

Patriot Digest

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Carter to receive Lucius D. Clay Medal in Germany

Fred Carter, president of Francis Marion University, will be awarded the General Lucius D. Clay Medal by the Federation of German-American Clubs in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Oct. 2.

Carter was notified of the award in a letter from Brunhild Putz, president of the Federation of German-American Clubs. The award, also being presented to German official Klaus Ruter, will be presented during a festive ceremony at the Fruchthalle at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 2.

The medal is the highest decoration that the federation awards to Germans or Americans who have developed and intensified German-American relations in a special way. Previous winners have included German presidents, U.S. ambassadors and diplomats, members of Congress, German and American military leaders and university leaders.

The federation established the award in 1980 in honor of American General Lucius D. Clay (1898-1978), the father of the Berlin Airlift. Clay was a deputy to General Dwight D. Eisenhower and military governor of the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany from 1947-49. He helped initiate and organize the Berlin Airlift for 13 months after Russia blockaded the western sector of the city. Based upon his experience and support for the then-young Federal Republic of

Germany, Clay was appointed by President Kennedy to be his personal adviser in 1961-62.

Carter is being honored for initiating and leading the establishment of a meaningful partnership between South Carolina and the Rhineland Palatinate. Ruter was state secretary of the chancellery at the time these partnerships were established.

As director of the State Budget and Control Board, Carter was instrumental in the establishment of agreements between South Carolina and Germany's Rhineland-Palatinate to explore partnerships in education, tourism, economic development, the environment and new communication technologies. That has led to a number of transatlantic conferences, university partnerships, technical college activities, sister-cities programs, public sector executive exchanges and special projects.

Since becoming president of FMU in 1999, Carter has increased the university's formal exchange programs with several German institutions.

"Your personal efforts have brought and continue to bring German and American people from all walks of life in closer contact and strive to be able to seek understanding and communicate better," Putz said. "It was your initiative and fighting spirit that made you a success in the establish-

ment of the many exchange programs for German and American students, businesses and cultural exchange."

Carter served as the executive director of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, the state's central management agency, from 1991-1999, as the senior executive assistant to South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell from 1987-1991, and as the chairman of the political science department at the College of Charleston from 1981-1987. He has just completed a sabbatical year (2003) serving as the chief of staff to South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford

Carter has authored four books, numerous articles and chapters, and sits on the editorial board of Public Forum. He was director of the Hurricane Hugo Relief Fund (1989-1990), a founding trustee for the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (1987-1989), and a trustee for Winthrop University (1989-1993). In addition, he served on seven joint study committees for the South Carolina legislature between 1989 and 1999 and chaired the Charleston Naval Base Closure Panel in 1993. Presently, he serves on the S.C. Educational Television Endowment Board and the S.C. Bar Association's Commission for an Independent Judiciary and the Carolinas Hospital System board of trustees.

27th annual Art's Alive festival to feature The Embers

Francis Marion University will play host to the 27th-annual Art's Alive festival on Saturday, April 24.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

Art's Alive offers something for everyone - dance, music, visual arts, theatre, food, special activities for chil-

dren and more.

This year's festival will feature beach music by The Embers, performing at noon.

For more information, check upcoming issues of *Patriot Digest* or contact the Community Relations office 1225.

Faculty/Staff News

Rusty Ward, assistant professor of sociology, recently supervised an undergraduate paper presented by FMU student Rebekah Norris at the Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium at Emory University in Atlanta.

For her presentation titled "Losing Dallas," Norris illustrated theories of juvenile delinquency using S.E. Hinton's

novel "The Outsiders."

Scott Brown, assistant professor of geography, gave a presentation titled "Folk Housing as a Key to Understanding the Culture History of Northern Mexico," at the centennial meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Philadelphia on March 18.

Edwards named School of Business Outstanding Alumnus

T. Graham Edwards has been named the Francis Marion University School of Business Outstanding Alumnus for 2004.

The award was presented during a breakfast on March 19.

Edwards, a native of Cheraw, graduated from FMU in 1975 with a B.S. degree in business administration. He also earned an M.B.A. from The Citadel.

Edwards currently works as an executive consultant, representing various companies in the electric utility industry. He also serves as chairman of the Santee Cooper Board of Directors.

He served as vice president of business affairs at FMU from January to June in 2001 and executive director of the FMU Foundation from July 2001 to January 2002.

Prior to coming to FMU, Edwards worked at Santee Cooper for 23 years. He began working for Santee Cooper in 1977 in the management training program and later served as supervisor for corporate forecasting, vice president of finance, and executive vice president and chief financial officer, before being named president and chief executive officer in 1993.

Edwards was one of three CEOs

who started the Energy Authority, a wholesale energy marketing and trading company that has been a model for public power.

In addition to his accomplishments at Santee Cooper, he served as the first chairman of the Charleston Regional Development Alliance, an economic development arm of the Lowcountry that has been a successful model for the state.

Edwards was named FMU's outstanding alumnus in 1994. He and his wife, Dinah, have one daughter, Courtney, who is also an FMU graduate.

Career Development office holds Career Fair in UC today

FMU's Office of Career Development will hold its Spring 2004 Career Fair today (March 31), from 2 to 6 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. Participants include Auto-Owners Insurance Co., Charleston County School District, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Lexington Police Department,

Marion Regional Healthcare System, McLeod Health, Office of the State Auditor, Perdue Farms, Quantum Resources, S.C. Air National Guard, S.C. Education Association, USDA Rural Development, University Directories, Wells Fargo Financial, Winthrop University, Woodmen of the World, and WBTW-TV. Additional organizations are expected to be represented at the fair as well.

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.

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

Chamber to sponsor Salute to Education, luncheon at FMU

The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and the Florence Breakfast Rotary Club will sponsor the 25th annual Salute to Education, Tuesday, April 13.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in FMU's Ervin Dining Hall.

This program honors the top academic students and teachers in the greater Florence area. Student honorees are chosen because they have the highest cumulative grade-point averages in their schools, and teacher honorees are chosen by their peers for outstanding contributions to stu-

dent excellence.

The chamber will also sponsor an Administrative Professionals Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21.

Registration for the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the lunch and program beginning at noon.

Kay Lawrimore, FMU professor of marketing, will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by FMU's show choir, Cut Time.

Tickets for each event are \$15. For more information or tickets to either event, contact the chamber at 665-0515.



Library News

Recently, a new community health center opened in the Marion area. The latest Health Care Partners of South Carolina joins three other locations in the Johnsonville and Conway areas.

Yvonne Davis, acquisitions coordinator, is the chair of the board for Health Care Partners of South Carolina. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Marion location was held Jan. 16 and Library Dean **Paul Dove** and **Joyce Durant**, acquisitions librarian, were among other Marion County officials who attended.

The new community health center

provides medical services to underserved patients in the area. The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It provides complete lab work and has its own pharmacy on site. For more information, contact CEO Philip Williams at 843-423-2400.

The Library Resource Information Sharing (LIBRIS) conference will be held at FMU, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Founders Hall. The theme of this year's conference is "Reformatting Your Traditional Library."

This is the first year that the conference has been held at an academic university.

Normally the conference is held at technical institutions. This conference includes all South Carolina and some North Carolina libraries.

The keynote speaker for the event is FMU president Fred Carter. Among other events, there will be learning sessions that include topics such as electronic databases and networking with technical institutions. For more information, contact Yvonne Davis at 1303 or ydavis@fmarion.edu.

French production, Ms. FMU pageant to be held April 7

FMU will present Moliere's one-act comedy, "Le Medecin Volant (The Flying Doctor)" Wednesday, April 7.

The performance will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.

The play is a joint production between the FMU's theatre and modern languages programs. Students

from the French 304 and Acting IV classes will present the play.

The 25-minute play will be performed in French first, then in English.

FMU will also play host to the annual Ms. FMU pageant on Wednesday, April 7.

The pageant will begin at 8 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditori-

um. Admission is free and open to the public.

Ms. FMU must be a full-time student, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, and choose a community service project.

The winner is selected based on an interview, pageant performance and overall bearing and ability to best represent Francis Marion University.

Jennifer Howard earns academic All-America basketball honors

Francis Marion University junior guard Jennifer Howard has been selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team for the college division.

Howard was named to the five-player second-team. This awards program is conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America, and includes first, second, and third teams at both the university (NCAA Division I) and college (non-Division I) levels.

Howard was a first-team All-District selection each of the past two years.

A native of Raleigh, N.C., Howard is majoring in biology and chemistry and owns a perfect 4.00 grade point average. She is enrolled in the university's Honors Program, has been on the President's List each of her first five semesters, and serves as a math and science tutor. She is a Francis Marion scholar and a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor

Society, and was named to the Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll in 2002 and 2003 and to the FMU Swamp Fox Athletic-Academic Honor Roll in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Five of the 15 student-athletes selected to the college division squads have a perfect 4.00 grade point average, while the overall national team GPA average is 3.95. "This is possibly the highest team GPA average in the program's history for women's basketball," according to AAA chairperson Dick Lipe of Bentley College. "Every one of these student-athletes are excellent role models for today's youth."

On the court this past season, Howard was FMU's second leading scorer at 10.6 points per game. She started 26 of 27 games this season, led the team in assists (72), was second in steals (47), and averaged 3.8 rebounds per game.



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Credit union offers new T.E.R.I. loans

Participating in the T.E.R.I. program is more accessible than ever with a loan from Pee Dee Federal Credit Union. The credit union has a new T.E.R.I. loan, designed for eligible state employees.

The T.E.R.I. program allows employees to retire and begin accumulating retirement annuity on a deferred basis without terminating employment.

Active members of South Carolina Retirement Systems (SCRS) who would like to enter the T.E.R.I. program, but have not established enough service credits, can purchase the required credits through the T.E.R.I. loan.

T.E.R.I. loans start at just 7.99 percent APR for qualified members.

Contact Wilhelmenia Johnson at 669-0461 for more information.

Carowinds discounts available

FMU has received a supply of discount brochures from Carowinds for FMU employees to use for the 2004 season.

The brochure gives you information to obtain the following discounts: \$20 off holiday admission; \$12 off E-Tickets every day; \$10 off Sunday-Friday admissions; and \$5 off Saturday admission.

You may pick up your Fun Club Card (attached to the information brochure) in the Human Resources office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-25-04)

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Instructor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Assistant Professor of Mass Communication
- Instructor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Computational Physics
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management & Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Director of Facilities Management
- Assistant Vice President for Accounting
- Executive Director of Francis Marion University Foundation/ Director of University Development
- Student Services Counselor - Registrar's Office
- Student Services Counselor - Admissions

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, call 1140, or access job openings at <http://www.fmarion.edu/~hrjobs>

Coming Up On Campus

APRIL

through April 16 Art Gallery Series: Works by FMU drawing students, UC gallery

6 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber music and art exhibits, Kassab Hall, HFAC

7 11:30am French play: "Le Medecin Volant," HFAC theatre

7 8 pm Ms. FMU pageant, MSB auditorium

8 8 pm Concert: FMU Jazz Express and Chamber Jazz Ensemble, MSB auditorium

13 6:30 pm Salute to Education, Ervin Dining Hall

13-May 8 Senior shows by graduating FMU art majors, HFAC galleries

14-17 FMU Theatre: "Compleat Wks of Wllm Skspr (Abridged)," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC

18 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show, "Messier Objects," CEMC

20-May 8 Student works by FMU painting and photography classes, UC gallery

22 8 pm Concert: The University Wind Symphony, MSB auditorium

24 Art's Alive Festival

24 Open House for prospective students

25 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show, "Watching for Comets," CEMC

25 3 pm Concert: The University Concert and Cut Time Show choirs, Kassab Hall, HFAC

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