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Honoring achievement

Next Friday, March 25, will be a special day in the lives of our students. At 10 a.m., we'll gather in the HPER Gym for Albany State University's annual Honors Day Convocation.

Plaques and certificates will be presented, but perhaps even more meaningful is that students will be honored. Throughout the year, ASU students work diligently to learn and excel in the classroom. Honors Day is a time to recognize and reward students. It's a day that we can shine the spotlight on our students' academic endeavors.

We'll honor students with grade-point averages of 3.5 or greater. Students in specific majors will be honored for excelling in their chosen fields of study. Scholarships will also be presented to outstanding students.

As well as honoring students, we'll also present the Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year and Staff Member of the Year awards. These recipients go far above the call of duty to make ASU the thriving university it is.

I look forward to seeing all the honorees at the Honors Day Convocation along with other students, alumni, faculty and staff. Let's cheer on the award recipients and encourage other students to strive for those same goals.



Dr. Marla Black Morgan

ASU to hold Honors Day Convocation March 25

By *Cindy Gambill*
Executive Editor

Albany State University will recognize its highest achieving students on Friday with the annual Honors Day Convocation at 10 a.m. in the HPER Gymnasium.

With the theme "Potential. Realized: Scholars Achieving Excellence and Success," the keynote speaker will be Dr. Marla Black Morgan.

A 1994 summa cum laude graduate of Albany State with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, Morgan is a neurologist with Phoebe Neurology Associates in Albany. She holds an M.D. from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, Ala. An Albany native, Morgan is the daughter of Helen Black, retired assistant director of the ASU Word Processing Center, and the late Dr. Billy C. Black, former president of Albany State.

While a student at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Morgan received the Resident Scholarship at the American Academy of Neurology annual Meeting in 2001, the Samuel Clements Little Award in Neurology in 1998, and the University of Alabama School of Medicine Dean's Scholarship from 1994 to 1998.

Before returning to Albany, Morgan worked at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, where she served in the Department of Neurology as an assistant professor, clerkship director for neurology and assistant director of the residency program.

While a student at Albany State, she was a National Achievement Program Scholar, a University System of Georgia Regents' Academic Recognition Day Scholar and a Presidential Scholar. Morgan was also on the National Dean's List and was named the Highest Ranking Student at Albany State from 1990 to 1994, and received the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society George W. Gore Merit Scholarship in 1994.

Morgan is married to Martin Morgan, and they reside in Albany with their daughter, Natalie, 4.

In addition to student awards, the Honors Day Convocation will also include the presentation of the Teacher of the Year Award, the Researcher of the Year Award and the Staff Member of the Year Award.

For more information about the Honors Day Convocation, contact the Office of University Communications at (229) 430-4671.



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The ASU Staff Council cordially invites all ASU staff members to join them on March 30 at 5:30 p.m. in Lovett Hall to celebrate the birthdays of staff employees born in the months of January through March. This social event will also give the council an opportunity to publicly recognize staff members who have received awards, promotions and newly hired employees during those months. All staff members are invited to attend. For more information, contact Joseph West at 420-1022 or Geraldine Winns at 430-1639.

The ASU Women's Symposium will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in the L. Orene Hall Building. This year's theme is "I'm Every Woman." For more information, contact [Dr. Devona](#)



Dr. William Anderson

Founding President of the Albany Civil Rights Movement to speak at ASU Founder's Day Convocation

*By Joseph West
Publications Specialist*

On April 4, Dr. William Anderson, a doctor of osteopathic medicine who spearheaded the Albany Civil Rights Movement in 1961, will deliver the keynote address at the Albany State University Founder's Day Convocation in the HPER Gymnasium at 10 a.m.

The convocation will precede several other Founder's Day activities that include a service at the founder's grave site located at the end of the pedestrian walkway on the lower campus, an alumni luncheon at noon in Orene Hall, the alumni business meeting at 2 p.m. in Peace Hall, a special dedication ceremony at the National Alumni Association Complex on Sylvester Road at 5 p.m. and the Blue and Gold Spring Football Game at 6 p.m. at the ASU Coliseum.

Situated as the key piece of the university's year-long 50th anniversary celebration of the Albany Civil Rights Movement, ASU's 2011 Founder's Day program will recognize the tremendous sacrifices of the heroes of the Albany Movement.

Dr. Anderson, a native of Americus, Ga., completed his residency in Flint, Mich. in 1957 and relocated to Albany, where he began his professional medical career. During his six years of practice in Albany, stringent segregationist policies and the racist attitudes of local citizens limited his ability to treat patients. In response, Dr. Anderson joined the Albany Movement and was elected as the group's president.

A long-time family friend and childhood neighbor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Anderson organized and participated in protests and other activities that are credited with increasing the number of registered black voters, inspiring civic consciousness in Albany and protests in neighboring communities. The Albany Movement has also been noted for hastening the ultimate desegregation of Albany's public facilities, which occurred only one year after the movement's conclusion.

After the Albany Movement, Anderson accepted an appointment as house physician at Art Centre Hospital in Detroit, Mich. In 1964 he became the first black surgical resident in Detroit's history, and thereafter conducted a group surgical practice in the city until 1984. During that period he remained active in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's board of directors and in other capacities.

In the years that followed, Anderson accepted a variety of administrative and educational positions in the medical profession. He served as the chairman of the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) Department of Education Affairs, as an advisor to the Michigan Health Care Education and Research Foundation, as a clinical professor of surgery at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (later Western University of Health Sciences) in California, as an associate clinical professor at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and as associate dean of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. Anderson also served as a member of the AOA board of directors for 18 years. In 1994 he became the first African American to serve as president of the AOA. He is also a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a trustee and chairman of the Properties Planning Committee of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit.

Dr. Anderson, the son of John D. Anderson and Emma Gilchrist, rose from humble roots to create an illustrious professional career. He completed his undergraduate degree at Alabama State College for Negroes in 1949 and is a graduate of the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and is certified in general surgery.

[Mallory](#) at (229) 430-4839.

The Albany State University Gender Studies Committee and the Darton College Theatre Department will present a production of “**The Vagina Monologues**” to benefit Liberty House of Albany Inc., a domestic violence shelter. Performances will be held at 8 a.m. March 25 and 26 at Darton College, and at 3 p.m. March 27 at ASU. General admission is \$10. Admission for students (with a student ID) is \$7. For more information, contact [Devona Mallory](#) at ASU at (229) 430-4839, Deb Liss-Green at Darton College at (229) 317-6875 or Silke Deeley at Liberty house at (229) 439-7094.

The American Society of Public Administrations for the South Georgia Region, (ASPA-SWGA) Chapter #130 will hold a meet-and-greet for community leaders, civic organizations and administrators from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26, at the Arthur K. Williams Microbusiness Enterprise Center, 230 South Jackson St., Albany, GA. For more information, call [Alfreda Williams](#), Chapter President, at (229) 430-1817 or (229) 376-0499; or [Vanessa McRae](#), Interim Chapter Secretary, at (229) 420.1093 or (229) 296-8012.

Mark your calendars! Albany State University will hold its annual **Retirement Celebration** from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 18, in the L. Orene Hall Building.

The ASU Early Learning Center offers **piano and voice lessons** for all ages on afternoons and weekends. The cost is \$40 per lesson. For more information contact ASU Early Learning Center at (229) 430-2792.

ASU Toastmasters Club 5091 meets every first and third Saturday, 10 a. m.–noon, in ACAD 172. All faculty, staff, students, and local community members are invited to become a member of Toastmasters. For more information, please contact Club President [Linda Means](#) at (229) 255-6331.

The ASU Digital Photo Contest begins today.

Click [here](#) for rules and details. The deadline for entries is April 10.



Kerestin Goodman

ASU student chosen for science research scholarship

*By Joseph West
Publications Specialist*

An Albany State University chemistry major has been chosen to receive the prestigious United Negro College Fund/Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Award for the 2011-2012 academic year. Kerestin Goodman, a 21-year-old senior from Albany, Ga., was chosen for the award from among an “outstanding group of highly competitive applicants.”

This award will cover a summer research internship for 10 weeks at a Merck facility and a scholarship award of up to \$25,000 to be applied to tuition, room, board and fees for the 2011-2012 academic year. The award makes the ASU Department of Natural Sciences eligible to apply for a \$10,000 grant.

Goodman, who is on track to graduate in December of 2012, will spend this summer working as an intern for the Merck Company. As part of her award she will attend a Fellows Day event July 16-21, 2011, at the Normandy Farm Conference Center in Blue Bell, Pa. During Fellows Day, she will meet the other award recipients at the undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels and be formally recognized for her achievements.

“I am very excited about receiving this award.” Goodman said. “It will go a long way towards helping me realize my dream of becoming a researcher for a pharmaceutical company.”

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Goodman moved to Albany during her pre-school years. A 2007 graduate of Albany High School, she is the daughter of Teresa and Carl Goodman and the stepdaughter of Donnell Harden. She expressed a strong motive for developing treatments for kidney disease.

“I lost two grandmothers to kidney disease,” she said. “I lost my grandmother on my father’s side last year and eight years ago my grandmother on my mother’s side.”

After graduation Goodman plans to pursue a master’s degree in organic chemistry and a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences. Her long range plans are to work as a researcher at the Merck Company to find a cure for kidney disease.

Goodman has two sisters, Aerial, 26 and Alana, 6, and one brother, Omar, 24.



Conservation Tip of the Week

Reuse clean household water. Collect all the water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet or showerhead. Use this to water your houseplants or outdoor planters. Do the same with water that is used to boil eggs or steam vegetables.

(Source: Water – Use It Wisely www.wateruseitwisely.com/100ways/ise.shtml)

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Albany State University Theatre Ensemble members who competed at the 75th Annual National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference held March 9-13 at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters in Dallas, Texas, are (front row from left) Chris McGhee, India Martin, Hillary Scales, Charnel Zephirin and Diamond Paulk; (middle row) Richard Adams, Mr. DeRon S. Williams, Ashaland Johnson, Nicolle Burke, Lecia Wright, Carolyn Grant, Jasmine Carson and Dr. Mark Burnette; (back row) Theodore Holmes, Demitri Nader, Ta'Varis Wilson, Jacob Artis, Karena Anderson, Quenton Matthews, Christopher Atkinson, Beauvyon Swain, Demitrius Jones, Ishmael McKinstry and Jasmine Green.

ASU Theatre Ensemble competes at NADSA conference

The Albany State University Theatre Ensemble attended the 75th Annual National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference held at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters in Dallas, Texas, on March 9-13.

During the conference, Ensemble members won the following awards.

- W. Dury Cox Set Design Competition: Karena Anderson, Honorable Mention
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry: Jacob Artis, Rating of Excellent (second place)
- Dramatic Monologue: Hillary Scales, Rating of Superior (first place)
- Reader's Theatre: The Last Mama On The Couch Play, The Colored Museum Rating of Excellent (second place), directed by Dr. Mark Burnette, assistant directed by DeRon S. Williams
- S. Randolph Edmonds Playwright Competition: Theodore Holmes, Rating of Superior (first place)
- Allen Williams One-Act Play Festival: "Cries from Soweto," Rating of Superior (first place), directed by DeRon S. Williams
- All Star Cast Members: Ta'Varis Wilson Lecia Wright

Also at the conference, Ensemble members were elected to the following positions.

- Hillary Scales, NADSA Student Vice-President
- Jasmine Carson, NADSA Student Parliamentarian
- Ta'Varis Wilson, NADSA Student South Regional Representative
- DeRon S. Williams, Competition Committee Co-Chair

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The 2011 ASU Early Learning Center Royal Court



The Albany State University Early Learning Center Royal Court was announced during the center's annual Sweetheart Ball held Feb. 26 in the L. Orene Hall Building. The Royal Court includes (front row, front left) King LaRon Davis Jr., son of LaRon Davis Sr. and Marlina Hamilton; Queen Kendyl Dyer, daughter of Kenneth and Stephanie Dyer; (second row) First runner-up to queen Brooklynn Cantrell, daughter of Rhonda Cantrell and niece of Latrelle Cantrell Price, First runner-up to king Weston Widner, son of Windell and Melisa Widner; second runner-up to queen Autumn Holsey, daughter of Leonard and Kimberly Holsey; second runner-up to king Monastee Davis, son of Lymoski Davis and Monique Blount. The Royal Court will represent the ELC in the 2011 ASU Homecoming events and parade.

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