The Title III-B grant continues to be a driving force for change and improvement at the College, and we are very proud of activity accomplishments made during the past year.

**Activity I—Academic Growth and Enhancement and Strengthening Faculty and Staff through Professional Development Activities**

Activity I’s focus is two-pronged in design: to strengthen academic programs and services and to provide quality professional development opportunities for its faculty and staff. Each year, a strong effort has been made to ensure that academic programs have adequate supplies and equipment. Supplies were purchased for the Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting programs, and classroom furnishings were purchased for the DMS/Radiology programs. Printers were also purchased for the Practical Nursing program computer lab.

Two hundred faculty and staff members attended 26 conferences/workshops during 2009-2010. One hundred thirty-five College faculty and staff members attended an off-campus retreat held on May 12, 2010, at the Legends Hotel and Conference Center in Prattville, AL. Dr. Tracie Carter, Mrs. Annitta Love and Mr. Danny Perry served as Activity I Directors during 2009-2010.

**Activity II—Enhancing Instructional Facilities**

Activity II’s focus is to provide funding for needed renovations to existing College facilities and to provide needed improvements to classrooms and student workstations. During the past year, the biology lab in Building J was renovated. The lab was refurbished with new cabinetry, tops, and sinks.

The exterior renovation of the Marion D. Smiley Allied Health Building was accomplished during September 2010. Damaged exterior vinyl panels were replaced, and the building’s exterior was repainted to create continuity with the other buildings on the Trenholm Campus.

Other significant activity accomplishments include the furnishing of a computer laboratory in the newly-renovated Building E with CPU-compliant tables and chairs. Activity II funds were also used to assist in the contractor costs for the Culinary Arts renovation project.

Mr. Dennis Monroe, Mr. Charles Harris and Mrs. Arlinda Knight provided leadership for Activity II during 2009-2010. Mr. Harris serves as the Construction Manager for the Culinary Arts renovation project that is expected to be completed in December 2010. Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Knight served as Activity II Co-Directors.
Activity III—Strengthening the Management Information System

Activity III’s focus is to provide a stable and secure system of information management as well as to provide faculty and staff with training opportunities in network-related topics.

The College’s administrative computer system was upgraded in March 2010 with additional drive capacity and memory capacity. The Dynamix Group upgraded the AS400 computer system during April 2010 with a 180 GB hard drive, 6 GB of memory and an additional 100 GB tape drive. Four HP Proliant servers were purchased to provide additional information management capability. This has increased the performance speed of the system, especially during periods of heavy demand such as registration days.

An APC Smart UPS was purchased for the Trenholm Campus data center to provide for longer up time for the file servers during power failures and to prevent loss of data. The purchase of data recovery software has also strengthened the College’s network. Disk Internals Data Recovery Software, a fully automatic utility that recovers data from damaged or formatted disks, was purchased to strengthen and secure the network. The College's network infrastructure is now more stable and secure.

A training session with Aliant Data Systems was sponsored by the activity and was conducted on April 27, 2010. The Campus Key Training was led by Ms. Vickie Pridemore, Aliant Implementation Specialist, and included a review of prior training related to federal contracts, DAX reporting, curricula and credit card processing. Academic Services, Business Office, Bookstore and Human Resource personnel attended the one-day training session.

Mr. Robert Brown served as Activity III Director during 2009-2010. Assistant Dean of IT and Campus Safety and Security, Mr. Charles Harris, played a crucial role in the activity’s progress in meeting its goals and objectives for 2009-2010.

Did You Know?

During the 2007–08 academic year, postsecondary degrees numbered as follows: 750,000 associate's degrees; 1,563,000 bachelor's degrees; 625,000 master's degrees; 91,300 first-professional degrees; and 63,700 doctor's degrees. Between 1997–98 and 2007–08, the number of degrees conferred rose at all levels. The number of associate's degrees was 34 percent higher in 2007–08 than in 1997–98, the number of bachelor's degrees was 32 percent higher, the number of master's degrees was 45 percent higher, the number of first-professional degrees was 16 percent higher, and the number of doctor's degrees was 38 percent higher.

SOURCE: Digest of Education Statistics (2009)
Activity IV—Improving Library Resources and Services

The College’s library is a vital part of our institution and the College’s mission is to provide a quality education to every student. The mantle of dedication and exemplary leadership was passed on to Mr. Paul Blackmon with Mrs. Zenobia Blackmon’s retirement on August 31, 2010. She will long be remembered for her dedication, hard work and leadership. During her tenure, the College’s library was transformed from an empty shell into an outstanding college library.

The Title III objective to increase library books, periodicals, audio visual equipment and print material acquisitions is accomplished each year. During 2009-2010, library holdings increased by 9 percent. The library’s recently-acquired library management system was upgraded by purchasing Sirsi Dynix inventory equipment and software.

The Library staff are one of the Library’s greatest assets. They do an excellent job of serving students and supporting academic programs by providing a wealth of information and assistance daily to faculty, staff, and students.

The Archives at Trenholm State is one of our most unique features, and Dr. Gwen Patton, Archivist, continues to make presentations to organizations that last year included over 2,490 people. The “Movement Trunk Traveling Exhibit” made its debut for the Wee Children and Teen Book Club of the Rufus A. Lewis Public Library in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Gwen Patton, College Archivist, provided the “show, tell and touch” exhibit as a part of Trenholm State’s Archives outreach program. The traveling trunk contains a sleeping bag, brogan shoes, patched overalls, plaid work shirt (items purchased in the 1950s and donated to Trenholm State’s Archives by Butler County farmer, Fred Bennett), roll of toilet tissue, toothbrush, bandanna, Afro-pix comb, Movement buttons, Lowndes County Black Panther Primer on the roles and responsibilities of country elected officials, books on slavery and the freedom movement. The traveling trunk exhibit was a tremendous success as young people learned how itinerant movement organizers lived in 1960s rural Alabama.

The Title III objective to reformat archival documents to DVD format is met each year. This reformatting allows for greater accessibility of archival documents for patrons and additional archival storage space. The Archivist reformatted a total of 55 video/audio tapes during the past year.

Dr. Patton has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Society of Alabama Archivists and on the Steering Committee of the Montgomery Education Foundation. Researchers from around the country visit the archives and cite Trenholm Archives as a major source in their books and publications.

Mrs. Zenobia Blackmon and Mr. Paul Blackmon served as the Activity IV Co-Directors for 2009-2010.
Activity V—Improving Student Retention

Activity V’s focus is to increase the College’s retention rate and enrollment and provide needed retention training opportunities for the College’s faculty and staff. The College has experienced an increase in both the retention rate and enrollment due in part to the diligence of Activity V personnel. The number of student organizations at the College have increased during the past year, and Brittany Anderson, Student Activities Staff Assistant, has been instrumental in this effort. A photography club and student leadership organization were established at the College and have been very successful. An application to establish a student chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success was recently accepted. The new organization will afford students with even more opportunities to hear national speakers on leadership through live, internet broadcasts and receive additional leadership training.

Retention efforts during 2009-2010 sponsored by Activity V included several events. The Iron Grip Awards Ceremony was held during the January 2010 In-Service meeting to recognize the retention achievement of the College’s programs. Two retention webinars were sponsored by the activity: E-Expectations of Today’s College Students (January 14, 2010) and Faculty as Dynamic Forces in Facilitating and Improving Retention (March 30, 2010). These webinars were available to both faculty and staff members. Activity V also includes tips to enhance instruction and retention each month in the Trenholm State Update newsletter in the “Faculty Corner” section. Dr. Mimi Johnson served as Activity V Director during 2009-2010.

2011 HBCU CALENDAR

Trenholm State was recently selected to become part of the Black History Educational Network’s 2011 HBCU Calendar. We are featured in the month of November. The calendar is sold nationwide to help raise money for the 12 institutions profiled in each year’s calendar.

The cost of the calendar is $6.00. Two dollars of the $6.00 will be equally divided among the 12 institutions.

Please visit the “2011 HBCU Calendar” link under the College Information section of the TrenholmState website (www.trenholmstate.edu) to purchase the calendar.

Thank you for your support of HBCUs.

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