

What's New?

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FSU Receives HBCU Master's Degree Program Grant

A collaboration among Fayetteville State University's College of Education, College of Business and Economics, and College of Arts and Sciences has resulted in an award from the U.S. Department of Education for the HBCU Master's Degree Program Grant. The objectives of the HBCU Master's degree program is to strengthen and improve graduate education at FSU by providing financial assistance, internships/apprenticeships, academic and non-academic assistance and support to African-American and low-income students in graduate level science, math, information technology and allied health disciplines. Specifically, the intent is to: (1) increase their enrollment, persistence, progression and graduation; (2) provide research and professional development opportunities for both faculty and students; (3) establish one new degree program and several new concentrations; and (4) establish student and program support services to ensure program implementation and the achievement of the goals and objectives. This is a six-year award in the amount of \$416,000 per year, totaling nearly \$2,5 million.

FSU Fire and Emergency Services Administration Online Degree Program Nationally Ranked

The FSU Fire and Emergency Services Administration (FESA) fully online bachelor's degree completion program was recently ranked nationally by the SR Education Group in two categories--2nd in the category of *most affordable choices* based on tuition and 5th for *best value to students* based on analysis of academic strength factors along with tuition rates. SR Education Group is an education research publisher that analyzes only accredited online schools nationwide. Since 2014, the FSU FESA program has been certified by Fire & Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE). The FESHE recognition certificate is an acknowledgement that a collegiate emergency services degree program meets the minimum standards of excellence established by FESHE professional development committees and the National Fire Academy (NFA). For more information, visit: www.uncfsu.edu/ghp/fire-and-emergency-services-administration

Commencement Ceremony Once a Year: Spring 2018

Beginning this academic year, 2017-2018, FSU will conduct the Commencement ceremony once a year, at the end of the spring semester. Hence, this academic year's Commencement will be held May 12, 2018 at the Crown Coliseum.

Graduates who complete their degree programs in the fall are eligible to participate in the following Spring Commencement ceremony. Students who complete graduation requirements in Summer I or Summer II may participate in the Spring Commencement before their summer completion.

All students must apply for graduation and pay the graduation fee during the semester in which they complete their degree regardless of whether or not they participate in the Commencement ceremony.

Students can begin to request official transcripts through their online Banner account four weeks after the semester/term ends in which they completed their degree.

For more information, visit: <http://acalog.uncfsu.edu/> and type 'commencement' in Catalog Search.

International Educational Partners from China Visit Fayetteville State University as part of Sesquicentennial Celebration

On November 8 and 9, Fayetteville State University welcomed to its campus five international educational partners from China as part of the historical Sesquicentennial Celebration—Inner Mongolia Normal University (IMNU) including the IMNU Mongolia Folk Arts Performers, Baotou Teacher's College, Inner Mongolia Agriculture University, Inner Mongolia Youth College of Political Science, and East University of Science and Technology (ECUST). The 21 visitors included Presidents from IMNU (Dr. Yun Guohong), Baotou (Dr. Xingwang Liu), and Inner Mongolia Agriculture (Dr. Wanyl Wang), along with the Vice President of the IM Youth College of Political Science (Ms. Xuemel Hu), and the ECUST Dean of the School of Sciences (Dr. Jiankui Li).

On November 8th was the day of *Global and Intercultural Celebration* that included the *Sino/US Presidents Forum for a discussion on Global Cooperation and the future of Higher Education* moderated by FSU's Chancellor James A. Anderson for a relevant discussion among the leadership team from the visiting institutions. Immediately following was an outstanding performance by the Mongolia Folk Arts singers and dancers from IMNU and a subsequent Welcome Reception in their honor. The second day, November 9th, included a tour of FSU that allowed the visiting institutions to connect and discuss the respective partnerships with discipline-specific academic programs including the Departments of Math and Computer Science, Performing and Fine Arts, and English. The highlight of this day was the FSU *Deed Signing Commemoration Ceremony*, a formal academic program that celebrated the original signing of the deed in November 1867 that established what is known now as Fayetteville State University 150 years ago. The five international educational partners were included as part of the processional and recognized at this historical event.

Thalia Wilson Named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

Ms. Thalia Wilson has joined FSU as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management in the Division of Academic Affairs reporting to the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Reporting to Ms. Wilson are the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services (Call) Center, and Military Affiliated Services (Veterans Affairs). She will also serve as the chair of the university-wide Enrollment Management Committee and collaborate with offices and personnel to promote student retention. Overall, her primary responsibility will be to set and achieve enrollment goals consistent with the university's mission.

Prior to coming to FSU, Ms. Wilson served as Executive Director of Enrollment Operations at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, TN, for 23 years, providing leadership for the admissions, records, registration, financial aid, and call center areas. Southwest Tennessee Community College is a comprehensive, multicultural, public college that reports to the Tennessee Board of Regents and is accredited by SACSCOC with a student headcount of over 7,700 students.

Ms. Wilson earned a BS in Political Science and a MPS in Strategic Leadership from Tennessee State University, and an Ed.S. in Leadership in Higher Education from Northcentral University.

FSU Hosts Cape Fear Research Consortium Quarterly Meeting

FSU recently hosted the quarterly Cape Fear Research Consortium on September 20th. The consortium is a collaboration of military, academic and health care institutions in the Cape Fear region headed by Dr. Sammy Y. Choi of Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC). Its purpose is to promote, medical, scientific, academic and economic growth in the region and to facilitate collaborative research among its partner institutions.

Presentations were made by researchers from Fayetteville State University, Methodist University, Campbell University and WAMC. The VA Medical Center, NC Area Health Education Centers, and Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation were among the 38 in attendance. Communal scientific interests, shared expertise, and potential partnerships for collaborative research were emphasized. Also, the attendees were given a tour of FSU's impressive laboratories and state-of-the-art equipment.

Former Professors Honored as Faculty Emeriti

At the September 2017 FSU Board of Trustees Meeting, three former professors were bestowed the prestigious honor of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Annie M. Chavis, former professor in the Department of Social Work, Dr. Ella T. Keller, former professor in the Department of Sociology, and Dr. Peter L. Valenti, former professor and chair of the Department of English, were each recommended by the respective faculty and dean in their department and college, as well as the provost and chancellor, and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Chavis was an outstanding faculty member at FSU for 26 years, an author and scholar, and served as the Director of Field Education for the Master of Social Work program, the lead program developer for the approved Bachelor of Social Work program, and active in many community outreach activities.

Dr. Keller contributed 34 years of outstanding service at FSU in teaching, service, and scholarship with over 20 years as the coordinator of the BA and BS degree programs in Sociology, and instrumental in developing the MA in Sociology. She was also known as a scholar and author having received honors and recognition for publishing and presenting along with her service to the community and professional organizations.

Dr. Valenti also contributed 34 years of outstanding service at FSU as a faculty member, including seven years as the chair of the Department of English and served as the Director of the Teaching and Learning Center, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He is known for his scholarly publications and outstanding service to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, having been the only FSU professor to be selected on two occasions to serve as a Distinguished Visiting Professor and awarded their Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, as well as for receiving four National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships.

FSU salutes Drs. Chavis, Keller, and Valenti as its newest Professor Emeriti and congratulate them for receiving this honorary, lifetime status and associated privileges.

Department of Math and Computer Science Receives Matching Grant for FSU Robotics Team to Compete at 2018 NASA Swarmathon

The Fayetteville State University (FSU) Department of Math and Computer Science recently received a matching grant award for \$4,976 for its FSU Student Robotics Team to participate in the 2018 NASA Swarmathon Competition also known as the NC Space Grant Higher Education/Team Competition Program. Dr. Sambit Bhattacharya, Professor in that departments, is the Principal Investigator. In 2017, an FSU student team competed and won the championship.

This competition is designed to prepare students in advanced technical skills and practice through robotics engineering and software development. The FSU team along with competing teams from other universities will develop and test algorithms that could one day be used in NASA's Mission to Mars. The software development phase is a yearlong effort, with the final version of the software being submitted in April 2018, followed by the competition during which the software is used to coordinate multiple robots in a target collection task. As part of the competition, technical papers will also be submitted on scientific

approaches adopted and the team's outreach efforts. Outreach plans are for the FSU team to work with high school teams including teaching them necessary coding skills required for creating robotics software. At least five workshops are planned for 2018.

FSU Inaugural Community Science Night a Huge Success

The inaugural Community Science Night, hosted by the FSU Department of Chemistry and Physics on October 27, was a huge success. Over 200 visitors filled Seabrook Auditorium to see a wide range of chemistry and physics experiments. College of Arts and Science Dean Samuel Adu-Mireku and Dr. Darren Pearson opened the event and members of the Chemistry and Physics External Advisory Board (Ms. Val Applewhite, Dr. Susan M. Miller, Dr. Brandon N. Phillips, and Dr. Assad Tavakoli) also addressed the audience.

The experiments were kicked off by chemists Dr. Daniel Autrey and Ms. Emily Oshita who demonstrated objects frozen in liquid nitrogen, exploding hydrogen balloons, and Elephant Toothpaste shooting from Erlenmeyer flasks. Mr. Joseph Kabbes, FSU Planetarium Manager, shot compressed air rockets across the stage, demonstrated conversion of energy by burning paper with steel balls, and discussed the power of air pressure as two teams of volunteers attempted to separate vacuum cups in a tug of war. The show concluded with a display of potential and kinetic energy as Mr. Kabbes rode a pendulum across the stage. All experiments and demonstrations received enthusiastic applause and cheers from the audience.

Audience and student participation was also incorporated with many of the science demonstrations involving volunteers from the audience including children and adults. FSU students assisted in preparing and executing the demonstrations throughout the performance. At the end, Ari Lessin won a Star Party for his classmates at Vanstory Elementary school. The first Community Science Night clearly achieved its goal to show children and parents that learning science is both fun and exciting.

On the Move

- **Dr. Dana L. Dalton** has been promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research and Effectiveness and SACSCOC Liaison. In her expanded role, Dr. Dalton will lead efforts to ensure effective data collection and analysis in support of effective assessment and accreditation efforts. As SACSCOC Liaison, Dr. Dalton will guide FSU's self-study for reaffirmation of SACSCOC accreditation in 2021-22.
- **Dr. Miriam DeLone** has been appointed as the Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, focusing on student issues, special campus events, and serving as the liaison to professional advisors and faculty mentors.
- **Dr. Ji Young Kim**, Associate Professor, has been named Chair of the Department of English having served in this role on an interim basis since the 2016-17 academic year.
- **Dr. Joe M. Brown**, Associate Professor, has been named Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice having served in this role on an interim basis since March 2016.
- **Dr. Alison Van Nyhuis**, an Associate Professor of English, has been appointed to serve as Chair of the FSU Graduate Council to provide oversight to graduate education, promote quality in graduate programs and ensure compliance with policies and regulations. She will also represent FSU on the UNC Graduate Council.
- **Dr. Noran Moffett**, Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, along with co-authors (Melanie M. Frizzell, Yolanda Brownlee-Williams, Stacye A. Blount & Nurah-Talibah N. Moffett) recently contributed a book chapter titled, "Promoting ATE Standards for Professional Development in Pre-K Settings" in Carolyn M. Crawford and Sandra L. Hardy's edited book, *Dynamic Principles of Professional Development: Essential Elements of Effective Teacher Preparation.*

- **Dr. Maurice Mongkuo**, Professor of Public Administration in the FSU Department of Government and History, was recently acknowledged for his article entitled "[Testing the Factorial Equivalence of the Collegiate Learning Assessment Performance Task Diagnostic Instrument Across Lower Class and Upper Class Predominantly Black College Students](#)" that won the World Academic Championship – 2017.

Upcoming Events

- December 1, Last day of class
- December 8, Final exams end
- December 25-29, Christmas Holidays – University Closed
- January 2, University reopens
- January 2, College Departmental Meetings
- January 13, First day of class

Visit FSU Sesquicentennial Website

**For information about the
Sesquicentennial events**

(Now through – May 12, 2018)

<https://150.uncfsu.edu>.