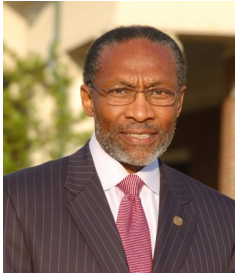




President's Message



We get a choice as to how we travel through life. Freedom of choice is about the only thing that we have absolutely. Of course there are consequences that flow from most choices that are made which are not subject to selection. The fathers of Tiger Woods and the Williams sisters chose a path for them and invested the time and the will to make them successful in spaces where African Americans were only marginally represented. We celebrate them as rare exceptional athletes that are beyond modeling. But then we see the case of Stephen Curry, a basketball player so small that not a single school in a power five conferences offered him a scholarship. Through the dent of his will, he chose to invest the time practicing his craft such that today he is the only player ever selected unanimously as the Most Valuable Player in the NBA. He was not blessed with exceptional physical traits.

So what does this have to do with you, with us, and with Allen? It is evidence that we can choose to do what is necessary to be all that we want to be. The choice is ours. We can choose to work as a lifeguard or an offensive football lineman. The lifeguard gets paid for showing up and the lineman for the quality of his play. Join me in choosing to make Allen all that it can be. That would be a victory for us all to celebrate.

Ernest McNealey, Pd.D
Interim President



Starting Up! Keeping Up! Catching Up! Graduating Early!

A robust schedule has been developed at Allen University for Summer School 2017. We will conduct the following three Summer sessions:

Maymester (3 weeks)	May 15th - June 1st
Summer I (4 weeks)	June 5th – June 29th
Summer II (4weeks)	July 3rd – July 27th

If you know a high school senior that is looking for early college credits, if you want to raise your GPA, want to graduate on schedule, or graduate early, Allen is the place to be this summer. If you know of anyone looking to earn additional college credits, refer them to Allen. You do not have to be an Allen student to attend, and Financial Aid is available for those that qualify. Prices are \$300 per credit hour, and Room & Board is \$900 per session if taking 6 credits or more.

Course offerings will include Accounting, Economics, African American History, Math, Biology, Business Law, Hip Hop Culture, French, Community Health, and more.

Complete the 2016-17 FAFSA form for financial assistance for the Maymester and Summer I sessions. Complete the 2017-18 form for the Summer II session (use School Code: #003417). Registration opens on March 10th, and payment plans are available.

For information or to register, call 877-625-5368 or contact admissions@allenuniversity.edu. It's going to be a great summer at AU!

Melanin Mosaics - Respect Our Assets

Allen University will present and highlight Black women's lived experiences across National Women's History Month (March 1 – 31). Allen University's First Year Experience, Service Learning and Honors Program (FYSH) participants and students from interdisciplinary majors formed a committee to begin more localized efforts to celebrate Black women's experiences. These experiences, which will illuminate via literature readings, poetics/spoken word, music, performance and art—include old and new perspectives. The students have finessed melding activism, advocacy and artistry to render the stories. The evolution and implementation of the theme: Melanin Mosaics—Respect Our Assets invites all to examine R-E-S-P-E-C-T, an AU core value and month's guiding value.

Join us as we turn up, tap in and transform with a look at Black women in Hip-Hop, their styles and influences at select events (3/28 and 3/29). Also, see information for AU Hip-Hop Conference (4/5), below.

Women are Lit! - March 16th - 7:00 pm - Mother Mary Ann Norris Honors Center

C.A.R.S. (special presentation) - March 28th - 11:00 am - Chappelle Auditorium

Melanin Mosaics - Respect My Assets - March 29th - 7:00 pm - Student Activity Center

Allen University Hip-Hop Conference: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/allen-university-3rd-annual-hip-hop-studies-conference-tickets-31359272428>



Did You Know?

By: Andrew Peart (Classification: Senior | Major: English)



Allen University Alumnus, Luna Isaac Mishoe, established his name in theoretical and applied mathematics while living. He was born on January 5, 1917, in Bucksport, South Carolina and died in January of 1989. He received a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Allen University in 1936. He continued his education completing his M.S. degree in mathematics and physics at the University of Michigan in 1942, Ph.D. in mathematics from New York University in 1953 and postdoctoral research

in mathematics at Oxford University in England during the 1955-56 academic year.

Mishoe thrived in academia as he went on to become a professor of mathematics and physics at Kittrell College in Kittrell, North Carolina, full professor of physics at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland and the President of Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware. He was also very well-accomplished outside of academia as he did the following:

- Created mathematical methods for solving some of the problems faced by the United States in developing its first satellites.
- Served as a photographic intelligence and communication officer in the all-black 99th Squadron (Tuskegee Airmen) during World War II.
- Served as a consultant in math and ballistics for the Ballistics Research Laboratories.
- Developed equations for the development of missiles and satellites.



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

Alumni Updates



Nimai Garrett, '07 and Ashley Herriott, '11 were the recipients of the UNCF Hall of Honor and Young Alumni Awards respectively for Allen University during the 2017 Annual UNCF NAC/ NPAC Leadership Conference and Alumni Summit (Feb 2nd - Feb. 5th).

"It was an honor and privilege to be nominated by the AU Alumni Association and even more satisfying to share the stage with my good friend and sorority sister Ashley. We will continue to do all

we can to make sure our alma mater is represented well locally, statewide, nationally, and globally", said Mr. Garrett.



What a fantastic showing for the Presidential Briefing presented to the Allenites in the Greater Columbia, South Carolina area on February 25th.

Interim President, Dr. Ernest McNealey, dispelled any "Alternative Facts" about Allen University present and moving forward. His transparency creates relief to many Allenites who wish to volunteer, donate and share the good news about Allen University.

This was the first of many briefings the Office of the President and Division of Institutional Advancement will host to inform Alumni about the present and future of their alma mater.



Student Updates

Introducing AU's New Student Organization: The Griot Society

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

The Griot Society is a new and official group added to Allen's community thanks to the innovative mind of Dr. Chic Smith, Professor in the Humanities Division of Allen University. The Griots is a group of storytellers and historians that derives from West Africa that is a tradition of African culture. The mission for the Griot Society is to bring to the surface those forgotten traditions through spoken word poetry, songwriting, rapping, and storytelling. The group was organized last semester, and have since started to expand their efforts to become more widely known.

The Griots were involved in two events in February: The Black HIV/Aids Awareness at C.A.R.S. and the My Voice event at the SC State Library for Black History Month. There will be future events the Griot Society plan to be involved in such as the Hip Hop Studies Conference held at Allen University later in the spring.

If any student wants to showcase their talent rather they do spoken word, songwriting, rap, or any form of storytelling, contact Dr. Chic Smith at csmith@allenuiversity.edu. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be willing to put in the work.



Student Scholar, Noluthando Ntsangani (Junior), received a \$500 scholarship from Imara Magazine on Saturday, February 18th during the Imara Gala.

"I am extremely appreciative to Imara Magazine for choosing me as one of the scholarship recipients. The funds will financially assist me with paying off my balance at Allen University", said Ms. Ntsangani.

Wendy Brawley, CEO and Chief Editor, stated, "She is a delightful young lady and we were very excited to have her."



Allen University Hip-Hop Conference

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

As we get ready for the 3rd annual Hip Hop Studies Conference, one has to wonder what to expect. Who will be the guest speakers? Who will be the performers at this year's event? In April 17, 2015, the keynote speakers were Christopher "Play" Martin, Preach Jacobs, and Ricky Simone with performances by the Allen University Jazz Ensemble and Jacobs himself, followed by an open mic session later that evening. For the 2nd annual Hip Hop Conference in 2016, the keynote speakers were Daddy-O of pioneering hip hop group Stetsasonic and KRS-One, who was the headliner of the Love, Peace, & Hip Hop Festival. With the theme of the 2017 event is "Spirituality and Social Justice", one can expect a vibrant atmosphere of social and spiritual awareness through Hip-Hop culture.



ATTENTION STUDENTS FROM THE GREATER COLUMBIA, SC AREA.

The Greater Columbia (SC) Alumni Chapter of Allen University has rolled out their Annual Scholarship Application.

Available Scholarships: (2) \$500 Scholarships & (3) \$1,000 Scholarships

Please see Ms. Pennie Bennet (Academic Affairs) if you would like to apply. **GOOD LUCK!**



Dear Friend,



Things are happening in Washington and here in South Carolina that are, in many instances, unprecedented and reminiscent of by-gone days. Consequently, I am beefing up my efforts to stay in touch and keep you informed by recognizing my utilization of social media. Please follow me on my political social media accounts which are listed below.

Facebook.com/ClyburnForCongress

Twitter.com/ClyburnSC06

@Clyburn06

Sincerely,

James E. (Jim) Clyburn

Yellow Jacket Athletics Schedule



Fri 3	All Day	Men's Outdoor Track & Field	UNC Pembroke	Pembroke, NC
Fri 3	All Day	Women's Outdoor Track & Field	UNC Pembroke	Pembroke, NC
Fri 17	All Day	Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Day 1 - UNC Charlotte Invitational	Charlotte, NC
Fri 17	All Day	Women's Outdoor Track & Field	Day 1 - UNC Charlotte Invitational	Charlotte, NC
Sat 18	All Day	Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Day 2 - UNC Charlotte Invitational	Charlotte, NC
Sat 18	All Day	Women's Outdoor Track & Field	Day 2 - UNC Charlotte Invitational	Charlotte, NC
Sat 25	All Day	Men's Outdoor Track & Field	University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC
Sat 25	All Day	Women's Outdoor Track & Field	University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC



Check out the Yellow Jacket Athletic Teams:
www.auyellowjackets.com

Upcoming Events

Save the date

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

Yellow Jacket Pride Week
TBA

2017 Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May 6, 2017

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