

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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316 degrees awarded at commencement, May 3



Spring 2008 Commencement

Three-hundred-and-thirty-eight degrees were awarded during commencement exercises at Francis Marion University,

Saturday, May 3.

These included 316 undergraduate degrees and 22 graduate.

The William H. Blackwell Award was presented by William W. Coleman Jr., a member of the FMU Foundation board, to Kimberly Norene Best of Aynor, Ross Sterling Hill and Lindsey Kathryn Springs of Florence and Lindsay Elaine Reilly of Dublin, Ohio. The Blackwell Award, named in memory of the founding chairman of the FMU Foundation, is presented to the undergraduate Francis Marion University student, or students, with the highest grade point average (for all academic work undertaken at FMU) of those graduating during the past academic year. The students compiled perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Best, a product of Aynor High School graduated with a major in English. Best was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National

Honor Society. She received the McCrimmon Award for freshman writing and the Percy Adams Award for best paper in an upper-division literature course. She has presented her research at the 2007 conference of the Popular Culture Association of the South. After graduation, she intends to pursue graduate study.

Hill, a graduate of Lamar High School, graduated with a major in history. Hill holds a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and was awarded the Margaret M. Bryant Scholarship for spring 2007. He received the History Award, the Scholastic Achievement Award and is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. Next fall, he will teach social studies at South Florence High School.

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FMU holds nurse pinning ceremony

Thirty-three Francis Marion University students crossed the stage to receive their nursing pins on May 1, marking the end of their education in the nursing program and the beginning of their career as nurses. These students are the second class to graduate from FMU's nursing program since the transfer of

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control from the Medical University of South Carolina.

The Nursing Pinning Ceremony took place in Chapman Auditorium on FMU's campus.

James P. Hickey, clinical assistant professor at the University of South Carolina, was the guest speaker. Fred Carter, FMU president, and Sylvia R. Lufkin, chair of the Department of Nursing, also addressed the students.

The pinning ceremony is a way to formally recognize students upon completing the program.

Graduates by hometown are as follows:

Andrews: Jennifer Kay Hooks
Bennettsville: Pamela Anita Mack
Cheraw: Danielle Leigh Grooms
Columbia: Gabrielle Ann Bush



Nursing Pin

Coward: Ashley Dangerfield McClam
Darlington: Courtney Leigh Dowling

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Spring 2008 Graduates

Reilly, a graduate of Dublin Scioto High School, graduated with a double major in mass communication and Spanish with University Honors. She received the Ross Foundation Scholarship for academic achievement and community involvement, the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Morning News Scholarship, the James A. Rogers Scholarship and the South Carolina Press Association Scholarship. She has received the Mass Communication Award, the Modern Language Award, the Duane P. Myers Honors Award, the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Award and the Scholastic Achievement Award. She has been admitted to

Jobs on Campus

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- **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
- **Assistant Professor of English**
- **Lead Teacher**
- **Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship**
- **Part-time instructor of Biology**
- **Senior Administrative Assistant/Financial Assistance**
- **Accountant- Cashier**
- **Reference Librarian**
- **Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater**
- **Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants**
- **Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant**

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Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Delta Pi honor societies.

Springs is a graduate of South Florence High School and graduated with a major in mathematics. She received the Life Scholarship and the Enhancement Scholarship. Springs is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Mu Epsilon and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies. She was awarded the Scholastic Achievement Award for 2008, named the outstanding secondary education major for 2007-08 and received the Mathematics Award for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years. Springs scored in the top one percent of all students nationwide who took the Praxis II assessment

test and has presented sessions at local and state mathematics conferences as well as attended two international mathematics conferences during her time at FMU. She earned her secondary teaching certification in mathematics, will teach at South Florence High School and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics education.

Coleman also recognized the recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award for the 2007-08 academic year: Professor of Theatre Arts and Speech Alfred Glen Gourley Jr. Gourley has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985.

Eight 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 Kimberly Norene Best of Aynor; Gabrielle Ann Bush of Columbia; Ross Sterling Hill, Jesse Andrew Marsh, Angela Dawn Sawyer and Lindsey Kathryn Springs all of Florence; Lindsay Elaine Reilly of Dublin, Ohio; and Kristine Marie Thompson of Hartsville.

Receiving degrees magna cum laude (with high honor) were 17 students who completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89. They were Corine Elizabeth Bakazan, Misty Haun Brown, Ashley Elizabeth Chandler, Pablo Eduardo Faja-Fernandez, Melissa Ann Hammond, Stefanie Lynn McElveen, Christie-Anne Putnam all of Florence; Jessica Kay Brandon of Georgetown; Danielle Marie Kusserow of Sumter; Jennifer Ludwig of Pulheim, Germany; Leslie T. Mann of Pamplico; Nicole Lynn McDaniel of Conway; Kristina Ann Plunkett of Fairfield, Ohio; Krista Leigh Roscoe of Chesterfield; DaQuan Wayne Sellers of Summerville; Krissy Lynn Smith of Wallace; and David Andrew Wagoner of Ladson.

Thirty-six 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 Maighdlin Williams Anderson, Sarah Ann Carmichael, Deanna Megan Giordano, Amanda Good Haggard, Angela Marie Hardee, Rachel Elaine Holbrooks, William Moore Kirkland, Pauline Marie Martineau, Ashley Lanter Miles, Lauren Brittany Moore, Rebecca MacMillan Patterson, Morgan Whitney Phelan, Kristen Renee Poston, David Seth Staggs, Brittany Valean Toole and Nichole Lynn Vanadia all of Florence; Robyn Michelle Brigman of Latta; Heather Grace Brown of Langley; Tisha Michelle Brown of Loris; Deondra Patrice Burgess and Laura Cole Ruthven of Lake City; Kimberly Diann Culbreth of Clinton; Jessica Leigh Darden of Harleyville; Ellen Elizabeth Dyer of Groton, Vt.; Rebecca Jean Ellis of Landing, N.J.; Nicholas Blake Gardner of Dillon; Laura Elizabeth Gilbert of Hartsville; Nathan Drake Huffaker, and Sara Ann Moyer of Myrtle Beach; Leon Phillip James II and Kimberly Dixie Richardson of Marion; Nicholas James Koch of Spartanburg; Jeremy Lewis of Nichols; Lezlie Logan of Bedford, Texas; Ashley Nichole Mabry of Cheraw; and William Charles McNamara of Columbia.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were conferred upon Kenneth Maxwell Autrey Jr., FMU professor of English and FMU faculty chairman, Harriet Hirschfeld Keyserling, who once represented S.C. House District 124, and Kent Michael Williams, who represents S.C. Senate District 30.

Keyserling was also the commencement speaker.

Pamela A. Rooks, director of the FMU Honors Program and professor of English, presented honor cords to five students: Sade Beautia Judon Carter of Mt. Laurel, N.J.; Sarah Elaine Haselden of Johnsonville; Jesse Andrew Marsh of Florence; Lindsay Elaine Reilly of Dublin, Ohio; and Krissy Lynn Smith of Wallace.

Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute sponsors high school students in contest

The Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute at Francis Marion University will sponsor the work of three high school students participating in the Yes Carolina Program for Entrepreneurship this month.

On June 2, Wilson High School Entrepreneurship Club students Detria Graham, Jamal Hickson and Javae McWhite will learn whether they will receive the \$200 cash prize for the marketing plan they submitted in the Angie the Ant™ Marketing Plan Contest.

Susi B. Marketing developed the Angie the Ant™ brand for consumption by the children and teen market, ages 4 to 14. The fundamental purpose of the contest is to expose students to real world entrepreneurship and new venture planning while establishing a strong brand identity for Angie the Ant™.

“We believe this contest will help participants develop the critical thinking, writing and organizational skills required to develop a successful business venture,” said Brianna Zhang, teacher for the Wilson Entrepreneurship Club and administrative associate for the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute.

The students, who are graduates of the 2007 FMU Biz Camp, are developing a marketing plan for the Angie the Ant™ brand that utilizes marketing tactics that build brand momentum and attracts new customers with minimal capital expenditure, Zhang said.

Teachers provide guidance and direction throughout the duration of the contest to educate students about the requirements for developing a successful marketing plan. All strategies and tactics must be approved by an instructor before submission.

The winning submission will be awarded a \$200 cash prize, the winning teacher will receive \$100 and the student’s school will win a visit from Angie the Ant™. If the Wilson students win, Zhang’s cash prize will go to the students who will share the \$300.

In addition to sponsoring high school students who are on the entrepreneurial track, the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute assists small-business owners in the Pee Dee area who are in need of a helping hand in getting started with a business plan.



Small Business Institute project participants at Mill Branch A.M.E. Church

Part of FMU’s School of Business since 1972, the charge of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute is to teach and support entrepreneurship and innovation in the academic, business and nonprofit communities.

The institute creates comprehensive business plans for its clients, who can then approach various financial sources with the information required for procuring funding. The business plans are developed by student work teams. The institute can also offer an intern to help with various management functions for five hours per week over the course of a semester through its internship program.

The Small Business Institute also serves as a clearing house for clients who need specific research, marketing, technology or accounting help, by directing them to other FMU professors who may have class projects to address those specific needs. The institute brings together the teaching and research activities of faculty across several disciplines into a more effective, concentrated initiative with strong ties to the business community.

An outstanding entrepreneurship curriculum taught by an excellent faculty has earned the academic program its reputation as one of the best in the state.

Events Calendar

May

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| Employee Workshop A Stroke is No Joke 12 noon | May 22 LNB Auditorium |
| Dooley Planetarium “The Sky Watchers” 3 p.m. | May 25 CEMC |
| Memorial Day University Open | May 26 |
| Astronomy Club Meeting 7 p.m. | May 30 LSF 102 |
| Observatory 8:30-10 p.m. | May 30 |

Center of Excellence honors partners

With its mission of increasing the achievement of children of poverty by improving the quality of teacher preparation, the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty hosted its second Leadership Recognition Breakfast, honoring those who partnered with them on

this charge.

On May 6, in the Ervin Dining Hall on FMU’s campus, 13 local school districts and 62 principals were recognized for their involvement with this partnership, and they shared success stories on how they benefited from it.

The school districts receiving recognition were:

Clarendon District 1

Clarendon District 2

Clarendon District 3

Darlington County District

Dillon District 2

Dillon District 3

Florence District 1

Florence District 2

Florence District 3

Marion District 1

Marion District 2

Marion District 7

Williamsburg County District



Judge Ralph King Anderson donates a copy of his latest law publication to Rogers Library. (L-R): Paul Dove, dean of Rogers Library, Anderson and Yvonne Davis, acquisitions coordinator.

ARCH announces free health screening locations

The Francis Marion University ARCH (Advancing Rural Community Health) Program will sponsor a series of free health screenings for the general public at the following locations:

- Friday, May 23 – Britton's Neck Community Center, Highway 908, Britton's Neck, 1-5 pm
- Friday, May 30 – Community Development Corporation of Marlboro County, Plaza Building, 106 E. Market St., Bennettsville, 1-5 pm
- Friday, June 6 – Williamsburg County School District Annex, 500 N. Academy St., Kingstree, 1-5 pm
- Friday, June 13 – Apostolic Faith Tabernacle, 500 W. Marion St., Florence, 1-5 pm

Summer terms to begin at FMU

Classes begin May 28 for the first summer term, and a second summer session is slated to begin July 7. Most classes meet for an extended period of time Monday through Thursday. There are no Friday classes during summer terms.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled FMU students is already under way. New and continuing students can register May 27 for the first term summer classes, and July 2 for the second term.

Available classes may be viewed on the FMU website at www.fmarion.edu. Click on "current students" and then hit "open class review." Or you may request a summer schedule to be mailed to you by calling the FMU Admissions Office.

New students must be accepted to the university prior to taking classes at FMU. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 843-661-1231, or 1-800-368-7551.

Digest Deadline

The Patriot Digest is published twice monthly and distributed on paydays.

Submit copy to the editor by May 26 for the May 30 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at acrosland@fmarion.edu or at ext. 1227.

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Hubert Setzler III, an assistant professor in the School of Business, presented a paper titled "Comparing Demand Pattern Analysis Models: A Test for Accuracy" at the 19th Annual Production and Operation Management Society Conference in San Diego, Calif.

Mary Lynn Batson of Marion has joined the FMU staff as coordinator of classification, compensation and employment.

Kelly L. Williams of Florence has joined the FMU staff as senior administrative assistant for financial assistance.

Elizabeth Zahnd, associate English professor and coordinator of the French program, was recognized at the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCLT) and the South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers Association (SCFLTA) Conference last month as the new 2008-09 president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (SC-AATF). As an officer, she organizes workshops for academic development and serves for one year on the board of SCFLTA.

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Florence: Maighdlin Williams Anderson, Monique Denelle Miles, Whitney Alice Ortega, Stuart Wendell Sarvis, Vajiehah Shami, Ashley Marie Keefe, Pamela Nicole Valone, Kayla Marie Zorn
 Georgetown: Christine Nicole Paschal
 Hartsville: Ashley Perry Bryant, Laura Elizabeth Gilbert
 Johnsonville: Heather Danielle Tanner
 Lake City: Ashley Lanter Miles, Laura Cole Ruthven
 Latta: Robyn Michelle Brigman
 Little River: Juliemar Gonzalez-

Bonilla, Lindsey Elizabeth Grainger
 Loris: Tisha Michelle Brown
 Marion: Alison Nicole Davis, Kimberly Dixie Richardson
 Myrtle Beach: Sara Ann Moyer, Nathan Drake Huffaker
 Olanta: Jennifer Suzanne McKenzie
 Pamplico: David Legare Miller
 Society Hill: Brande Edneater Jackson
 Summerton: Timothy Patrick Oliver
 Sumter: Natisha Nicole Sanders

Human Resources

Prevention Partners to hold stroke workshop The State Health Plan Prevention Partners encourages all employees to attend a workshop designed to teach prevention methods, treatment and effects of stroke.

The workshop "Stroke Is No Joke," will be held May 22 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Nursing Building's Thomason Auditorium. Sara Price, of Region Four of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, will conduct the workshop. For more information or a registration form, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at 1143 or email her at rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

Fitness Forum offers special for month of May

Fitness Forum is begging the start of its 25th year. The forum is offering a SPECIAL for the month of May. Become a member for only \$25. For more information, go to <http://www.fitnessforumonline.com/> or call (843) 661-3800.