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# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

July 31, 2008

## Davis, Richardson Named Outstanding Employees

Kimberly G. Davis and David B. Richardson, both of Marion, have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 30 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.

Davis is assistant director of institutional research and human resource assistant and Richardson is a craftsman supervisor for building maintenance.

Davis has been employed at FMU for 22 years and Richardson for 19 years. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Fred Carter presented Davis and Richardson with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees. Rep. Lester P. Branham Jr. was the guest speaker.

L. Allen Eaddy of Florence, senior lead custodian; Brenda M. Hill of Florence, administrative assistant for the Center of Excellence; Otis Nichols of Darlington, craftsman for building maintenance; and Diane Scarborough, lab manager in the Department of Biology, were cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Mary L. Batson of Marion, coordinator of classification, compensation and employment; Christal C. Bazen of Johnsonville, director of financial services and student accounts; Angela C. Canteo of Mullins, administrative assistant for biology;



Davis, Carter, Richardson

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## School of Education hosts divergent learning conference

Francis Marion University's School of Education Graduate School will host the first Conference for Advocacy for the Non-traditional and Divergent Learner (CANDL) on Friday, Aug. 8, in the Lee Nursing Building on the FMU campus.

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The theme of the half-day conference is "Lighting the Way for Lost Learners." It will open with Stephen Taylor, founder of the divergent learning concept, as the keynote speaker. Taylor has recently published two

books, *Round Kids, Square Schools: The 20th anniversary portrait of the divergent learner* and *Round Kids, Square System: Opening the door to the cultural belonging for the divergent learner*.

Following the keynote address will be three concurrent sessions. These sessions will be 50 minutes each and will run from 9-11:50 a.m. Closing remarks and door prizes will follow these sessions.

To register, complete a registration form and send with check or money order in the amount of \$25 made payable to Francis Marion University to: Cashier's Office, Francis Marion University, Post Office Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29501-0547.

For overnight accommodations, contact the Holiday Inn Express (843-629-9779) at Highway 327 and I-95. Rooms for the night of Aug. 7 are available at the FMU rate of \$69 per night.

## Outstanding employees ... *Continued from front*

JoRetha L. Evans of Florence, senior administrative assistant for athletics; Elizabeth I. Gould of Florence, director of human resources services; Yulaundra F. Heyward of Florence, assistant director of the counseling and testing center; Quincy Jupiter of Florence, dining services aide; David S. Robinson of Mullins, supervisor of residence buildings/housing maintenance; Linda R. Singleton, custodian; Nancy Wright of Florence, administrative manager of public affairs.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Darryl L. Bridges of Florence, vice president for student affairs; Tamara M. Gardner, administrative associate in the physical plant; Alvin L. Jackson of Lake City, estate groundskeeper; and Angela L. Payton of Florence, publications editor in Office Services.

Nine employees who are retiring from FMU were also recognized— Julie J. Bush, associate provost for enrollment management; Phyllis R. Driggers of Darlington, senior administrative assistant for political science and geography; Myra M. Hall of Mullins, coordinator of classification, compensation and employment; Lula M. Hayden of Florence, lead custodian; Terry H. Hunt of Florence, senior administrative associate of telecommunications and payroll; Nancy A. Jeffords of Florence, system support technician in the library; Robert E. Merritt of Florence, university attorney; Hannah D. Platt of Dillon, custodian; Lela B. Windham of Timmonsville, custodian.

## Staff Advisory Committee members named

*The Staff Advisory Committee consists of 11 members representing all staff departments at FMU. The committee's mission is to foster open communication between staff and administrators and to ensure that staff suggestions and recommendations are made known to the president. The committee encourages open dialogue and comments on issues relevant to the successful operation of this institution.*

*The following are members of the committee for 2008-2009. Five of them are new to the committee:*

### Jobs on Campus

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-  **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
-  **Assistant Professor of English**
-  **Library Systems Technician**
-  **Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship**
-  **Part-time instructor of Biology**
-  **Part-time Spanish instructor**
-  **Reference Librarian**
-  **Human Resources Assistant**
-  **Assistant to the Dean for Accreditation Support**
-  **Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants**
-  **Coordinator of Student Services for Nursing**
-  **Part-time/Temporary Registered Nurse**
-  **Director of Business Development - North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs)**

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



Calcutt

Brenda Calcutt is a 2004 graduate of FMU with a degree in Elementary Education. She was employed at FMU from 1987 to 2004 in the Cataloging Department of Rogers Library. After two years of teaching 2nd grade she returned to FMU in 2006 and works in the Reference Department. She and her husband Kevin have one son.



Evans

JoRetha L. Evans is a native of Columbia. She has been a part of the FMU family since 1998 as a senior administrative assistant in the Athletics Department. She is an active member of Savannah Grove Baptist Church. She also has a daughter, Nicole Patrice' and a son Erwin, Jr. Her hobbies include writing, bowling, traveling, singing and boxing.

Sherry Owens (not pictured) is a resident of Mullins. She has two daughters, Kayla and Kathryn White. Owens is the administrative assistant for the Physics, Astronomy and Chemistry Departments and has been working at FMU since 2001.



Pickett

John Pickett (new) has been employed at FMU for 13 years as an estate groundskeeper.

He is a member of Southside Free Will Baptist Church where he serves as an usher and trustee. His hobbies include golfing, playing on the computer and playing music.



Smith

Janice Smith is a resident of Darlington. She has been married for 22 years and has two children and one granddaughter. Smith is the senior administrative assistant for the Office of Career Development. She has

been employed at FMU since 1998. She is a primary Sunday school teacher, an assistant church secretary and praise team leader at Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church. Her hobbies include shopping, entertaining, playing board games and spending time with her family.



Stewart

Ted Stewart of Florence is a lead groundskeeper. He has been employed at FMU for five years. He has been married to his wife Marilyn for 26 years, and they have three children.



Sullen

Linda Sullen (new) of Florence is an accountant in the office of telecommunications, payroll and inventory.

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## YESCarolina names top entrepreneurial student

Senior Detria LeShay Graham of Wilson High School won the YESCarolina Top Entrepreneurial Student of the Year for her business, Paws and Claws Pet Photography, on July 16. She also won the Jimmy Bailey Social Entrepreneurship Award, which was unanimously awarded by her classmates for having the best social responsibility plan.

Detria qualified for the Motley-Rice Advanced Biz Camp in Charleston during July 10-16 at the College of Charleston as one of the Top Ten Entrepreneurial Students in South Carolina. During the week, she competed with the other students and presented her business plan to a panel of successful local entrepreneurs - Alicia Aloe -Tablemaestro.com, Michele Hoban and George Worthington - Muddy Waters Coffee Shop, and Brian Bertolini - Rio Bertolini Pasta.

Detria LeShay Graham won the 2007 FMU Biz Camp but further developed her business plan in the Wilson High School Entrepreneurship Club, instructed by Brianna Zhang of the Kelley Small Business Institute.

"I believe a good attitude and determination will make me a successful entrepreneur. A lot of my success can be credited to Brianna Zhang of the Kelley Small Business Institute for being a great mentor and teacher. I also believe that without the support of the Kelley Small Business Institute and YESCarolina, I would not have a clear direction. I truly love photography and pets and feel that you should not do anything if you don't love it."

Frances Daniels of the Florence Career Center in Florence School District One was recognized as one of the YESCarolina 2008 Top Ten Entrepreneurial Teachers. She currently teaches Marketing, Fashion Merchandising, and Entrepreneurship. Frances completed the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)



(L-R): Zhang, Graham, and Chandra Graham (mother) at the 2008 Baker-Hulsey Award Ceremony in Charleston on July 16

university course to become a Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher at Francis Marion University in June 2007.

YESCarolina is the program partner for the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) in South Carolina. YESCarolina is a nonprofit organization created to offer South Carolina educators the opportunity to utilize curriculum written by acclaimed business teacher Steve Mariotti, founder of NFTE. Through entrepreneurship education, YESCarolina helps young people from communities statewide build skills and unlock their entrepreneurial creativity.

From 2003 to 2008, YESCarolina has trained 380 NFTE Certified Entrepreneurship Teachers who have in turn touched thousands of young South Carolinians with innovative entrepreneurship curriculum.

## Events Calendar

### August

New Student Orientation August 7, 8

Dooley Planetarium August 10  
"The Evening Sky"  
3 p.m. CEMC

Hewn Timber Cabins Tours August 12  
10:30 am-2:30 pm

Freshman Move-In August 16

New Student Orientation August 18

Fall classes begin August 20

Dooley Planetarium August 24  
"Mighty Jupiter"  
3 p.m. CEMC

## Civitan club informational meeting to be held on campus

Individuals interested in being a part of a Civitan club are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 6, to be held from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the Cottage.

Julian Young, community relations and events coordinator at FMU, is organizer of the event.

The meeting will help determine FMU community interest, meeting times, and provide information about the Civitan membership.

Civitan is an all-volunteer international service organization of more than 55,000 men, women, and teenagers in 22 nations working together in community clubs to help those less fortunate than themselves. Civitan clubs provide a great deal of service to their communities,

with emphasis on aid to people with developmental disabilities, youth leadership development, and good citizenship. Through Civitan, club members discover the best in themselves and in others. Civitan gives its members an opportunity to be involved in helping others, develop new friendships, and gain valuable leadership skills which can be used in all aspects of life.

For more information about the meeting, contact Young at ext. 4659.



## Faculty/Staff News



Macy

Francis Marion University Women's Basketball Head Coach **Heather Macy** was one of eight featured speakers at the 2008 South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Clinic, July 27-30, in North Charleston.

The event was held at the Charleston Area Convention Center Complex.

Macy spoke on July 28 and her presentation was titled "Pressure Defense: 94' and 40 Minutes." She is the only female coach among the presenters, which include USC's Darrin Horn and Clemson's Oliver Purnell.

In her first season at Francis Marion, Macy directed the Patriot women to the ninth-best turn-around in NCAA Division II history. FMU posted a 21-9 record, captured a share of the Peach Belt Conference regular-season crown and earned a bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament, where the program served as host for the South Atlantic Regional, only a year after FMU compiled a 6-22 mark in 2006-07.

In three seasons as a collegiate head coach, Macy owns a 61-29 mark.

FMU student Dana Gullede and Assistant Chemistry Professor

**Kris Varazo**, collaborating with U.S.C. Professor Qian Wang have been studying the fluorescent properties of a new molecule synthesized using 'click chemistry.' This molecule has promising use as a way to sensitively detect metal ions in biological systems, where they carry out many important functions. Their work will appear in the September issue of international chemistry journal *Tetrahedron Letters*.

This publication provides maximum dissemination of outstanding developments in organic chemistry. The journal is published weekly and covers developments in techniques, structures, methods and conclusions in experimental and theoretical organic chemistry.



Varazo

**Stacy L. Stafford** of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a certified lead teacher for the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child.

**F. Brandon Turbeville** of Mullins has joined the FMU staff as an administrative assistant for the Counseling and Testing Center.

## Staff Advisory ... *Continued from front*

She has been employed with the university for 32 years. She is married and has two children.



Torgersen

**Kevin Torgersen (new)** is a computer technician in the campus technology department. He received an associate degree from Spartanburg Methodist College and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina. He enjoys breaking and fixing

things and deep sea fishing in his spare time.

**Benita Woodbury (not pictured)** is the administrative assistant for the office of student development, which is responsible for many of the non-academic functions of the university. She is a graduate of Barber-Scotia College in Concord, N.C., and has been employed at FMU since 1984. Her hobbies include crafts, sewing and shopping.

**Juanita Cooper (new)**  
**Brunson Gibbs (new)**



Cooper



Gibbs

*Bios for Cooper and Gibbs were not available at press time.*

## Digest Deadline

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

Submit copy to the editor by Aug. 11 for the Aug. 15 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at [acrosland@fmarion.edu](mailto:acrosland@fmarion.edu) or at ext. 1227.

## ARCH to host health forum

FMU's Office of Rural Community Health will host a forum on health care reform options.

The free forum, *Got Health? Access to Care in the Pee Dee and Beyond* will be held on Sept. 11 from 1-5:15 p.m. in Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium on the FMU campus.

Safety and health professionals from the government and the private sector will

provide participants with details, examples and information on access to care and on increasing availability of health care coverage.

The organizers of the event are Paul DeMarco, director of Advancing Rural Community Health Program, Peter King, biology chair and Travis Knowles, assistant provost.

For more information about the forum, call ext. 1846.