Faculty and Staff Retreat Successful at the Legends

Over 130 Trenholm State faculty and staff attended the all day annual faculty and staff retreat on Monday, May 9, 2011, held at the Marriott Legends at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Alabama. Funding for the retreat was provided through Title III-B, Activity I. The retreat began with a welcome by President Munnerlyn. President Munnerlyn started the retreat with an encouraging word about the importance of the faculty and staff to the success of the College and its mission.

The theme of this year’s retreat was Creating a Culture that Fosters Success. This theme was chosen by the Faculty and Staff Retreat Committee. With activities planned around the theme, the faculty and staff experienced an educational, fun and productive day.

The opening session began with a presentation by Mrs. Sandra McGruder. Mrs. McGruder provided information that enabled employees to learn more about their true colors and how this information can be used to increase productivity and create more positive interaction with each other.

Group activities were integrated throughout the day to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning. The first activity was Trenholm State Feud. According to surveys, this activity was thoroughly enjoyed. There were also special seating arrangements to allow employees to mix and mingle while learning interesting facts about each other.

Other presenters included Mrs. Emma Faulk, Assistant Professor in Business and Marketing Education at Alabama State University. Mrs. Faulk presented to faculty and staff members on Business Etiquette in the Workplace. She gave those present some valuable information on business etiquette as well as a concluding quiz to test our skills. Ms. Norma-May Isakow, Director of Service Learning at the University of Alabama Birmingham, spoke on Service Learning and its importance in the lives of us all.
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Faculty members learned how the spirit of volunteerism and service to the community can be taught as part of a curriculum and all of our lives enriched in the process.

The highlight of the day was the “Stress Management” workshop conducted by Mrs. Angel Jowers and Mrs. Patricia Pratt from the University of South Alabama. With their interactive presentation, they were just what we needed to conclude our Retreat, according to the Retreat Satisfaction Survey.

Another highlight and addition to this year’s retreat was the award recognition of one faculty member and one staff employee for outstanding work and service. The winner of this year’s award for faculty was Mrs. Vicky Ohlson. Dr. Mimi Johnson was chosen as the winner of the award for staff. Other nominees for the awards were Geneva Patterson, Marilyn Whiting and Cecile Mathews-Meacham.

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Regina Rudolph Appointed Activity III Director

Mrs. Regina Rudolph has been appointed as Activity III Director effective June 2011. The purpose of Activity III is to strengthen the College’s management and administrative functions through training and acquisition of equipment.

Mrs. Rudolph holds both a masters (American InterContinental University) and bachelor’s degree (University of South Alabama) in Information Technology. She has been employed at Trenholm State since 2002. She has held the positions of both Network Technician and Web Developer, which are Title III (Activity III) funded positions. She most recently served from 2004-2011 as an instructor in the College’s Computer Information System program and also served as faculty administrator of the Distance Education System.

Did You Know?

Between 1997–98 and 2007–08, the percentage of degrees earned by females fluctuated between 60 and 62 percent for associate's degrees and between 56 and 58 percent for bachelor's degrees, while the percentage of master's degrees earned by females increased from 57 to 61 percent. The percentage of first-professional degrees and doctoral degrees earned by females also increased during this period. In 1997–98, females earned 43 percent of first-professional degrees and 42 percent of doctoral degrees; in 2007–08, the respective percentages were 50 and 51 percent.

Title III-B Activity Accomplishments

ACTIVITY I
ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN DISCIPLINES IN WHICH BLACK AMERICANS ARE UNDERREPRESENTED

One of the current-year objectives for Activity I is the purchase of new equipment for the College’s new Health Service Division programs in Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) and Echocardiogram Technology. Mr. Danny Perry, Activity I Director, has recently purchased a Ultrasound Phantom for students to use in the Ultrasound lab. The phantoms will allow students to focus on areas where they have trouble gaining hands-on experience such as transvaginal, scrotum, and breast sonography.

ACTIVITY II
CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT IN CLASSROOM, LIBRARY, LABORATORY, AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

The Joseph Dickerson Education Center provides six state-of-the-art classrooms for the College’s general education course offerings as well as office space for faculty. Parking lots at the facility will be resurfaced during August 2011.

ACTIVITY IV
PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS, PERIODICALS, MICROFILM, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM MATERIALS

Dr. Gwen Patton, College Archivist, recently attended the Alabama Historical Association’s Membership Conference in the historic district of Mobile Bay’s Easter Shore. The Alabama Historical Commission is the state agency charged with safeguarding Alabama’s historic buildings and sites. Created by an act of the state legislature in 1966, it consists of 21 appointed members who represent a broad cross section of Alabamians. Architects, historians, archaeologists, and representatives of Alabama’s universities are representative of the Commission’s membership. To learn more about the Alabama Historical Association, please visit: http://www.archives.state.al.us/aha/aha.html

Pictured with Dr. Patton are: (Sitting L-R) Ms. Debbie Pendleton of the Alabama Department of Archives and History and Rev. C. A. Smith from Bishop College; (Standing L-R) Elvin Lang with the Black Heritage Council of the Alabama Historical Commission and Randall Williams, publisher of New South Books, Inc.
"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman

Student Activities

Induction Ceremony Held for the Trenholm State Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success

On Thursday, May 5, 2011, Trenholm State’s Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success held its first induction ceremony. Seventeen students completed the requirements needed to become a lifelong member of the organization. The students received a lapel pin, tshirt, certificate and car decal. Since all of the students completed the semester with a GPA above 3.3, each of them also received a letter of recognition from the Society’s president.

Skills USA 2011

H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College recently competed in the SkillsUSA State Competition in Birmingham, Alabama. The event held on April 26-28, 2011 was the culmination of several high schools and two-year colleges across Alabama that competed in programs of study ranging from building construction to computer information systems. Trenholm State’s SkillsUSA Chapter members won the following awards: Chapter Member Award: First Place, H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College; Computer Maintenance Technology: Second Place, Cornelius Warmack (Silver); Automotive Services Technology: First Place, Nolan Fulton (Gold) and Second Place, John Russell (Silver); Technical Computer Applications: First Place, Norma Fredrickson (Gold); Advertising Design: First Place, Mike Bainter (Gold), Second Place, Catherine Flavell (Silver), and Third Place, Gerard Crawford (Bronze); Television (Video) Production: First Place (Gold), Team #500 (Mylo Jones and Chris Dobson); Prepared Speech: First Place, Erika Taylor (Gold); Web Design: Second Place (Silver), Team #500 (Jermaine Peterson and Landon Isham); Customer Service: Second Place, Cheryl Ransaw (Silver); Photography: First Place, Nick Drollette (Gold) and Second Place, Latema Harrell (Silver). Six students went on to participate in the National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri on June 19-24: Mike Bainter, Nolan Fulton, Mylo Jones, Chris Dobson, Norma Fredrickson and Cornelius Warmack. Norma Fredrickson, Mylo Jones and Chris Dobson placed in the top 10 during the National Competitions. Congratulations to all of our outstanding students!