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FAMU named 'Best in the Southeast'

Florida A&M University was named one of the best colleges in the Southeast by The Princeton Review. It is one of 138 institutions The Princeton Review recommends in its "Best in the Southeast" section of its website feature, "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

"It is an honor to be named as one of the best colleges in the southeast by The Princeton Review," said FAMU Interim President Larry

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Robinson. "At Florida A&M University, we continue to strive for excellence while providing a world-class education for our students. We take pride in this recognition, and will continue to provide quality education and life skills to our student body."

The 138 colleges The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Southeast" designations are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

"We're pleased to recommend these colleges to users of our site as one of the best schools to earn their undergrad degree," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review's senior vice president and publisher. "We chose these as our 'regional best' colleges mainly for their excellent academic programs."

From several hundred schools in the region, The Princeton Review narrowed its list based on institutional data collected directly from FAMU, visits to schools over the years and the opinions of its staff, plus college counselors and advisers. The Princeton Review has been a pioneer and leader in helping students achieve their higher education goals for 30 years.

Recently, FAMU was also named as one of Forbes Magazine's Top Colleges. The university was recognized earlier this year by the College Database for providing high-quality education at an affordable price with graduates earning an average salary of \$41,000.

FAMU receives \$2.1 million grant for bridges to the baccalaureate program



Carl Goodman

Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College have partnered for a five-year \$2,193,365 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program in Biomedical Sciences.

The goal of the FAMU-TCC Bridges Program is to cultivate a program that increases the numbers of underrepresented minorities — African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans — attending TCC with the knowledge and skills necessary to attain an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree, with the additional goal of these graduates

obtaining an entry-level degree in the biomedical sciences at FAMU.

"I was very excited when I was informed that we earned the grant," said Carl Goodman, FAMU professor of pharmacology and co-principal investigator. "There was a lot of hard work that went into writing the grant. It is going to do wonders in terms of giving more opportunities for the underrepresented population to garner careers in the biomedical sciences. When you look at the numbers of African Americans entering these fields, it is just low. This program is unique and will give students an opportunity to be exposed to the biomedical field."

FAMU has strategically positioned itself as one of the few Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to not only serve as a traditional feeder program, but has become a newcomer as a leader in graduating underrepresented minorities with baccalaureate degrees in the biomedical sciences (agriculture sciences and viticulture, biology and chemistry, environmental, chemical and biomedical engineering, environmental chemistry and health, and pharmaceutical sciences).

"I salute Dr. Carl Goodman and Dr. Sandra Suther, as well as their outstanding TCC collaborators for generating this highly competitive training grant," said FAMU Vice President for Research K. Ken Redda. "This five-year project will provide Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program in the Biomedical Sciences and will increase the numbers of underrepresented minority students from TCC to obtain baccalaureate degrees at our institution. Dr. Goodman is not only a brilliant scientist and an astute administrator, but he



Students will have the opportunity to take part in four new university programs this upcoming school year.

University introduces four new programs this fall

Four new programs will be available this fall — the bachelor of science in pharmaceutical studies; a concentration in global security within the master of applied social sciences; a jazz concentration within the B.A./B.S. in Music degree program; and a facilities management concentration within B.S. in business administration.

The bachelor of science degree in pharmaceutical sciences was approved by the BOT in 2012 and will offer the following areas: medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and pharmacoconomics. The track was developed due to the increasing number of biotech drugs and their inherent complex nature and the ever increasing demand for their less expensive generic versions. Graduates will find opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry research and development where there is a shortage of appropriately trained graduates. According to the college, the shortage is due to the move by pharmacy schools toward training doctor of pharmacy recipients to focus principally on patient care. In addition, the program will provide qualified graduates with skills and backgrounds to enter the doctorate programs in biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. There is no other B.S. Pharm degree program in the state of Florida.

The Certificate in Global Security Studies within MASS is awaiting Faculty Senate approval and could begin in the Fall. It is a

Jamey Shouppe Announced As FAMU Baseball Coach



Jamey Shouppe

It was a dream come true. For a coach who spent 21 years as an assistant, July marked a step to the forefront for Jamey Shouppe as he was announced to the FAMU community as the next head baseball coach. For a team coming off back-to-back 44 loss seasons and single digit

wins, this was a prized catch.

Shouppe feels the benefits are mutual. "In my presentation to the selection committee, I had three words... Why not FAMU? That sums it all up. When you look at Al Washington, Al Davis, Andre Dawson, Hal McRae, Vince Coleman and Marquis Grissom, there needs to be more of that caliber of players coming out of this university," Shouppe said. While Shouppe, who spent 21 years as an assistant coach at Florida State University, mostly as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator, it wasn't just about returning to familiar territory. "This is not all about coming home. This is about a Division I opportunity," he said.

Shouppe has a concentration in pitching, in which he has produced 10 ACC team ERA pitching titles, recruited and coached 63 professional drafted pitchers including six first-round draftees, recruited and coached 26 first-team All-Americans and coached in nine College World Series.

Shouppe will be the first permanent coach for the Rattler baseball team since the departure of Willie Brown earlier this year. Shouppe's oldest son, Jake, a student in the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, where he will earn his doctorate in pharmaceutical medicine in the spring.

Michael Smith, who is interim director of athletics, felt the selection committee vetted the candidates well, resulting with the eventual hiring of Shouppe. "Our committee represented some of the most successful eras of Rattler baseball, and we feel they were solid in their commitment to finding someone who could restore success to our program," Smith said. "Judging by the faces and numbers in this room, I think they've done just that," he added.

Shouppe is currently a coach with USA baseball. In 2012 and 2013, he was the pitching coordinator for 18-up summer league baseball. Professionally, he played with the Houston Astros from 1982-1985, where he was drafted in the eighth round of the 1982 draft.

Shouppe is confident that he can build the program through mental toughness. "I believe that I am the man to lead FAMU baseball to a level of success that no one believes possible," Shouppe said.

With a core of returning players, the Rattlers could rebound with some additional firepower. Shouppe is very focused on junior college players to add some immediate help for the Rattlers.

Rattler pride ringing up in the ticket office

Forget last season. Erase it from your minds. This is a new day. It's striking time. That is the dominant theme coming from the FAMU athletic department as they prepare for the start of the 2013 football season. There is reason for optimism after just a 4-7 record last season. With the retirement of Joe Taylor as Head Coach of the Rattlers, a new hope was brought forth in former FAMU football great Earl Holmes. Holmes was selected as the 16th head coach of football at Florida A&M University, and since taking the reigns, he has been the lightning rod of support that is desperately needed by the entire athletic department. With five home games in Tallahassee, the efforts have been focused on regaining the "Holmes town advantage."

Following the theme "Rattler Pride - Renewed, Redeemed, Restored," the goal of Holmes and his staff is to rejuvenate that Rattler spirit of championship years. "It's not a secret that if you take the head coaching job at FAMU, you are expected to win championships," Holmes said. "We've assembled a coaching staff that is second to none in the country. We have a core of returning players and with a little help from recruits, we should be ready to compete in the conference," he added.

In addition to the game time excitement, halftime and pre-game got a jolt as the suspension of performances by the world-famous Marching "100" was lifted by interim FAMU President Larry Robinson. Coupled with the hiring of a former Marching "100" member, Sylvester Young, as director, the re-institution of the band has itself garnered excitement as well.

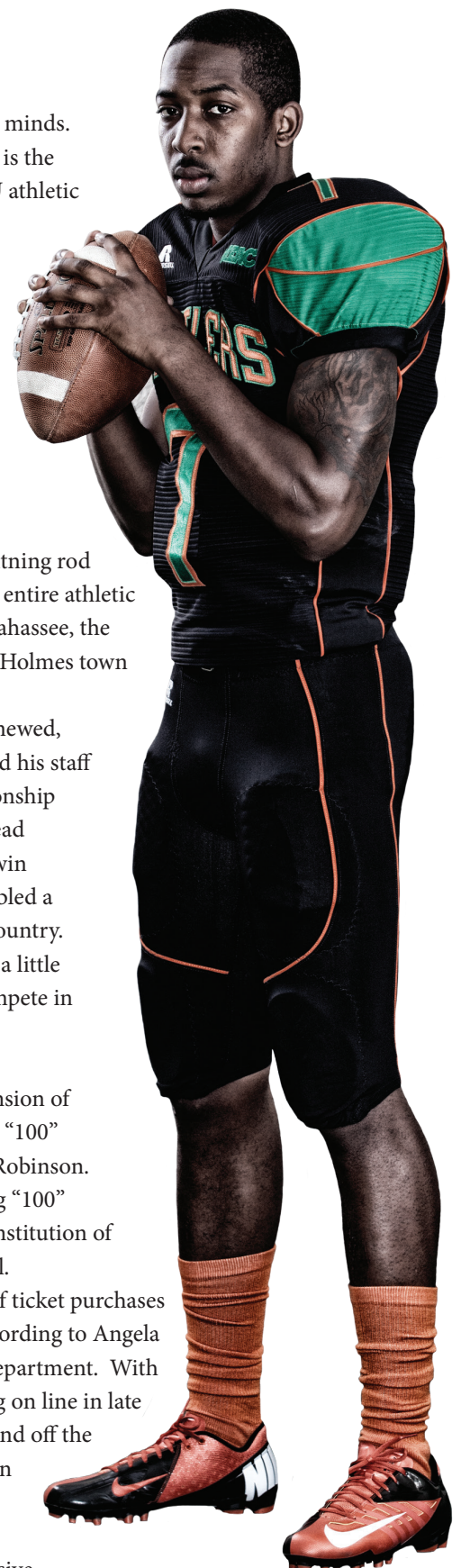
These two factors have resulted in a pace of ticket purchases 79 percent ahead of last season's numbers, according to Angela Suggs, director of marketing for the athletic department. With the addition of individual game tickets coming on line in late July, the optimism for a successful season on and off the field is high. The Rattlers placed five players on the first-team All-MEAC squad, including quarterback Damien Fleming, who was selected as the pre-season All-MEAC co-offensive player of the year.

This spring, Holmes and his staff went out across the state and locally to send out the message that this year is a new day for Rattler Football. Across the state, the entourage made stops in Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale to personally invite Rattler fans, friends and alumni to get behind the new era. The tour raised more than \$40,000. It culminated with an appearance at the FAMU National Alumni Association annual convention. The staff also made an appearance in Atlanta for a fundraising social, as well as a local event at Tri-Eagle Sales.

To further engage the whole community, the football coaches took on two totally new initiatives. The entire coaching staff and members of the athletic staff spent a Saturday morning going door-to-door on the South side of Tallahassee engaging in community events and passing out posters for the upcoming season. Riding the orange and green signature vans, the group weaved their way through community after community making hand-to-hand delivery of posters, smiles and offers to support the team. The gesture was documented by the local newspaper as a first of its kind for FAMU.

With a new set of standards for entry into the famed Marching "100," fans have expressed their relief in knowing that the unit will be back on the field, while re-energizing the games as their presence was missed all last season. The announcement of the lifted suspension has prompted ESPN, the network carrying the first game, to accommodate the return of the band at that game, and several other ancillary activities.

In just a short time, Bragg Memorial Stadium will be filled with a core of newness...a new coach, a new band director and a new attitude. A new attitude that is actually an old one that has been in hibernation. An attitude that strikes fear in opponents that visit Tallahassee.



Band returns to the field with new guidelines

FAMU director of marching and pep bands Sylvester Young announced that the Marching "100" will perform during the halftime show at the MEAC/SWAC Challenge presented by Disney in Orlando, Sept. 1 and at other games during the football season.

According to Young, the band will have fewer members than in the past, as a result of the new, more rigorous guidelines for participation. He also reinforced that the group will be equally dynamic and fully represent the great tradition of the Marching "100."

Since the Orlando incident, the university has created a comprehensive anti-hazing plan in which it has:

- Revised the BOT Anti-Hazing policy;
- Revised the Student Code of Conduct procedures;
- Implemented enhanced procedures for reporting and investigating hazing allegations;
- Launched a new anti-hazing website, StopHazingatFAMU.com;
- Awarded funding to FAMU faculty and students for research on hazing prevention;
- Created two unique positions to provide a comprehensive approach to implement the anti-hazing initiatives, hired a special assistant to the President for anti-hazing, and a music compliance officer — to make sure that all music department ensembles including the band meet



The marching band will have fewer members than in the past, as a result of the new, more rigorous guidelines for participation. The band will make its debut during the halftime show at the MEAC/SWAC Challenge.

- all standards to be eligible to perform.
- Scheduled campus training, forums and anti-hazing session;
- Enhanced the membership intake process for clubs and organizations; and
- Revised the organizational structure of the Department of Music and hired a new director of Marching and Pep Bands.

In addition to the steps taken in regards to hazing, in May of this year, the university also launched an anti-hazing tour conceived by band students featuring the Music Department ensembles. This group reached out to students in three counties in South Florida.

The new criteria being used to determine who

can participate in the Marching Band ensemble is as follows:

- Must have a 2.0 or better cumulative G.P.A.
- Must have earned 24 cumulative credit hours during the last academic year (i.e., Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013)
- Based on the Admit Term, the student should have earned the following minimum cumulative credit hours at the end of each academic year:
 - o Fall 2012 24 credit hours
 - o Fall 2011 48 credit hours
 - o Fall 2010 72 credit hours
 - o Fall 2009 96 credit hours

Students are only allowed to participate in the Marching Band ensemble for four fall semesters.

Fans Paint Town 'Orange & Green' for College Colors Day



Alumni, current and prospective students, faculty, staff and FAMU fans showed their Rattler pride nationwide in celebration of this year's College Colors Day on Friday, August 30.

Individuals wore their favorite orange and green attire and Rattler paraphernalia to show their support during the annual event.

"We want Rattlers, far and near, to don their Orange and Green for this year's College Colors Day," Robinson said. "Not only will it generate additional revenue for athletics, it will increase public awareness of FAMU."

College Colors Day is an annual dress celebration that coincides with back to school and the kick-off of the college football season.

The Collegiate Licensing Company organizes College Colors Day to encourage fans, alumni and students to wear their favorite college apparel.

FAMU remains No. 1 in sales for the fifth consecutive year among historically black colleges and universities in the nation.

"What can be more exciting than being in the midst of a sea of Orange and Green?" said Interim Athletic Director Michael Smith. "We were happy that so many Rattlers wore official merchandise and their colors with pride."

Participants submitted individual and group photographs showcasing their Rattler spirit to famucolorsday@famucolorsday.edu. The university highlighted the photographs submitted from across the country onto the university's social

media outlets.

Fans were encouraged to "tweet" photos of themselves to @FAMU_1887 and post pictures via Instagram using the hashtag #FAMUCollegeColorsDay.

"I was thrilled to participate in College Colors Day," said Tonnnette Graham, a junior health care management student from Tallahassee, Fla. "It was a great feeling to step onto campus and see students literally wearing their Rattler pride on their sleeves. And using social media was a great way to have FAMU seen not only on campus, but worldwide."

In years' past, Rattlers submitted photos from as far as New York, Brazil and Afghanistan. This year, photos were sent from around the world, including Hawaii, Trinidad and Brazil.

FAMU also participated in the second annual College Colors Day Spirit Competition, and asked fans to help FAMU win the national Spirit Cup award, which included \$10,000 toward the general scholarship fund. Although FAMU did not win the national competition, the university did place first in the MEAC.

"We wanted to encourage all students, alumni, staff and fans to show their support for the Rattlers by voting for FAMU as the institution with the most school spirit," said Sabrina Thompson, FAMU coordinator for collegiate licensing. "With colleges and universities across the country vying for this top award, it was important that our fans vote for our school."

To view the full photo gallery from this year's FAMU College Colors Day submissions, visit, www.facebook.com/FAMU1887.

FAMU hosts kick-off for academic year



Florida A&M University celebrated the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year with a festival style event, "The Kick-Off" on August 24 in the Quadrangle. "The Kick-Off," featured student leaders,

athletes, returning and incoming students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The event also featured the band "Groove '87," DJ Loose Kid and Jagged Edge. There were give-a-ways, including season tickets for Rattler football games and much more. Representatives from FAMU colleges and schools were available to provide information to incoming students and updates about the success of the schools and colleges.

Interim President Larry Robinson and Student Body President Anthony Siders have formed a partnership to promote the university's strengths and boost campus morale. They have labeled the campaign "Great Things are Happening Every Day at FAMU: This is the Rebirth." This campaign is designed to also enhance the student experience.

Robinson and Siders established a 10-person committee to ensure the success of the campaign. The committee will inform the FAMU community and its stakeholders of the university's strengths while promoting upcoming events that the campaign will host.

"This event symbolizes our on-going efforts to demonstrate a true commitment to our motto 'Excellence With Caring,' making it a reality in all that we do," said Robinson. "Student Government Association President Anthony Siders and I have partnered to ensure that everyone who encounters and supports the university — whether its governmental officials, local businesses, alumni, prospective students and their parents — know about FAMU's strengths and its dedication to academic excellence."

This affair served as a new tradition for current students, incoming students and alumni. All incoming students were asked to wear white at the "The Kick-Off," so they could easily be identified for the pinning ceremony, which has become an annual event hosted by the Office of Student Activities, and serves as the initial welcome to "Rattler Country."

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also symbolizes 'Excellence With Caring.' I have no doubt that this is going to be among the shining examples of a successful BRIDGE Program in the nation."

TCC is fast approaching the status as a minority-majority institution of higher learning. TCC's Dean for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Calandra Stringer will be leading TCC's participation in this new program.

"This is a great opportunity for TCC to partner with FAMU in order to increase the pipeline of students who transfer to FAMU," said Stringer. "We are extremely excited about the biomedical sciences program and we are looking forward to introducing the scientific experiences to our students."

Some initiatives for the program include:

- Establishing an innovative recruitment strategy to attract 150 science majors at TCC to the various biomedical science disciplines and research experiences at FAMU.

- Establishing a FAMU-TCC Biomedical Sciences Forum where 40 TCC students from the pool of 150 underrepresented minorities (URM) will be invited for an one-day orientation during the spring semester to tour FAMU and its biomedical programs;

- Providing a 10-week summer research internship at FAMU for 10 Bridges students during the first year and a total of 30 for years 2-5; and

- Providing an academic research internship program during the academic year for seven Bridges students who wish to further their research training interests in the natural or biomedical sciences.

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multidisciplinary program and is open to pre and post – baccalaureates. The program is designed to provide undergraduates and graduate students with the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to pursue a career in either national intelligence and/or global security. The program is designed to allow students to pursue an undergraduate certificate, advanced certificate, or graduate certificate. In addition, at the graduate level, an academic track/concentration will be added to the Master of Applied Social Science (M.A.S.S.) degree.

The graduate track/concentration requires the completion of a minimum of six (6) courses along with other program curriculum requirements.

The graduate certificate/concentration option is available to post-baccalaureates having earned a B.A./B.S. from an accredited institution and to all currently enrolled graduate students.

Students seeking to earn the graduate certificate or enroll in the M.A.S.S. program with a concentration/track in Global Security must earn a "B" or higher in all required courses and maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.0.

The jazz concentration within the BA/BS in music began in summer 2013.

The concentration is replacing the BS in jazz studies that was recently terminated due to university budget cuts. The proposed concentration in Jazz Studies is for students interested in pursuing a professional career in jazz. The Facilities Management Concentration within the BS in Business Administration began in 2012 and received accreditation from IFMA (International Facilities Management Association) in 2012. It is the only program in facilities management accredited by IFMA in Florida and the first at an HBCU. The program is offered by FAMU's School of Business and Industry and School of Architecture (SOA), two programs which graduate annually approximately 150 and 75 students, respectively.

September

Aug. 26	First Day of Classes	<i>Campuswide</i>
Aug. 30	College Colors Day	<i>Nationwide</i>
Sept. 1 <i>11:45 a.m.</i>	Football Game <i>(MEAC/SWAC Challenge)</i>	<i>Florida Citrus Bowl</i>
Sept. 2	University Closed (Labor Day)	<i>Campuswide</i>
Sept. 6 <i>10:10 a.m. - 12:10 a.m.</i>	President's Convocation	<i>Gaither Gymnasium</i>
Sept. 7 <i>2 p.m.</i>	Football Game	<i>Bragg Memorial Stadium</i>
Sept. 7 <i>11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</i>	President's Pre-Game Reception	<i>Faculty Clubhouse</i>
Sept. 13 <i>7 p.m.</i>	Volleyball Tournament	<i>New Orleans, La.</i>
Sept. 14 <i>2 p.m.</i>	Football Game	<i>Bragg Memorial Stadium</i>
Sept. 14 <i>11 a.m.-1 p.m.</i>	President's Pre-Game Reception	<i>Faculty Clubhouse</i>
Sept. 15 <i>10 a.m.</i>	Women's Cross Country	<i>Tallahassee, Fla.</i>
Sept. 21	Football Game	<i>Ohio Stadium (The Horseshoe)</i>

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