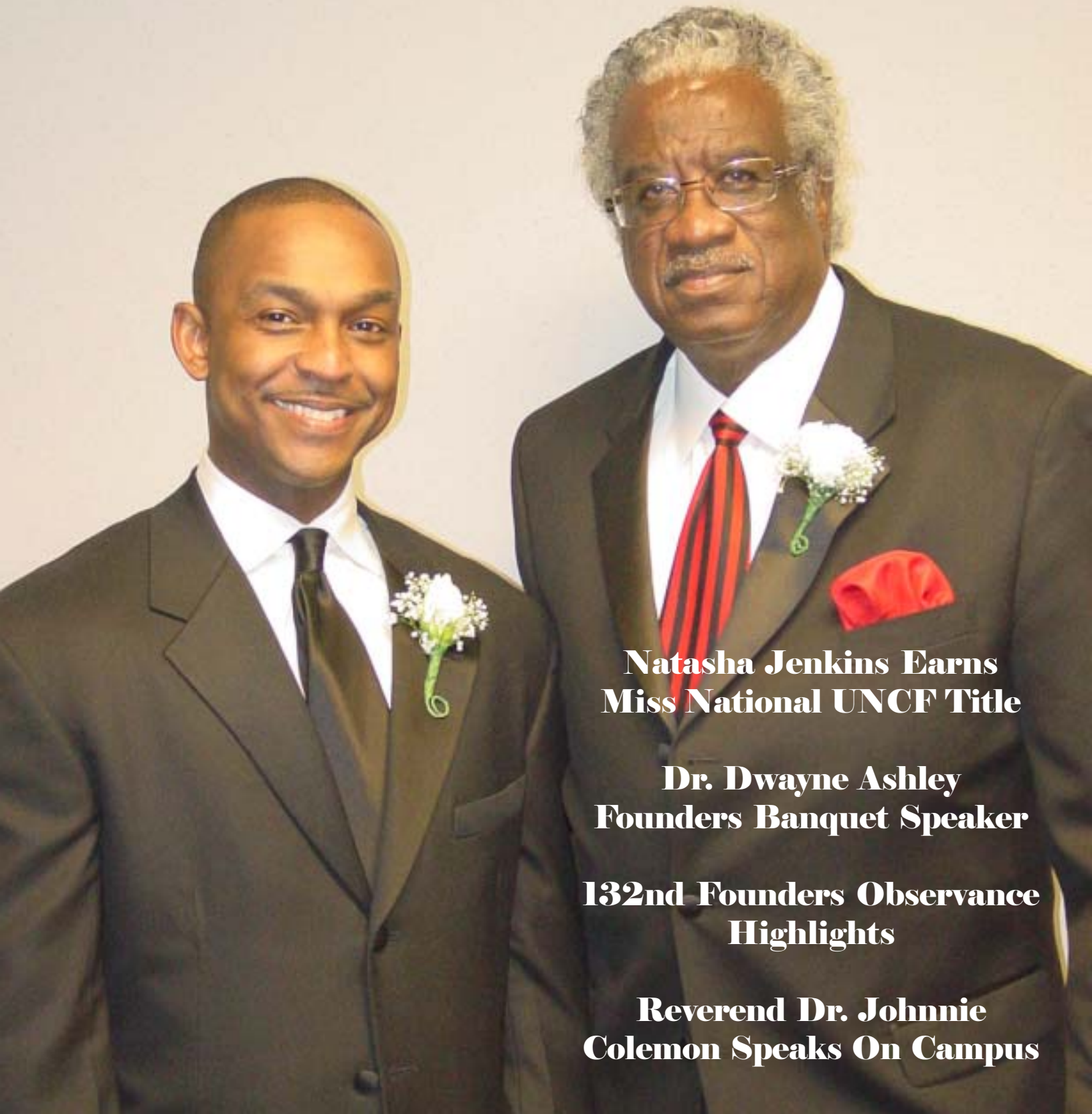


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President Haywood L. Strickland presents a “diploma” to Dr. Amanda Pleasant Winters, class of 1955, during the Founders Observance convocation. Dr. Winters is a Golden Anniversary class member and Director of the Wiley College Teacher Education program.



President Haywood L. Strickland and Student Government Association President, Tameka Beamon, present Dr. Warren Hawkins '56 with a plaque commemorating 38 years of continuing service to Wiley.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Haywood L. Strickland, President and CEO

Greetings!


Springtime has slowly, but surely come to the Wiley College campus. The trees are blooming; the weather is becoming warmer and all of the spring activities have been dynamic and enjoyable for our students, faculty and staff, our alumni and visitors to campus. I'm pleased to announce that although most schools show a decrease in enrollment between the fall and spring semesters, Wiley increased its enrollment to 801 students in Spring 2005. This is a testament to the positive results we are enjoying from not only our increased recruiting efforts, but also our innovative retention programs designed to make the transition to college life easier for first-year freshmen.

Several events take place annually during the spring that emphasize various facets of life at Wiley. The Religious Emphasis Week celebration, held in early February, gives our students and staff the opportunity to recommit themselves to Wiley College and the Christian principles for which it has stood for 132 years. We were very fortunate to have Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell from Houston join us for an inspirational message as he challenged each of us to strive for excellence in all we do.


Late in February was our annual Men of Strength Week observance as the Christian men on campus gathered for activities designed to create opportunities for fellowship and community service. It is very important to this College and our community that our young men not only succeed in this changing society, but reach back and assist the next generation of students. Not to be overshadowed, the Women of Excellence Week of activities highlighted the achievements of the Christian women on campus and in the community and provided activities designed to empower our ladies to excel in a world that has historically seen them as second-best. It is interesting to note that on the Wiley campus, the 2004-2005 slate of officers for the Student Government Association was comprised entirely of young women.

And of course, springtime at Wiley means the annual Founders Observance. The faculty and staff worked very hard to present the best Wiley has to offer in the way of entertainment and activities during Founders Week. We were pleased to welcome to campus an outstanding member of the clergy, and a Wiley graduate, Reverend Dr. Johnnie Coleman, a 1940 alumna. Dr. Dwayne Ashley, a 1990 Wileyite, honored us as well by accepting the invitation to deliver the keynote address for the 2005 Founders Observance Banquet.

As with every Founders Observance, it was truly a pleasure to see so many old friends and to have the opportunity to make new friends as well. Thanks to all of the Wiley Clubs for being so generous in their gifts to their alma mater. The success of Wiley College is inextricably tied to its alumni for support in fundraising and in recruitment and with a concerted effort, together we will forever stand “a beacon light shining o'er our dear land”.


 Mrs. Ruth Criner brought approximately 60 students in the fifth grade at Pinewood Park Elementary in Longview, Texas to the Wiley Aerospace Education Laboratory for a tour of the state-of-art facility. She received a grant through the Civil Air Patrol to fund the field trip to Wiley.




 Gene Washington, president of the Wiley College Athletics Booster Club, presented a \$545 check on behalf of the Boosters to President Strickland for trophies and awards presented to Wiley athletes during the Athletics Recognition Banquet held on April 21, 2005.




Left to right: President Strickland, Gene Washington, Dr. Richard Cosby, Wiley Director of Athletics


 The Wiley College Office of Counseling and Career Planning held Law Week for the students in the Lee P. Brown Criminal Justice Institute. Special speakers such as attorneys and law enforcement officers presented synopses of the many facets of the various fields of criminal justice.




 The Encore Players, Wiley's dramatic troupe, traveled to Augusta, Arkansas on March 19 to present "Ma Rose" for the annual Black History Celebration sponsored by the OASIS Organization. They provide mentoring, academic scholarships, and sponsor cultural events for African-American youth.

 The Thomas Winston Cole, Sr. Library sponsored a Faculty Publications display during March 2005. Approximately 16 Wiley authors participated by providing the Library with copies of their published work. The Library is a staunch supporter of faculty scholarly endeavors.





 Mr. Ediberto Barrera a Wiley College freshman has been accepted to a program for pre-medical students. He will be serving in an internship capacity this summer and each successive summer until he enters medical school in one of Texas' medical schools. Barrera will receive guaranteed placement after his senior year of college if he maintains the conditions of the internships and scores well on the MCATS exam.


 The staff of KBWC radio at Wiley College attended the 27th Annual Black College Radio Convention in Atlanta this semester. They competed with colleagues from HBCU radio stations for several categories of competition during the weekend event.

Miss Jennifer Banks, a senior mass communications major from Garland, Texas won the News and Public Information Director of the Year award for the second straight year.




 On February 8, 2005, the freshman class and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta sponsored Purple Pride Day featuring Poetry Night. Fourteen students performed original poetry during the poetry reading contest. Winners were Ciji Williams, 1st place; Crystal Wells, 2nd place and John Hill, 3rd place.

 The Wiley College Distance Learning Laboratory was the location for a special video conference originating from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin. Cosmonaut Yury Usachev and scientist Alexander Martynov spoke about a manned mission to the planet Mars.

 The men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. held fundraisers for victims of the Indonesian tsunami. The money raised was donated to the Longview Chapter of The American Red Cross.



 Mrs. Patricia Shields recently gave a dynamic and informative presentation to Wiley students in the Exceptional Learner class of Mrs. Gloria Hayes-Smith. She has worked as a special education teacher and served as a special education director. She shared her experiences working with students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Mrs. Shields is the wife of Gerald Shields, Vice President for Business and Finance at Wiley.

132nd Founders Observance Highlights



Members of the Alpha Angels planted flowers in the Sunken Garden during the annual Help-A-Thon.



Several alumni and friends participated in the Annual Three-Man Golf Scramble during Founders Week.

At right, former Wiley president, Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr. registers for the National Alumni Association Founders Observance meeting.



Below, members of The Encore Players prepare for their performance of "The Amen Corner" during founders week activities.



The Purple & White Reunion always draws a crowd for fellowship, friends, and BBQ.



Chaplain George Johnson and Wiley College Board of Trustees Chairman, Bishop Alfred L. Norris, enjoy the Leadership Prayer Breakfast with the student leaders.

132nd Founders Observance Highlights



Student leaders took part in the Founders Observance opening event at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.



President Strickland escorts Mrs. Forrest Luther to the Family Dinner held immediately following the Ebenezer United Methodist Church service. Mrs. Luther is the granddaughter of Dr. Matthew Dogan, Wiley's longest sitting president.



Friends and alumni enjoyed the soulful sounds of R&B legends, The Manhattans, during the annual President's Blues Concert.



The Founders Observance Banquet is the culmination of a week of Founders Observance activities.



Above, alumni had to get up early to join their classmates at the annual Dr. Joseph T. Johnson Breakfast, sponsored by his grandchildren, Eric Johnson and Jennifer Johnson.

At right, members of the classes of 1955 and 1980 enjoyed a quiet moment with friends and classmates during the Reunion Classes Sparkling Toast held each year prior to the Founders Observance Banquet.



Natasha Monee` Jenkins Wins Miss National UNCF 2005 Title



Natasha Monee` Jenkins is a native of Marshall, Texas, one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jenkins. She is a senior elementary education major at Wiley College with a 2.8 grade point average. She has been active in the Student Government Association as secretary for 2002-2004 and is a member of the National Pre-Alumni Council. Miss Jenkins is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. serving as the chapter president and is also a committee member for the Women of Excellence Week celebration.

She is a member of Marshall Full Gospel Holy Temple Church where she participates in the Temple Choir, the East Texas Ensemble Choir, Vision (a choir group), Youth for Christ and she is a member of the Usher Board. Upon graduating from Wiley College with a bachelor's degree in education, she plans to begin teaching first grade. She also has plans to further her education by working toward the master's degree in business and eventually owning a beauty salon. Miss Jenkins plans to get married and start a family of her own.

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At left, Dr. Joseph Morale, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, presents Natasha Jenkins, Miss National UNCF 2005, to the audience.

Below, the 2005 UNCF candidates include; (l. to r.) Tara Lee, Alexandria Green, Bethany Hardy, Miss Jenkins, Jennifer Banks, and Jamie Betts.



Miss Jenkins believes the UNCF is much more than an acronym. "It is a catalyst for the betterment of our people and our society through the development of young minds." She feels the UNCF and its 39 member colleges have been long-time partners in the struggle to educate young people.

"My desire is to give back to the UNCF and the HBCU that afforded me the opportunity to reach my goals and provided me with the tools necessary to be successful in life." said the new Miss National UNCF.

Knowing that all things are possible through Christ has made her who she is and without Him none of this would have been possible. Becoming Miss National UNCF fulfills one of her goals in life of making a difference in the African-American community. The motto "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" is one that she holds near and dear to her heart and she give thanks to God, Wiley College, and the UNCF for the opportunity to serve.

Campus News

Tahara Rahman Student of the Year

Tahara Rahman, a graduating senior from Port Arthur, Texas, majoring in Sociology, was named Student of the Year during the Student Leadership Banquet held on April 25. Miss Rahman has been a student leader throughout most of her collegiate career having served as Miss National UNCF 2003-2004, Student Government Association secretary, president of the Pre-Alumni Council, and president of the Sociology Club. She has also presented research at the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists.



Tahara Rahman



Jennifer Underwood

Jennifer Underwood Elected Student Government Association President

Jennifer Underwood, a junior accounting major from Minden, Louisiana, officially received the presidential gavel from Tameka Beamon, SGA president for 2004-2005 during the Student Leadership Banquet. Miss Underwood will serve as Student Government Association president for 2005-2006.

Campus News

Men of Strength Week Held

The men of Wiley College celebrated the annual "Men of Strength Week" on campus with special programs and activities from Sunday, February 20 through Saturday, February 26. "Men of Strength Week" is an annual week-long gathering of Christian men on the Wiley campus, and from the Marshall area, who come together in unity and cooperation to make a positive impact on their community. The "Men of Strength Week" activities included a symbolic march of unity from Jackson Hall to the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel for the weekly convocation service. Reverend Frederick D. Haynes, III, Senior Pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, delivered the convocation address. His message was clear: If Christians are to impact the world positively they must be willing to minister beyond the walls of the church.

"The young men on campus get together formally once a year for the entire week to highlight the involvement of the men on the Wiley College campus who are supporting educational, cultural and social activities." said Dr. Joseph L. Morale, Wiley College Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services. "We derive strength from being together in fellowship. Our students understand they have responsibilities outside themselves to others and to the community."

The annual "Literacy Awareness Day" was held at the George Washington Carver Elementary School on February 22. Mr. Nathaniel Hewitt, Wiley College Vice President for Information Technology, accompanied young men from the campus to talk with the students about the importance of reading and how it can have a significant affect on their future. Other events included the Men of Strength Luncheon, the Men of Strength Prayer Breakfast and the "Real Men's" Barbeque Fellowship held in the Wildcat Den.



Dr. Lloyd Thompson Presents Paper

Dr. Lloyd Thompson, Wiley College Professor of History, was invited to present a paper at The World Affairs Symposium sponsored by the Department of Political Science & Public Administration in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts at Grambling State University. The presentation was titled, The Legal Status of Black Slaves in Colonial Brazil.

New Baseball Facility Ready For Opening Day

Wiley College head baseball coach, Eddie Watson, opened the 2005 home season against Paul Quinn College of Dallas in a new baseball facility on the Wiley campus. The baseball facility has been under construction for the past two years and is finally ready for the Wildcats to play on the home field diamond.

The baseball facilities upgrade is part of the overall facility and infrastructure upgrade initiative begun by President Haywood Strickland in October 2001. Through this initiative, over three million dollars have been expended on facilities upgrades throughout the campus. The new construction and upgrade to the baseball facility included addressing a water runoff problem, enlarging dugout areas, new bullpens for the pitchers, new fencing and a major league centerfield fence set at 400 feet. The long-range plan for the facility is to create a baseball complex complete with picnic areas and a park.



Maurice Mack holds off a runner at first.

An overall look at the diamond.



Curtissia Verge, Morgan Alexander McNair Scholar Winners

Curtissia Verge, a senior Secondary Education major, has won the "Most Outstanding Senior" award in the McNair Scholars Program for her research project titled, "How Athletic Performance Is Affected During Travel And Why?". Morgan Alexander, a senior biology major from Henderson, Texas, was awarded second place for her PowerPoint presentation titled "Bacteria On Money". The competition was held at Texas College on April 17.

The McNair Program is designed to assist minority students prepare for graduate school through selected classes at Texas Southern University. Required courses include research and statistics. Both young ladies have been working on their research projects since the summer of their junior year preparing for the competition.

Miss Verge works with the Sports Information Office recording stats for the athletic teams and Miss Alexander is a member of the LadyCats basketball team.

Wiley College Women of Excellence

The women of Wiley College celebrated the annual "Women of Excellence" week in early March on the Wiley campus. The "Women of Excellence" celebration is held to pursue excellence in all areas of life: personally, professionally and spiritually. The celebration promotes academic achievement and ministering to the community. "Women of Excellence" programs seek to portray positive images for the young Christian women at Wiley College and to provide strength and encouragement.

A special "Women of Excellence" convocation was held in the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel. The participants marched in a group to the service in a display of strength and solidarity. Other events included: "Sister to Sister" with a special presentation by Mrs. Patricia Keys from Liberty Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, the Women of Excellence Luncheon/Fashion Show, and community service projects at the Marshall Achievement Center and Price T. Young Middle School. The week of activities culminated with the Heritage Dinner, a covered dish meal featuring food and recipes that have been passed down from mother to daughter for generations.



Pre-Alumni Council Wins Awards At National Conference

The Wiley College Pre-Alumni Council (PAC) traveled to Orlando, Florida in early February to attend the 59th National Alumni Council and the 47th National Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference. Several awards were bestowed upon Wiley and its students during the conference. Miss Natasha Jenkins was named Miss National UNCF 2005; Michael Brown won 1st place in the National Pre-Alumni Council talent show; and Shaterica Roberts, a former Miss Wiley College UNCF, was chosen to serve on the National PAC Board of Directors. The Southwest Region won the *Region of the Year Award* under the leadership of Miss Erica Johnson, a former Miss Wiley College. Wiley also won *The Legacy Award*, a new award established to recognize the pre-alumni council that most demonstrates the true spirit of PAC. The final award taken by Wiley was *The Samuel D. Leidesdorf Award* signifying the highest dollar amount raised by an institution.

Campus News

Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell Speaks During Religious Emphasis Week

In honor of its covenant relationship with The United Methodist Church, Wiley College annually holds Religious Emphasis Week in February. The Wiley College A cappella Choir, under the direction of Stephen Hayes, kicked off the Religious Emphasis Week activities with a concert at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Marshall.

Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell, Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas delivered the sermon during a special Tuesday evening worship service. Under Rev. Caldwell's leadership, the Windsor Village membership has grown from 25 to 14,000 with average worship attendance increasing from 12 to 6,450. The Church includes over 120 ministries that serve the community seven days each week.



Toastmasters International Holds Leadership Institute on Wiley Campus

Toastmasters International District 50 held its Toastmasters Leadership Institute on the Wiley campus in early February. The Institute is designed to train the newly elected officers of Toastmasters clubs throughout East Texas.

"We were so pleased to be able to hold the Institute at Wiley," said District 50 regional president, Vickie Penney. "Marshall is a central location for all our clubs in District 50 and it is very convenient for everyone."

Wiley College has the only Toastmasters International club on a college campus in the East Texas region.

The Church developed the 104,000 square foot Power Center, a comprehensive multi-purpose complex designed to address the needs of the Southwest Houston Community. The Power Center houses numerous services and entities including J.P. Morgan Chase Manhattan and The University of Texas-Hermann Hospital Clinic. The Church recently broke ground for a 234-acre master-planned community consisting of a 452 single-family home residential community, catfish ponds, The Prayer Center and a YMCA.

Newsweek identified Pastor Caldwell as a member of The Century Club, Newsweek's list of 100 people to watch as America passes through the gate to the new millennium. He delivered the benediction for President Bush at his inauguration in 2001 and in 2005.

Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel Naming Opportunities

The Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel Campaign is still in progress. With a remaining goal of \$1.5 million, all friends and alumni are encouraged to participate. You may choose to give a gift of general support or consider the various naming opportunities listed in this edition of the Wiley Reporter.

You too can be a part of Wiley's permanent legacy when you support the naming opportunities for the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel. A "Naming Opportunity" gift would ensure that you, your loved ones, or organization are memorialized in perpetuity, while also helping Wiley College fulfill its mission. Your gift will impact not only the present, but will also influence the future.

The Chapel is named for Wiley's ninth president, Dr. Julius S. Scott, Sr., and represents a \$2.4 million investment by The United Methodist Church, friends, alumni and supporters of the College. This structure will serve as an edifice of worship and praise for many future generations. Your gift will remain forever a part of the history of this great institution. What better way to demonstrate your love than to give a gift that truly lasts forever?

Building Maintenance Endowment	\$500,000	Sanctuary Chairs (597)	\$1,000 (ea.)
Sanctuary Organ	\$150,000	Robes for Chaplain (1)	\$ 1,000
North Narthex	\$150,000	* Chapel Lectern	\$ 500
South Narthex	\$150,000	* Gold Cross/Communion Table	\$ 700
* Bridal Room & Parlor	\$125,000	* Candle Holders	\$ 600
* Prayer (Conference) Room	\$100,000	* Large Bible/Communion Table	\$ 600
* Chaplain's Suite	\$ 50,000	Stoles (4)	\$ 500 each
Commemorative "Garden of Life"	\$ 30,000	* Christian Flag	\$ 200
* Sacristy	\$ 25,000	* American Flag	\$ 200
* Altar	\$ 25,000	* Candle Lighters (2)	\$ 200
Corridors (3)	\$25,000 (ea.)	Candles (2 pairs)	\$ 100
Lighting System	\$ 25,000	Hymnals (529)	\$25 (each)
Sound System	\$ 20,000	Bibles (482)	\$25 (each)
Piano	\$ 15,000		
Communion Table	\$ 15,000	* Committed ** Twenty-one (21) committed	
* Pulpit Lectern	\$ 15,000		
Chancel	\$ 15,000		
Liturgical Cloths (4)	\$ 10,000		
** Stained Glass Windows (24)	\$10,000 (ea.)		
Paraments (4)	\$ 5,000		
* Communion Trays (2)	\$ 2,500		
Offering Trays (2)	\$ 2,000		

Honoring Friends & Loved Ones

A "named gift" to the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel is a wonderful way to honor loved ones while establishing and furnishing this house of worship for generations to come. To the donors, comes the benefit of ensuring their memory, or the memory of their loved one is perpetuated forever. Additionally, depending upon the gift, the donor may be eligible for gift club membership and formal recognition at the Founders Banquet. Your gifts will also be gratefully acknowledged and listed in various Wiley College publications.

Gifts to the Chapel for the named gift opportunities, should be made payable to Wiley College, with the title of the named gift program listed on the memo. Mail gifts to Wiley College, Office of Development, 711 Wiley Avenue, Marshall, Texas 75670. For more information about making a gift to the Chapel, contact the Office of Development (903) 927-3388, or the Office of Church Relations at (903) 927-3391.



Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel

Wiley Family Remembered

The following members of the Wiley family passed away between January 1, 2005 and this printing.

Class of 1934

Irma Louise Rambo
Marshall, Texas

Class of 1938

June Roe Key
Paris, Texas

Dr. Fred E. Lewis
Marshall, Texas

Class of 1939

Gladys Clow Patterson
Houston, Texas

Helen Evans
Houston, Texas

Class of 1941

Violet Jefferson Lewis
Berkeley, California

Sammie Foppe' Stovall
Los Angeles, California

Class of 1943

Elza McKnight
Dallas, Texas

Class of 1947

William Cowan Scott, Sr.
Fort Worth, Texas

Class of 1950

Zelma Meek Patterson
Houston, Texas

Class of 1955

Marian Reed Kimble
Dallas, Texas

Rosie Stubblefield
Houston, Texas

Class of 1983

Reverend Thomas Shadell

Wiley Alumni

Luther Mae Alexander Jackson
Los Angeles, California

Gwendolyn Bradford
Shreveport, Louisiana

Michelle D. Cooper
Carson, California

Staff Member

Austin C. Reece
Marshall, Texas

Student

Ashley Noel Simonette
Port Arthur, Texas



If you are aware of any deaths in the Wiley College family, please contact:
Barbara Marshall '96 (bmarshall@wileyc.edu) at 711 Wiley Avenue, Marshall, Texas 75670

We must often rely on reports from our friends and alumni concerning alumni deaths; therefore, in order to ensure accuracy and verification, please provide all of the following information: the deceased's name; the date of death; a copy of the obituary or a funeral program; year graduated and city where residing at time of death. It is our desire to be as accurate as possible when announcing alumni deaths. We humbly apologize if any errant information appears in this section.

Tell Us What You Think!

In order to make *The Wiley Reporter* the alumni publication you want and expect, please take a moment to give us your input on how we're doing. Simply check the box that most nearly corresponds with your perceptions and general feelings about the *The Wiley Reporter*. "One" represents the least favorable response and "five" represents the most favorable response.

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Alumni News & Information



Dearest Alumni,

We made it through another Founders Celebration and what a wonderful time we had. I hope that all of you who attended Founders made it back to your residences safely.

***Congratulations to our 2006 Outstanding Alumnus, Mr. Kerven Carter
and
Outstanding Young Alumnus Mr. Terrell Wilkerson!***

Let me first say that I am honored to continue to serve as your national president. Thank you for your support during the March meeting, I was truly flattered and humbled by your expressions of confidence in my leadership abilities. I pray that the Lord will grant me patience and a renewed spirit to continue to do a good job. Now although the meeting took an unexpected turn of events, it is time for me to get back to business.

As many of you know, we are planning a fun-filled and productive **summer workshop** this year. We expect the workshop to be, as the kids say, "off the hook!" You don't want to miss the great working sessions planned. Be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 16, 2005**.

I would like to take this moment to solicit a little help from you. I need about ten volunteers to assist with the alumni database, the summer workshop, the constitution and by-laws, the alumni newsletter, the website, or online registration. Please give this request some serious thought and contact me as soon as possible if you are available.

Keep in mind that next year is an election year, so start thinking of and contacting potential candidates now. As always, I am available anytime to discuss your ideas, comments, and recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Continue to enjoy your spring season and I look forward to seeing you in July.

Blessfully,

Dana Simone Stovall

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Alumni Profile

Attorney Carl Alexander Earles

Attorney Carl A. Earles was born in Hemphill, Texas to the late James and Norway Earles. He graduated from Central High School in 1939 and continued his education at Wiley College where he graduated in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree. He immediately enlisted in the United States Army where he served with distinction in Europe with the 777th Field Artillery Battalion and attended chemical warfare school. He later served as an instructor for the 777th on the dangers of chemical warfare. He was married to Norma M. Earles for 28 years before her untimely death in 1975.

Following his discharge from the Army at the end of WWII, Earles returned to his home in Marshall. It was generally known that African Americans were not admitted to state professional schools in the south so he relocated to Los Angeles where he attended the University of Southern California Law School under the G.I. Bill. He graduated from Southwestern School of Law in 1951 and established a private practice in central Los Angeles with emphasis on civil litigation. Attorney Earles was one of the few African American attorneys in Los Angeles and was often called upon by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to represent clients in civil rights, discrimination and integration cases, many of which were in pro bono (without fee). He limits his practice to probate, wills, trusts, conservatorships, guardianships, and decedant estates. He is a 52 year member of the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, State Bar of California, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Langston Bar Association and the American Judicature Society. He also holds membership in the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, the United States 9th District Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of California and the United States District Court for the Southern, Northern and Central Districts of the State of California. He has served as the president of the Langston Bar Association and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1997. He was inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame in 1993 and served as national co-chairman of the Probate and Trust Section for several years.

Earles was initiated in Theta Chapter while a student at Wiley College. He served as the Dean of Pledges and has been active for 63 years attending all conclaves since 1949 and most 12th District meetings. He was a charter member of NU Iota Chapter, Marshall, Texas and served as Basileus of Lambda and Lambda Omicron during the 1955 conclave in Los Angeles and was elected Grand Counselor at that time. He was the first Grand Officer elected from the 12th District and served from 1955 to 1961. Attorney Earles was co-chairman of the committee that wrote the national constitution and by-laws in 1969. He received his 60-year pin in 2002. He has been the Omega Citizen of the Year for Lambda Omicron Chapter and the 12th District and has received the Meritorious Service Award and Certificate of Appreciation from Lambda Omicron.

A 60-year graduate of Wiley College, Carl Earles has served on the Board of Trustees for over 40 years. He has served as vice chair, general counsel and was Chairman of the Finance Committee during the construction of the Thomas Winston Cole, Sr. Library, the Fred T. Long Student Union Building and the Aaron Baker Science Building. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the College and is a member of the President's Club and the Los Angeles Wiley Club.

Earles is a long-time member of Hamilton United Methodist Church where he is a trustee and has served as general counsel since 1959 having negotiated the contracts for the purchase of the church properties. He is a life member of the NAACP, a member of the Spring Valley Lake Country Club, the 28th Street YMCA Century Club, Crenshaw Neighbors, and the Hepburn Avenue Block Club. He has received certificates of appreciation from the State Bar of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, California State Senate, California State Assembly, Los Angeles Wiley Club and Crenshaw Neighbors.

Attorney Carl A. Earles has been and continues to be a positive influence and role model in the Los Angeles community. He has encouraged and supported the efforts of many students to attend college and professional school.

Wiley College Board of Trustees Installs New Members

The Wiley College Board of Trustees installed three new members during its scheduled March meetings. They are, Attorney Earnestine Sapp, Dr. Richard Holmes and Mr. Glenn Brooks. Three additional board members are scheduled to be installed during the summer board meeting in July. They include, Mrs. Kathryn Hill, Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, and Dr. Jerry Neff.



Mr. Glenn M. Brooks



Dr. Richard Holmes



Attorney Earnestine Sapp

Alumni News & Information

Dr. Dwayne Ashley Founders Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dwayne Ashley, class of 1990, was the keynote speaker for the 132nd Founders Observance Banquet. He is president of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Inc. (TMSF), the nation's only not-for-profit organization that provides merit-based scholarships, programmatic and capacity-building support to students who attend its 45 member public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). TMSF, the only national organization of its type, was founded as a not-for-profit organization in 1987. Today, 77 percent of all students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities attend one of TMSF's 45 member schools.

Ashley joined TMSF as executive director in June 1999 and was appointed president in July 2000. As president of the New York-based TMSF, Ashley directs all operations and strategic planning. He conceives and leads all national fund-raising goals, strategies and initiatives. In his role as president, Ashley leads the organization's overall strategic direction in areas such as long-term development, corporate partnerships and capacity-building and programmatic direction provided to the 45 institutions. Under his leadership, TMSF launched a five-year capacity-building program in 2001.

Henryett Lovely-Watson Named Principal

Mrs. Henryett Lovely-Watson has recently been appointed principal of J.L. Everhart Magnet: Academy of Cultural Studies in Longview, Texas. Following graduation from Wiley in 1995, she taught students in the Marshall Independent School District before assuming the role of principal at G.W. Carver Elementary in Karnack, Texas, her hometown. She completed her master's degree work and preparation to be a principal at Texas A&M - Texarkana and her superintendent courses at Texas A&M - Commerce (TAMU-C).

Mrs. Watson served as Senior Scholar in charge of TEXES preparation and continues to lead training sessions for applicants



who are preparing for elementary, principal and superintendent exams. She is currently pursuing her doctoral work at TAMU-C in educational administration.

"Wiley was the beginning for me. I enjoyed the benefits of participating in the Upward Bound program to gain essential foundational experiences for future educational endeavors," said Watson. "As

I continue on my journey, guided by God, I am forever grateful for the role played by the faculty and staff of Wiley College."

Rosevelt Colvin, III Super Bowl Champion

Rosevelt and Bessie (Epps) Colvin, both Wiley College graduates, never intended for their son, Roosevelt, III to play football because "Mother Colvin" considered football to be a "violent sport". Had it not been for Colvin's love for football and his willingness to defy his mother's wishes, his raw talent might have been channeled toward basketball or baseball instead of playing for the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.

Despite his mother's objections Roosevelt Colvin, III played football and played it well. After a successful collegiate career at Purdue University, he was drafted into the National Football League by the Chicago Bears in 1999 and amassed over 100 tackles in each of the 2001 and 2002 seasons. As a heavily coveted free agent, the Patriots signed him to a six-year, \$26 million dollar contract.

Colvin suffered a freak hip accident during the 2003 season with the Patriots. Although his rehabilitation was difficult, he had a solid year with the Patriots in 2004, playing in every game on his way to the Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida.

"He couldn't have gone on a better trip as a free agent than to New England," said Mrs. Colvin. "Then he gets himself hurt. Evidently it was the Lord slowing him down for a reason."

Pearson Assumes Chair of the School of History

Dr. Willie V. Pearson, Jr., Wiley College class of 1968, has been named as the new Chair of the School of History, Technology and Sociology at Georgia Tech University. He is the first African American to hold that position in the history of the university. The department offers degrees through the doctorate level. Dr. Pearson is also the author of several books during his career.

James Farmer Day Held in Austin

The first proclamation at Austin's new city hall was offered on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, to honor civil rights leader and Texas native James Farmer on what would have been his 85th birthday. Farmer, a co-founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) who died in 1999 was recognized in speeches and song. Greater Calvary Academy students performed during the event.

James Farmer was born in Marshall, Texas and lived in Austin as a boy. He is credited with introducing the concept of "compensatory preferential treatment," what afterward became known as affirmative action. The concept was introduced to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson while Farmer served as an assistant secretary in the Health, Education and Welfare Department under President Richard Nixon. Farmer's papers are housed at the University of Texas in Austin.

Alumni Profile

Coach James “Jim” Banks

Lee Senior High School Trojans Head Basketball Coach 1972-2002



Coach James “Jim” Banks was born and reared in Lee County, Marianna, Arkansas. He was one of nine children in his family and graduated from Robert R. Moton High School before receiving a football scholarship to Wiley College in 1956. Coach Banks played for the legendary Fred “Pops” Long, a NAIA Hall of Famer, and was a member of the 1956 and 1957 Southwest Athletic Conference championship teams. He also played basketball and ran track while at Wiley.

Upon receiving his bachelor’s degree in health and physical education, he was certified in five areas of teaching and was issued a Lifetime Teaching Certificate from the State of Texas in 1960. He then earned the master’s degree in physical education from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

He began his teaching and coaching career in the Marianna School District in 1960 as an assistant senior high football and basketball coach. He established the track program at Robert R. Moton High School while also teaching civics, health and mathematics. Banks produced many outstanding teams and athletes. His junior high basketball teams were immediately successful winning three consecutive championships.

In 1970, Coach Banks was assigned to Lee Senior High School as head basketball coach. He taught physical education, health and physical science at Lee. Following the mascot change in 1972, he became the first and only coach of the Lee Senior High School Trojans from 1972 until 2002. The Trojans won their first state championship in 1982. In 1986, the Trojans went undefeated in the AAAA East Conference. The Trojans won nine championships during the decade of the ‘90s including advancing to the state finals in 1994. Coach Banks and a committee of coaches established the Lee Senior High School All-Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

Coach Banks has earned many honors and awards during his career including; Marianna-Lee County School District Distinguished Achievement Award in 1982, the Arkansas State Legislator High Achievement Award, Citizen of the Year by the Marianna-Lee County Chamber of Commerce, Robert R. Moton Hall of Fame Inductee in 2001, an endowed scholarship awarded by the Lee County Community Foundation, and named to Who’s Who Among American High School Coaches, among many other awards.

Coach Banks recently ended his 44-year career in teaching and coaching at Lee Senior High School teaching Health and Safety Education for grades 9-12. He is married to Mrs. Wanda Faye Benson-Banks, a teacher and administrator in the Marianna-Lee County School District. They have been married for forty-two years and are the proud parents of one daughter, Dr. Holli Nichole Banks-Giles and proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Most recently, the Lee Senior High School gym was renamed “James Banks Gymnasium” in honor of Coach Banks’ many years of service and dedication to the school. Coach Banks is a generous donor to the Wiley College Department of Athletics. He provided funds for the purchase of letter jackets for all Wiley letterwinners.

JAMES BANKS GYMNASIUM



From the Office of Alumni Relations

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

Congratulations as I extend greetings to each of you for another successful Founders Observance. Expressions from alumni have been, "this is by far one of the best Founders Celebrations." With your continued help and support, the best is yet to come. For the past several years, a larger number of alumni have returned home for the first time since graduation. We are most appreciative of the ever-increasing involvement and support of our alumni population. More and more alums are devoting a portion of their energies and their finances to the continued growth and expansion of their alma mater. We truly believe this is a trend that will continue to develop.



Barbara Marshall

Our hats are off to the Houston Wiley Club for being named the Wiley Club of the Year. Congratulations to Mr. Kerven Carter and Mr. Terrell Wilkerson for being voted the outstanding alumnus and outstanding young alumnus for 2006.

Alumni Relations has adopted a new e-mail address – alumni@wileyc.edu. This centralized, permanent destination will enhance communication with our alumni via the Internet. Please use this new e-mail address to update your personal information, addresses, e-mails, phone numbers, or to ask any questions you have, to express your concerns and to share your ideas. As always, you may contact me personally at 903-927-3253.

We urge you to stay connected and involved in the life of the College: alumni clubs, recruitment activities, and career advising. Any assistance you offer will advance Wiley College's agenda and nurture future leaders of tomorrow.

Plans are being made for a new alumni directory to be published in 2006. You will receive a questionnaire in a few weeks. Please complete the form and mail it in as soon as possible. Make yourself a committee of one by making sure all Wileyites are included in this directory.

This year's Homecoming 2005 is scheduled for October 30 - November 5, 2005. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Information on Homecoming 2005 will be posted on the website at www.wileyc.edu. Homecoming 2005 information will be arriving as a separate mailing. In it you will find all details you will need for planning your special time on campus such as schedules and a description of events and hotels.

I pray that you have a prosperous and healthy summer. It is also our prayer that you remain loyal, devoted and able to keep investing in the development of our youth who matriculate at Wiley. Thanks again for helping to secure the future of our alma mater.

In the true spirit of Wiley,
Barbara Anderson Marshall

Let's Stay In Touch

Your Alma Mater wants to stay in touch with you. Got a new job or promotion? Earn an advanced degree? Start a new business? Win an award? Receive recognition for some achievement? Got married or new addition to the family? Recently retired or changed jobs? We want to know about it and showcase your accomplishments through *The Wiley Reporter*. Send an e-mail to alumni@wileyc.edu or mail to Wiley College, 711 Wiley Avenue, Office of Alumni Relations, Marshall, Texas 75670.

Please include the following information:

Name (first, maiden, last), mailing address (including city, state and zip code), home and work telephone numbers, graduation year, accomplishments and pictures.

More importantly, have you moved? If so, please let us know.

A Special Appeal - Heman Marion Sweatt Walking Plaza

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Alberta Lane, a 1990 graduate of Wiley College and Committee Chair of the Heman Marion Sweatt Walking Plaza Campaign at Wiley.

As Wiley alumni, we are often contacted by the College throughout the year, and are sometimes asked to support various campaigns and projects. We are contacted because as alumni we know firsthand the value of Wiley College and the important role it has played in our lives.

Since its founding in 1873, Wiley has produced scholars who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields. Many have lasting legacies of leadership and service. One such graduate is Mr. Heman Marion Sweatt.

Heman M. Sweatt was a 1934 graduate of Wiley College who later was denied admission to the University of Texas School of Law. Represented by a NAACP legal team led by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Mr. Sweatt filed suit against the State of Texas. Sweatt v. Painter ended with the 1950 decision which ruled that separate was not equal, thereby setting the stage for the 1954 landmark case Brown v. Board of Education.

May 17, 2004, marked the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, and today, the decision still has present-day implications for our educational system. To honor Mr. Heman Sweatt for his contribution to equality for humankind, we have launched the Heman Marion Sweatt Walking Plaza Campaign to build a lasting memorial to this great Wileyite. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by 2005. This is a cause that merits our generous support and our most devoted efforts. I urge you, therefore, to send your most generous contribution in support of the Sweatt Walking Plaza Campaign. Let us never forget the great impact that Mr. Sweatt, a Wiley College alumnus, had on our nation. Please send your gift today.

Sincerely,
Alberta Lane
Committee Chair

Heman Marion Sweatt Walking Plaza Campaign Contribution/Pledge Form

Please Print (check one) ___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___ Atty.

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Highlights from the life of Heman Sweatt.

Heman Sweatt, a 1934 graduate of Wiley College, was denied admission to the University of Texas School of Law under the State's Constitutional doctrine that required "separate but equal". Mr. Sweatt, represented by a NAACP legal team led by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, filed suit against the State of Texas. Mr. Sweatt, however, refused to enroll in the newly established school at Texas Southern University and instead, took his battle to the U.S. Supreme Court. The saga ended with the 1950 decision in Sweatt vs. Painter, which ruled the newly established law, although separate, was not equal to that at the University of Texas. This gave impetus for a "Friend of the Court" brief filed in the 1954 landmark case, BROWN vs. BOARD of EDUCATION.

Return your contribution with this pledge form to (your local Wiley Club or) Wiley College,
711 Wiley Avenue, Marshall, Texas, 75670, c/o Heman Sweatt Walking Plaza.

Wiley College Walking Plaza Brick Project

Wiley College alumni and friends continue to have the unique opportunity to become a permanent part of Wiley history by ordering an engraved brick in the Wiley Walking Plaza. Each brick may contain up to 15 characters (including blank spaces). Bricks may contain the names of friends, organizations or businesses or alumni with class years. Only classes prior to 1900 will have the entire year engraved. Nicknames may be used if they are in good taste (to be reviewed by the President's Cabinet). Please enclose a \$100 donation for each brick ordered. The form below is for your convenience. Fill in the appropriate information and mail the form to: The Walking Plaza Project, Office of the President, 711 Wiley Avenue, Marshall, TX, 75670. Duplicate bricks may also be ordered for \$50.00 each. Checks, Visa and Master Card are accepted and company matching funds may be applied to contributions. For more information about the Walking Plaza Brick Project, contact the Office of Development at (903) 927-3388.



Return this form to order your brick(s).
Please make checks payable to Wiley College with the notation "Walking Plaza."
All contributions are tax-deductible.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ or charge my Visa ___ or Master Card ___ (check one)

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Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman Delivers Holy Communion Sermon



Returning alumni, friends and supporters of the College had the rare opportunity to hear the Reverend Dr. Johnnie Coleman, founder-minister of Christ Universal Temple, and a 1940 Wiley graduate. She is often referred to as the first lady of America's religious community and is the pastor of the thriving, spirited and progressive New Thought Church, which has nearly 20,000 members. Reverend Coleman was the keynote speaker for the Holy Communion Celebration during the 132nd Founders Observance.

Open Your Mind and Be Healed is not only the title of her book, but her remarkable personal story of the use of universal principles of healing. After learning that she had an incurable disease in 1952, with encouragement from her mother, Coleman enrolled in the Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri, where she received her teaching certificate and became an ordained minister.

Johnnie, as she is affectionately called, is a builder and a teacher. She has built six structures to spread the better living teachings: three churches, two institutions of learning and a restaurant and banquet facility. The first church was Christ Unity Temple built in 1956 and its addition in 1973. The congregation expanded to the current Christ Universal Temple in Chicago. Close to 4,000 people flock every Sunday and are taught how to think, rather than what to think.

Charitable Bequests - Giving With a Will

Many of our friends and alumni would like to make a significant gift to Wiley, but feel that their generosity must be tempered by financial responsibility for themselves and loved ones. Now, more alumni understand that under their wills it is possible to support Wiley without neglecting other obligations. Perhaps, you too, find yourself torn between generosity and responsibility. If so, consider the various ways that you can make a charitable bequest to help ensure the future of your alma mater.

Outright Bequests

When you think of making a gift to Wiley College under your will, the outright bequest usually comes to mind first - you simply direct in your will that your entire interest in certain money or property be transferred to Wiley College. Of course, your estate will be entitled to a charitable deduction for the full fair-market value of your gift. An outright bequest can take various forms:

The **General Bequest** is probably the most popular. You simply leave a specified amount to Wiley College.

A **Specific Bequest** is another popular way to benefit Wiley. You designate a specific property you want Wiley to receive.

A **Residuary Bequest** is used to give Wiley all or a percentage of one's property after all debts have been paid. (We feel you should always take care of your immediate family first.)

A **Contingent Bequest** provides for the situation in which a beneficiary dies before you or disclaims the property. To prepare for such an occurrence, consider naming Wiley College a contingent beneficiary. This will ensure the property will pass to Wiley in one of these situations rather than to unintended beneficiaries.

For more information about legacy gifts, contact Mrs. Karen Helton, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at (903) 927-3283, or email at khelton@wileyc.edu.