President’s Message

It’s time to rejoice over the recent increase in student enrollment this fall. Trenholm State experienced a student enrollment of 1,656 during Fall Semester 2009. Over sixteen hundred students entered college with an anticipation of new opportunities awaiting them so the College’s mission is being accomplished. This new year will take the College one step closer to its goal of serving 2,000 students by the year 2010. One cannot help but be filled with optimism.

Despite the inherent difficulties reduced funding will present, Trenholm State Technical College is committed to affording our students a quality educational experience. With the help of Title III-B funds, we continue to improve our instructional facilities, enhance our program offerings, and improve our information technology, library resources and retention rate. Because of this, I am most fortunate to serve as president of this great institution and be part of a growing spirit of anticipation that has come with our many planning efforts. This is a uniquely exciting time for our college, and I encourage each of you to continue playing a vital role in this excitement as we renovate buildings, experience an increase in enrollment and continue to grow our academic community and programs.

It is because of you that Trenholm State Technical College is the great college it is and is still becoming! Therefore, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our industrious faculty, staff and administrators for their strong support.

Samuel Munnerlyn
President

Trenholm State Receives Continuation of Title III-B Funds

Through the Title III, Part B, Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program, Trenholm State will receive $1.3 million dollars for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Title III-B Program has five activities designed to increase program offerings, enhance or improve physical plant deficiencies, and provide funding to improve its information technology, library, and retention areas. We also received additional funds through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007.

The College was awarded $500,000 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) of 2007 and was awarded an additional $500,000 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The College’s 2009-2010 allocation will be used on activities to restore/renovate the existing Culinary Arts building that will house general education classrooms.

Focus on Director’s Office Personnel

Ms. Juwana Y. Smith has been hired to fill a full-time administrative assistant position in the Title III-B Director’s Office. She has previously worked for the college in the Institutional Research and Advancement office and is a 2003 Trenholm alumnus with an associate’s degree in stenography. Ms. Smith also holds a bachelor’s degree in computer information systems from Alabama State University. Most of her idle time is spent with her two sons at their demanding sporting events. So far, Juwana is enjoying her time at Trenholm and is thankful for the family-oriented atmosphere that was present upon her return.
Renovation Updates

As you can see from the photograph, renovations to Trenholm campus Building E are in progress. Work began on the building on July 27, 2009. Webb Builders, Inc., is the contractor for the project. The projected completion date for the Building E renovation project is November 30, 2009.

Culinary Arts Building

Renovations to the former Culinary Arts building located at 3085 Mobile Highway were approved by the State Board of Education on Thursday, August 27, 2009. Upon completion of the approximately $700,000 renovation project, additional classrooms for the College’s general education course offerings will be available.

Tuition Assistance Available to Faculty Members

Activity I offers qualified faculty members assistance in upgrading their credentials through participation in the tuition assistance program. Full-time tenured faculty members on the Trenholm campus may be eligible for tuition assistance if they are seeking to upgrade their skills by enrolling in a degree program directly related to their teaching responsibilities. Full-time tenured faculty members on the Patterson campus may also be eligible if they teach at least one class on the Trenholm campus and maintain an office on the Trenholm campus. Faculty members are eligible for a maximum of $3,000 each year in tuition reimbursement funds and must remain at the College for at least one year for each semester that is reimbursed. A “C” average or better for the course(s) taken must be earned to be eligible for reimbursement under this program.

Instructions and enrollment forms are available in the Title III-B Forms section of the Intranet.

Trenholm State Employee Receives Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

Recently, Regina O. Okeowo received the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She was also honored by receiving the student award for the most outstanding graduate student in her doctoral program. Dr. Okeowo noted that the achievement was the culmination of a professional life dedicated to excellence in the nursing profession and to the training of a new generation of nurses.

She currently teaches Maternal & Child Nursing and Role Transition for PN. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she coordinates clinical rotations for student experiences in Labor & Delivery, Newborn Nursery, and Postpartum and Pediatrics. She has also served as a reviewer for a maternal & child nursing textbook that will be published this fall.

Dr. Okeowo has earned professional certification in various aspects of nursing practice. She is one of a very few who have attained the Certified Nursing Educator (CNE) designation after passing the national certification examination from the National League of Nursing. She is also certified as a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider after successful completion of the program offered by the American Heart Association. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. (142 Epsilon Omega) and the National League of Nursing.

Dr. Okeowo enjoys her teaching and clinical duties and finds professional fulfillment and satisfaction in the success of her students and in the progress of the nursing program at Trenholm State.

She is grateful for the financial assistance she received under the Title III-B Tuition Assistance Program while pursuing her doctoral degree.

Dr. Regina O. Okeowo
Trenholm State Employee
Receives Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree
On Saturday, July 25, student participants completed the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Academy and received certificates of completion during a ceremony held on the Trenholm campus in Room B103. Beverly Ross, Interim Dean of Students, was there to present their certificates.

The LEAD Academy graduates are Jonathan Bozeman, Sha’Toya Caldwell, Delores Coe, Joseph Collins, Ora Grant, April Hicks, Jennifer Hill, Tymia Hill, Chalonda Hrobowski, Melvela Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Chardaye Kirksey, Stephanie O’Ree, Jemenia Thomas, Robert Wallace, Jacob Perry, Edward Liles, Steve Sayers, Doncorrious Armstrong, Sherry Boswell, Kantrisha Jones, Pam Robinson, Grace Bingham, Piccola McBride, Kwantia McClain, and LaCheryl Mabson.

The Leadership Academy participants have also agreed to further assist their community by volunteering with Partners in Education (PIE).

Congratulations to our 2009 LEAD Academy graduating class!

Leadership Class Attends Leadership Conference
As part of their training during the Academy, students were provided with the opportunity to attend the Student Leadership Conference in Jasper, Alabama on July 16-17, 2009.

Back Row: Left to Right: April Hicks, Evette McCall, Steve Sayers, Edward Liles
Middle Row: Left to Right: Correy Armstrong, Pam Robinson, Jacob Perry, Piccola McBride, Tymia Hill
Front Row: Left to Right: Chardaye Kirksey, LaCheryl Mabson

Students Coordinate Fundraising Activity
On Saturday, August 15, students held a car wash at the Auto Zone on the Atlanta Highway as their first fundraising event. Stephanie O’Ree and Chalonda Hrobowski prepare signs for the Car Wash. Stay tuned for more fundraising events!

Historical Collection Available in Digital Format
A digital collection celebrating Historically Black College and Universities is a collection from the HBCU Library Alliance that includes over 1,000 scanned pages from photographs, manuscripts, letters, publications, and documents. It represents a landmark effort by HBCU libraries and archives to make a historical collection available in digital format. Collections were donated from member libraries of the HBCU Library Alliance and emphasized the contribution of HBCUs to culture, society, and politics from the early 1800s until the present.

This exceptional collection of digital images has a special significance to the education of Black Americans and is intended to draw attention to the contributions of HBCUs to American history, in particular.

To learn more about the Collection, please visit the http://hbcudigitallibrary.auctr.edu website or call the Trenholm Library at extension 4455 or 4357 for further information and assistance.
Travel Tips

- Complete all required documents to request travel and submit them at least 30 days prior to the trip.
- Do not obligate any Title III-B funds until you have received final approval.
- Upon return from your trip, you must submit the following documents: original copies of all receipts, Title III-B Professional Development Report Form, Statement of Official Travel Form, and Prior Approval to Travel Form with all approved signatures affixed.
- Always use the appropriate form related to your travel: In-State Reimbursement Form for travel within the State of Alabama and the Out-of-State Reimbursement Form for travel outside of the State of Alabama.
- Always follow the appropriate guidelines related to your travel. Use either In-State or Out-of-State guidelines.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may cause your request and/or reimbursement to be denied.

What is Allowable and Unallowable Travel?

Answer:

Funds are to be used to increase knowledge and skills for improved job performance or strengthen an academic program.
- Travel to present a paper or serve on or chair a committee is unallowable.
- Student travel is unallowable.

What is used to determine the amount of Title III-B Awards

50% - Pell Grant recipients
25% - number of graduates
25% - number of graduates who enroll in a graduate or professional school (within five years of graduation)