SC State University Celebrates 115th Anniversary During Founders’ Day Weekend

By Tameka Kenan

SC State University faculty, staff, students, alumni, members of the Orangeburg community and of the state of South Carolina will soon converge at SC State University’s Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center to celebrate the legacy of an institution that has provided countless years of tutelage and support for many individuals. SC State University’s celebration of the 115th anniversary of its founding will take place on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 4 p.m. in SHM.

Touting the theme, SC State: An Eternal Torch of Light and Hope, the University will recognize those individuals who have offered assistance to the institution and to generations of students during Founders’ Day. Ten, 20 and 30-year faculty and staff members will receive service awards, with special recognition for the 2011 inductees into the Quarter Century Club in which members are recognized for 25 plus years of service to SC State University. (Click here for full story).

Calendar of Events

February
8 Orangeburg Massacre Observance
26 Foundation Scholarship Gala & Tribute
27 Miller Society Breakfast
Quarter Century Club Luncheon
115th Founders’ Day

April
5 Honors and Awards Convocation
21 Administrative Professionals Recognition

May
6 Commencement Convocation
6-8 Alumni Reunion Weekend

ATTENTION!!!

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SC State State Alumnus Reaches New Heights

Dr. M. Christopher Brown II, ‘93 Appointed President of Alcorn State University

By Tameka Kenan

After a mere 10-minute conversation with SC State alumnus Dr. M. Christopher Brown II, it’s apparent why this 38-year old was chosen to lead Alcorn State University in his appointment as president. After one conversation, it’s as if you’ve met a long-lost friend, one who does not incessantly speak of his many accomplishments or who would make those who have not achieved as much seem less significant. Instead, you leave the conversation inspired, humbled, and having learned more from a man whose feats stand on their own merits. Terrence Cummings, executive director for Student Success and Retention at SC State University and a mentor to Brown, describes it best. (Click here for full story).

U.S. Marshal for the District of South Carolina to Keynote Black History Month Program at SC State University

By Ashley Elliott

The SC State University Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) will hold its 2011 Black History Month Program on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center’s Dr. Barbara A. Vaughan Recital Hall, located on the campus of SC State University. Focusing on the theme, “Reclaiming Our Heritage,” this year’s program has been designed to celebrate the heritage of African-Americans through speech, song, poetry and dance. The speaker of the event is Kelvin Washington, U.S. Marshal for the District of South Carolina.

“The keynote speaker is a historical figure in his own right, when in 1999, he became the youngest African-American to be elected sheriff in South Carolina,” says Giselle White-Perry, NABCJ chapter advisor and assistant professor of criminal justice. (Click here for full story).

SC State’s Student Government Association Wants Community to Help Spread the Joy of Reading

By Ashley Elliott

SC State University’s Student Government Association (SGA) is on a mission to heighten literacy among elementary students in the city of Orangeburg. On Jan. 24, 2011, the SGA began their children’s book drive, collecting new or gently used reading books for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

“We recognize that literacy and reading are very important to our community,” says Russell Simon, SGA business manager and coordinator of the book drive initiative. The Orangeburg community has been very good to SC State University, especially the Student Government Association, so we want to give back to our community, as well as promote education, by donating children’s books to all of the public local elementary schools here in Orangeburg.” (Click here for full story).

2011 Scholarship Gala and Tribute

Saturday, February 26, 2011 • 7 p.m. • Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center • For more information, call (803) 536-8143.

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