A Note from the President

I hope that you have had a restful summer and that you are ready to begin a new school year with new energy and commitment to students. As President for the Southern Region, my goal continues to focus on growing our region so that we have representation and participation from each of the 11 states that make up our region. I am excited about out plans to grow the organization. At our summer Board meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, we had good discussions about recruitment, engagement and retention of new members to the Southern Region. The vitality of the Southern Region depends upon our ability to achieve our membership goals, to market the organization and to think always about how we can breathe new energy and vitality into the Region. As always, I encourage you to join the Southern Region. For more information on an individual membership or on chartering a new chapter, please contact me at twright@fscj.edu. I look forward to welcoming you to the Southern Region!

Winter Conference A Success!

The Southern Region held its winter conference in Houston, Texas from October 23—25, 2014, and by all accounts, it was a success! The conference theme: “African-Americans in Education: Are We Fulfilling Our Mission” solicited thought-provoking and innovative proposals from Southern Region members. Workshops presenter were lively and engaging. A sampling of the workshops included the following: “African-American Males in a Crisis at Colleges and Universities;” “SAAB (Student African-American Brotherhood) Saving Lives, Salvaging Dreams;” “Professional Etiquette 101;” “The Social and Economic Benefits of Higher Education;” and “The Impacts of the Current Financial Aid System on Low-Income Students.” Some of the presenters included Dr. Kevin Gordon, Provost, St. Petersburg College, Florida; Dr. Roderick Moore, Lone Star College—CyFair, Texas; Dr. Terrance Hays, Polk College; Tashemia Jones, Lone Star College—CyFair; Ms. Karen Stills, El Centro College, Texas; and Dr. Marian Shivers, Dean of the Leadership Development Institute of NCBAA. Two of our Southern Board members, Dr. Ivan Harrell, II and Dr. Gregory McLeod also presented. Both breakout sessions and overall conference evaluations were positive.
Presidents’ Engage Audience at Conference

In addition to the breakout sessions, conference participants were treated to a two keynote addresses: one from Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, President, Florida Keys Community College and the other from Dr. Carolyn Anderson, former Interim President, Baltimore City Community College. Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, President, Florida Keys Community College; Dr. Audre Levy, President, Lone Star College – CyFair; and Dr. Carolyn Anderson, Past Interim President, Baltimore City Community College serve as panelists for the roundtable discussion. Each of them brought a unique perspective to the topic of “executive leadership” at the community college level.

Piedmont Community College’s New VP

Dr. Joyce Blackwell Johnson, a native of Roxboro, North Carolina, is the new Vice President for Instruction and Student Development at Piedmont Community College. Dr. Johnson began her tenure on January 2, 2015. Prior to beginning her tenure at Piedmont Community College, Dr. Johnson served as Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Bennett College (Greensboro, NC), Vice President for Academic Affairs at South Carolina State University (Orangeburg, SC), and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Augustine’s University (Raleigh, NC).

Dr. Johnson is nationally recognized as a scholar of peace history. Her pioneer study, *No Peace without Freedom: Race and the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, 1915-1975* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2004), was nominated in 2005 for the Scott Bills Prize for Best Book on Peace History. It is the first and only study written to date on the national and international peace activism of African-American women.

Dr. Johnson holds membership in several professional organizations. She is currently President of the Association of Chief Academic Officers of the Southern States, which has over 800 member institutions from 11 regional states and two Latin American countries. Additionally, Dr. Johnson is a member of Eta Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society in the Social Sciences and the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. She is also a Mary McLeod Bethune Scholar and an Oxford Roundtable Scholar.

Dr. Johnson earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in History from North Carolina Central University and her Ph.D. in U.S. Women’s History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Haynes named HCC's Dean of Workforce & Economic Development
Halifax Community College, NC

Dr. Warren E. Haynes has been named the dean of workforce and economic development at Halifax Community College (HCC). Dr. Haynes served as the interim department chair and assistant professor in the School of Public Administration, Social Work and Criminal Justice at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky. He has experience at two-year and four-year institutions, including faculty and administrative roles. Prior to his current position, Haynes was a postdoctoral associate in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Haynes has also held various state and local government, higher education administration and nonprofit management positions.

Dr. Ivan T. Mosley, Sr. Project Coordinator/Instructor of Advanced Manufacturing & Technology at Halifax Community College, NC

Over the past 15 years, Mosley has worked with governmental agencies, higher education institutions and the military. Mosley is the first African American to serve as the chair of the Association of Technology, Management & Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Executive Board, is the first African American to serve as the president of the university division of ATMAE, is the first African American to serve as the president of the student division of ATMAE and the third African American to have been honored as the Distinguished Technology Educator by the International Technology & Engineering Education Association. Mosley earned a doctorate from The Ohio State University, a Master of Science in Industrial Technology from the University of Central Missouri, a Master of Information Science from North Carolina Central University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

The 14th Annual Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams Leadership Development Institute for African-American Midlevel Administrators (LDI) in Atlanta, Georgia, October 25—30. The Institute will be hosted by Georgia Piedmont Technical College.

For information contact Dr. Marian Shivers, Dean, Leadership Development Institute at marianshiver@bellsouth.net
Palm Beach State College President

Ava L. Parker, J.D., began serving as President of Palm Beach State College, the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, effective July 1, 2015. She moved to the position after serving since 2012 as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Florida Polytechnic University.

President Parker served for more than 10 years as member, vice chair and chair of the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System and also served on the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees. As an attorney, she was a partner in the Jacksonville firm of Lawrence & Parker, general counsel at Edward Waters College, general counsel for the 11th Episcopal District of the AME Church, assistant general counsel for the state Department of Transportation and assistant public defender in Miami-Dade County. She also is on the board of directors of Orchid Island Capital, a publicly-traded specialty finance company.

She earned her B.A. degree and J.D. degree from the University of Florida. She is married and has two children.

ANNOUNCEMENT: SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT: The Southern Region Fall Conference

WHERE: Jacksonville, Florida at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at the Jacksonville Airport

WHEN: October 23—25, 2015

THEME: “Black Lives Matter: How are we transforming social justice through education?”

We invite your proposals. Visit the Southern Region website at: www.ncbaa-southernregion.org, join our organization, complete the request for proposals and participate in what we believe will be an exciting conference!

Deadline for next edition is November 7, 2015. Send articles and pictures electronically to VP of Public Relations. Pictures should be sent .jpg or .png at 300 dpi.

Dr. Gloria Rembert, Editor

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