural Community Health (ARCH) Program.

She is a recipient of the U.S. Presidential Volunteerism Silver Award. She volunteers with the Children's

Miracle Network, Relay for Life, Adopt-A-Family and is a fast-pitch softball coach. In addition, Benton volunteers as a math tutor.

As Miss FMU, Benton will represent the university at a variety of events, including Open House, Freshman Orientation and outreach events in local high schools.

Nikki Driggers, a junior from Cheraw, was named first runner-up. Driggers is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha where she serves as secretary. She is also a member of Ars Medica and the Biology Club and serves as a Student Diplomat and a Student Marshal.



(L-R): Driggers, Benton and Beckett

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Associate Professor of Accounting **Brad Johnson's** paper titled "United States District Court Applied Judicial Estoppel, Sua Sponte, Allowing MUSC to Avoid Allegations that the State of South Carolina "Dumped" Baby Judith, Thereby Violating EMTALA and 14th Amendment Due Process," has been accepted for publication in *The Business Review*, Cambridge and will appear in the Vol. 9, Num. 2, Summer 2008 issue.

Assistant Professor of English **Jacqueline Jones** gave a paper titled "So The Girl Marries: Myth, Mystery, and the DuBois Cullen Wedding" at the Harlem Renaissance Revisited Conference at the University of

Connecticut, Storrs held March 27 - 29. She will also present a paper titled "Pondering the Strange Meaning of Being Black" at the Theorizing Blackness conference to be held at the Graduate Center, City University of New York on April 4 in New York City. Her book, *Unmasking the New Negro: Harold Jackman and the Harlem Renaissance*, is being considered for publication by a university press.

Associate History Professor **Scott Kaufman** has been invited to attend the National Security Seminar (NSS) which takes place the first full week of June.

Chemistry student Larnelle Peterson's article titled "Synthesis and crystal structures of some inorganic-organic hybrids containing fluorosacharinate" was presented at the S.C. Academy of Science Annual Meeting on March 20 at Clemson University. The article was selected for recognition as Outstanding Undergraduate Research. Chemistry Professor **LeRoy "Pete" Peterson** is Peterson's research mentor. The Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award is sponsored by the Academy and the Charleston, Clemson, and Charlotte Chapters of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, which recognizes one undergraduate student per topical session for the award.

FMU offers health screenings on-site

On April 22, FMU employees and retirees whose primary insurance coverage is either the SHP Standard Plan, the SHP Savings Plan, BlueChoice HealthPlan, or CIGNA will have the opportunity to receive a preventive health screening at the Student Health Center in the McLeod building adjacent to campus. This screening, a \$200 value, will be available for just a \$15 co-payment. Insurance pays the rest.

Within two weeks of the screening, participants will receive their personal health profile, highlighting any values outside the normal range.

The report can be sent to the participant's physician or taken to the doctor at their next visit, which could result in financial savings.

An educational brochure is available online at www.eip.sc.gov (click on Prevention Partners) or through the FMU Human Resources office if you are interested in a more detailed description of the screening components.

For more information or to register, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at ext. 1143 or email her at rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- ◆ Assistant Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute
- ◆ Lead Teacher
- ◆ Lead Teacher-Certified in Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Police Officer
- ◆ Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Programmer
- ◆ Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

Library adds new resources

Three premier digital research and teaching collections have been licensed and added to the library's web page through PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries). The library now has CINAHL Plus with Full Text which is the world's most comprehensive nursing and allied health database, and the Proquest "Nursing and Allied Health Source," which provides users with reliable healthcare information including nursing, allied health and alternative and complementary medicine, among other subjects. In addition, users can connect with the Ovid Nursing Collection II: Lippincott Premier Nursing Journals, which is also known as the Lippincott Williams and Wilkins (LWW) nursing titles. As many as 1200 total nursing and allied health journals are included in these collections, approximately 800 of which have unique content. Also

included are several hundred electronic books and reports.

Patrons are encouraged to review these databases on the Library's web page under Journal Articles and Databases.

In addition to the nursing databases, other Gale products have been made accessible through DISCUS – South Carolina's Virtual Library which is sponsored by the State Library. They include: Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center; Science Resource Center; History Resource Center; World; LitFinder; Educator's Reference Complete; Book Review Index Online Plus; Small Business Resource Center; and Nursing Resource Center.

Persons interested in learning more about the databases and other library resources may visit the Library's web page or request personalized training. Just call the Reference Desk ext. 1310 for more information or assistance.

FMU to hold Spring 2008 Job Fair Expo, April 9

Francis Marion University's Office of Career Development will hold its Spring 2008 Job Fair Expo on Wednesday, April 9, from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Smith University Center commons.

Local, state and regional business and industry representatives have been invited to participate by setting up information booths at the fair.

The fair will offer employment information and opportunities for FMU students who are seeking internships and part-time and summer employment, as well as career networking opportunities and employment information for FMU seniors and alumni who are seeking full-time employment. All FMU students and alumni are invited to meet employers, make contacts and apply for available positions.

In addition, the Office of Career Development and the School of Business sponsored several programs throughout March to prepare students for the expo including mock interviews and planning for professional life.

Employers will register throughout the month of March, so students should check the list often for updates. A list of registered employers and the available positions in their organizations is available at www.fmarion.edu/students/upcoming_events.

For more information, call the FMU Career Development Office at ext. 1676.

FMU to feature 2007-08 Film Series, April 1

The Francis Marion University Cinema 2007-08 Film Series will feature Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's "The Lives of Others" on April 1.

The film may be viewed at 3:30 and 8 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

This thriller involves the monitoring of the cultural scene of East

Berlin by agents of the Stasi, the German Democratic Republic's secret police.

In East Germany in 1984, Stasi Hauptmann Gerd Wiesler, a keenly idealistic supporter of the socialist regime, is shown interrogating a prisoner who is suspected to know who helped another person defect to the West. In the film, this is juxtaposed with his playing a recording of the interrogation while lecturing a class on Stasi methods.

Dooley Planetarium to present program, April 13

The Dooley Planetarium on the campus of Francis Marion University will present a program titled "Universe of Dr. Einstein," Sunday, April 13.

The program will begin at 3 p.m. and admission is free. The

planetarium, located on the second floor of the Cauthen Educational Media Center, will open its doors at 2:30 p.m., and no admittance will be allowed once viewing begins.

Events Calendar

April

Cinema Film Series April 1
Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
"The Lives of Others"
3:30 & 8 p.m. CEMC Auditorium

Artist Series & English Dept. April 4
William Shakespeare
"Twelfth Night" MSB

Art Gallery Series April 5
Artist Lecture by Robert Lyon
Sculpture Studio Room 117 HFAC
1:30 p.m.

Art's Alive Festival April 5
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Open House April 5

Hewn Timber Cabins April 8
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Art Gallery Series April 8-May 3
Senior Shows/Visual Arts majors;
Works by 3D Design Students
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. HFAC

Art Gallery Series April 8-May 3
Photography Student Works
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. UC

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the Academic Affairs, Tenure and Promotion, Faculty Grievance and Library Committees and the Faculty Senate. She was president of the Friends of the Florence County Library for four years, and she has been a Humanities Scholar for the "Let's Talk About It" series in the South Carolina public libraries. She has also made presentations to schools within the Florence area.

McNulty and her husband, Owen, have a daughter, Rebecca, and a son, Thomas, who is an FMU alum. McNulty retires in June after 29 years on the faculty of FMU.

McNulty's address will honor William C. Moran, who from 1978 to 1992 was FMU's vice president of academic affairs and for eight years thereafter president of Lander University.

Best elected to lead FMU faculty

D. Keith Best, professor of theatre arts, was recently elected chairman of the general faculty at Francis Marion University. He replaces professor of English Kenneth M. Autrey, who has served as faculty chair since 2004.

"I am honored to serve in this capacity, and I hope to live up to the standards of the previous chairs," Best said.

Elections for vice chairman and secretary of the Faculty Senate will be held in April. Those two persons will also serve in the same positions for the general faculty. The chairman, vice chairman and secretary will begin their

one-year terms July 1.

A professor of theatre arts, Best received the Shared Governance Award in 2005 for his commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees.

He is a resident of Florence and has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1993. A native of Valdosta, Ga., he earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts in theatre at Valdosta State University in 1986 and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Louisville in 1993.

Nominations sought for Outstanding Staff Service Award

It is time again for Francis Marion University faculty and staff to make nominations for the Outstanding Staff Service Award. The award, established in 1999, honors two permanent, full-time, non-academic employees of Francis Marion University for sustained exceptional service in their jobs. These awards, which carry a \$1,000 cash prize and a plaque, will be presented at the annual staff luncheon, scheduled in July at a date to be announced. The

awards recognize the outstanding contributions of employees to the university and community at large.

One award is designated for the university's service areas, including physical plant staff, custodians, groundskeepers and dining services. The second award is designated for academic and administrative support staff. Nominations are encouraged to honor those employees who are truly making a difference for FMU.

Nominations should be submitted no later than May 23, 2008, to the Public and Community Affairs Office, 101 Stokes Administration Building. A nomination form appears in this issue and is available to be submitted electronically from our website at www.fmarion.edu/news/nomination.htm.

Contact Nancy Wright at ext. 1220 for additional information.

ARCH announces free health screening locations

The Francis Marion University ARCH (Advancing Rural and Community Health) Program will sponsor a series of free health screenings that are open to the public at the following locations:

- Friday, April 4 -- Greater Singletary A.M.E. Church, 1576 Wahee Road, Marion, 1-5 p.m.
- Friday, April 11 -- Word of Life Christian Center, 1300 W. Main St., Bennettsville, 1-5 p.m.
- Friday, April 18 -- Rains-Centenary Early Childhood Center, 3549 S. Hwy. 501, Mullins, 1-5 p.m.
- Friday, April 25 -- The Door of Hope Christian Center, 401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Marion, 1-5 p.m.

The screenings will consist of blood pressure check, fingerstick blood sugar, lab work for cholesterol and kidney function and a health survey. Assistance with completing a Universal Medication Form will also be

provided for all patients who bring their medications.

The ARCH Program was established at FMU to provide a variety of health awareness services in rural communities including health screenings, health awareness seminars and lifestyle education programs. Under the direction of staff physician, Paul DeMarco, students enrolled in programs leading to careers involving health care, mental health, social work, and related fields are involved in providing these services, with emphasis on rural communities in the Pee Dee Region.

The programs and services are provided in community-based venues, including schools, community centers, churches, civic organizations and other appropriate locations.

For more information about the screening or the ARCH program, contact the ARCH office at 843-661-1846 or email swrchp@fmarion.edu. Visit the ARCH website at www.fmarion.edu/students/arch.

Art's Alive Festival to showcase South Carolina Dance Theatre, other dancers

The South Carolina Dance Theatre, a leader in dance training, productions and innovative performances, will perform at Francis Marion University's 31st annual Art's Alive festival on April 5.

Festivities will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Susan Rowe, the South Carolina Dance Theatre group consisting of about 40 dancers from age nine to teenagers will be performing a wide variety of ballet styles as well as tap and jazz in FMU's McNair Auditorium. The group is celebrating its 30th year as the region's only ballet company.

They along with 10 other groups will perform in either the McNair Auditorium or the Outdoor Dance Stage. Other groups include the Performing Arts Academy, The Wanda Project, Coker Repertory Dance Company, Phat Pheet of Williams Middle School, the Tri-City Shag Club, Dancin' on Main, Kelley's Fine Arts, Showbiz Studio & Dance Company, School of Dance Arts and Dance for Joy Dance Studio.

Editor's Note: This article is the third in a series of four to be released highlighting the Art's Alive Festival.

Miss FMU ...

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She volunteers at the Florence Area Humane Society and Mercy Medicine. She is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry.

Brandi Beckett, a junior from Florence, was named second runner-up and Miss Congeniality. Beckett is majoring in biology with a

minor in chemistry. She is a member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Ars Medica, House of Royal Fashion Show and New You Fitness Group. She volunteers with numerous organizations including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Pee Dee International Festival, Pecan Festival, Pennies for Babies and the March of Dimes.

The Miss FMU Pageant began in 1971 and is held each year. To be involved in next year's pageant, pick up an application next spring in the Office of Student Affairs located in the Smith University Center, room 205.

Digest Deadline

The Patriot Digest is published twice monthly and distributed on paydays.

Submit copy to the editor by April 10 for the April 15 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at acrosland@fmarion.edu or at ext. 1227.

NOMINATION FORM

2008 OUTSTANDING STAFF SERVICE AWARD

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Name of Nominee _____

Job Title of Nominee _____

Department Employed _____

Number of Years Nominee Employed at FMU _____

Why Should This Employee Be Recognized?

Describe How This Employee's Service Has Made a Difference at FMU. _____

Attach a resume, biographical information or any documents or materials that you deem appropriate to support your nomination. Include campus involvement, service on committees, community activities, etc.

Submitted by _____ Date _____
(Name of Person Making Nomination)

Return to Public and Community Affairs Office, 101 Stokes Administration Bldg., no later than May 23, 2008.

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FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

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Nominations are encouraged to honor those employees who are truly making a difference for Francis Marion University. Nominations should be submitted no later than May 23, 2008, to the Public and Community Affairs Office, 101 Stokes Administration Building.

The following criteria have been established:

- (1) Recipients must be full-time, permanent employees of Francis Marion University with classification below major department head level. Department heads, vice presidents, deans and faculty members are not eligible for this award.
- (2) Recipients must have demonstrated exceptional service for a sustained period of time, exercising sound judgment and character in their work. Community service activities also will be considered.
- (3) New nominations are required each year. Nominations may be made by any administrative, faculty or staff member at Francis Marion University. Self nominations are not accepted.
- (4) The deadline for nominations is May 23, and should be made on a nomination form available on the back of this page, through the Public and Community Affairs Office, or via the FMU web site, www.fmarion.edu/news/nomination.htm. Supporting materials, such as campus involvement, service on committees, and community activities, should be included with the nomination form.
- (5) Nominations will be judged by a committee appointed by the president.
- (6) Past winners will not be eligible to receive the award a second time.