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Changing minds. Changing lives.

A MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



Greetings to all Alumni and Supporters of Voorhees:

Once again, one of the most memorable occasions for Voorhees is approaching us. Homecoming 2009 will be filled with exciting events for all alumni to enjoy.

Homecoming 2009 marks the first Homecoming with our new brand and logo, which is, "Changing Minds, Changing Lives." We hope that you all will begin to embrace this theme with a new era of engagement for our beloved alma mater.

Just as our founder, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright-Menafee, we must rally behind Voorhees and support this institution financially and spiritually.

As I enter my second year as president of this great institution, I find myself surrounded by brilliant and intelligent students daily. As alumni, we must continue to share our wisdom and knowledge with our young Tigers. As they matriculate at Voorhees, it is our responsibility to make sure they are headed in the right direction and are ready to take on the challenges that they will meet after graduation.

Again, thank you for joining us to celebrate Homecoming 2009. I look forward to seeing and sharing with you this wonderful occasion.

With Tiger Pride,

Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr., Ed.D'62

Alumni donate \$10,000 to establish educational scholarship



(left to right) Jimmy Gardner, daughter Jami Alexis, son James Alex, and Rosia Speech Gardner during the 2008 National Alumni Banquet.

Alumni James (Jimmy) and Rosia Speech Gardner have established the Gardner Educational Scholarship at Voorhees Col-

lege for \$10,000. The scholarship will be offered through the Department of Education to a qualified student majoring in education

with plans to teach.

Jimmy, a 1969 graduate, and Rosia, a 1971 graduate, presented the scholarship in honor of Jimmy Gardner's mother, Beatrice T. Gardner, who sent three children and three grandchildren to Voorhees College.

"We felt obligated to do something special for Voorhees College and at the same time attempt to help with the issue of minority teachers in education," said Jimmy Gardner.

The Gardners presently serve as president and secretary of the Voorhees College National Alumni Association.

Jimmy and Rosia are the proud parents of twins, James Alex and Jami Alexis, who are also educators. Alex is employed as a community college financial counselor and Alexis as a middle school teacher, both in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The full story on the Gardners will appear in the upcoming issue of The Voorhees Voice. For more information on the scholarship, contact Dorothy Patterson, director of alumni relations, at 803-780-1192.

Student Government Association President 2009-2010



John Jackson, SGA president for the 2009-2010 academic school year, is a 2006 graduate of West Ashley High School in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a senior biology major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Nola) Jackson. He is the youngest of seven

children.

Jackson's educational goals are to complete his undergraduate degree in biology and attend veterinary school. Ultimately, he wants to become a veterinarian and open his own practice.

Jackson is a legacy of the Voorhees experience. His father graduated from Voorhees College in 1971 and his brother, Joel Jackson, in 2008.

An active member of the Tiger Community, he served as the activity coordinator of his freshman residence hall in 2006; Freshmen Year Experience mentor; Student Support Services member; Peer Tutor mentor; vice president of the Sigma Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and vice president of the Student Government Association 2008-2009. Most recently, Jackson, along with two of his peers, started the Ernest E. Just Science Club for students majoring in biology, math and computer science.

During Jackson's tenure as the SGA President, he will focus on student involvement.

Miss Voorhees College 2009-2010



Schampale Fenessa Williams, Miss Voorhees College 2009-2010, is the 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Shiwila Willis Felton of Atlanta, Georgia. She aspires to become a poet and to pursue a Master of Arts degree in creative writing after completing

her undergraduate studies in mass communications at Voorhees in May 2010.

Since her first steps on the campus of Voorhees College, she has been an extremely active Tiger. She served as freshman class president, 2006 - 2007; Mass Communications Club president, 2008 - 2009; vice-president of the Pre-Alumni Council, 2008 - 2009; chaplain of the Elizabeth Evelyn Wright Culture Club, 2008 - 2009; and as judicial council member of the Student Government Association, 2008 - 2009. In addition, Williams was crowned Miss Black Journalist, 2008 - 2009, and participated on the Women's Basketball Team during her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Williams' passion for poetry and writing has led to the publication of her first book, *Alphabet Love*. Released in July 2009, *Alphabet Love* is a collection of poetry that she hopes will inspire others capture their dreams.

During her year of service as Miss Voorhees College, Williams will encourage students to become more actively involved in campus activities and promote her platform "Realize Education and Dreams" (R.E.A.D.).

Student Activities

(Tentative Schedule)

Sunday, November 8

- ◆ Gospel Extravaganza: 7 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium

Monday, November 9

- ◆ Apollo Night: 7 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium

Tuesday, November 10

- ◆ 80s Party
Leonard E. Dawson Health and Human Resources Center

Wednesday, November 11

- ◆ Fashion Show: 6:30 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium
- ◆ Comedy Show: 9 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium
- ◆ Midnight BBQ
Pecan Grove

Thursday, November 12

- ◆ Black and White Affair Party: 8 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium

Friday, November 13

- ◆ Pep Rally: 11 a.m.
Leonard E. Dawson Health and Human Resources Center
- ◆ Early Breakfast: 2 a.m.
Cafeteria

For more information on student activities, contact Sarah Simpson at (803) 780-1263 or simpson@voorhees.edu.



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2009 Homecoming Activities

Friday, November 13

- ◆ Registration: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Foyer of St. James Building
- ◆ Classes Reunion (1959-Golden, 1983-Silver/ Classes Ending in "9"): 2 p.m.
St. James Building Classrooms
- ◆ National Alumni Association Meeting: 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
St. James Auditorium
- ◆ National Alumni Awards Banquet/Dance: 7 p.m.
Leonard E. Dawson Health and Human Resources Center
\$50 per person / \$500 per table (8 seated)
Honorees: Roosevelt Bryant '52, Gloria Donald '69,
Dan Martin '77, and Dr. Leo Reggie Smith '73
- ◆ Homecoming Comedy Show: 9 p.m.
Massachusetts Hall Auditorium
VIP: \$20
General Admission: \$15
Students: \$10

Saturday, November 14

- ◆ Homecoming Parade Lineup (Maple Street): 9 a.m.
All Classes in Reunion
- ◆ Homecoming Parade: 10 a.m.
- ◆ Homecoming Basketball Games: 1 p.m.
Leonard E. Dawson Health and Human Resources Center
\$15 per adult / \$8 per student
- ◆ President Sellers' Alumni Jazz Reception: 5 p.m.
Cherry Blossom Room in the Conference Center
\$20 per person
- ◆ Homecoming Step Show: 7 p.m.
Leonard E. Dawson Health and Human Resources Center
\$15 per person

Contact Information for Area Hotels

Best Western

746 Citadel Rd.
Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-531-9700

The Carolina Inn

17688 Heritage Highway
Denmark, SC 29042
803-793-6300

Carolina Lodge of Barnwell

8273 Marlboro Avenue
Barnwell, SC 29812
803-259-7181

Country Inn & Suites

731 Citadel Rd
Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-928-5300

Days Inn

10747 Dunbarton Boulevard
Barnwell, SC 29812
803-541-7181

Holiday Inn Express

118 Sleep Inn Rd.
Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-539-2900

Quality Inn

1415 John C. Calhoun Drive
Orangeburg, SC 29115
803-228-5151

Sleep Inn

8689 St. Matthews Rd.
Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-531-7200

For more information on 2009 Homecoming events, please contact Dorothy Patterson,⁷³ director of alumni relations, at (803) 780-1192 or dpatterson@voorhees.edu.