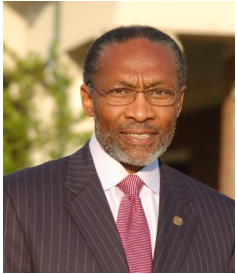




President's Message



Everyone would like to have more and to be more. What distinguishes those who achieve these aims and those who do not is an intent as manifested in a plan. President (General) Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "In planning for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." In Rick Warren's "A Purpose Driven Life," he asserts, "We were planned for God." "Men often oppose a thing merely because they have had no agency in planning it, or because it may have been planned by someone they dislike," suggested Alexander Hamilton. Planning is the manifestation of intent or a defined purpose. As suggested by General Eisenhower, the journey of planning itself has value. It is critically important to bring varying perspectives into concert and to clarify the purpose of those bound by the organization.

Ask yourself, "What is my plan for getting into graduate school?" "What is my department's plan for achieving its objectives?" "What is my plan for preparing to do well on the MCAT?" "What is my unit's plan to comply with SACS's standards?" And, "What is my plan for making Allen the best liberal arts college it can be?" While the specific answers will vary in substance, what is important is that there be a plan. Moreover, the fact that the queries are posed in personal terms is the central thesis of this discussion. Each of us must plan do all that we can do to arrive at the greatest level of achievement that can for ourselves and for Allen University, the organization that bounds us together at this place and time.

Ernest McNealey, Ph.D.
Interim President



**The Legacy of Chappelle Auditorium
No Laughing Matter**



There have been stories told and much written about the icons of history that have graced the stage of the historic Chappelle Auditorium located on the campus of Allen University. An auditorium that was built by one of the nation's first Black architects, Mr. John Langford, opened in 1925 under the tutelage of AME Bishop William David Chappelle, who was then serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, after having previously served as the 5th President of the University. Historians tell us that Bishop W.D. Chappelle was a man of consequence, a man of distinction who always had an eye and outlook pointed toward the future, for himself, his family, his community, his church and this University.

On Friday, February 3, 2017, the great grandson of Bishop W.D. Chappelle, Comedian/Actor David Chappelle, came home to Allen University to learn about the legacy of his relative who served as President from 1916 to 1925. He graced the same stage that his grandfather had built that bears their common surname, and a created a new chapter in the Auditorium's history that may never be matched.

During Dave Chappelle's visit, he met with Interim President, Dr. Ernest McNealey, and current 7th AME District Bishop and Board Chair, Dr. Samuel L. Green, Sr. It was there he learned of his great grandfather's legacy, and how his deeds helped to change a campus, a community, a City, and a State. Dave spent several moments alone to gather his thoughts while viewing the auditorium that his grandfather had had built nearly one hundred years before.

Mr. Chappelle walked on stage in a blue tailored suit to a standing ovation of local family members, Allen University students, faculty and staff, and a select group of dignitaries, including Gayle King of CBS' Good Morning Show, who were filming for a segment to air in March. Dave sat in a high back chair, legs crossed and boots glistening, as designated persons showered him with words of welcome, accolades, and a City Proclamation presented by Mayor Steve Benjamin declaring February 3rd "Dave Chappelle Day". It was obvious he was touched deeply by it all prior to accepting the proclamation and a key to the City of Columbia quipping, "Hey everybody... Happy Dave Chappelle Day!"

Dave Chappelle spent thirty minutes taking questions from students in the audience, displaying his unique grasp of subject matter including the role of education, funding for domestic and international scholarships for students of color, the recent election of President Trump, and his reasoning for walking away from a \$50 million television contract deal. While he is a proponent of education, being the child and great grandson of educators, he shared that he never went to college because he knew what he wanted to do, and after receiving his father's blessings, focused his time there. Things worked out.



Once Upon A Founders Day

By: Kenneth T. Brown (Classification: Senior | Major: English)

It's that time of year again as Allen University gets ready for the 147th annual Founders Day. This is a day to remember the founding fathers who first established the University in 1870. For those who know little about the school's history, Allen University is named after Richard Allen, the founder of the AME Church. By establishing Allen University, the AME Church began to educate newly freed slaves and was the first university in South Carolina for African Americans named after an African American. Why is this piece of history important? You should know the history of your school in order to maintain the traditions. Never forget who paved the way for young Black students to be educated. Founders Day should be a day of celebration for students, faculty, and staff that are a part of keeping the historic legacy of Allen University alive.



Did You Know?

Former faculty member of Allen University, Dr. Edwin Roberts Russell, was one of six African American scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II. Russell was born in Columbia, SC, on June 19, 1913.



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"We teach the mind to think, the hands to work, and the heart to love."

He became a chemist/inventor after earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Benedict College in 1935, and his Master of Science degree from Howard University in 1942. Russell illustrated HBCU excellence through his accomplishments. He served as an assistant and instructor in chemistry at Howard University, assistant research chemist at the Metallurgical Laboratories for the University of Chicago and Division Chairman of Science at Allen University. Becoming a research chemist for the firm of E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., at the Savannah River Laboratory in Aiken, SC, served as the climax and important highlight of his career. He earned 11 patents and pursued research related to atomic energy processes during his time at the Savannah River Laboratory.



Invest in AU



The Greater Columbia (SC) Alumni Chapter of Allen University (GCACAU) has begun the new year off nicely. During a recent chapter meeting, the GCACAU voted unanimously to begin an Endowed Scholarship for \$10,000. The initial investment will be \$2,000, and will be given to the Division of Institutional Advancement to establish the endowment. GCACAU's President, Lucinda Stukes, 05' stated that, "The Greater Columbia Chapter understands that this Scholarship Endowment is vital to the growth of Allen University as a whole. This will enable the University to keep a college education within the financial reach of many students. We saw this as our opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at Allen University by supporting this program. By making a gift to support the endowed scholarships at Allen, we believe that we can help transform students' lives and fuel academic excellence both now and in the future."



Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has implemented programs of service impacting countless lives. The 2014-2018 International Program will focus on Launching New Dimensions of ServiceSM. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, through its 290,000 members and 1,005 chapters, will have an opportunity to address community needs with programs in five target areas: Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership & Global Impact.

As part of their Education Enrichment program, support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) will be a priority as Alpha Kappa Alpha launches a national campaign, Think HBCU, to highlight HBCUs and their contribution to the sorority and society. Through education, engagement and advocacy, HBCUs will be showcased as critical venues for moving students to and through college.

The Gamma Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha awarded a \$1,908.00 scholarship to Allen University as part of the "Think HBCU" national campaign.

Yellow Jacket Athletics Schedule

Wed.	1	5:30 PM	Women's Basketball	vs.	Union College	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Wed.	1	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball	vs.	Union College	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Thurs.	2	All Day	Men's Wrestling	Day 1 - St. Andrews/UNC Greensboro	Laurinburg, NC		
Fri.	3	All Day	Men's Indoor Track & Field	Fast Track (Camel City Invitational)	Winston-Salem, NC		
Fri.	3	All Day	Women's Indoor Track & Field	Day 1 - Fast Track (Camel City Invitational)	Winston-Salem, NC		
Sat.	4	All Day	Men's Indoor Track & Field	Fast Track (Camel City Invitational)	Winston-Salem, NC		
Sat.	4	All Day	Women's Indoor Track & Field	Day 2 - Fast Track (Camel City Invitational)	Winston-Salem, NC		
Sat.	4	2:00 PM	Women's Basketball vs.	Point University	Columbia, SC	(Last Home Game)	
Sat.	4	4:00 PM	Men's Basketball vs.	Point University	Columbia, SC	(Last Home Game)	
Fri.	10	All Day	Men's Indoor Track & Field	Samford Invitational	Birmingham, AL		
Fri.	10	All Day	Men's Wrestling	Day 1 - Rattler Invitational	Tallahassee, FL		
Fri.	10	All Day	Women's Indoor Track & Field	Samford Invitational	Birmingham, AL		
Sat.	11	All Day	Men's Wrestling	Day 2 - Rattler Invitational	Tallahassee, FL		
Sat.	18	All Day	Men's Wrestling	Day 1 - Eastern Regionals	Bowling Green, KY		

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Samuel Johnson, 64', and a Social Science major graciously donated \$10,000 to start an Endowed Scholarship in his name. Mr. Johnson is very excited to be able to support his alma mater and the students who walk the same hallowed halls he once did.



Student Updates



Allen University welcomed the resurgence of the National PanHellenic Council (NPHC).

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is a collaborative organization of nine historically African American, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. The nine NPHC organizations are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Divine Nine".

Emmanuel Williams, President/Phi Beta Sigma; Christine McFadden, Vice-President/Delta Sigma Theta; Henry Jenkins, Secretary/Alpha Phi Alpha; Jasmine Deberry, Treasurer/Alpha Kappa Alpha; Dierra McNeil, Parliamentarian/Sigma Gamma Rho; Jeffrey Amos, Chaplain/Omega Psi Phi; Avalon Truesdale, Sergeant-At-Arms/Alpha Phi Alpha; Brittany McFadden, Chairwoman of Committee Board/Sigma Gamma Rho.



"Visiting Lecturers in Biology"



Department of Biology (Coordinator: Dr. Tomohiro Kawaguchi) kicked off 2017 by hosting two important seminars in January 2017.

On Jan. 9, he welcomed Dr. Richard O'brocta, Associate Dean of South University School of Pharmacy, to the microbiology class. Dr. O'brocta explained the potential of careers in pharmacy.

On Jan. 18, he welcomed a world renown environmental microbiologist, Dr. Alan Decho, Associate Dean of Research, USC Arnold School of Public Health. Dr. Kawaguchi has been a collaborator of Dr. Decho's for over 20 years. Students learned about how important microbiology is in the Environment and Human Health.



Future Yellow Jackets



Coach Jason James (Head Women's Basketball Coach) lands a 6'2 center, Breanna Craig from Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, KS. Breanna is a native of Flint, Michigan, and will be a perfect fit as Coach James recruiting from the Midwest has been good to the success of the team. "In our conference size is everything. You just have to have it. I look for Breanna to come in and make an immediate impact defensively and offensively in hopes that her experience and playing in one the top Junior College conferences will pay off for our team. We look forward to her joining our Yellow Jacket family as we compete for a conference and national championship", said Coach Jason James.

GO TEAM!



Upcoming Events Save the date

Founders Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

12th Annual Richard Allen
Awards / UNCF
A MIND IS... Scholarship
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Saturday, March 18, 2017