





HRISTIAN COLLEGE



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### A Message from President Newman

#### Dear Alumni and Friends,

On behalf of the Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff



and Students, I am pleased to extend greetings to thank each of you for the support you have provided over the past year.

As you are aware, colleges and universities are unique institutions of higher learning. Each cultivates its own culture, its own sense of community and its own experience. To enhance the academic experience on campus, we have received board approval to offer cyber-security courses, infuse data analytics across the curriculum and improve our science labs. We are in the process of developing a moot court and creating a student engagement lab.

Additionally, we have moved beyond the boundaries of our Hawkins campus and opened a teaching site in Dallas for adult learners at Friendship-West Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend Freddie Haynes. The site was approved by our regional accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC), in July 2016. Under the direction of Ms. Mavonee Jeffries, former Vice Chair of the Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees, registration at the site began on August 28. Currently the only accredited HBCU in the area, Jarvis is offering the following academic degree programs: (1) Bachelor of Arts in Religion, (2) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and (3) Bachelor of Business Administration.

Moreover, we have experienced a significant increase in enrollment for the past four years, including a record 985 students for Fall 2016. This represents a 10.4% increase over the Fall 2015 enrollment of 905 students. While many Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) experienced a decline in enrollment over the past several years, Jarvis Christian College is trending in the opposite direction.

With the increased enrollment, we have also experienced an increased rate in the diversity of our student body. Currently, we are at a 20% diversity rate, which is comprised of Caucasian, Hispanic and International students. We currently have ten (10) international students from five (5) countries – Mexico (1); Trinidad (2); the Bahamas (1); Canada (1) and Benin (5). Additionally, eight (8) students entered under the Dream Act.

Through our International Program, the College participates in the China-Black College

Network Program to facilitate study abroad programs in China. In July 2016, Cheston Living and Phillip Douyean Roberts visited China for a two-week summer program. Recently, Dr. Glenell Pruitt traveled to China to lay the foundation for a faculty and student exchange program and to recruit students.

To accommodate the student enrollment growth and to provide amenities comparable to other institutions, Jarvis was approved by the Department of Education's HBCU Capital Financing Program for a loan to refinance the debt on the Sebetha Jenkins Living and Learning Center; renovate two existing residence halls -- Waddleton and Hurdle; demolish Fuller Hall; and construct three new residence halls with a total of 192 beds.

The College is also renovating the C-Store, the cafeteria and space to house a wellness center for use by the campus community and residents from the surrounding area. We will continue to enhance the roads, campus lighting and landscaping. These are but a few of the proposed campus enhancements.

Jarvis is experiencing exciting change and growth as is shared in greater details throughout the Jarvisonian. Again, thank you for your support of Jarvis and remember that Jarvis is and always will be *uniquely yours* for life.

With warmest wishes,

Lester C. Newman President

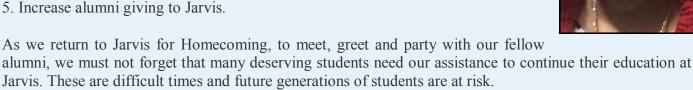
#### A Message from National Alumni Association President

Dear Alumni, Ex-Students and Friends of Jarvis Christian College/Southern Christian Institute National Alumni Association:

I bring you greetings on behalf of the National Alumni Association. As you new President, I am looking forward to working with you and the Executive Cabinet to enhance our Alumni experience.

Our Alma Mater is launching new programs and is engaged in various projects and activities to enhance the educational experience of students. My major goal is to galvanize alumni to support these efforts. As such, I recommend the following:

- 1. Increase National Alumni Association membership dues (Annual, \$40, Lifetime, ;
- 2. Increase communication between the National Alumni Association and its mem-
- 3. Increase the number of alumni chapters.
- 4. Increase alumni on-campus involvement with students and faculty.



I thank you in advance for your contributions and support of Jarvis Christian College and with your help we can fulfill our collective goals.

JCC WE LOVE YOU!

#### Deborah J. Mitchell (Class of '86)

National Alumni Association President

P.S. Please be sure to keep the Jarvis Christian College/Southern Christian Institute National Alumni Association updated on your whereabouts so we can keep you informed of the many exciting events and chapter programs available to you. For Chapter Information contact Mr. William Hampton, whampton@jarvis.edu and for National Alumni Information contact Ms. Deborah J. Mitchell, djam214@aol.com.

#### **National Alumni Officers**



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### A Message from Executive Director of Alumni Affairs

Dear Fellow Alumni:

I am grateful for the support and unwavering commitment and dedication displayed by the alumni of Jarvis Christian College. It is because of your support that Jarvis Christian College will enter its 105<sup>th</sup> year as the consistent choice of many students to earn their degrees in higher education.

The Office of Alumni Relations is a liaison between alumni and the College and provides opportunities for alumni to stay connected, get involved and to give back. As we lay the foundation for the next 105 years of service, we must position ourselves academically and fiscally, to ensure that Jarvis' future continues to reflect and advance the strengths of its past.

The College and our students cannot succeed without the participation of alumni mentoring students as well as assisting with fundraising and scholarship initiatives. Continue to stand with us to ensure that Jarvis Christian College is poised as a perpetual beacon of higher education.



I look forward to your continued support of Jarvis Christian College. It is an honor and privilege to serve you and my alma mater.

Sincerely,

#### William Hampton

**Executive Director of Alumni Relations** 

#### A Message from Student Government Association President

It is an honor to serve as this year's SGA President and I look forward to a very productive year representing the Jarvis Christian College student body.

The Student Government Association was established to serve, lead and empower the student body by presenting their views, being active in the community and improving the student experience. We desire to foster a meaningful relationship between the administration and the students and my goal is to accurately portray the concerns and views of the student body.

I encourage you to support SGA in whatever way you can. We are here to serve you, so stop by our office on the third floor of the Sebetha Jenkins Living and Learning Center. Whether you join SGA or you join an organization or a fraternity or a sorori-

ty on campus, remember that you are in control of shaping your experience here at Jarvis. Don't forget to support our athletic teams and show your JCC pride!

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SGA President 2016-2017

# Jarvis Christian College graduate Felix Stiggers joins HOPE Farm Family

**NOTE**: This article by Debbie Ringer appeared in Hope Farm magazine and featured Jarvis Christian College graduate Felix Bernard Stiggers. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work, Stiggers is now a program assistant at HOPE Farm in Fort Worth, Texas.

A few years after HOPE Farm opened its doors, 5-year-old Felix Bernard Stiggers and his mom visited; and the next week, Felix began coming to HOPE Farm on a daily basis.

After graduating from Jarvis Christian College in December with a major in Social Work, Felix came to work for HOPE Farm as a program assistant.

This is an important moment in HOPE Farm history, because this was one of Gary Randle's dreams from the very beginning. The privilege of seeing the journey of one boy from an angry 5-year-old who entered the building to, now, a grown man who has accomplished so much is something that gives Mr. Gary Randle pause — pause to remember the many prayers for Felix that have been answered. It is a moment that brings HOPE Farm such joy and excitement as we watch Felix work with the boys every afternoon, lead Bible studies, chaperone field trips and begin to give back to the place that gave him so much.

Felix's first experience at HOPE Farm was during Summer Camp where the theme was "Fun in the Sun." He immediately hit it off with all of the other boys who were in the program as well as with the staff. One of the things that left a big impression on Felix during his early years was a moment that Mr.



Felix Stiggers with some of the youths at HOPE Farm.

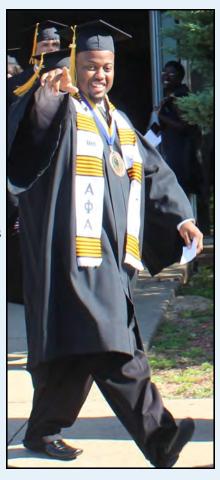
Joel Willis came to watch Felix at church minister through mime. Felix remembers that "it was at that moment that I felt what it may have been like to actually have a real father.

Growing up, my biological dad made many promises but could never seem to keep his word. Having an adult male figure tell you that he is going to do something and then actually do it can make all of the difference in any boy's life. Not only did Mr. Willis come to watch me, but he sat on the third row!"

Now, on the other side, Felix is true to his word at HOPE Farm. When he tells the boys he is going to do something or be somewhere, he does it. The boys

know they can count on him to show up to work, be a part of their afternoons, hold them accountable when necessary and have fun with them when the time is right. He has become a stable part of their days just as Mr. Willis became a person he could count on as a young boy.

Felix valued
Mr. Willis' constant presence
in his life and
respected Mr.
Noble Crawford's character



Felix Stiggers marches from Smith-Howard Chapel to the E.W. Rand Center for Jarvis Christian College's 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

and calm nature which, again, Felix emulates as a staff member at HOPE Farm now.

"I have always had such a high respect for Mr. Crawford that has only grown over the years," Felix comments. "As a boy at HOPE Farm I never saw Mr. Crawford step out of character or lose his cool. He has always been the calmest and collected person I have ever known. When it came to giving us correction when we may not have been that lovable, Mr. Crawford had a way with words that would just bring the most crooked man to submission."

One of the most important lessons Felix learned from Mr. Crawford was "in whatever you do always seek God first. It matters not how big or small the situation may seem, God will provide everything that you need."

Felix received his Social Work degree during graduation ceremonies at Jarvis Christian College in May. On April 19, Felix was presented with the Presidential Scholar Award from Jarvis. Felix "fell in love with the idea of promoting social change and development, social cohesion and the empowerment and liberation of people." With a heart to make a positive difference in the lives around him, Felix's choice to join the HOPE Farm staff in January seemed to make perfect sense.

"One of the most meaningful and amazing things that I get to be a part of now are the weekly staff prayer meetings. Being in my first prayer meeting and seeing that not only my name, but my mother's name and the names of my peers who are now adults were on the prayer list was absolutely mind blowing." Along with the entire staff, Felix is now a part of praying for each individual boy and mom every Monday along with the rest of the staff.

Felix is grounded in his faith and has taken his early struggles as a boy who could not count on his biological father to a level that is touching the hearts and lives of the current population at HOPE Farm today. Felix has been intentional in his leadership, and his kindness and thoughtfulness has made an impact on the HOPE Farm family. He recently spoke to a Rotary Club in Fort Worth telling them the HOPE Farm story. He stated that "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." When asked about the future of HOPE Farm, Felix stated, "Ten years from now I see HOPE Farm being more than just an afterschool program." He sees HOPE Farm being an actual school where "we can spend more time with the boys so that we can have an even greater impact on the boys' lives."

We look forward to working with Felix and seeing how God plans to use him to make a positive difference in the lives of the boys, moms and staff at HOPE Farm.

#### **ALUMNI CORNER**

**Michael McDonald**, Class of 2000, was recently appointed principal of Cedar Hill High School in Cedar Hill, Texas.



McDonald has been involved in education for over 16 years, beginning his educational career with Dallas ISD as a special education teacher and coach at H. Grady Spruce High School in 2000. In 2008, he moved into a leadership position in Richardson ISD

serving as an assistant principal for three years at JJ Pearce High School and for two years at Lake Highlands High School. In 2013, he was named principal of Byrd Middle School in Duncanville ISD. McDonald has earned a reputation over the past three years in Duncanville ISD as a collaborative, strong, and energetic leader who can move both students and staff to higher levels of performance.

McDonald earned a Bachelor's Degree in human performance from Jarvis Christian College and a Master's Degree in education administration from the University of North Texas.

He is a member of the Texas and National Associations of Secondary School Principals, ASCD and the National Alliance of Black Educators.

**The Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams**, Class of 1993, is the first African-American Regional Minister and



President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Williams graduated from the Cleveland School of the Performing Arts, where she had a special emphasis on Vocal Music and Theory. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Jarvis Christian College; and a Master

of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. Williams holds a

Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

On June 20, 1998, Williams was ordained a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Williams is founder and president of Credo International Women's Ministries, Inc., and A.W.O.K.E. (Anointed Women Overseeing Kingdom Endeavors) and is the author of three books, "The Power of Asking: Unleashing God's Best For Your Life," "Moving From Endangerment to Empowerment: Rediscovering the Word of God" and "Beneath It All: A Conversation Specifically For Women."

**Bryan Warren**, Class of 2006, was recently recognized by Longview ISD as a GLOBE Teacher of the Year.

Along with his award, Warren also received a \$200 check. Warren is an English teacher at J.L. Everhart Elementary School and has spent his entire eight-year teaching career in the Longview Independent School District.

**Charles D. Rousseau**, Class of 1984, is a County Commissioner in Fayette County, Georgia, holding the District 5 seat.

Rousseau has over 25 years of diversified governmental, operational and public policy experience. A 22-year resident of Fayette County, he has served on community boards such as the Fayette County Library Board, Fayette County School

Board Construction Committee and the Fayette County Race Relations Committee.

Rousseau received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jarvis Christian College, where he majored in English and minored in history.



#### PIONEER HALL OF FAME & PREEMINENCE AWARDS

### Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees

Alice Gay Goff Orea Rodgers Jr.

### Fred Hearns Award for Excellence

Nancy Williams Hockett Shaw

Preeminence Awards

John Dee Mangram Religion and Ministry Award Sylvester L. Curry Jr.

Education and Academics
Hutcherson Hill

Government, Politics and Advocacy

Cynthia Keppard

**Philanthropy** 

Texas Christian Missionary Fellowship Hands on Mission

Leadership, Community Service and Civic Endeavors

John H. Phillips

**Business and Entrepreneurship** 

Vernon Stanmore





Madame Gloria Bongi Ngema-Zuma, First Lady of the Republic of South Africa, was the speaker for Jarvis Christian College's Black History Convocation on Feb. 23, 2016.

### First Lady of Republic of South Africa visits

Jarvis Christian College hosted **Madame Gloria Bongi Ngema-Zuma**, First Lady of the Republic of South Africa, Feb. 20-24, 2016, who served as the Black History Month Program Speaker. Additionally, the College made arrangements for the First Lady to make appearances at other venues, including Wiley College and other organizations and agencies in the East Texas area.

Madame Ngema-Zuma was born in Durban and became First Lady of the Republic of South Africa when her husband, the Honorable Jacob Zuma, became the fourth president of the Republic in May 2009.

As First Lady, Madame Ngema-Zuma participates in programs that support presidential community development objectives, focusing mainly on primary health care. Her aim is to engage stakeholders around issues that are of importance to her, the President and the people of South Africa, and the world. One such issue is her work concerning diabetes.

Madame Ngema-Zuma founded the Bongi Ngema-Zuma Foundation in 2010 and has been working to

raise awareness of diabetes and other noncommunicable diseases. Her passion is to ensure that no one suffers unnecessarily or dies because they are unaware they have diabetes or because they are not receiving appropriate treatment for the condition

She founded the initiative in memory of her mother, who lived with diabetes for three decades. Her mother's commitment to leading a normal and active life has made Madame Ngema-Zuma determined to ensure that everyone living with the condition have the same quality of life.

On a broader social level, Madame Ngema-Zuma aims to promote the empowerment of women and children, rural development and education in South Africa.

She has held positions in companies such as Deloitte -IBM, Standard Chartered and Merchant Bank (SCMB). Her experience includes marketing management, communications, client relationship management, business partner management and investment consulting.

She has a Bachelor of Business Administration de-



Madame Gloria Bongi Ngema-Zuma, First Lady of the Republic of South Africa, enters Smith-Howard Chapel alongside Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman .



A reception was held for Madame Gloria Bongi Ngema-Zuma in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lester C. Newman.



Madame Gloria Bongi Ngema-Zuma took the time to mingle following the Black History Convocation.

gree from the Graduate School of Marketing; an IMM Diploma in Marketing Communications from the Institute of Marketing Management; a marketing degree from ICM of the UK; and certifications in Public Relations and Sales Management from Damelin College.

Madame Ngema-Zuma is a member of several organizations and worldwide networks, including the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the Africa Heritage Society and the Institute of Marketing Management (IMM). She and President Zuma have one son.

### FOUNDERS/HOMECOMING



Attorney Lezli Baskerville, CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, was the keynote speaker for Jarvis Christian College's Founders Convocation on March 15.

Jarvis Christian College's 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders/ Homecoming included a variety of events for faculty, staff, students, alumni, supporters and the community. Events included the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Convocation on March 15 and the Annual J.N. Ervin Lecture Series on March 17.

Attorney Lezli Baskerville, CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, was the keynote speaker for the Convocation.

Baskerville is a 2014 Harvard University Advanced Leadership Fellow, where she designed a \$1 billion sustainable endowment fund for HBCUs. She is a constitutional rights and justice lawyer who holds American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Civil Procedure. She also is an accomplished small business and association senior executive who is a recognized expert and

author in equal educational and employment opportunity, education excellence, access/success/finance; pipeline issues, minority student persistence, diversity issues, health disparities and campaign design/direction.

Baskerville served as Appellate Counsel at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, National Legislative Counsel for the NAACP and Inaugural Executive Director of the National Black Leadership Roundtable.

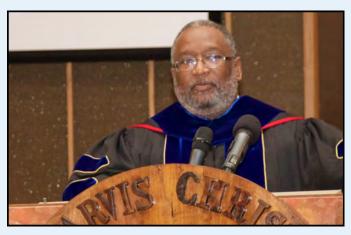
The keynote speaker for the J.N. Ervin Lecture Series was the Rev. Bernard "Chris" Dorsey, president of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). An ordained Disciples minister, Dorsey received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Master of

Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Dorsey is a part-time assistant professor of Theology and Preaching at Western Theological Seminary. He has taught at the University of Chicago, Dominican University, McCormick Theological Seminary and Clark Atlanta University.



Attorney Lezli Baskerville walks in with Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Glenell Lee-Pruitt before the start of the Founders Convocation.



Dr. Lester C. Newman takes the podium during the 104th Annual Founders Convocation.



Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman presents the Rev. Bernard "Chris" Dorsey with a plaque following the J.N. Ervin Lecture Series on March 17, 2016.



The Rev. Bernard "Chris" Dorsey talks with a student after the J.N. Ervin Lecture Series on March 17, 2016.

### HONORS CONVOCATION



Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, founding director of the Women's Research and Resource Center and Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College, was the keynote speaker for Jarvis Christian College's Honors Convocation.

Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, PhD., founding director of the Women's Research and Resource Center and Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College, gave the keynote address during Jarvis Christian College's Honors Convocation on April 19.

The annual Convocation recognizes exemplary student academic achievement. Students who have excelled in their classes, as demonstrated by their grade-point averages, are honored and applauded for their scholarship by faculty and fellow students. Additional recognition is given to outstanding students who have received academic awards and honors during the year.

Dr. Guy-Sheftall is also Past President of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), and for many years served as an adjunct professor at Emory University's Institute for Women's Studies where she taught graduate courses in the University's doctoral program.

Dr. Guy-Sheftall has published texts within African -American and Women's Studies. They include the first anthology on black women's literature, "Sturdy



Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall receives a plaque from Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman and Dr. Glenell Lee-Pruitt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Black Bridges: Visions of Black Women in Literature" (Doubleday, 1979), which she co-edited with Roseann P. Bell and Bettye Parker Smith; her dissertation, "Daughters of Sorrow."

Dr. Guy-Sheftall is the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, among them a National Kellogg Fellowship; a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for Dissertations in Women's Studies; and Spelman's Presidential Faculty Award for outstanding scholarship.





Jarvis Christian College recently broke ground on three residence halls during a Groundbreaking Ceremony.

### Under Construction: New residence halls on horizon

Local dignitaries were invited to join President Dr. Lester C. Newman on Aug.18, 2016, to break ground on the construction of three new residence halls and the renovation of two existing halls.

The community is abuzz with the excitement of the Campus Master Plan projects. Each of three, two-story buildings will include a one-bedroom apartment for faculty, 64 single suites for students, computer bars on each floor, and shared meeting and lounge areas. Each residence hall will have a theme and students will be assigned by major and interest. Faculty living in the residence halls will facilitate a true living and learning environment. The new construction is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

A concurrent renovation project will transform Hurdle and Waddleton Halls. We are also anticipating the renovation of Carey Hall, should there be remaining funds. The renovation should be completed on or before the first of the new year.

Dr. Newman said, "The projects are expected to create a more vibrant campus community and also reflect the living and learning styles of the students.



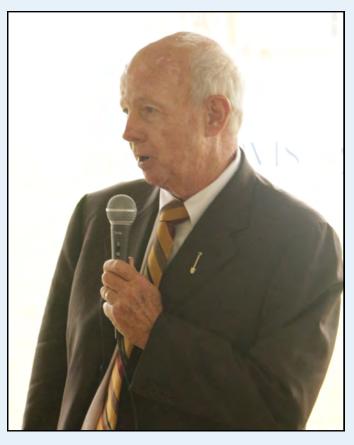
Our students come first and we make every effort to make their experiences here at Jarvis pleasant, while at the same time bring economic growth to this county and east Texas. This is just the beginning. There is much to do with our infrastructure. With your support we will make it a reality."



Jarvis Christian College faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members came out for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on the College campus.



Dr. Lester C. Newman addresses the crowd during the Groundbreaking Ceremony.



Student Suites owner and developer Richard Davis talks about the construction project at Jarvis Christian College.

### **MANGRAM INSTITUTE**



The Mangram Ministerial Institute Revival and Scholarship Conference was held April 13-15 at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. The Conference was a collaboration between Jarvis Christian College and Friendship-West.

The Mangram Ministerial Institute Revival and Scholarship Conference honors the legacy of the late Dr. John D. Mangram, a 1945 Jarvis Christian College graduate who trained many distinguished preachers.

Jarvis Christian College, in collaboration with Friendship-West Baptist Church, presented this year's conference. The three-day event was held April 13-15, 2016, at Friendship-West in Dallas, Texas, where Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III is senior pastor.

Conference speakers included the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight, assistant professor of homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; the Rev. Dr. Ralph Douglas West, founder and senior pastor of The Church Without Walls (Brookhollow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas); and the Rev. Dr. Freddy J. Clark, founder of the Shalom Church (City of Peace) in 1993, where preaching, teaching and praying are the foundational pillars of



The Rev. Dr. Ralph Douglas West with Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman.

his ministry.

The conference theme was "Honor Our Heritage – Transform Our Future." Conference topics included "Homiletics," "Systematic Theology and How it Informs Ministry" and "Doing Church Ministry and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."



The Rev. Dr.
Carolyn Ann
Knight was one
of the speakers
during the Mangram Ministerial Institute Revival and Scholarship Conference.







The Rev. Dr. Freddy J. Clark spoke to the crowd during the Mangram Ministerial Institute Revival and Scholarship Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Members of the Jarvis Christian College Choir performed during the last day of the Conference.

### CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



**Enactus team members Cheston Living, Keshanti Tidwell and Daniel Terrell.** 

### Jarvis Christian College Enactus team wins national titles

Jarvis Christian College proudly salutes the campus -based Enactus team for receiving two national awards during the Enactus USA National EXPO in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 16, 2016.

The College was among five institutions selected as first place grand prize winners in AIG's Wellness at Work Topic Competition. The national competition provided an opportunity for 550 Enactus teams from the United States to showcase how they plan to empower businesses to adopt a well-being, health and/or safety initiative that utilizes wearable technology to improve the wellness of their employees.

The Jarvis Christian College Enactus team received a plaque and a \$3,500 Award *to* continue their Wellness at Work project through Nov. 30, 2016. Teams will be connected to AIG executives and resources to aid in the implementation of their project.

The Enactus team also was awarded a third-place national title and \$3,000 plus \$1,500 for project expenses in the Unilever's Bright Future Project National Competition.

The Bright Future Project mobilized 20 Enactus

teams to implement projects that empower foodinsecure families in the United States to apply sustainable solutions toward addressing root causes of hunger.

Jarvis Christian College's "Head Start to 1000 Healthy Hearts" initiative included three components:

- Nutrition imparts knowledge and skills needed to establish healthy cooking and eating habits to fight childhood hunger.
- Smart food budgeting and shopping teaches children and adults how to shop sensibly on a limited budget.
- Food preparation teaches children how to prepare healthy meals and snacks and to make smart food choices.

Unilever announced the finalists to an audience of 3,000 people, including executives from 100 corporations. Enactus team members include Keshanti Tidwell, Daniel Terrell and Cheston Living. Chestley Talley, Director of Career Services, is campus adviser for the College's Enactus Team.

### Wendon Blair named 2016 HBCU All-Star

### Blair also to participate in Phillips University Legacy Foundation Scholarship and Leadership Development Program

Wendon Blair, of DeSoto, Texas, has been named a relationships with community-based organizations, and sessions with industry professionals, the students will share proven practices that support op-



**Wendon Blair** 

Blair was among the 73 students from 63 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) recognized for accomplishments in academics, leadership and civic engagement.

Over the next year, Blair, along with other All-Stars, will serve as ambassadors by providing outreach

opportunities and communicating with other students about the value of both education and the Initiative as a networking source. Using social media,

relationships with community-based organizations, and sessions with industry professionals, the students will share proven practices that support opportunities for all young people to achieve their educational and career potential. They also will participate in the White House HBCU Week Conference, national and regional events, and webinars with Initiative staff and other professionals on a range of disciplines that support a spirit of engagement and personal and professional development.

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Blair also has been awarded entrance to the Phillips University Legacy Foundation and Leadership Development Program for 2016-2017.

The undergraduate program is intended to provide leadership development and academic financial support for promising young Christian leaders pursing a liberal arts education. church, vocation and community.

### JCC professors make presentation at NSTA Conference

Jarvis Christian College professors, Dr. Preston Robinson III and Dr. Lecia Robinson, presented at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Conference March 31-April 2 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dave Washington, of Jackson Public Schools in Jackson, Mississippi, attended and presented with the team as well. Their presentation, "Implementing Pathways to Student Success in Science Education' was held in conjunction with the Association for Multicultural Science Education (AMSE) and discussed best practices for enhancing the teaching and learning experience for science education. Practices such as increasing time periods for instruction; increase budgets decreasing class sizes, increasing hands-on activities and labs; and enhancing professional development seminars for teachers were at the top of the list for achieving this goal. Participants were impressed with the content and left with guides to assist in developing plans to achieve this end for their respective instructions of learning.

Dr. Preston Robinson also was elected to serve on the board of directors for AMSE. Entering his fifth year with the organization, Dr. Robinson has served on committees, conducted presentations, recruited members and assisted in carrying out the mission and goals of the organization. This position comes with a twoyear commitment.



Jarvis Christian College Professors Dr. Preston Robinson III and Dr. Lecia Robinson.

For more information about AMSE, visit www.amsek16.org.

### Spring Commencement 2016



Jarvis Christian College awarded diplomas to 82 graduates during Commencement exercises May 7, 2016, in the E.W. Rand Center.

The Commencement address was given by journalist George E. Curry, editor-inchief and publisher of EmergeNewsOnline.com, a news web site and monthly digital magazine that provides culturally sensitive news, information and perspectives. Curry died Aug. 20 at the age of 69.

Curry served as editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine from 1993-2000. Under his leadership the magazine won more than 40 national journalism awards. While serving as editor of Emerge, Curry was elected president of the American Society of Magazine Editors, the first African-American to hold the association's top office.

Dr. Glenell Lee-Pruitt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the graduates and President Dr. Lester C. Newman conferred their respective degrees. Members of the Class of 1966 received their 50th year Golden Graduate diplomas. The Commencement ceremony was followed by a reception with a traditional toast to the latest Jarvis graduates.





## MR./MISS JARVIS PAGEANT





Shani Scott with Hot 107.3 Jamz talks with Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman during the College's Bark-A-Thon on Jan. 17.

### College raises \$136,000 during first Bark-A-Thon

Jarvis Christian College raised \$136,436.21 in its first Bark-A-Thon.

Jarvis partnered with Hot 107.3 Jamz to host the event, which kicked off the college's 90 Days of Giving Campaign (Jan. 17-April 15). The campaign benefits Jarvis' Annual Fund, Fund for the Future

and John D. Mangram Ministerial Scholarship.

The 90 Days of Giving Campaign also included Homecoming, which was March 14-20; and the Dr. John D. Mangram Ministerial Institute, which took place April 13-15 in Dallas, Texas.

### Trayvon Williams starts own TV/film company

Jarvis Christian College senior Trayvon Williams has started his own television and film company, The Pioneers Collective LLC. He is the executive producer of "Autographs," his first television miniseries.

"Autographs" follows friends of a similar journey but with different paths. As the friends learn to fall in love with their journey, they try to keep each other grounded while facing real life, love and the ups and downs of their careers. In addition to being the casting director, Williams also plays one of the lead characters.

"I'm super excited to be a chairman and CEO," Williams said.

Williams also has been cast in several other films

expected to come out this year, including a support-

ing role in "36 Hour Layover," starring actors Loretta Devine, Brian White, Monica Calhoun and Amin Joseph.

Williams' other credits include "Waste Not Die Not," Hunter Gatherer" and "Broken: A Musical."



**Trayvon Williams** 

For a complete list of Williams' credits, go online to <a href="https://www.TrayvonWilliams.com">www.TrayvonWilliams.com</a>.

### **CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**



Jarvis Christian College Band Director Rodney Chism with band members Arieal Goodson, Jade Wright, Cierra Harmon, Willie Blalock, Algenon Lee, Cedric Germany and Braxton Beverly.

#### JCC Band members participate in HBCU-NBDC Convention

Seven Jarvis Christian College Band members traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, in April to participate in the Historically Black Colleges & Universities National Band Directors Consortium (HBCU-NBDC) Convention.

Auditions were held in January and results announced in February. Jarvis Christian College students selected to participate included Cierra Harmon, clarinet, third chair Concert Band; Willie Blalock, baritone, Jazz Ensemble and Saxophone Choir; Braxton Beverly, trumpet, fourth chair Symphonic Band; Cedric Germany, euphonium, second

chair Symphonic Band; Arieal Goodson, trombone, fifth chair Concert Band; Algenon Lee, percussion, Symphonic Band; and Jade Wright, percussion, Concert Band.

The HBCU-NBDC also selected Rodney Chism, Jarvis Christian College Band Director/Assistant Professor of Music, to serve as a clinician for the National Saxophone Choir at the Convention.

The HBCU-NBDC provides an opportunity for band directors and students from predominately black institutions to collaborate and develop strategic plans for success in instrumental music programs.

#### Motivational speaker Kemba Smith shares her personal story

Motivational speaker Kemba Smith shared her per- her association with him, Smith was sentenced to

sonal story during lectures at Jarvis Christian College on Oct. 20, 2016.

Growing up as an only child in Richmond, Virginia, Smith graduated high school and continued her education at Hampton University.

Kemba Smith

What happened to Smith in her new campus environment was a nightmare. In an attempt to "fit in," Smith associated with the wrong crowd and became involved with a drug dealer. As a result of

her association with him, Smith was sentenced to 24½ years and served 6½ years in federal prison. She regained her freedom after President Clinton granted her clemency in December 2000.

Smith shares her traumatic real life experience in her book, "Poster Child: The Kemba Smith Story." Featured on CNN, Nightline, Court TV, The Early Morning Show, Donahue, Judge Hatchett, and a host of other television programs, Smith's story has also been written about in several national publications including The Washington Post, New York Times, Glamour, People, JET and Emerge.



Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Jarvis Christian College Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team members Michael Nwabueze, Jenea Jennings, Cheston Living and Khalil Collins with Coach LaJuana Vaughn and Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman. In February, 64 institutions faced off at National Qualifying Tournaments. In April, Jarvis Christian College was one of only 48 teams competing in Los Angeles for the 27th annual National Championship.





**Visitors from Nigeria** 

Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman presented certificates of appreciation to Alhaji Mohammad Umar Bashar and Emeka Golden Owabie, both of the Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria. They visited Jarvis for a five-day special project seminar on "Modern Registry and Document Management System."



### **BULLDOG ATHLETICS**

Greetings fellow past and present Jarvis Christian College Bulldogs!

The 2015-2016 academic year was filled with great individual and team accomplishments that brought both local and national attention to Bulldog Athletics. Student athletes excelled in both the classroom and on the field as single-season institutional records were broken and honors were received.

Jarvis Christian College is a proud member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Red

River Athletic Conference (RRAC) and has been recognized by the NAIA as a Bronze Level Champions of Character Five-Star Institution. Bulldog Athletics participate in baseball, men and women's basketball, softball, men and women's bowling, men's golf, men and women's cross country, men and women's soccer, men and women's outdoor track and field and volleyball.

In the last academic year, Bulldog Athletic programs participated in over 255 sporting events throughout the southwest region. Baseball, men and women's bowling, men's cross country and men and women's outdoor track and field each participated in post-season competition with the JCC foursome of Dontayveous Allen, Darnell Brown, LaMicha Watson and Patrice Lewis-Williams representing the Bulldogs at the 2016 Men and Women's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships.

On April 19, 2016, 98 past and present student athletes were honored at the 2016 Spring Honors Convocation. The Jarvis Christian College Athletics program had 18 Presidential Scholars (4.0 GPA), 42 Distinguished Scholars (3.50-3.00 GPA) and 38 student athletes made the Dean's List (3.00-3.49 GPA).

Chantavia Johnson, Jasmine Thomas and Jessica Chab were each recognized as NAIA Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes along with Keshanti Tidwell taking home the RRAC Character Athlete of



the Week Award in October 2015.

On the field and on the courts, JCC took claim to 10 RRAC Player of the Week Awards as 16 Bulldogs earned all-conference honors. Regionally, Talicia Lang was awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) NAIA South-central Regional Freshmen Play of the Year while Javion Randle saw National recognition, taking home the Black College Nines Small School Baseball Player of the Year as an NAIA All-American selection.

With the new addition of the Jarvis Christian College Bulldogs Single-Season Individual Record Book for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball, 23 single-season institutional records were broken in 2015-2016. On March 5, 2016, head baseball coach Michael Holochuck hit milestones with his 100th career win in four seasons as the leader of the Bulldogs baseball program.

On February 1, 2016, the Bulldog Insider, a weekly in-season newsletter covering Bulldog Athletics, was created and will continue in Fall 2016. Stay tuned to <a href="www.jccbulldogs.com">www.jccbulldogs.com</a> for all Bulldog Athletic news, schedules, scores, events and recent headlines. Thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you throughout the year! Go Bulldogs!

Jon Anderson

**Sports Information Director** 

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