President’s Message

I am so pleased and proud to have the opportunity to lead this unique institution. Trenholm State Technical College takes pride in its high academic standards, its excellent programs and services, and its personal approach to helping each individual student succeed.

With the help of Title III-B funds, there are many new and exciting developments at the College. The Title III-B funds continue to play a significant role in the growth and improvement of the College. Because of our growing spirit and many planning efforts, we continue to improve our instructional facilities, enhance our program offerings, provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, improve information technology, library resources and student services.

We appreciate the vital role you continue to play in the excitement as we continue to grow our academic community and programs. It is because of your strong commitment that we are sure to experience an increase in the enrollment as well as the retention of our students.

Many thanks to our faculty, staff and administrators for their strong support of Trenholm State. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

Samuel Munnerlyn
President

Trenholm State Receives Grant Award for 2012-2013

Trenholm State Technical College will continue to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education under the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities program. An amount of $1,244,976 was awarded to the College for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Funds will be used to support the five activities of TSTC’s Title III Program. These activities are designed to increase program offerings, enhance or improve physical plant deficiencies, and provide funding to improve its information technology, library, and retention areas.

Academic Growth and Enhancement & Strengthening Faculty and Staff through Professional Development

Activity I is designed to promote curriculum development, career upward mobility, enhancement of instructional delivery by the purchasing of state-of-the-art equipment to prevent obsolescence and to meet the changing needs within the College service area. Its aim is also to include relevant continuing education and improved training of the faculty and to facilitate the College’s accreditation with the Commission on Colleges Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (COCSACS).

Mr. Phillip Allen was recently appointed to lead Activity I.

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Enhancing Instructional Facilities

Activity II will utilize a multi-pronged approach to alleviating the deficiencies in the physical facilities of the College. The activities will focus on repairs/renovations of existing campus buildings that currently house academic programs/courses; re-roofing and/or restructuring one academic building, and, enhancing physical facilities such as classrooms, laboratories, and instructional offices to ensure a conducive learning environment.

Mr. Dennis Monroe and Mrs. Arlinda Knight will lead Activity II.

Improving Library Resources and Services

The goal of Activity IV is to increase library periodicals holdings (print and non-print), electronic databases and e-books, reference books, other educational materials, equipment and audio-visual materials and equipment. The continued support and expansion of the Archives will strengthen both the instructional and community services efforts of the College while fostering the cultural heritage of the community of which this HBCU is an integral part.

Mr. Paul Blackmon provides leadership for this activity.

Strengthening the Management Information System

Activity III will address the problems in the College’s current system of managing and collecting information. The activity’s goals are to improve internal and external institutional communication systems, provide training opportunities for administration, faculty and staff, and continue technological updates to the records management system to attain a more efficient delivery of services. Since the computer system is the pivotal component of this activity, the administrative computing system will continue to be enhanced and secured through utilization of needed software and hardware updates.

Mrs. Regina Rudolph provides leadership for Activity III.

Improving Student Retention

Activity V’s goal is to provide retention monitoring and early warning intervention systems that will identify high-risk students and provide assistance. A web-based early alert retention system will be implemented and retention seminars offered to the faculty and staff to increase retention awareness. The activity will be the focal point in the College’s support system for recruiting, retaining, and graduating students. It will address critical issues pertaining to retention.

Dr. Mimi Johnson provides leadership for Activity V.

Trenholm State Receives SAFRA Grant Award

The College received an award of $500,000 dollars under the Student Aid and Financial Responsibility ACT (SAFRA). The SAFRA allocation will be used on activities to support the expansion of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program, continue the training and development of faculty, staff, and administrators, and support the funding for renovated instructional facilities on the Trenholm Campus.
Welcome to the Title III-B Team!

Mr. Phillip O. Allen has been an instructor at Trenholm for the past two years and is excited to join Trenholm State as a full-time faculty member and Title III-B, Activity I Director. Phillip received a bachelor’s of social science in social work from Alabama State University in 2002. He also received two master’s degrees from ASU in English/language arts and educational administration and leadership.

Phillip comes to Trenholm from the Lowndes County Public School system where he was a reading coach. He is a member of True Divine Baptist Church, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., National Council of Teachers of English and the National/Alabama Education Association. In his spare time he enjoys reading, restoring vintage cars, fishing and spending time with his wife and daughter.

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Academic Growth and Enhancement & Strengthening Faculty and Staff through Professional Development

Retreat 2012

One of the objectives of Activity I is to increase opportunities for faculty and staff development through the sponsoring of relevant seminars and workshops. The activity sponsored the 2012 Retreat held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Montgomery, Alabama, with 135 faculty and staff members attending the all-day event. The theme of this year’s Retreat was “Communication: Lets Build Bridges, Not Walls.” Informative and relevant workshops were offered throughout the day. Faculty and staff were also recognized for their excellent work and years of service. Based on the survey results, faculty and staff felt the Retreat was both enjoyable and beneficial.
Constructing and Enhancing Instructional Facilities

Current projects for this activity include building renovations and purchase of equipment and supplies designed to strengthen two of the College’s academic programs, Radiologic Technology and the Automotive Services program. A fully-energized x-ray laboratory will be provided for real-world, hands-on experiences for students in the Radiology program. Modifications/alterations of the existing radiographic laboratory will include configuring the laboratory equipment so that x-ray exposures can be made in a controlled environment that is compliant with the State of Alabama Radiological Safety standards and specifications. The Automotive Services program has been provided with welding tables and MIG welders for use in the welding lab.

Strengthening the Management Information System

One of the current-year objectives for Activity III is to provide training activities for faculty, staff, and advisors. On May 9 and May 10, 2012, eight training sessions on updates, enhancements, and new features of the administrative system were presented by Ms. Vickie Pridemore, Implementation Specialist with Alliant Data Systems, Inc. Three sessions for Advising/Registration, three sessions on Budget Center Inquiry, and one session each on Curriculum Processing, Campus Key Inquiry, Financial Aid, and Business Office/Accounting Procedures were offered. A total of 73 faculty and staff members attended these sessions.

Improving Library Resources and Services

Trenholm State Technical College’s Learning Resource Center (Library/Archives) recently announced that two students, Donna Sanford and Jennifer Thomas, had the opportunity to serve as interns for the Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Summer Institute for Photographic Preservation at the University of Delaware. The eight-day training was underwritten by the Carnegie-Mellon Foundation as a result of a proposal written by Paul Blackmon, Head Librarian, and Dr. Gwen Patton, Archivist.

The purpose of photographic preservation is to preserve and conserve historic photographs in the archival collections. “Our student scholars were the only representatives from a two-year college and from the state of Alabama,” said Blackmon.

Several teaching-learning tours included the housing and storage of Vice President Joe Biden’s senatorial papers, Charles Dickens Exhibit, President Abraham Lincoln Exhibit and documents on slavery. To preserve archival artifacts, Donna and Jennifer observed techniques used for artwork, documents and books, to include Albert Einstein’s globe and a Masonic Shriner’s book, using Japanese silk paper.

The students are now employing their skills in assessing archival photographs for preservation and conservation in the Learning Resource Center.
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Improving Student Retention

Student Activities

One of the goals of Activity V is to increase the student retention rate and student participation in college activities has been shown to be an effective way to accomplish this goal. Trenholm State students have participated in several activities over the past few months.

Skills USA State Competition
At the state competition held on April 24-26, 2012, in Birmingham, Alabama, Trenholm State Technical College students competed in 15 postsecondary competitions and won seven Gold Medals, six Silver Medals, and one Bronze Medal.

(L-R) LaDre Johnson, David Russell, Jessica Dennis, Borrah Campbell, Blanche Rogers, Janighia Taylor, Ashlee Smith, Jake Garrett, Treydarious James, Clint Jackson, Jeff Austin, Cornelius Warmack, Catherine Flavell, William, Jermaine Peterson.

Skills USA National Competition
During the national competition held June 22-28, 2012, in Kansas City, Missouri, the College won a first place (Gold) in state pin design for a postsecondary institution. Other national successes included all of our participants placing in the top ten in each category that we participated in.

(L-R) Jessica Dennis, Ashlee Smith, Mr. Smith (Ashlee’s father), Borrah Campbell, Jermaine Peterson, Mike Bainter, Clint Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Jessica’s parents).

2012 National Society of Leadership and Success

On June 22, 2012, Trenholm State’s chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success inducted 39 students into the organization. They are: Jeff Austin, Vanessa Averhart, Ma-Naya Bates, Amanda Best, Christy Blackmon, Shelia Bryant, Andrew Charles, Marcus Clark, Taylor Collier, Laurie Copelin, Jake Garrett, Aubre Hall, Larry Hamilton, Latema Harrell, Romecia Harris, Carolyn Hosea, Arquita Jackson, Treydarious James, Jestavian Johnson, Kelli McKicken, Loletha Moore Beckham, Latanya Myricks, Theresa Parker, Carolyn Phillips, Katrina Raines, Cheryl Ransaw, Daron Reubin, Lindsey Robertson, Amanda Scott, Charles Shultz, Anna Sloan, Julie Stockman, Jay Sullivan, Terrence Warren, Elisa Washington, Stephanie Wheat, Karl White, Cody Wimpee, and Sheila Womble.
Thank you for your service!

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Mrs. Regina Rudolph
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Mr. Paul Blackmon
Activity IV

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Mrs. Arlinda Knight
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