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Cantey and Pickett named FMU's 2009 Outstanding Employees



Angela Cantey of Mullins and John Pickett of Florence, have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 14 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.

Cantey is an administrative assistant for the Department of Biology and Pickett is an estate groundskeeper for grounds maintenance.

Cantey has been employed at FMU for 22 years and Pickett for 14 years. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Fred Carter presented Cantey and Pickett with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees. Florence Mayor Steven Wukela was the guest speaker.

Kenneth J. Pittman of Florence, police lieutenant; and Marion L. Webb of Florence, athletic trainer, were cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Dean W. Blackburn of

Hartsville, coordinator of the university center; Brenda B. Calcutt of Pamplico, senior library technical assistant for reference; Carl E. Capps Jr., of Quinby, psychology lab manager; Rebecca M. Culbertson of Florence, coordinator of benefits; Judy B. Gasque of Florence, help desk coordinator; Diana L. Gibson of Florence, administrative associate in the School of Education; Elizabeth B. Jackson of Florence, senior cook; Thomas W. Lewis of Florence, craftsman supervisor/locksmith; Mitchell Pressley of Florence, superintendent of custodial services; Damon L. Runion of Lake City, supervisor of academic and support buildings/zone maintenance; and Christina M. Scott of Florence, senior cook.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Marion L. Atkinson of Marion, special trades supervisor; Howard V. Brown Jr., of Bennettsville, director of user services; Randolph Brown of Florence, maintenance assistant; Dominic J. Davis of Darlington, senior library technical assistant/electronic services officer; Arthur H. Inabinet of Florence, men's baseball coach; H. Phillip Lynch of Florence, estate groundskeeper; Mary A. Mabe-Kulesa of Florence, administrative associate in the School of Education; H. Jane Madden of Florence, director of grants development program; Clareth M. McCall of Florence, custodian; Janet M. Pearson of Lane, senior library technical assistant for acquisitions; Cecilia U. Smith of Florence, coordinator of student health services; Janice S. Smith of Darlington, administrative assistant for career development; J. Keith Stapleton of Latta, police officer; Cheryl R. Tuttle of Florence, director of housing; and Ronnie Woodberry of Pamplico, custodian.

Eight employees who are retiring from FMU were also recognized – Frank A. Braddock of Effingham, director of facilities services; Robert B. Brown of Marion, estate groundskeeper; Elizabeth I. Cooper of Florence, vice president for public and community affairs; Ronald P. Flowers of Hartsville, director of purchasing; H. Phillip Lynch of Florence, estate groundskeeper; Ronlena A. McClester of Florence, administrative assistant for student affairs; Melvin T. Roberts of Florence, supervisor of custodial services; and Patsy J. Sauls of Florence, servers and systems specialist.

FMU hosts area high school science teachers for hands-on summer course



From extracting DNA from strawberries to canoeing down Lynches River to studying water sheds, 13 high school teachers from nine area school districts acquired a slew of science-teaching strategies this summer while attending the Biology 615 course: Special Topics in Biology for High School Teachers, held at Francis Marion University. And the teachers didn't pay a dime for the training either.

The hands-on course (July 6-17) was funded by the S.C. Department of Education in collaboration with Clemson University.

"This course was designed to bring teachers together to experience recent updates in biology, and in effect, become a think tank for new curriculum development," said FMU Assistant Professor of Education Cheryl Lane.

The course was designed to assist high school biology teachers prepare their students for the S.C. End of Course Exam in high school biology.

FMU names YESCarolina Entrepreneurship high school winners



Three local high school students were named winners of a YESCarolina Entrepreneurship School competition held this summer at Francis Marion University.

The rising tenth-graders Zachary Powell of South Florence High School (first place), Roy Watts of West Florence High School (second place) and Bryon Smalls of Wilson High School (third place), were among the winners of the three-week enrichment program aimed at teaching students how to start and operate a business. Each student received a cash prize for participating in the program.

The summer program was co-sponsored by YESCarolina and the FMU Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute (SBI). [MORE](#)

The National Kidney Foundation of S.C., McLeod Hospital, Francis Marion University, Carolina's Hospital and Prevention Partners Present "Living with Diabetes"

Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Sign - in 10:45 – 11 a.m.)
Palmetto Room--Ervin Dining Hall
Francis Marion University

This FREE diabetes workshop will provide a brief overview of:

- Types of diabetes and symptoms
- Psychosocial issues
- Treatment and medication
- Kidneys and complications
- Nutrition and exercise

Call (843) 661-1231 or 800-368-7551 for additional information. Lunch will be served to the first 40 persons who register.

FREE for Employee Insurance Program subscribers, including retirees, and their families, regardless of where you work. Questions about the workshop? Call Ramsey Makhuli @ (803) 737-3823.

Please pre-register online at:

<http://www.eip.sc.gov/prevention/training.aspx?view=calendar&id=314>*

Important Note: After pre-registering, you will receive a detailed registration form which can be returned to the human resource office to complete your registration.

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