

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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Degrees awarded at FMU commencement Dec. 13



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Malloy

Willis

Two-hundred-and-thirty-six degrees were awarded during commencement exercises at Francis Marion University Saturday, Dec. 13.

These included 183 undergraduate degrees and 53 graduate degrees awarded by Francis Marion.

Three FMU students completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher and received their degrees summa cum laude (with highest honors). They were Melissa Sue Merchant and Melissa Kathleen Turner of Florence and Bradlee Keith Shown of Lake City.

Receiving degrees magna cum laude (with high honor) were three students who completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89. They were Janet S. Allen and Crystal Kunz Hinson of Florence and April Michelle Dietz of Mullins.

Fourteen students completed degree requirements with a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74 and received their degrees cum

laude (with honor). They were Jessica Graham Boyington of Turbeville; Mindy Ann Carpenter of Camden; Jennifer Amy Driggers of Pamplico; Tina Louise Duarte of Lake City; Alissa Anne Dyne of Sumter; Kirsten Marie Hiotland of Scranton; Doneen Shanee' Holmes of St. Helena Island; James Scott Maclachlan of Johannesburg, South Africa; Andrew Donald McCutcheon of Scranton; Jacqueline Frances Phiel of Amherst, Ohio; Courtney Lynne Phipps of Lugoff; Emily Jackson Stewart of Florence; Caitlin B. Wells of Darlington; and Monica Tra Wofford of Myrtle Beach.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were conferred upon businessman William Hayne Hipp of Greenville, Sen. Gerald Malloy of Hartsville and former Florence Mayor Francis Eugene Willis. Hipp was the speaker for commencement.

Hipp is founder of Liberty Fellowship, a two-year program of seminars and service projects conducted in partnership with the Aspen Institute and Wofford College. Drawing primarily from the business and non-profit sectors, Liberty Fellowship is designed to identify and sustain values-added leadership in and for the State of South Carolina. This highly successful program is entering its fifth year of operation.

Hipp is former chief executive officer of The Liberty Corporation, an owner of insurance companies and television stations with additional investments in media, real estate and technology ventures. He joined Liberty Investments in 1969, becoming CEO in 1979. Hipp is now a private investor.

A graduate of Washington and Lee, Hipp earned an M.B.A. from the Wharton Graduate School of Business and completed additional studies at Harvard University.

He has served on numerous corporate boards and has been active in

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Applications sought for Art's Alive Art Show

Applications from local artists are being sought for the fifth-annual Art's Alive Art Show.

The 32nd-annual Art's Alive Festival, and the art show, will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Art's Alive Art Show is a one-day exhibition and sales event designed to promote the quality of diverse artisans residing in the region. In addition to booths displaying items for sale, several sites will have artisans demonstrating their skills.

The art show will be juried, with cash awards of \$600, \$300 and \$150 awarded to first, second and third places, respectively.

Area artists are invited to participate. There is an application/jury fee of \$75 (\$65 for Florence County residents). Applications must be received by Jan. 15.

For more information or an application, contact the Office of Public and Community Affairs at ext. 1225, or kjohnson@fmarion.edu. Applications are also available at the Lynda English Studio-Gallery, located at 403 Second Loop Road in Florence and at www.fmarion.edu/alumni/artsalive.

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civic and non-profit organizations in South Carolina and on a national level.

He is chairman of the Peace Center for Performing Arts. He is also a trustee of Aspen Institute and former trustee of the Palmetto Business Forum, Greenville County School District, National Urban League, Washington and Lee University, and S.C. Research Authority. Hipp is the former chairman of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Greater Greenville Forum, Greenville Hospital System Board, Greenville Urban League, Greenville YMCA and The Alliance for Quality Education.

He is also past vice chairman of the State Development Board. Hipp is a former trustee of St. Francis Hospital, American Council of Life Insurance in Washington, D.C. and S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities. He also served as a director of the Hollings Cancer Center, Committee for Economic Development in Washington, D.C., and the Citadel Development Foundation. Hipp serves as a director of SCANA Corporation. He is also a former director of Liberty Corporation, Dan River Inc., SCN Corporation and Wachovia Corporation.

Hipp and his wife, Anna Kate, reside in Greenville and have three children.

Malloy was elected to represent S.C. Senate District 29 (Chesterfield, Darlington, Lee and Marlboro counties) by way of a special election in 2002. Also an attorney and Chesterfield County native, Malloy is owner of the Law Offices of Gerald Malloy.

He earned the juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 1988 and a bachelor's degree from U.S.C. in 1984.

Malloy is a member of several organizations including the Darlington County Bar Association, Jerusalem Men's Ensemble of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Lions Club, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Alumni Board of the University of South Carolina, 4th Judicial Circuit Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar Association, Indigent Defense Commission, S.C. Gov. School for Science and Mathematics Foundation Board, Appeals Committee for the S.C. Commission on Higher Education Board, Center for Educator, Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA) and South Carolina Bar Association.

He is also chairman of the S.C. Criminal Justice Task Force in the S.C. Senate, chairman of the Hartsville Recreation Committee, former president of the Hartsville Northern Youth Basketball League, chairman of the Public Defenders Board of Darlington County Bar Association and past-president of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers' Association. Malloy is also a player representative of the National Basketball and Football associations.

Malloy is the recipient of the Home Rule Award by the South Carolina Association of Counties and South Carolina Library Association Friend of the Libraries Award. In 2007, he was recipient of the South Carolina Public Defender Association Legislator of the Year Award and this year's recipient of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Distinguished Service Award. The latter award was named the Gerald Malloy Distinguished Service Award and will be awarded annually.

He was inducted into the National

Honor Roll for the National Library Association in 2005 and recognized by the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice for support of Teen After School Centers (TASC) Program in 2007.

He and his wife of almost 20 years, Davita, reside in Hartsville with their four children Donovan, Jonathan, Jordan and Morgan.

In his first attempt at political office, Willis was elected mayor of Florence in 1995, serving until 2008. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, he is credited with ushering in an era of economic expansion as the City of Florence rapidly grew into a regional business hub for the eastern Carolinas.

Willis is known for his commitment to bringing well-paying jobs to the region. In fact, many attribute the relocation and expansion of numerous industries in the Pee Dee Region such as Roche Carolina and Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing Inc. to Willis.

Some of his most recognized accomplishments as mayor are the expansion of the Freedom Florence Complex and the Florence Animal Shelter; establishment of the Mayor's Initiative for a Drug Free Florence, Mayor's Coalition of Juvenile Crime, Florence Pee Dee Regional Water and Sewer Master Plan, Veterans Memorial Park; and the acquisition of accreditation for the Florence Police Department.

Willis is the third longest-serving mayor in Florence history after David H. McLeod (16 years) and Herbert Gilbert (20 years).

He earned a reputation as a problem solver prior to serving as mayor when he chaired the Florence County Economic Development Authority. Seeing the need for regional collaboration to make economic development a success, he believed there was a greater chance of success in promoting an entire region than just one county. Economic development became his passion.

In 1980, he co-founded the S.C. Transportation Policy and Research Council (originally known as South Carolinians for Better Transportation), which is an organization that addresses the needs of South Carolina's transportation system.

For nearly four decades, Willis has been

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- ◆ **Chair of Department of History**
- ◆ **Assistant Professor of Education (2)**
- ◆ **Assistant/Associate Professor of Marketing**
- ◆ **Assistant Professor of Mathematics**
- ◆ **Assistant Professor of Music - Piano**
- ◆ **Custodian**
- ◆ **Director of Communications Infrastructure and Systems**
- ◆ **Substitute Teaching Assistant**

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the chairman of Willis Construction Company. He resides in Florence with his wife Marguerite.

Richard N. Chapman, provost at FMU, presided at the commencement ceremony. Luther F. Carter, president of FMU, gave the official welcome and conferred the degrees.

Pamela A. Rooks, director of the FMU Honors Program and professor of English, presented an honor cord to Kaitlin B. Wells of

Darlington. Honor cords are presented to graduates who compile a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for all academic work and for a minimum of 21 hours in Honors courses.

Laura S. Crowther, a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to graduate students, while J. Kevin O'Kelly, also a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to undergraduate students.

FMU receives \$100,000 from McLeod Health for Nursing Program

McLeod Health has once again partnered with Francis Marion University to support the university's nursing program. McLeod Regional Medical Center's President Rob Colones, Chief Nursing Officer Leanne Huminski and FMU Nursing School graduate and McLeod Registered Nurse Megan Welch will be on hand Tuesday, Dec. 16, to present a \$100,000 gift to FMU.

In the same ceremony, FMU officials will present Colones with a bronze bust cast in the likeness of Gen. Francis Marion.

"We want to thank McLeod Health and Rob Colones for the continuing support to our nursing program," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Gifts such as this allow us to continue to develop the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and will ultimately provide the resources necessary to fund other comprehensive health programs. This university is very appreciative of McLeod's generosity and

support."

This donation by McLeod Health reflects continued financial support of the nursing program at FMU. This is the third time that McLeod has provided this level of support directly to the nursing program at FMU, in addition to McLeod's previous contributions to nursing education through the Medical University of South Carolina satellite nursing program at FMU for six years.

The Medical University of South Carolina began operating a satellite nursing program at FMU in 1982. Carter and MUSC President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in 2004 to transfer control of the program to FMU. Sylvia Lufkin was hired that year to head FMU's new Department of Nursing, and she has led the effort to hire faculty, develop the curriculum and library resources, recruit students and obtain all necessary accreditations and state approvals.

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FMU to close for holidays

Francis Marion University will close for the holidays, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. The university will re-open on Monday, Jan. 5.

All FMU administrative offices, including the Rogers Library and

the Smith University Center, will be closed during that time.

Registration for spring classes will be held Monday, Jan. 12. Spring classes will begin Tuesday, Jan. 13. For registration information, contact the FMU Admissions Office at ext.1231 or 1-800-368-7551.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 13 at FMU

Students will begin spring semester classes at Francis Marion University Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Registration for new and continuing students will be held Monday, Jan. 12. Housing opens for new and continuing students on Jan. 11.

A list of open classes is available on the university's website at www.fmarion.edu or

through the Admissions Office in Stokes Administration Building Room 113. The semester runs through April 27, followed by final exams, and commencement on May 9.

Students interested in taking classes during the spring semester should contact the FMU Admissions Office at ext. 1231. The university will close for the holidays, beginning at

5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. The university will re-open on Monday, Jan. 5.

FMU offers classes in more than 40 undergraduate disciplines, while graduate classes are offered in business, education and psychology. Courses are offered throughout the day and evening.

For more information, call the Admissions Office.

Events Calendar

January

FMU closes for holidays	Dec. 19
Dooley Planetarium "The Christmas Star" 3 p.m.	Dec. 21 CEMC
FMU reopens	Jan. 5
FMU Art Gallery Series Paintings by Patti Brady 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Jan. 6-Feb. 12 HFAC
FMU Art Gallery Series Pottery by Eugene - African American Pottery 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Jan. 6-Feb. 12 HFAC
Housing opens for new/continuing students	Jan. 11
Spring Registration	Jan. 12
FMU Art Gallery Series Gallery Exhibit TBA 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Jan. 13-Feb. 26 HFAC

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Geography Professor **Scott Brown** will present a paper titled, "Central America as a Land Bridge of Material Cultures: The Convergence of Mesoamerican and South American Folk Dwellings in Nicaragua and Costa Rica", at the 29th Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers in Granada, Nicaragua on Jan. 8. He will deliver the paper in Spanish.

The paper focuses on how cultural frontiers come together in this particular part of Central America, in this case in terms of different styles of folk cultural landscapes, especially traditional dwellings, otherwise known as "folk houses." In reality these two countries represent the convergence of traditional housing styles from both indigenous Mesoamerican and South

American, as well as Hispanic, Anglo-American, and Afro-Caribbean cultures.

History Professor **Scott Kaufman** recently presented a paper titled, "Project Plowshare: America, Australia, and the Peaceful Use of Atomic Explosives, 1957-1970" at the 1st Annual University College Dublin School of History and Archives Research Conference.

Linda G. Kelly of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a custodian.

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Bricks and mortar came with the \$5.5 million donation made by the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence toward the Dr. Frank B. Lee Nursing Building, a \$7.6 million, 30,000-plus square foot building to house FMU's stand-alone baccalaureate nursing program. Located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building contains all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU.

Enrollment in the program has doubled since its inception. That increase is a direct result of the quality of the program.

"This gift recognizes the University and its nursing program for their commitment to the development of outstanding health care professionals for the Pee Dee Region, which helps to offset critical shortages in nursing, both statewide and nationally," stated Leanne Huminski, chief nursing officer for McLeod.

"Because nurses are so vital to health care, the Pee Dee is very fortunate to have two excellent nursing education programs in Florence at Francis Marion University and Florence-Darlington Technical College," Huminski said. "These two programs are the cornerstone for recruiting, retention and cultivation of exceptional nurses by McLeod and other health care providers in the region."

This is particularly important in offsetting the state and national shortage of nurses. According to the South Carolina nursing statistics, hospitals across the state are reporting an average nurse vacancy rate of approximately 12.6 percent. The success of the relationships with the two college nursing programs, coupled with strong recruiting efforts, has helped McLeod and other health care providers in the region to reduce their nursing vacancy rate considerably.

The region needs nurses for hospitals, home health services, hospice services, physician offices, school nursing programs and other areas of health care.

"These nursing programs are vital to McLeod as the medical center continues to grow and expand to meet the needs of the region's patients

as well as offers enhanced services which will require need additional staffing and nurses," added Huminski.

Lufkin underscored the importance of the financial support as well as the clinical support in nursing education by McLeod Health.

"The clinical practice piece is what nursing is all about," said Lufkin. "By participating in patient care at the hospital, our nurses graduate with a more complete understanding of how to care for an individual. In a hospital setting, a nurse needs to not only be able to care for the patient while in the hospital, but also to help prepare them for going home - such as education for home care, and referrals to community agencies.

"Having McLeod staff function as clinical instructors brings a level of expertise to the program," said Lufkin. "These clinical instructors meet with the university professors to make sure that what is being taught in class is supported in the clinical environment."

Additionally, McLeod serves as a learning site for more than 100 nurses a year who are students in local nursing programs.

"Most of our students are from the Pee Dee and want to stay here after graduation to work," said Lufkin. "Expanding this program to meet the nursing needs of this region is very beneficial to everyone."

In addition to this year's gifts to the FMU and FDTC nursing programs, McLeod also offers scholarships to eligible students who need financial aid with nursing school. McLeod scholarships are available to college students who have been accepted in an accredited allied healthcare program such as nursing. For fiscal year 2007-08, McLeod Health awarded scholarships to nursing students in excess of \$197,000.

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