



**Dr. Marilyn Whiting**

### **Activity I Co-Director Appointed**

Dr. Marilyn Whiting has been appointed as the Co-Director of Activity I (Academic Growth and Enhancement & Strengthening Faculty and Staff through Professional Development). Dr. Whiting will supervise the implementation of activity processes that will result in the achievement of activity objectives; monitor the activity budget; complete and submit monthly activity progress reports and time accountability forms. She will also assist the Title III Director in coordinating and supporting the activity.

Dr. Whiting is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. She joined the Trenholm family on April 1, 2004, as a full-time practical nursing instructor. She has over 25 years of nursing experience. Her experience includes critical care nursing, cardiovascular nursing, and home health/hospice nursing, serving in many capacities to include charge nurse, case manager, team leader, and nurse educator. Dr. Whiting began her nursing education at Trenholm State, receiving a certificate as a practical nurse. She later enrolled in Troy University to continue her nursing education (ASN, BSN, MSN). She then received her doctorate in education (Educational Leadership, Policy and Law) from Alabama State University. Away from Trenholm, Dr. Whiting fills her spare time joyously as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She plays an active role in various nursing organizations addressing the needs of nursing and as an active member of her church.

### **New Web Developer Hired**



**Ms. Michelle Simmons**

Ms. Michelle Simmons joined the Trenholm family as the College's new Web Developer in January 2013. Ms. Simmons responsibilities as Web Developer include providing day-to-day maintenance, monitoring and updating of web content on the college's website as well as internal web pages (Intranet); assessing new standards and recommending strategies and techniques for enhancing the college's web presence; ensuring a visually consistent site by adhering to relevant standards, college guidelines and policies, and establishing and maintaining cross-browser compatibility to ensure accessibility from a variety of environments.

Ms. Simmons comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She is an alumnae of Troy University where she attained bachelor's degrees in both finance and computer information systems. To further her knowledge, she also completed Trenholm's CIS database/web presence app/design certificate program. In her spare time, she enjoys singing and playing the piano.

# Frequently Asked Question

**Question: What are allowable activities through the Title III-B program?**

**Answer: Title III funds are used to support the College in the following areas:**

- ◆ Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional or research purposes;
- ◆ Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services;
- ◆ Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development and faculty fellowships to assist these faculty members in attaining advanced degrees in their fields of instruction;
- ◆ Academic instruction in disciplines in which Black Americans are underrepresented;
- ◆ Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program materials;
- ◆ Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success;
- ◆ Funds and administrative management and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management;
- ◆ Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries;
- ◆ Establishment or improvement of a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector;
- ◆ Establishment or enhancement of a program of teacher education designed to qualify students to teach in a public elementary or secondary school in the State that shall include, as part of the program, preparation for teacher certification;
- ◆ Establishment of community outreach programs that will encourage elementary and secondary students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education;
- ◆ Establishment or improvement of an endowment fund;
- ◆ Acquisition of real property in connection with the construction, renovation, or addition to or improvement of campus facilities;
- ◆ Education or financial information designed to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students or the students' families, especially with regard to student indebtedness and student assistance programs;
- ◆ Services necessary for the implementation of projects or activities that are described in the grant application and that are approved, in advance, by the Secretary, except that not more than two percent of the grant amount may be used for this purpose.

# Tuition Assistance Available

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**Mrs. Dorothy Peten,  
Practical Nursing  
Instructor**

Activity I's faculty development component offers qualified faculty members assistance in upgrading their teaching credentials through participation in the tuition assistance program.

Currently, two faculty members are taking advantage of this assistance. Mrs. Dorothy Peten, practical nursing instructor, is enrolled at the University of Phoenix seeking to obtain a Ph.D. degree in nursing. Mrs. Brandi Merrill, diagnostic medical sonography (DMS) Instructor, is enrolled at Nova Southeastern University, seeking to obtain a masters in health science degree.

To take advantage of tuition assistance through Title III-B, faculty members must be enrolled in a program of study directly related to their field of instruction.

For more information about tuition assistance, please visit the Title III *Forms* section located on the College's Intranet and read the Tuition Assistance Policy and Form document.

Specific questions can also be addressed to Mr. Phillip Allen or Dr. Marilyn Whiting, Co-Directors of Activity I, or you may contact the Title III-B Office.



**Mrs. Brandi Merrill,  
DMS Instructor**

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## Activity Updates

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### **New Equipment Purchased to Enhance Teaching**

Activity I's goal to update equipment in the Office Administration and Accounting programs was completed recently with the purchase of new computers for instructors Sam Ehie, Helen Johnson, and Ann Vernon.

### **Trenholm Employees Taking Advantage of GoToMeeting**

One of Activity III's goals for the 2012-2013 year was to acquire licenses for GoToMeeting and GoToWebinar which would enable online meetings and webinars between both campuses. Thus far, two meetings have been held using GoToMeeting. A Distance Education Committee meeting was held on February 7, 2013 with eight attendees, and an Administrative Council meeting was held on March 7, 2013m, with eleven attendees.

### **Technology Training Improves Productivity**

Another Activity III goal for this year is to provide at least one training session for faculty and staff throughout the year. Thus far, two training sessions have been held. A webinar was held on November 6, 2013, for the admissions staff on online admissions applications, and an Aliant Training session was held on February 19, 2013, for academic and human resources personnel on faculty load forms.



**Technology Training Session  
February 19, 2013**

# Save the Date!

**What: Faculty and Staff Retreat**

**When: May 9, 2013**

**Where: Renaissance Hotel and Spa  
201 Tallapoosa Street  
Montgomery, AL**

**Theme: R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

**Presenters: Mr. Tim Clue and Ms. Sharleen Smith**

**Special Guest: Chancellor Mark Heinrich**

## TITLE III-B PROGRAM OFFICE STAFF

**Mrs. Arlinda K. Knight, Director**

**Mrs. Glenda Davis, Administrative Assistant**

**Mrs. Patricia Griggs, Administrative Assistant**

**Ms. Michelle Simmons, Web Developer**

## **Title III, Part B Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program**

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