

# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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## McNair Scholarship Program established at FMU

Francis Marion University has established the McNair Scholarship Program, a privately endowed scholarship project designed to attract students dedicated to public service and community leadership.

The Gov. Robert E. McNair Scholarship Program is one facet of the recently established Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History. The PSARAS Foundation provided funding for the program.

"The McNair Scholars Program is a premier scholarship program in South Carolina," said Alissa Warters, director of the McNair Center. "These scholarships will help develop the young minds of South Carolina residents and provide future leaders in the Pee Dee and across the state."

The first two McNair Scholars will enroll in the fall of 2009. Additional McNair Scholars will be named in subsequent years. The students will receive free tuition, fees, book allowance and room and board for the four years they attend FMU.

Students will be housed in the Forest Villas Apartments, the newest housing on campus. These furnished units each have four

private bedrooms, two bathrooms, shared living room and kitchen space.

In addition, the scholarship will cover study abroad for one semester of the student's junior year as an exchange student in one of six programs. FMU maintains exchange agreements with universities in England, France, Germany, Ireland and Mexico.

Throughout their academic careers, McNair Scholars will be encouraged to participate in service learning opportunities, especially through programs that benefit the Pee Dee region.

"One of the most exciting programs of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History is the McNair Scholars," said Ken Kitts, FMU associate provost. "This is open to South Carolina residents with solid academic backgrounds and with demonstrated leadership capabilities and potential."

To apply for the McNair Scholarship, a student must:

- Complete an application
- Be a South Carolina resident
- Achieve a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Be a high school senior with a combined SAT score of 1100 or higher
  - Submit two original essays: one focused on the value of public service and one focused on how you would make the most of your study abroad
  - Agree to participate in service learning and study abroad opportunities while enrolled at FMU
  - Aspire to a career in public service
- The McNair Scholarship is renewable for a total of four years, provided the recipient completes, 30 semester hours each year and maintains a 3.0 GPA.

For additional information about the scholarship, contact Warters at (843) 661-1616 or at [twarters@fmarion.edu](mailto:twarters@fmarion.edu).



Gov. Robert E. McNair

## FMU to host public hearing for higher education committee

The Higher Education Study Committee, created by the South Carolina General Assembly in 2007, will hold a public

hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cauthen Educational Media Center's Lowrimore Auditorium at Francis Marion University. The purpose of the meeting is to present the committee's draft recommendations for an action plan for higher education and to seek public input prior to the release of the full report.

The public is welcome and encouraged to take part in this process. The committee will hold these public hearings statewide in 10 cities.

The committee has developed an Action Plan Framework centered on four goals including 1) making South Carolina one

of the most educated states, 2) increasing research and innovation, 3) making South Carolina a leader in workforce training and educational services and 4) realizing South Carolina's potential: resources and effectiveness. The study committee is seeking public input on their recommendations prior to releasing a full report to the General Assembly in December.

The meeting is hosted by Francis Marion University, and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. For more information about the study committee, please visit <http://www.che.sc.gov/InfoCntr/HiEdStudyComm.htm>.

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## King scholarship established at FMU

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University in memory of a longtime professor in the department of history, G. Wayne King.

The G. Wayne King scholarship will be awarded to a student preferably from Florence County with a major in history, or humanities or social sciences. If there is no such candidate, the scholarship will extend to students in the Pee Dee region. The scholarship recipient must obtain at minimum sophomore status, as defined by the academic catalog, demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA.

King was a native of Florence. After graduating from McClenaghan High School in 1957, King went on to attend the University of South Carolina where he graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree in 1964 and a Ph.D. degree in 1969 in history. He began

teaching at USC- Florence in 1969 before it became Francis Marion University in 1970. King was very proud of the relationship he had with the campus community and with the citizens of the Pee Dee region. King died on April 10, 2008, and his friends and colleagues saw fit to honor him in this way.

The amount of the scholarship will vary according to the spending policy of the FMU Foundation. It is intended to permanently endow the scholarship fund for \$25,000 over the course of the next five years.

Additional contributions can be made to this fund at any time. Contributions should be made payable to the Francis Marion University Foundation, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29502-0547.

## FMU to feature artwork by visual arts seniors

*Submitted by FMU art students*

The Francis Marion University Art Gallery Series will feature "Fall Student Exhibit," from Nov. 18 – Dec. 13 in the Hyman Fine Arts Center.

This exhibit includes artwork by visual arts seniors in the Department of Fine Arts. Artists included are Najee Ali, Anthony Burgess, Hilary Greenwell, Ariel Ortiz, Ashley Rogers, Tisean Simmons and Susan Welch. The seven artists have completed design and photography pieces for the exhibit.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a public reception for the artists in the gallery on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The senior exhibit is partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts visual arts degree.

For more information, contact Joe Sallenger, facilities manager of fine arts, at ext. 1385.

## Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ **Chair of Department of History**
- ◆ **Assistant Professor of Education (2)**
- ◆ **Assistant/Associate Professor of Marketing**
- ◆ **Assistant Professor of Music - Piano**
- ◆ **Custodian**
- ◆ **Supervisor of Custodial Services - Night Crew**
- ◆ **Substitute Teaching Assistant**
- ◆ **Child Development Business Manager of Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child**

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

## Cross country team earns first PBC Team Sportsmanship Award

The Francis Marion University men's cross country team and Augusta State University women's cross country team are the first two recipients of the Peach Belt Conference Team Sportsmanship Award.

The awards program, which includes honoring one team from each of the league's 12 championship sports, will also recognize one institution with the 'Institution of the Year Sportsmanship Award.' This is the first year of the awards program.

The program presents an award following each championship season to the team in that sport that best exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship and generally conducts themselves with a high degree of integrity, character and

class. The team award is selected by other teams who compete in that sport. Points are awarded based on how each team finished in the voting and in June, the institution with the highest totals will receive the 'PBC Institution of the Year Sportsmanship Award.'

Francis Marion finished in the top five in each of its regular-season meets this year and placed fifth at the PBC Championships. Junior Hillary Kipro, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, was named the PBC Runner of the Year after a regular-season that saw him win two meets. He later earned All-Conference and All-Region honors.

The remainder of the FMU squad included senior Dan Brann (Syracuse, NY), senior Steven Holmes (Hodges, SC), sophomore Ben Miller (Chesnee, SC), sophomore Bryson Robinson (Aiken, SC), sophomore Jerry Roth (Avon Lake, OH), senior TJ Simmons (Goose Creek, SC), and junior Adam Wilson (Grahamsville, NY).

## Six Patriots and coach Varnado earn All-PBC soccer honors

Six FMU men's soccer players have been named to the Peach Belt 2008 All-Conference Team, while second-year head coach Kevin Varnado was tabbed as the PBC's Coach of the Year.

Senior defender Willie Hunt and junior midfielder Kyle Clinton were named to the first-team All-PBC squad, while sophomore forward Juan Rivas, sophomore midfielder Ivan Juric, sophomore goalkeeper Clark Richeson, and freshman midfielder/forward Adrian Sikorski all gained second-team recognition.

The six have helped FMU to a 13-4-3 record, including a 14-match unbeaten streak, and a No. 21 national ranking.

Varnado, a native of Tampa, Fla., guided the Patriots to the Peach Belt regular-season and tournament titles and the bid to the NCAA Tournament. These accolades came after FMU posted a 5-12-1 mark in Varnado's first season in 2007 and the Patriots were picked to finish fifth in the 2008 pre-season conference coaches' poll.

Hunt, a native of Greer, S.C., is the only senior on Varnado's young squad. He has started all 20 matches, scored four goals, including the winning overtime tally in the PBC Tournament championship match, and recorded one assist. As importantly, he anchored a Patriot defense

that has posted eight shutouts and has allowed only eight goals during the past 14 matches.

Clinton, a native of Safety Harbor, Fla., also started all 20 matches and tallied eight goals and five assists. Rivas, an All-PBC selection as a freshman in 2007, leads FMU in scoring with nine goals and five assists. Among the Clearwater, Fla., native's nine goals are three match-winners.

Juric, a native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has scored seven goals, including three match-winners, and compiled seven assists. Sikorski, a native of Inglewood, Ontario, Canada, led FMU with nine assists, while also scoring six goals.

Richeson owns a 1.25 goals against average and a .752 save percentage. The Mansfield, Texas, native has recorded six complete-match shutouts and registered 79 saves, while playing all but 28 minutes this season. During the recent 14-match streak, he has an 0.55 GAA with an .867 save percentage.

The six are the most FMU has ever placed on the All-Conference Team.

## Men beat UPR-Rio Piedras 95-75 behind Jones' 23 points

Senior center Stanley Jones scored 23 points to lead six Patriots in double figures as Francis Marion University cruised to a 95-75 victory over the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras, Sunday afternoon (Nov. 16) on the final day of the Florida Tech Tip-Off Classic.

FMU (2-0) will host the Zaxby's Clazzic this weekend with the Patriots facing Savannah College of Art & Design on Friday at 8 p.m. and Coker College on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Jones connected on 6-of-8 shots from the floor and 11-of-15 free

throws in only 20 minutes of action. Senior Kevin Clark added 15 points and 14 rebounds, while freshman Brynjar Bjornsson had 12 points, Crayton Jones compiled 11 points and eight assists, and Kendrick Robinson and Simel Boyd each tallied 10 points.

Bjornsson opened the game with a three-pointer as the Patriots raced to a 13-2 lead and never trailed. FMU led 44-35 at halftime.

Francis Marion connected on 50.8 percent of its field goal attempts, while holding UPR-Rio Piedras to 37.5 percent.

## Patriots fall in PBC volleyball title match

Top-seeded Armstrong Atlantic State University used great defense and made the most of its scoring opportunities as the Pirates defeated second-seeded FMU in three games (25-16, 25-20, 25-18) in the 2008 Peach Belt Conference Volleyball Tournament championship match on Sunday afternoon (Nov. 16) in Pembroke.

The Pirates (25-6) win their second-ever tournament title, while FMU falls to 3-3 in its six championship match appearances. The Patriots drop to 23-8 on the season and must now await Monday night's announcement of the NCAA Division II National Tournament field to see if they will receive an at-large bid.

For the second straight match, freshman Amanda Mitchell led FMU in kills with nine. The Farragut, Tenn., native was named to the All-Tournament Team.

FMU senior Jessica Lombardi added six kills, seven digs, and two serving aces, and

during the match moved into 12th place on the all-time PBC list for kills with 1,267. Senior setter Jenna Kaiser handed out 23 assists and dug up eight balls, while sophomore libero Kelsie Deaton registered a team-high 15 digs.

The match began as a back-and-forth affair as Francis Marion led 13-12 in the first set following a bad AASU set, but that all changed as the Pirates embarked on a 12-0 run that put the first set out of reach. Marina Marinova held serve for the duration of the run as the Pirates got three kills from Tournament MVP Torrie Bevolo and took advantage of FMU errors. A block by FMU's Caitlin Simpson and Ashlyn Underhill stopped the run with the Patriots in a 23-15 hole they could not recover from.

After hitting only .029 in the first set, the Patriots were more efficient to begin the second set and opened up a 10-7 lead following an AASU attack error and a kill by Ashlee Crook. That lead ballooned to 14-9 following a Hallie

Legg ace, but AASU once again strung points together, getting four in a row to trim the lead to 14-13. With the score tied at 20, The Pirates ran off the final five points of the set to win, getting three of the five on Gwen Clarke kills.

## Events Calendar

### November

Cut Time Show Choir 8 p.m.	Nov. 18 HFAC
FMU Art Gallery Series Senior Shows by visual arts majors 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Nov. 18-Dec. 13 HFAC
FMU Jazz Express 8 p.m.	Nov. 20 MSB, Chapman Auditorium
University Concert Choir 3 p.m.	Nov. 23 HFAC
Dooley Planetarium "The Christmas Star" 3 p.m.	Nov. 23 CEMC
Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)	Nov. 27, 28
Ceramics and 3D Design Classes Student Works 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Dec. 1-13 HFAC



## Faculty and Staff News

The annual FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition Scholarship Banquet will now be held in February in conjunction with Black History Month instead of December. The scholarship banquet is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009. The guest speaker will be Reginald I. Lloyd, director of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

The James A. Rogers Library "Annual Book Sale" will be held the week of Nov. 17 – 21. We invite you to come and take a look at a great selection of novels, FMC yearbooks, books on scientology, and much more.

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### Tribute to Roger "Bucky" Allen

*Submitted by Thomas Fitzkee, chair and associate professor of mathematics*

Roger "Bucky" Allen retired in August 2006 after 35 years of dedicated service to FMU. Among his many honors, he was named the Distinguished Professor in 1981 and Mamie C. Gray Professor of Mathematics in 2004. He was the first non-chairman to serve on the Academic Council and with Professor L. D. Hendrick, formed promotion and tenure policies in the early years of Francis Marion College. He served on five SACS visiting committees. As ranking senior faculty member, he served as Macebearer at FMU's commencement ceremonies for his last three years of service.

While at FMU, Bucky was chair of mathematics and computer science from 1986 to 1995. Bucky has had an indelible impact on the Department of Mathematics. He helped the program survive during difficult times and flourish in good times. He is a good listener and gives keen perception into issues. He is so easy to talk with that you forget you are talking to a talented mathematician.

Allen's name is synonymous with excellence in teaching. Master teacher could adequately describe him. Whether his teaching was for calculus, analysis, or probability, he devoted much time and effort to his preparation. I was inspired by his tests which were outlines that students completed to form a story of the subject. I am sure that almost each alumnus took one of Bucky's classes and felt privileged to do so.

The Allen Fund was an attempt to provide recognition of Allen and his influence on FMU. The Fund continues to support purposes

related to mathematics in which students are direct beneficiaries. Thank you to those who donated to the Fund. With your donations and with royalties from our student manuals, we have been very successful in supporting student activities.

However, the Fund has brought only limited impact to our students. Thus, we have established a student scholarship, the Allen Mathematics Scholarship, which will provide more student assistance. Currently we have a Smith-Parker Scholarship for students working in the self-paced Mathematics Lab. Offering a separate scholarship would entice strong students, who are not employed by the Lab, to major in mathematics. Based on funds raised, it is the intent to award at least one \$1,000 scholarship annually to one or more students from South Carolina majoring in mathematics.

This scholarship would perpetuate the legacy of Allen. He should be recognized for the success of the department now and in the future. Many alumni can remember Allen fondly and know what an outstanding professor he was.

Please consider a gift to the Allen Mathematics Scholarship. Donations may be mailed to the Francis Marion University Foundation, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, SC 29502, or contribute online by going to the FMU website [www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu) and selecting Make a Gift Now! under the Alumni & Friends menu item. In either case, please enter Allen Mathematics Scholarship in the subject or comment line.

## FMU Observatory to hold viewing session, Nov. 21

The Francis Marion University observatory will hold a public viewing session of Uranus, Neptune, and the deep sky on Friday, Nov. 21. The viewing will be from 8-10 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

The loosely structured viewing program allows visitors to come and go as they please. If weather conditions block viewing, the session will be canceled. The public may call 843-661-1355 for recorded information about the prospect of a clear sky to allow the event to be held.

Visitors to the observatory are urged to dress appropriately for the weather, as temperatures will be much cooler in the evening hours. Flashlights

may be used for walking to the observatory, but visitors will not be allowed to drive out to the observatory unless prior arrangements have been made with the observatory director, Jeannette Myers.

The FMU observatory is located beyond the outfield fence of the FMU Softball Field, south of the Smith University Center. Visitors can park in Lot D at the southern end of the campus and follow the walkway to the observatory.

Persons requiring special assistance to visit the observatory, or seeking more information, may call 843-661-1441. The observatory webpage is <http://astro.fmarion.edu/observe/>

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