Excellence, dedication and commitment are words that exemplify one of Florida A&M University’s distinguished alumni – The Right Reverend Adam J. Richardson. The University will award Richardson, presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, with its first Distinguished Alumnus medal during the annual President’s Homecoming Gala on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

This award was established to pay tribute to outstanding graduates who are trailblazers and have excelled personally and professionally, thereby bringing extra ordinary high recognition to the University.

Bishop Richardson, a native of Tampa, Fla., received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida A&M University, where he served as the head drum major for the famed Marching “100” Band. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from
Yes, and ‘We still Rise’

Picture it. A sea of Rattlers clapping, singing, dancing and stomping to the electrifying resonance of the Marching '100'. The ‘Sssss’ is in the air.

You may imagine this as a scene from any Rattler football game; however, this was not just any ordinary Rattler event. It was a scene set in the newly air-conditioned Gaither Gymnasium. Faculty, students, Board of Trustees members and friends of Florida A&M University turned out Friday, September 22, for the annual President’s Convocation. This convocation marked the return of Rattler spirit and a celebration of Rattler pride.

Interim President Castell Vaughn Bryant, the keynote speaker, gave a spirited speech noting that FAMU is the number one institution of higher education for African Americans. Bryant urged all in attendance to help make FAMU be the best institution of higher education of its size. Citing a string of accolades for FAMU, she again challenged the crowd to strive to be even better.

Among the accolades included the University graduating the largest number of African Americans with bachelor degrees and pharmacists in the nation. Bryant also noted that the University received a $5-million CREST award from the National Science Foundation to support a new research center, new academic programs in astro-physics, and proposed a new Ph.D. in chemistry, with a major objective to increase the number of African-American PhD’s in astrophysics and astro-chemistry.

Acknowledging that FAMU has experienced a few difficulties in recent weeks concerning the band, she reaffirmed that FAMU still has the number one band in the land.

The good news continued as Bryant cited even more recent accomplishments: the renovation of Diamond Hall; a modernized housing program and the new Residence Life Program; the roll-out of an aggressive enrollment management plan; an award and designation by the state of Florida as a Center of Excellence; and great strides in the athletic program, including the accomplishment of more than 300 student athletes all meeting or exceeding academic eligibility.

Bryant also noted improved student services with shorter lines for registration and financial aid. Students already have their financial aid checks. Move in Day, normally fraught with stress, went smoothly.

Vice President of the Student Government Association Monique Gillum presided and set the tone by revving up the Rattler spirit.

Phillip B. Agnew, president of the Student Government Association, closed out the convocation with a reinvigorating adaptation of Maya Angelou’s “And Still We (FAMU) Rise” and a new variation of the Rattler Charge. The crowd went wild as the ‘100’ accompanied Agnew in his delivery.

Yes, that “Good Ole FAMU Spirit” is alive and well! It must have been that spirit that spurred our boys on to win the games against both Winston-Salem State University and Tennessee State, at the Atlanta Classic, in the very last minutes. Go Rattlers!

FAMU Forever,

Altha F. Manning
Interim Executive Director
Officials at Florida A&M University (FAMU) announced plans September 12 to put hammer to nail in an effort to preserve its history and rebuild its legacy with a $800,000 extreme makeover. Gibbs Cottage, a two-story, 3,577-square-foot, wooden frame structure is at the center of the plans.

FAMU’s Office of Alumni Affairs and the Division of Facilities and Planning are spearheading the project to round up alumni, corporate partners and friends to turn Gibbs Cottage into “Alumni House,” a gathering place for FAMU Alumni.

“This is quite a large undertaking,” said Altha Manning, executive director of Alumni Affairs at FAMU. “Gibbs Cottage has been a significant structure on our campus for more than a century. We have come up with a restoration project that will use FAMU alumni who now work in architecture, construction, design and advertising to take us from what we feel is a great idea to a historic reality.”

Manning said several other local companies have signed on to help. “It’s really about building bridges from our past to our future through partnerships. In every way, it is a very exciting project.”

“Our involvement comes from a desire to give back to the institution that provided the quality education that I have today,” said Derrick Wallace, head of Construct Two Group. “It is also an opportunity for FAMU to showcase the best that it has in the distinguished alumni who have come aboard to rebuild the Gibbs Cottage.”

The cottage was once the home of Florida State Representative Thomas Van Renssalaer Gibbs, an African American from Duval County who was responsible for introducing and shepherding the bill that provided for the establishment of the State Normal College for Colored Students (now Florida A&M University) through the House of Representatives. He was the son of the famous Jonathan C. Gibbs who served the state of Florida during the Reconstruction Period as Secretary of State (1868-73) and Superintendent of Public Instruction (1873-74).

Throughout the years, Gibbs Cottage was used to house the university’s math department and as an apartment building. It has been relocated at least three times, from its original site at the corner of Boulevard (now MLK) and Palmer Street to its present site on South Adams Street, just to the west of the University’s Employee Club House.

Want to Contribute?

Do you own a drywall, landscaping or plumbing business? Can you provide doors, office furniture, paint or windows? If so, we welcome your participation and support, as we renovate and enhance the historical Gibbs Cottage. If you wish to provide services or supplies, contact Altha Manning, executive director of Alumni Affairs, by phone at (850) 599-3861 or by e-mail at altha.manning@famu.edu.

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Lamango identifies potential drug candidates for Parkinson's disease licensed by biotech company by Pamela Bryant

Research for Parkinson's disease, a brain disorder that affects about 1.5 million people in America and millions more worldwide, may be a step closer to preventing some of the effects of the illness. Florida A&M University Scientist Nazarius Lamango has synthesized promising compounds for Parkinson's disease that caught the attention of a biopharmaceutical company.

Lamango, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry in the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and his research team have determined that the prenylation pathway in the brain may be negatively affected in Parkinson's disease. By introducing prenyl-L-cysteine compounds that modulate this biochemical pathway, the side effects of tremors, rigidity, hypokinesia and postural abnormalities observed in their experimental model of Parkinson's disease were blocked. It is hoped that these prenyl-L-cysteine analogs may have prenylation pathway enzymes may not be functioning properly.

FAMU has entered into an exclusive license with Signum Biosciences with the hope that Signum will be able to develop commercializable therapeutics based on Lamango's research, which is supported by the National Institutes of Health. Signum has licensed the rights to related patents from Princeton University and Harvard University, and is moving forward aggressively in this area. The FAMU Office of Technology Transfer, Licensing and Commercialization has worked with Lamango every step of the way in this endeavor to identify a licensing partner.

“The FAMU faculty is involved in pioneering research that has tremendous potential for public use and benefit,” said Director Rose Glee. “This licensing deal will also enhance the University's technology transfer infrastructure.”

Dr. Gregory Stock, CEO of Signum, is enthusiastic about the possibilities of Lamango's research.

“There is a real need for new therapeutics for Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative diseases,” said Stock. “Lamango's research points to some very promising approaches.”

Professor gives audiences a Psychedelic show

Twenty-one days of wacky, funny, fun filled, funky feature filmmaking is in the can as writer, director, Kenneth Jones, professor of Journalism, has completed the principal photography for his hilarious family comedy, Psychedelic Shack.

The story goes on a hilarious sprint as a revengeful pet monkey, Moo Moo, takes over a funeral home for pets and runs out a funeral home director and drives a family crazy.

Featuring actress Carla Fisher, of CBS’s Love & Fate that was distributed by Encore/Starz movies.

Jones is a graduate of the Florida State University Film School and Florida A&M University's School of Journalism and Graphic Communication.

With a cast of more than 20 speaking roles, many from the Tallahassee area, and shot in more than 25 local locations, the movie will be complete and ready for distribution in late 2007.
Educators move programs forward to higher heights

Scott Jackson Dantley, Ph.D.

Scott Jackson Dantley, Ph.D., was recently announced as the new dean of FAMU’s College of Education.

“We are extremely pleased about this appointment,” said Austin. “Dr. Dantley comes to us with an impressive record of service in higher education. His diverse background in education, accreditation, fundraising and research gives us the right attributes to lead us to the next level with our program, which remains one of the top producers of African-American educators.”

Prior to joining the FAMU family, Dantley served as the acting dean of the School of Education at Bowie (Maryland) State University, where he was also an associate professor of chemistry and science education. Under his leadership as the expert on NCATE and the accreditation process, Bowie State’s accreditation was affirmed for seven years in Spring 2004.

Dantley has also distinguished himself as a successful fundraiser through federal and state research dollars for such programs as Men Engaged in Nurture (M.E.N.), a federal program designed to recruit and retain minority male teachers.

“We feel that our national search has resulted in a significant find for FAMU,” Austin said. “Dr. Dantley, who is widely published, has worked on key education issues on the national level and has secured more than $2 million in funded grants. I could not be more pleased to have this outstanding administrator and educator join our team.”

Mary Ella Graham, Ed.D., R.N.

In July, University administrators announced the appointment of Mary Ella Graham, Ed.D. and R.N., as the new dean for the School of Nursing. Graham comes to FAMU from Tennessee State, where she served as dean and a professor of the School of Nursing.

“FAMU’s School of Nursing has an exemplary leader in Dr. Graham,” said FAMU Provost Debra Austin. “She brings with her a wealth of experience in the field of nursing, and an outstanding record of securing federal and state funds for important research. As we endeavor to produce outstanding nurse practitioners and educators, we need strong leaders; we need strong administrators. We feel that Dr. Graham fits that bill.”

Graham’s experience in nursing education spans more than 30 years. She has held several leadership positions in her field, including dean and professor of the School of Nursing at State University of New York and assistant dean and chair at City College of New York.

Graham is an accomplished fundraiser and has served as the principal investigator of several important projects. Her list of fundraising efforts includes securing more than $1 million in federal and state grants.

“We are pleased that Dr. Graham has joined our team,” Austin said. “As we continue to fill important leadership positions at FAMU, we are pleased that our nursing program is, once again, in good hands.”

Lydia A. McKinley-Floyd, Ph.D.

Florida A&M University’s renowned School of Business and Industry (SBI) has a new leader – Lydia A. McKinley-Floyd, Ph.D.

“I am extremely pleased that Dr. McKinley-Floyd has accepted the SBI deanship,” said Provost Debra Austin. “She comes to us as a woman of commitment, extensive experience and a solid reputation among corporate leaders and numerous institutions of higher learning.

McKinley-Floyd has more than 25 years of experience in higher education in leadership positions at such institutions as Clark Atlanta University, Chicago State (CSU) and Morehouse College. She has distinguished record of service and extensive accreditation knowledge and experience. Furthermore, McKinley-Floyd, a published researcher, is also a proven fund-raiser in both the public and private sector.

Prior to joining FAMU, she served as associate dean and professor of marketing at Savannah State University and also previously served more than three years as the dean of the College of Business at Chicago State University.

“I am happy to become a part of the highly regarded School of Business and Industry at FAMU,” said McKinley-Floyd. “I am quite aware of the significant changes that are taking place at FAMU and believe that the University has a bright and promising future. I look forward to joining the team and contributing to the move to take SBI and FAMU to the next level.”

University hires new VP and chief financial officer

Florida A&M University said a fond goodbye to one financial administrator and announced the promotion of another. It all added up to a positive bottom line for FAMU: Grace Ali, former University of Miami budget director, has been named chief financial officer at FAMU.

“I am optimistic that we can tackle many of the issues that FAMU now faces - addressing the recent audit findings, making new hires and improving fiscal management and accountability,” said Ali.

Ali was originally hired in July to be FAMU’s new comptroller. She was educated at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), where she received a bachelor of business administration degree with honors.

The CPA, who has also studied at Harvard University, earned a master’s of business administration from the University of Miami, Coral Gables in 1987 and a doctorate in higher education leadership in 2000.

“We are going to do better. It is essential that we continue to address some of the systemic problems that have plagued us so that our fiscal house is as sound as any other in the state university system,” said Ali.
Home-com`ing - noun
an annual celebration for alumni and students of a college or university

Cecil Hayes
FAMU Alumna (’67),
Interior Designer,
Convocation Speaker

Kwame Kilpatrick
FAMU Alumnus (’93),
Mayor, Detroit,
Young Alumni Giving Luncheon Speaker

Marching ‘100’
It's October, and every Rattler knows what that means - it's Homecoming. Students, alumni and friends are excited about this year's celebration as they prepare to participate in "The Big Fang Theory: An Orange and Green Explosion." Reservations have already been made, and travel arrangements are in the works for out-of-towners. Tallahassee will be filled with excitement as orange and green converges on the city and Rattler fans from near and far show their true colors.

On Friday, Alumna Cecil Hayes is the guest speaker at the Homecoming Convocation at 11:15 a.m. in Gadsden Gymnasium. Hayes, a 1967 graduate, is an internationally known interior designer from South Florida. Following the convocation, the young alumni will sponsor a Leadership Luncheon at the New Recreation Center. Kwame Kilpatrick, a 1993 alumnus and mayor of Detroit, is the speaker of the Leadership Luncheon.

A.J. Richardson, bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District, will be honored at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Tickets for the event are $125 per person and $1,000 per table.

Then on Saturday, hundreds of spectators are expected to line the streets to watch the annual Homecoming parade beginning at 8 a.m., plans for the Gibbs Cottage renovation will be unveiled at the FAMU Clubhouse at noon, alumni are invited to the pre-game reception also located at the clubhouse. At 3 p.m., Rattlers will trek to Bragg Stadium to watch the Rattlers take on Morgan State. Immediately after the game, a post-game alumni barbecue sponsored by Tri-Eagle Sales will take place at the Employee Clubhouse. Tickets for the event are $8.

This Homecoming is sure to be a "big bang." So get your Rattler gear in order and prepare to Strike, strike and strike again.
Chapter Clips

Elkins awarded to local students

Scholarship is defined as a foundation to provide financial assistance to students. The Leon County Chapter of the FAMU NAA continues to offer that foundation through its annual V. L. Elkins Scholarship.

“We are pleased to give scholarships and book awards to several outstanding Leon County students this year,” said Johnnie Niles, scholarship committee chair. “The V. L. Elkins Scholarship Program is one of the Chapter's flagship programs that support the University and its students.”

The Chapter also awarded scholarships to students attending this year’s Summer Band Camp, as well as scholarships to student athletes enrolled in summer classes. A donation was made to the Rubin Carter Foundation in support of several FAMU football players.

Invited guests included Radio Personality Joe Bullard, FAMU Band Director Dr. Julian White and the Marching ‘100’ Band Brass Ensemble, Head Football Coach Rubin Carter and Athletic Director Nelson Townsend. The guest speaker for the evening was FAMU Student Government Association Vice President Monique Gillum.

The V. L. Elkins Scholarship is named in honor of Virgil L. Elkins, a FAMU educator, home extension officer and past president of the FAMU NAA Leon County Alumni Chapter. For more than 20 years, the V. L. Elkins Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships to deserving local high school and community college students who aspire to continue their education at FAMU.

Chapter Recruits Local Teachers

Making local connections is imperative to the Leon County Chapter of the FAMU NAA. The Chapter extended a special membership invitation to hundreds of Leon County teachers who are FAMU graduates. The recruitment reception’s purpose was to acquaint FAMU graduates on the mission and goals of the local alumni support organization and encourage them to become active membership recruiters in Tallahassee’s educational community.

“Connecting with Leon County school teachers will unite us with a powerful alumni force in our community,” said Alan Williams, president of the Leon County FAMU Alumni Chapter. “In our efforts to strengthen local alumni support for our institution, these FAMU graduates know first-hand how the university can fortify its commitment to educational excellence.”

Each spring, the Chapter launches a massive effort to recruit local graduates to the association. Currently, there are more than 450 active members who serve the Chapter in areas such as governmental relations, academic scholarships, fundraising and campus volunteer efforts. Through the V. L. Elkins Scholarship, a flagship program of the Chapter, many local high school students have pursued their education at FAMU. The Chapter also recognizes outstanding local alumni each year through a significant fundraiser, the Annual Roast and Toast.

By partnering with Leon County Schools, the Chapter attracted alumni educators who are already fulfilling part of its mission to support the academic endeavors of local students aspiring to attend FAMU. Former Leon County School Superintendent Bill Montford encouraged teachers to become active members of the FAMU National Alumni Association. “School Superintendent Bill Montford is pleased to lend his support to a worthwhile partnership,” said Dr. Malinda Jackson, executive director of Employee Relations, Recruitment and Equity for Leon County Schools. “As a school district, we look forward to this unique opportunity to work with the Leon County alumni chapter.”

Chapter Clips

Let us know...

Does your chapter have a new initiative? Has it begun a new scholarship program? Your chapter could be featured in the next issue of the Alumni Chronicle.

For more information, call Altha Manning, executive director of Alumni Affairs, at (850) 599-3861, or submit information via the Web at alumniaffairs@famu.edu.
Florida Region Elections: Ballots In, Votes Counted and Officers named

Congratulations to the newly elected Florida Region Officers of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association.

The results: Seabon Dixon, of the J.R.E. Lee Chapter, has been named vice president; Arthur Hamilton, of the West Palm Beach Chapter, financial secretary; Brenda Bass, of the J.R.E. Lee Chapter, recording secretary; Leila Walker, Ph.D., of the Capital City Chapter, corresponding secretary; and John Wimberly, of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter, parliamentarian.

Run-off elections for the Member-at-Large position will be held in October. Candidates for the position are Jean Downing, of the J.R.E. Lee Chapter, and Betty Major, of the Miami-Dade Chapter.

For more information, call (850) 599-3861.

NAA National Elections underway

Ballots for the National Alumni Association elections have been mailed. Ballots must be returned by Oct. 15. Newly elected officers will be installed at the 2007 Winter Meeting in January.

Candidates for national elections are:

President
Richard “Drake” Blake
Alvin Bryant (incumbent)
Carolyn D. Jones
Robert E. “Bob” Porter

First Vice President
Carolyn Frazier
Tommy Mitchell Sr. (incumbent)

Second Vice President
Gregory Clark
Doris Hicks

Third Vice President
James Faysom (incumbent)
Marian Bellamy Gibbons

Corresponding Secretary
Cassie Farmer
Keith Matthews

Financial Secretary
Juliette S. Catledge
Clinton D. McGill (incumbent)

Recording Secretary
Andrew Lawyer II

Treasurer
Lenard Franklin

2006 FLORIDA CLASSIC OFFICIAL EVENTS

The following events are official events sanctioned by the Florida Classic Consortium. Proceeds from these events support educational initiatives at Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A&M University.

Thursday, Nov. 16
Symposium
Acclaimed scholars and experts from various levels come together for a dialogue on sports and society. The result is the study and discussion of topics related to athletics from virtually every vantage point.

Friday, Nov. 17
Corporate Luncheon
Central Florida civic and corporate leaders gather in support of the Florida Classic and the missions of both Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A&M University.

Alumni Gala
The national alumni associations of both institutions come together for a black tie gala. The event features school alumni presidents, headline entertainment and all of the pomp and glitter of Hollywood. Held on the eve of the game, it is sure to become a trademark formal event in central Florida.

Battle of the Bands
Eight of the best high school bands from across the nation perform at the T.D. Waterhouse Centre in this perennially sold-out event. The night is headlined by show-stopping performances from two of the nation’s best college bands – the FAMU Marching ‘100’ and the Marching Wildcats of Bethune-Cookman College.

Saturday, Nov. 18
Florida Classic Game
Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A&M University renew their classic gridiron rivalry on the field and thundering halftime performance from the school marching bands adds to this festive event.

Student Concert
After the games, students and fans will be treated to another big show at the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium, featuring top-level entertainment to end the Florida Classic weekend in style.

Hospitality
Hospitality and entertainment will be provided at each university’s Host Hotel.
Marching ‘100’ still upholding excellence

Dear Florida A&M University family:

The Florida A&M University Marching Band, generally referred to as “America’s Band,” is a positive recruiting force for the University. Its reputation is a source of pride and inspiration for the city, state and nation.

The '100', founded by Dr. William P. Foster, has a legacy of artistic excellence over a period of more than 60 years. Numerous band members have participated and made significant contributions to the success and rich history of the University Band. Performances in the legacy include Super Bowls; professional sporting events; national and international television appearances; representing the United States at the French Bicentennial in Paris, France; and performing at the 48th Annual Grammy Awards Show in 2006.

The list goes on and on. It is obvious that our rich and illustrious history involves thousands of former band members.

The band is a motivating force for young musicians throughout the nation. Many young people have a lifelong dream to enroll in the university so that they can participate in this prestigious organization.

Most recently during our departure from the Detroit Renaissance Hotel, some band members illegally removed property from the hotel. As a result of this embarrassing and unacceptable conduct, I recommended to Interim President Castell Vaughn Bryant that the band not be permitted to accept any professional engagements such as the Battle of Bands, professional sporting event appearances, and parades beyond contractual agreements with the University of Miami, Atlanta and Florida Classics.

In this regard, clarification of recommended consequences is warranted. I am most appreciative of the University community’s support of these decisions. There is not an effort to downsize the band or restrict the band’s performances by the administration.

Our students enter college to obtain an education, which also includes instilling values and positive attitudes and behavior directed at academic achievement. I firmly believe that our students must be taught the importance of self-respect as well as respect for others. To achieve this end, I am developing an Affirmative Values and Attitudes Campaign (AVAC). More information on this campaign will be forthcoming.

“Quality is FAMU’s Measure.” I want to assure our university, community and friends that my staff and I will continue our dedicated and competent work to maintain our standards. Although the decrease in the size of the band may be a different visual experience for our fans, the quality of our performance is not dependent on quantity.

Dr. Julian White
Director, University Bands

Alumnus defines Rich Heritage, Sees Bright Future

When Florida A&M University was founded on October 3, 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, its mission was to educate Black students and guide them in becoming positive and productive participants in the economic, social and political fabric of the state of Florida.

Unlike 1887, today, Black students can and do attend any of the State's universities. However, there is one fact that remains as indisputable today as it was in 1887 — Black students of the state of Florida need a university that prioritizes them, unambiguously nurtures and protects their well being and serves as a conduit for their social and cultural continuity. Florida A&M University was that place in 1887 and is that place now.

On October 3, 2007, 120 years after its founding, FAMU's raison d’etre will remain the same. The University will have a new president and enter a new era in its 120 years of growth and development.

The University's 120-year quest for Distinction has been shaped by changes that have occurred during this period of transition.

While we must not ever equate or elevate the status and contributions of a president above the mission of the institution, it is okay to recognize those that moved FAMU to the next level. It would be impossible to talk about the Era of Definition without mentioning presidents Young and Lee or recall the glories of the Era of Empowerment and Enlightenment without speaking of presidents Gore, Perry, Smith and Humphries. It is equally impossible to talk about entering the Era of Distinction without commenting on the work of Castell Vaughn Bryant during the transition period.

Whatever individuals conclude as their personal assessment of Dr. Bryant, that is their right and that is as it should be.

However, what will endure and is foundational to FAMU’s continuing quest for “Excellence with Caring,” is that Dr. Bryant, her staff and the Board of Trustees have gotten FAMU ready to enter the Era of Distinction and have provided an environment where the new president can look forward and lead.

Charles Wright
Miami-Dade Chapter, NAA
student government president. “It's something that we already knew. We have already proclaimed that we're the No. 1 college in the nation for African Americans. We're still in the business of 'Excellence with Caring.' We're recharged, we're reinvigorated, and we are the FAMU of the future.”

The Black Enterprise 50 Top Colleges for African-Americans report, which debuted in January 1999, was developed in collaboration with Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D., CEO of DayStar Research and professor at John Hopkins University. The complete list of the Top 50 Colleges for African Americans appears in the September issue of Black Enterprise Magazine, which hit newsstands August 29.

No. 1 from Cover

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was designed to create a mutual understanding between citizens of the United States and the people of over 150 participating countries by creating new contacts and intellectual ties. The Fulbright Scholarship Board is a 12-member Presidential-appointed body that establishes worldwide policies for the program and the selection of Fulbright recipients.

Richardson from Cover

Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center and the Doctor of Sacred Theology through the Atlanta Theological Association at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga. He has pastored churches in Georgia and Florida. Since becoming the 115th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Church, he has served as the Episcopal leader for the 14th and 19th Episcopal Districts in West and South Africa respectively. Currently, he is providing leadership to the Second Episcopal District, which includes North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In 2002, he served as the president of the Council of Bishops and is serving a second term as Chairman of the Commission on Seminaries, Universities, Colleges and Schools of the AME Church.

Prior to becoming the 115th elected and consecrated bishop of the AME Church, Richardson served as the senior pastor of Bethel AME Church, Tallahassee, Fla. During his tenure at Bethel, he used his leadership and teaching skills to produce major growth in ministries, membership and structure. Many young men and women have joined the ministry under the leadership and guidance of Bishop Richardson. He oversaw the relocation of the church from its original site at Virginia and Duval Street to the erection of the expanded edifice at West Orange Avenue. He was also very active in local civic and political activities of the Tallahassee community. An avid writer, Bishop Richardson has written many articles and chapters in books.

Bishop is a loyal son of Florida A&M University. He is one of the most well known advocates for Florida A&M University locally, nationally and internationally. He has chaired and served on many of the University’s commissions and committees, and has also been an adjunct faculty member.

FAMUans, supporters and friends are invited to join us as we salute a “True Rattler. For more information, call Tammy Hamlet, at (850) 599-3861 or e-mail her at tammy.hamlet@famu.edu.

Fulbright from page 5

Yvonne McIntosh, Ph.D., assistant Professor of French, has been awarded a Fulbright Teacher Exchange grant. She will teach English courses to French high school students.

“I commend the accomplishment of these outstanding professors,” said Keith Jackson, Ph.D., FAMU vice president for Research. “The Fulbright Scholar Program brings international recognition to the University, gives faculty dynamic research opportunities and contributes to the academic success of our students and FAMU’s place among world-class institutions.”

Numerous FAMU faculty have participated in the U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program and have had research experiences in countries such as Ghana, Morocco, the Ukraine, Turkey and Brazil.

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Football Games

Sept. 2 Delaware State
Sept. 9 at Univ. of Miami
Sept. 16 at Howard Univ.
Sept. 23 **Winston-Salem State***
Sept. 30 Tennessee State
Oct. 14 **South Carolina State***
Oct. 21 at Norfolk State
Oct. 28 **Morgan State***
Nov. 4 at North Carolina State
Nov. 11 **Hampton Univ.***
Nov. 18 Bethune-Cookman

*Home Games

Founder’s Day
Convocation
October 3, 2006, 11 a.m.
Lee Hall Auditorium

Parent/Family Weekend
October 13-15, 2006
For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities by phone at (850) 599-3400 or by e-mail at osua@famu.edu.