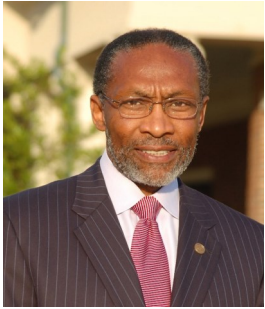




Presidents Message



What an organization or an individual achieves is what is intended, not what is hoped, not what is wished, but what is intended. This is true because being intentional sets in motion wide range heuristic and calculated activities. Assessing and planning are fundamental to the pursuit of intended outcomes. So what is the purpose of this verbal exercise, you might ask. It is the underpinning of this declaration: "We intend for Allen to

become a high performing organization and to achieve its maximum potential."

A participatory strategic planning process is underway that has allowed and will continue to allow various groups to have input. When this process is completed it will have captured aspirations transformed into action plans that will enable the institution to be and to have what it intends to within the five years just ahead. Of course there will be means of assessment and guideposts along the way. Among the themes that are shaping the plan are: Upgrading Campus Environments, Enhancing Educational Capacity, and Growing and Expanding Enrollment.

There is no microwave process to sustainable institutional excellence and progress. We are intentional regarding both and have set in motion what is required to achieve them. Your involvement is invited.

Ernest McNealey,
Interim President



Did You Know?

Emancipation Exercise

Date: January 1924

Location: Chappelle Auditorium, Allen University

More than 2,500 people attended this meeting as Rev. J.C. White, a negro preacher of Columbia, SC declared with emphasis that race relations between white people and Negroes in Richland County were the best that could be found in any county in the state. Negroes came from nearly every town in the county. One of the most unique features was to see a little under one hundred freed slaves seated in the audience where they had special seats designated for them. There was also a parade headed by leaders of the Lincoln Memorial Association and the music for the celebration was furnished by Davis Juvenile band from the Howard School of the City.



A Jump Start To A New Year

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

As we enter the Spring Semester of 2017, Allen University is looking forward to new beginnings. In pressing forward, each student has an expectation to be successful, whether they are a graduating senior or a second semester freshman. There are some students who may have fallen short of making the Dean's List but are now setting with a goal to work harder in their class-

es. There are some who wished to be part of a school organization and may now have the chance to take advantage of this opportunity. Then there are students preparing for the next stage of their life, going to graduate school or starting their career in the path they choose as they ready for graduation in May.



Whether a freshman, sophomore, junior, or graduating senior, 2017 is a year of new beginnings.



Environmental Justice Institute Grant - Year 2

Last year, Allen University, in partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), received a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to conduct a series of Community Leadership Institutes and technical assistance workshops in target communities that were challenged with disparate health issues brought on by environmental factors. With Allen as the lead institution, first year activities were specifically designed "to reduce the burden of environmental justice stressors and the burden of health disparities" in communities in and around South Carolina.

The grant was funded for a second year in October 2016, and this year's activities will continue to build on what has already been done with a secondary focus to establish an Environmental Justice Institute (EJI) on the campus of Allen University. The Institute will be a place where in-depth research is conducted and findings shared with regard to the relationship between the environment and individual and/or community health. In this second year, activities are scheduled for Florence, SC, Savannah, GA, Columbia, SC, Wilmington, NC and Flint, MI.

Students will have another opportunity to work with faculty to develop posters and submit them for consideration in various competitions, including the 10th Annual National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program that will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana later in the Spring. Ten Allen University students presented their posters in Washington, DC last year at the National Conference. As a part of the grant, student interns will be hired to assist with the deliverables.

Drs. Oluwole Ariyo and Daniel Hembree will administer the grant this year, as Principle Investigator and Program Coordinator, respectively. Dr. Ariyo brings years of experience to his role, and we welcome Dr. Hembree to the Allen University family - he previously managed grants at Clafin University.

Be on the lookout for student, faculty and staff involvement opportunities as activities roll out this second year. We have identified space in Gibbs Hall for the initial Institute office, and will be preparing it for a ribbon cutting sometime this semester. Promising growth is on the horizon for this initiative, as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has expressed interest in partnering with Allen University to expand the outcomes associated with our project.

"This is a great opportunity to make a name for our small institution in an area that the nation and World understands is increasingly important. Helping others understand how and why the environment ties directly into the health disparities that currently exist, places us on the leading edge of the current paradigm shift in environmental justice and health. I'm excited about the possibilities", said William S. Robinson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, who helped secure the grant.



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

Invest in AU



Dr. W. Franklin Evans, President of Voorhees College, paid the Division of Institutional Advancement a visit to initiate a \$10,000 Endowed Scholarship on behalf of his late mother, Mrs. Othella Wilson-Evans, a proud alumna of Allen University and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Evans said, "Education has always been something of value to my parents, especially my mother. She was very proud of the training, preparation, and degree she received from Allen University. I come from a lineage of HBCU graduates, and although I did not attend one, I am a product of what our HBCUs instilled and planted into my mother (and her siblings), my grandfather, and great-grandfather. Allen University helped mold and shape my mother into an amazing educator and community activist. She often bragged about how Allen prepared her for graduate work at the University of Michigan. She was well-known, well-liked, and highly respected throughout our city, county, and region."

"I am very proud of the life my mother led and the legacy she has left behind. Establishing the OTHELLA WILSON-EVANS (Finer Womanhood) Scholarship at Allen University in her name to assist young ladies who are members of my mother's sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., only reiterates the admiration, honor, and respect I have for her as a graduate of Allen. I want my mother's legacy as a graduate to continue."



Student Updates



Qui'Nashia Lingard, current Sophomore and Social Science major, will be the first Allen University student to begin the Colonial Life Scholar Program, which started on Jan. 3rd. "I am very excited about joining the company and I know this internship will increase my professional skillsets", said Ms. Lingard. "We are very excited to be working with her and look forward to increasing the presence of Allen students on our campus in 2017", said UNUM/Colonial Life HR

Program Manager, Eric Anderson.



Taiwo Adelabu, current Junior and Computer Science major, has been working on something BIG and is proud to announce that he has created his own app, called SNAP&SEARCH.

This App helps you search pictures/images on the internet by just snapping a picture, tapping on the image result and searching and shopping for the things you love on the internet. The application can be

purchased for FREE at the Apple store.

Yellow Jacket Athletics Schedule

Thurs.	5	5:30 PM	Women's Basketball	vs.	Tennessee Wesleyan	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Thurs.	5	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball	vs.	Tennessee Wesleyan	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Sat.	7	2:00 PM	Women's Basketball	vs.	Columbia College	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Tues.	17	All Day	Men's Indoor Track & Field		AAC Challenge	Winston-Salem, NC	
Tues.	17	All Day	Women's Indoor Track & Field		AAC Challenge	Winston-Salem, NC	
Thurs.	19	6:00 PM	Men's Wrestling	vs.	Southern Virginia Univ.	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Sat.	21	2:00 PM	Women's Basketball	vs.	St. Andrews University	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Sat.	21	4:00 PM	Men's Basketball	vs.	St. Andrews University	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Fri.	27	5:00 PM	Men's Wrestling		(North Georgia/Georgia Southern)	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Sat.	28	2:00 PM	Women's Basketball	vs.	Reinhardt College	Columbia, SC	(Home)
Sat.	28	4:00 PM	Men's Basketball	vs.	Reinhardt College	Columbia, SC	(Home)

GO TEAM!

Scholarship Opportunities

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.'s 2017 scholarship applications are open for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. If you are interested, Go To:

Application Portal:
<https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities>



UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. If you are interested, Go To:

<https://uncf.org/scholarships>



Hispanic Scholarship Fund. If you are interested, Go To:

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarships>



Upcoming Events

Save the date

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance
 (Classes Suspended/Offices & Library Closed)
Monday, January 16, 2017

Founders Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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



Mission Statement

Allen University is an academic community which provides students an opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts and professional programs. The University has a strong unalterable commitment to teaching in delivery of its baccalaureate programs.

University Alma Mater

Allen to thee, we lift our hearts and voices,
 Allen to thee, life's choicest gifts we pray,
 And ever as we leave thy dear walls and halls so steeped in glory,
 Guard well thy children; guard and guide us on our way.
 Guard well thy children; guard and guide us on our way.
 When other sons so true and daughters loyal,
 Shall to their alma maters shout praises free,
 We, too, shall ever stand at thy side, and sing aloud forever,
 Allen, fair mother, we pledge our love to thee.
 Allen, fair mother, we pledge our love to thee.

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