

# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

April 15, 2008

## Three to be awarded FMU honorary degrees

A state senator, a former state representative and a Francis Marion University professor will be awarded honorary degrees from FMU during spring commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees are: Kent M. Williams of Marion, representing Senate District 30; Harriet Keyserling of Beaufort, who once represented House District 124; and Kenneth Maxwell Autrey Jr. of Columbia, FMU professor of English and FMU faculty chairman.

Keyserling will also be commencement speaker for the 351 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates include 329 students for undergraduate degrees and 22 for graduate diplomas.

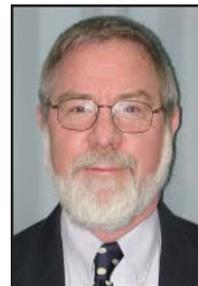
Keyserling grew up in New York City, graduated with honors from Barnard College, the women's college of Columbia University, majoring in economics and mathematics.

During World War II, she married Herbert Keyserling, a physician of Beaufort and spent the next 30 years raising four children and engaging in community activities, primarily in the field of the arts and social services, in Beaufort. She helped organize a Beaufort branch of the League of Women Voters, which led to her running for Beaufort County Council, to which she was elected in 1974, the first woman to serve there. In 1977, she was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives.

Keyserling became only the second non-lawyer to serve on the House Judiciary Committee. She also served on the Education, Public Works and Ways and Means committees, the Joint Legislative

Committee on Energy and the Joint Legislative Committee on Cultural Affairs, which she chaired from its inception until 1991. She served Governor Dick Riley as an advisor on energy issues, and from 1979 to 1982 was a member of Congress' Advisory Panel on Nuclear Waste Disposal.

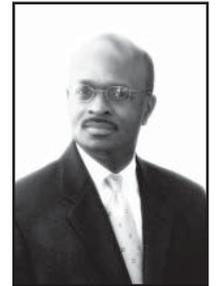
She was instrumental in the passage of the comprehensive Education Improvement Act (EIA) during her tenure. Keyserling was also influential in the creation of a Task Force on the Arts in 1980, which ultimately laid the foundation for building an infrastructure for the arts in South Carolina. In 1985, the Joint Legislative Committee on Cultural Affairs (JLCCA) was born out of this effort, and she chaired the committee from its creation until 1991. Keyserling retired from the House of Representatives in 1993.



Autrey



Keyserling



Williams

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## Non-Profit Leadership Institute graduates sixth class

Twenty-nine South Carolina residents and one North Carolina resident participated in commencement exercises for the sixth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University, April 11.

Remarks were given by Bradley Callicott, executive director of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and FMU president Fred Carter. Institute participants were each presented with a certificate.

The institute is a seven-month training program for leaders of non-profits. Topics included leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation.



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## FMU Trail Commission receives funds from Marion groups

Robert C. Barrett, executive director of the Francis Marion Trail Commission, and Ben Zeigler, the chairman of the Commission, received funds from Marion County, the City of Marion, Marion County Progress, Marion Chamber of Commerce and Historic Marion Revitalization Association last week.

The monetary gifts, Marion County Administrator Tim Harper said, are a show of faith in the Trail Commission.

Ranging from \$750 to \$1,250, the county entities donated \$5,250 to the Commission.

The Francis Marion Trail Commission was established by state legislators in 2005. The Trail will meander from Berkeley County, in the southern end of the state to Marion County in the north, and points in between. In April 2007, state archeologists on contract with the Trail Commission excavated in Marion County, along the Pee Dee River at Dunham's Bluff, in the Woodberry Preserve. That site and others, Zeigler said, make Marion an important feature in the line up

of planned stops along the trail. In addition to providing a way to better preserve history and heritage, officials hope the Francis Marion Trail will promote tourism and spur economic relief in portions of the state that are traditionally rural and poor.

Marion County is rich with historic sites, Zeigler told the group of county leaders. The Trail expects to have four primary entry point visitor centers with interpretive centers, he said. There will also be several smaller interpretive centers along the Trail. For information about the Trail, call Barrett at ext. 1847. The commission meets monthly.

The commission is authorized to solicit and raise funds for the trail from public and private sources, and in coordination with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, to designate the location and route of the trail to be included in the department's State Trail System.

## Non-Profit Leadership Institute ... *Continued from front*

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU Non-Profit Leadership Institute.

The class will be conducted again during the 2008-2009 academic year. For more information, contact Julian Young, Non-Profit Leadership Institute liaison at 843-661-1199.

(Hometown: Name, Organization - City of organization)

Allendale: Georgia Famuliner, Communicare – Allendale

Anderson: Juan

Luvene, Fusion Explosion, Inc. – Anderson

Columbia: Nancy

Barton, Sistercare

– Columbia; Barbara

Comar Brothers, Epilepsy

Foundation of South

Carolina – Columbia;

Maria Hargrave, Palmetto

Health Foundation

– Columbia; Terry

Hodaly, Interfaith

Community Services of

S.C. – Columbia; Anita

Garrett, DRAMA, Inc.

– Columbia; Charles

Weathers Sr., S. Atlantic

Episcopal District A.M.E.

Zion Church – Columbia

Conway: Wallace

Evans Jr., A Father's Place

– Conway

Dalzell: William

Frierson, Lee County

Council on Aging

– Bishopville

Florence: Robert Carter Barrett, Francis Marion Trail Commission

– Florence; Dawn S. Johnson, Florence County Disabilities and Special

Needs Board – Florence; Kathy Johnson, Francis Marion University –

Florence; Salley Davidson, Public Library – Marion; Fred "Trip" DuBard

III, Eastern Carolina Community Foundation – Florence; Brandie Love,

Francis Marion University Foundation – Florence; Leslie Olsen, All

Saints' Episcopal Day School – Florence; Lynette A. Savereno, Pee Dee

Resource Conservation and Development – Darlington

Georgetown: Jamie Bromell, Miss Ruby's Kids – Georgetown

Goose Creek: Elizabeth Gilbert, Eagle Harbor Boy's Ranch

– Summerville

Isle of Palms: Daniel Nesbitt, United Methodist Relief Center – Mt.

Pleasant

Lexington: David Latimer III, South Carolina Troopers Association

– Columbia

Moncks Corner: Booker Manigault, United Methodist Relief Center

– Moncks Corner

Myrtle Beach: Johanna Haynes, Careteam, Inc. – Myrtle Beach;

Alexandria Springer, Horry County Literacy Council – Conway

North Charleston: Johnna Murray, Charleston Development

Corporation – North Charleston

Ridgeville: Faye Hill, Lowcountry Crisis Pregnancy Center – North

Charleston

Townville: Tracy W. Bowie, Anderson Interfaith Ministries

– Anderson

Wadmalaw Island: Margaret Peck, St. Matthew's Community

Outreach Center – Charleston

### OUT OF STATE

Wilmington, N.C.: Amanda Jordan Brainard, The Alternative Dispute Resolution Center - Wilmington

## Jobs on Campus

3-28-08

- 🔗 **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
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- 🔗 **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**

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SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

## Honorary Degrees ... *Continued from front*

Since leaving office, she has remained active on the Spoleto Festival Board of Directors, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Beaufort Arts Council and the Palmetto Project.

Her autobiography, "Against the Tide: One Woman's Political Struggle," was published in 1998 by the University of South Carolina Press.

Sen. Williams was elected to the S.C. Senate in 2004 to represent District 30, which includes portions of Florence, Dillon, Marion and Marlboro counties. He was sworn in for a four-year term in January 2005. He was appointed to the Agriculture and Natural Resources; Fish, Game and Forestry; Corrections and Penology; General; Judiciary; and Education Oversight committees. He is also a member of the Immigration Study Committee.

Sen. Williams was born in Marion County to James and Thelma Howard Williams. After graduation from high school, he received an associate's degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College and a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State University.

He has worked for Independence Federal Savings and Loan Bank in Washington, D.C., South Carolina State University and Clemson Extension Service. He is currently deputy county administrator for Marion County. In service to his community, he was a member of the Marion County Board of Education from 1998 to 2004, where he served four of those years as chair.

Before becoming a legislator, former Governor Carroll Campbell appointed him to the 12th Judicial Circuit South Carolina Agriculture Commission. He also served on the 12th Judicial Circuit Youth Council Board, Duke Endowment Board and the Marion District of the Rural Commission on Economic

Development.

In addition, Sen. Williams served as the director and treasurer of the Marion District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Boy Scouts. He is a member and steward of the St. James A.M.E. Church in Marion.

Autrey was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., but was reared in Auburn, Ala. His mother was a homemaker while his father was a college professor in Auburn University's School of Agriculture. Autrey's father also led faculty governance initiatives serving as president of the faculty senate at Auburn University.

After graduating high school, Autrey attended Davidson College where he earned the B.A. degree in English in 1967. It was then that he served for two years as a Peace Corps English teacher in Ghana, West Africa. Subsequently, he taught in upstate New York middle and junior high schools.

Autrey has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1989. Prior to coming to FMU, he taught at the University of South Carolina and Tougaloo College. In 1996-97, he was a visiting professor at Hiroshima University in Japan while on leave from FMU.

He earned the M.A. degree in English from Auburn University in 1973, and the Ph.D. degree in English from the University of South Carolina in 1986.

He is currently chair of the FMU faculty and teaches courses in composition, poetry writing and literary nonfiction. He has published articles and chapters on the teaching of writing and on contemporary poets. His poetry has appeared in many magazines and anthologies.

Autrey and his wife, the former Janne Weir Debes, have two daughters: Tess Autrey Boshier of Richmond, Va., and Nell Autrey Driggers of Ocean Springs, Miss. Autrey has five grandchildren.

## Events Calendar

### April/May

University Wind Symphony	April 15
Chapman Auditorium	MSB
8 p.m.	
Student Life Awards	April 15
Palmetto Room	EDH
4 p.m.	
Cut Time Show Choir	April 17
Adele Kassab Recital Hall	HFAC
8 p.m.	
Distinguished Faculty Dinner	April 17
6 p.m.	EDH
University String Ensemble	April 20
Adele Kassab Recital Hall	HFAC
7:30 p.m.	
Reading Day	April 22
Dooley Planetarium	April 27
"Stars of the Spring and Summer"	CEMC
3 p.m.	
Commencement	May 3
10 a.m.	UC



A team of Francis Marion University (FMU) School of Business students placed second among 38 teams competing in the national strategic management case competition held April 3-6 at the annual Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) meeting in Washington, DC. (L-R) Forest David, faculty advisor; Fred David, faculty advisor; Dawn Sawyer; Will McNamara; Diana Luhman; and Cornelio Monjarrez.

## 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](http://www.fmarion.edu/news/nomination.htm).

Contact Nancy Wright at ext. 1220 for additional information.

## Leadership FMU graduates first class



First Class of Leadership FMU

On April 7, 31 students were recognized for their participation in Leadership FMU: The Winning Edge program. Leadership FMU is a new initiative from the division of student affairs. The mission of the program is to enhance the leadership skills of FMU students by providing programs and services designed to increase knowledge of the campus community, character development, ethical standards, professional and career development and civic responsibility.

### Digest Deadline

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

Submit copy to the editor by April 25 for the April 30 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at [acrosland@fmarion.edu](mailto:acrosland@fmarion.edu) or at ext. 1227.

The six class training sessions began on Jan. 22 and ended on March 31. Each class began with a featured faculty or staff member from FMU who shared their personal leadership journey. The goal of the class is to provide students an opportunity to learn about leadership through self exploration that focuses more on character, diversity, self reflection, honesty and integrity rather than emphasize specific leadership skills and strategies.

"Leadership is a mindset that includes character, ethics, compassion for others and a willingness to give your best," said Teresa Ramey, dean of students and program advisor for Leadership FMU.

The Leadership FMU program consists of three areas: The Winning Edge, designed for sophomore and juniors, the Leadership Think Tank, an annual meeting of students, faculty and staff to discuss and evaluate leadership at FMU and the First Year Leadership Explorations or FLEX program for first year students.

Ramey works with a group called the Leadership Advisory Board, a working group consisting of students, faculty and staff charged

with planning and implementing the Leadership FMU programs. The program is also advised by Dollie Newhouse, director of career development, and faculty members Nancy Zaice and Mary Dittman.

At the graduation ceremony on April 7, the students received certificates of completion and a lapel pin with the engraving "Leading the Way" with a compass underneath. The ceremony included reflections from a class participant, a class tribute in the form of a poem and a presentation on the character of leadership by Darryl Bridges, vice president for student affairs. The guest speaker for the evening was Cathy Lee, corporate chief of staff at McLeod Health and FMU alum.

"I am very proud of the commitment these students showed by attending the classes. Their willingness to learn and learn from each other is a true sign of leadership," Ramey said.

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?

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

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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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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](http://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.