



# FOUNDER'S DAY 2016

"ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY:  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW"

FRIDAY, APRIL 1  
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Albany State  
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POTENTIAL. REALIZED.



**On the cover:** *Caroline Hall, the first administration building constructed in 1917, served as an office and classroom facility. Below that picture, L. Orene Hall was constructed in 1931, and was once the campus dining hall and , later, the nursing facility.*



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March 07, 2016

ASU Community  
Albany State University  
Albany, Georgia 31705

Dear ASU Community:

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Albany State University Faculty Senate. As you reflect on the history of Albany State University, and stand in awe of what the future is unfolding, you should be able to conclude that Dr. Joseph Holley's dream of a flourishing educational institution is a reality. Dr. Holley's vision for educating people has come to fruition as ASU provides opportunities for the masses to discover what they can contribute to society through the educational process. I wish you well during this time of reflection.

One hundred thirteen years is quite a milestone, and each brick that has been laid during those years has paved the way for success. Many students have matriculated through Albany State and are now serving in various professions throughout the country. The success that has been realized by those students might have been missed if it were not for the vision of Dr. Holley. With so many individuals being underprivileged during the 1900s, the creation of Albany State was a godsend. Dr. Holley is saluted and remembered on this day of celebration and reflection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. L. Bowers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W. L. Bowers, PhD



March 25, 2016

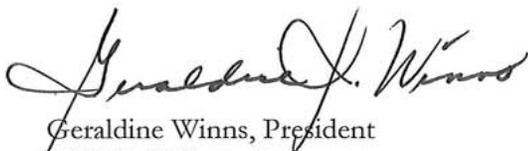
Dear ASU Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Students,

The Albany State University Staff Council would like to say, “Happy Founder’s Day” as we commemorate the 113<sup>th</sup> year of our beloved institution. This year’s theme, “Albany State University: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” indicates the university’s progression into this current era.

Founder’s Day is an occasion when the entire Albany State community comes together to celebrate. Thus, it is my sincere honor to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our constituents. The Albany State University staff continues to cherish the memories of this institution’s humble beginnings.

As we simultaneously celebrate and reminisce about the years gone by with emotions that come naturally, we honor and salute our founder, Dr. Joseph Winthrop Holley. ASU community, we thank you for coming. Enjoy the day’s activities!

Sincerely,



Geraldine Winns, President  
ASU Staff Council

## About the Speaker



**Carmen Camille McGee, M.D.**, was born on May 31, 1972, in Columbus, Ohio. She is the only child of Edith and Edgar (McGee) Bayan. Life with her mom took her to Toledo, Ohio, where she was reared in Saint Paul Baptist Church with her large, lively family. Her childhood was marked by academic excellence at Saint Hyacinth Catholic Elementary School and then as salutatorian of Robinson Junior High School. She eagerly moved to Albany, Georgia with her mother and stepfather, Keith, after developing her first crush on a local high school football player.

Staying true to form, McGee found her place in academics at Albany High School, where she ranked in the top five percent of her class. Much to her delight, she was surprised by a visit one morning from Dr. Billy C. Black, who came to her school to offer her a full scholarship to attend Albany State College (now University) as a presidential scholar. In 1990, McGee entered the freshman class to pursue an undergraduate degree in biology. She made the Dean's List the first year and completed the course requirements for her major by the end of the second. Her college career was highlighted by her induction into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. She did manage

to have fun, however, as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the 1992-93 Miss Albany State Royal Court, and as captain of the Honda Campus All Star Challenge team.

Through steady guidance from home and school, McGee was accepted into every medical school to which she applied. After graduating from Albany State with honors, she chose to attend Eastern Virginia Medical School, in Norfolk, Virginia. In Norfolk, she served as the local chapter president for the Student National Medical Association. In 1998, now Dr. McGee moved to Chicago to train in a rigorous obstetrics and gynecology residency. She was the only African-American resident in her department and one of two in the entire hospital. During her fourth year there, she was named Chief Resident of the program, winning high praise from attending physicians for her surgical skill and warm bedside manner.

Upon completion of her doctorate of medicine degree and specialty training, she felt the strong pull of family ties and decided to plant her roots in the Atlanta area where many family members had migrated. She took her first job as an associate physician with a private practice and as an active member of the OB/GYN residency teaching staff at Atlanta Medical Center. In only her second year of practice, she completed her certification through the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology to become a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. C. Mack, as she was affectionately called, was twice honored as the CREOG Teaching Attending of the Year at Atlanta Medical Center. She was the first African-American physician and female to gain this distinction.

Dr. McGee's career path has given her the opportunity to care for underserved and very ill patients along the way. Currently, she is in solo practice in the Atlanta suburb of Loganville. She has been nominated for the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Medicine Award. Additionally, she is the department chairperson for Eastside Medical Center and serves on the Medical Executive Committee. However, if you asked her of what is she most proud, she would reply that it is her son, Cameron. For seven years, she has enjoyed serving as chief launderer, cook, and "boo-boo" fixer in addition to being Dr. McGee. She would say that Cameron has added joy to her life and grounded her in ways she did not know were possible.

# FOUNDER'S DAY 2016

## Programme

*“Albany State University: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”*

*Dr. Chanta Haywood, presiding*

*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

Posting of Colors.....	Monroe Comprehensive High School Airforce JROTC Unit
Invocation.....	The Reverend Lou Gene Bush
Selection.....	ASU Concert Chorale Dr. Marcia Hood, Conductor Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
Occasion and Welcome.....	Miss Iandria Joseph Miss Albany State University
A Tribute to the Founder.....	Mr. Travis Clemons Mr. Royal Gentleman
Greetings.....	The Honorable Dorothy Hubbard Mayor, City of Albany  Mr. Christopher Cohilas Chairman, Dougherty County Commission  Mrs. Josephine Holley-Jefferson Daughter, ASU Founder Dr. Joseph W. Holley  Mr. Laurentiis Gaines President, Student Government Association  Ms. Joycia Ricks President, National Alumni Association
Selection.....	ASU Concert Chorale Dr. Marcia Hood, Conductor
Introduction of Speaker.....	Miss Amber Kennedy Vice President, Student Government Association
Speaker.....	Dr. Carmen McGee ASU '94
Acknowledgements/Recognition of 25-Year Employees.....	Dr. Arthur Dunning Albany State University President
Remarks and Announcements.....	Dr. Haywood
Retiring of the Colors.....	JROTC Unit
Alma Mater.....	Audience

# Gravesite Ceremony

Selection.....ASU Concert Chorale  
Dr. Marcia Hood, Conductor

Prayer and Memorial Statement.....Mr. Vinson Davis  
Monroe Comprehensive High School Principal

Placing of the Wreaths.....Mrs. Josephine Holley-Jefferson  
Miss Iandria Joseph  
Mr. Travis Clemons  
Mr. Laurentiis Gaines

Benediction.....The Reverend Lou Bush

**Ushers: The Albany State University Holley Ambassadors**

## **Lift Every Voice and Sing** by **James Weldon Johnson**

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.

# THE ALMA MATER

By Gladys Ward McCullough Sapp '46

Albany State, we dearly love you  
Whose walls are inscribed with knowledge so true.  
So solidly built on this foundation,  
A union of work and inspiration.  
Teacher for those who strive for success;  
To thee we give praises above all the rest.

Thy jubilant colors of blue and gold  
We'll ever honor, ever behold;  
Thy name is an anchor upon life's sea,  
And sailing, we put our trust in thee.  
In thee, dear school, we see all the best;  
To thee we give praises above all the rest.

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