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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dr. Everett J. Freeman

### New Year's Wishes

Right now we're all busy getting ready for Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations. While we stand among the tinsel and sleigh bells, let me take a moment to thank you – the faculty and staff – for all that you've done for Albany State University during 2010. Albany State University would not be the place that it is without you.

You are the ones who make this university great, and I want to thank you for all that you do. We often say that Albany State is really like one big family, and I'm so blessed to be part of this family.

As you prepare for the dawn of 2011, let me make a few wishes for the New Year for you.

I wish for you good health and plenty of happiness.

I wish for you to have plates filled with food and hands ready to help others.

I wish for you a promising future filled with opportunity.

I wish for you a life measured by the number of lives you touch.

I wish for you great joy and prosperity.

I wish that your home be filled with love, laughter and all those you hold dear.

## Sherrod encourages ASU graduates



Shirley Sherrod, former Georgia state director of rural development for the USDA, addresses the 350 graduates during the Albany State University Fall 2010 Commencement held Dec. 11 in the Albany James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center. Sherrod spoke about her experiences in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and more recent incidents as she encouraged graduates to end racism.





### Conservation Tip of the Week

Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.

(Source: Water – Use it Wisely [www.wateruseitwisely.com/100ways/se.shtml](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100ways/se.shtml))

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Albany State University officials and members of the Lyceum Performance Series Committee join for a press conference on Dec. 8 to announce the receipt of a \$10,000 NEA grant. Participants included (from left) Dr. Marcia Mitchell Hood, Dr. Everette J. Freeman, State Rep. Carol Fullerton, Sandra Parker, Dacia Berry, Tyshiba Maxie, Mildred Johnson, Dr. Leroy Bynum Jr., Helen Young, Connie Leggett and Clifford Porter Jr.

## ASU receives \$10,000 NEA grant for Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble's performance

By Cindy Gambill Executive Editor

Albany State University officials announced recently that the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) has awarded the university a \$10,000 Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grant for the [Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble's](#) performance on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011.

ASU is one of 1,057 not-for-profit organizations recommended for a grant as part of the federal agency's first round of fiscal year 2011 grants. In total, the Arts Endowment will distribute \$26.68 million to support projects nationwide.

An independent agency of the federal government, the National Endowment for the Arts advances artistic excellence, creativity and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.

"I continue to be impressed with the creative, innovative and excellent projects brought forward by arts organizations across the country," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "Our grantees are not only furthering their art forms but also enhancing their neighborhoods by making them more vibrant, livable and fun."

The DTHE's appearance at the Albany Municipal Auditorium is part of the [2010-2011 ASU Department of Fine Arts and Lyceum Performance Series](#). The DTHE will present a lecture/demonstration for area college, high school and dance studio students from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Albany Municipal Auditorium. The lecture/demonstration is free.

At 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1, the DTHE will present an interactive performance at the Albany Municipal Auditorium. Tickets for the performance are \$20, \$10 and \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the Civic Center Box Office.

"Albany, Georgia, is the central city for this overwhelmingly rural and economically challenged area of the state," said Dr. Leroy Bynum Jr., dean of the ASU College of Arts and Humanities. "Over three hours from Atlanta and at least two hours from any other large city with an active artistic/cultural life, citizens from Albany and surrounding areas are limited geographically from being able to attend these kind of cultural offerings, and the vast majority are also unable to afford the price for tickets to such programs."

Bynum continued, "The DTH Ensemble's performance in Albany will expose Southwest Georgia citizens of all ethnicities, ages and from all economic strata to the art of dance by an internationally acclaimed dance company. With ticket prices beginning at \$5, Albany State's Lyceum Committee – with support from the National Endowment for the Arts – has made this event affordable to all citizens of the region. Furthermore, the lecture/demonstration will be offered to ASU students, students of the area's dance studios and select junior high and high school students free of charge."

For more information about the DTHE performance on Feb. 1, contact the ASU Department of Fine Arts at (229) 430-4849.

## UpcomingEVENTS

**Residence halls check-in** will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, and Wednesday, Jan. 5.

**New Student Orientation** will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, with check-in starting at 8 a.m. in the ACAD lobby. The program session will begin at 1 p.m. in the ACAD Auditorium. For more information, call (229) 430-1632.

**Academic advisement** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, in the academic departments. Advisement for new students will be held 8 a.m. to noon and for returning students from 1 to 5 p.m.

**The Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble** will present an interactive performance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Albany Municipal Auditorium as part of the ASU Fine Arts Department and Lyceum Performance Series. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$20 and are available at the Albany James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center Box Office. For more information, contact the ASU Department of Fine Arts at (229) 430-4849. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.



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