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Troy University News



Dr. Earl Ingram has been tapped to lead Troy University's University College, the university's arm that operates more than 60 sites outside Alabama.

Ingram, dean of the Sorrell College of Business since 2004, joined the TROY faculty in 1987, and in 1991, was assigned director for the European Region.

"Dr. Ingram has a record of success during his tenure with the Sorrell College of Business," said Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. "I have full confidence that he will take University College to the next level in this highly competitive field of higher education."

University College operates teaching sites in 16 U.S. states and 13 foreign locations, the eCampus and is the second-largest provider of education through the Department of Defense's eArmyU program. The University College program is

unique as it stands alone financially and does not utilize any taxpayer's dollars from the State of Alabama.

Ingram replaces Dr. Susan Aldridge, who left earlier in the year to become president of the University of Maryland University College.

"Our international presence and eCampus differentiate TROY from any other university our size," Ingram said. "Through world-class faculty and staff, we'll fulfill TROY's brand promise that a student can start anywhere and finish anywhere – University College is the means that makes it possible for our students to achieve throughout the United States and around the world."

Born in St. John's, Newfoundland, Ingram was reared in a military family, living in several states, Japan and

Germany. After attending the University of New Mexico, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving six years of active duty that included a tour of duty as a pilot and officer in an attack helicopter battalion in Vietnam. After leaving active duty, he completed a bachelor of science degree in management, a master of science in psychology and a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology, all at Auburn University.

He was employed by West Point Pepperell, then a Fortune-200 company, for 12 years.

From 1972 until 1991, Dr. Ingram served in the Alabama National Guard, working in aviation units and commanding a transportation battalion, retiring at the rank of colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve.

"I look forward to the opportunities that are ahead," Ingram said.



Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, who commanded the U.S. Army's relief efforts on the U.S. Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, speaks to Troy University graduates during May commencement ceremonies on the Troy Campus.

Make a difference

'World needs you,' Gen. Honore tells graduates

Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, who has gained worldwide attention for commanding post-hurricane relief efforts on the U.S. Gulf Coast, told Troy University graduates in May that they need to prepare to assume leadership roles in the years to come.

"The world needs your mind, the world needs your ideas," Honore, commander of the First U.S. Army, told students receiving diplomas at Sartain Hall on the Troy Campus. "No matter what you choose to do, the world needs you."

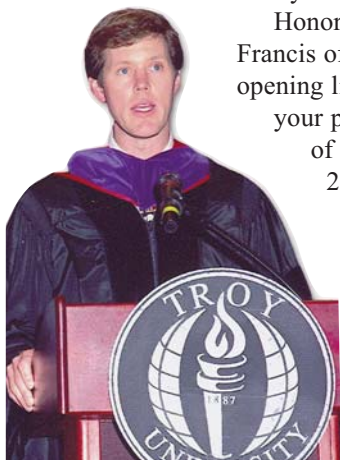
Honore recited the famous prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, which includes the famous opening line, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." He said St. Francis' admonition of love and forgiveness still rings true in 2006.

"What would it be like if every nation valued peace?" he said.

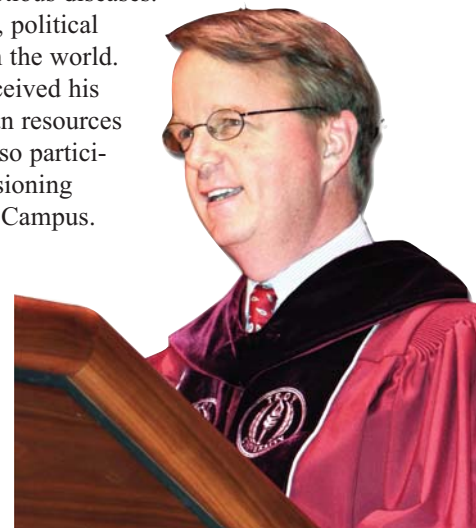
Honore urged the graduates to work to solve five challenges:

- Poverty and hunger in less dependent nations and at home. "There is a 9th Ward in every big city in America," he said, referring to New Orleans' notoriously impoverished district that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.
- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels
- Protect the environment and preserve natural resources.
- Find cures for infectious diseases.
- Eliminate religious, political and ethnic intolerance in the world.

The general, who received his master's degree in human resources from Troy University, also participated in ROTC commissioning ceremonies on the Troy Campus.



At left, Gordon G. Martin, vice president of the Southern Division of Alabama Power Co., addresses graduates on the Montgomery Campus during spring commencement. Troy University Trustee and alumnus Forest Latta, right, shares insights with graduates on the Dothan Campus.



A Wish to the World

Troy University Symphony Band collaborates on CD

By Clif Lusk

When Ralph Ford, director of bands, talks about his symphony band's latest recording, he speaks in global terms.

"We'll reach an international audience with this project," he said.

The project is the band's latest compact disc, *STORMWORKS Chapter 1 Prime: A Wish to the World*, released on July 4.

Ford, the 54-member Troy University Symphony Band and composer Stephen Melillo collaborated on the production of the CD May 8 – 11. Stormworks, the musical framework Melillo created in 1992, uses commissioned scores via a CD or the internet rather than traditional paper sets.

Ford says Melillo stands apart from other music publishers because he uses technology in ways traditional publishing companies have not adopted. The concept has enabled Melillo to establish a distribution chain in 28 countries.

"It's going to make a strong statement around the world of what the symphony band is capable of producing," Ford said. "Steve refers to this as 'The Band of the Third Millennium' – basically incorporating the use of electronic instruments with traditional wind and percussion ensemble to enhance the sound of a symphony band. It's the next generation of symphony band; we're doing it ahead of everyone else."

Ford believes the collaboration with Melillo will allow him to add an international dimension to the TROY band program.

"It's really in keeping with the vision Chancellor Hawkins has laid out and the momentum of our University's direction," he said.

The Symphony Band students volunteered a portion of their summer vacation to record the CD, Ford

said. He added that the week-long recording session with Melillo in Troy was an "unbelievable educational experience." In all, the band performed 14 numbers in the suite— all with an underlying theme.

A Wish to the World is a series of pieces written to inspire the next generation of heroes, Ford said.

"It was great for the kids and it was a great learning experience for me, too – everything came together and made perfect sense: the CD is in line with the international direction of the University, we worked with an internationally respected composer, our new music industry program is getting off the ground, we needed to find opportunities for student

musicians and we'll have a worldwide marketing tool so we can recruit for our band program," Ford said.

Ford said the project will pay dividends for the band program down the road.

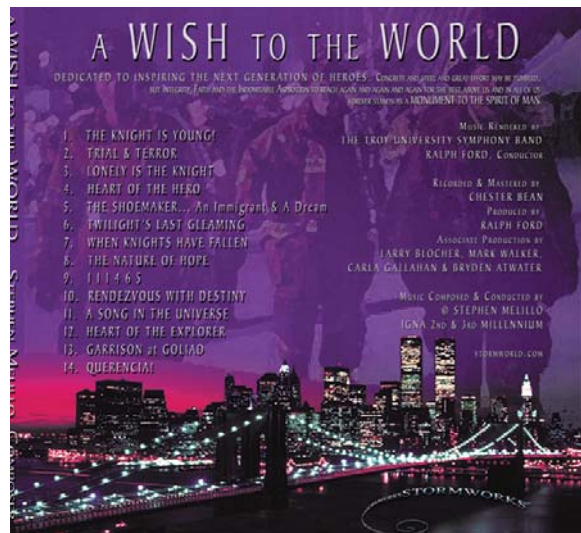
"The Sound of the South Marching Band has a great reputation," he said. "I'm looking for ways to let people know we have a fine symphonic band program at TROY as well – that's what attracts and recruits quality performers. We have a world-class symphony band program

here and have had it for several years; imagine the recruiting potential projects such as this CD presents."

Ford believes the international release of the CD could lead to bigger things mainly an international tour for the symphony band, starting with concerts in some of the 13 nations where TROY already has a presence.

For more information about the project or to order a CD, visit www.soundofthesouth.org or call the band office at Troy University at 334-670-3281.

Lusk is a university coordinator.



Excellence in teaching

Howard-Shaughnessy wins Ingalls Award



Dr. Candice H. Howard-Shaughnessy, assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotions at Troy University, is the 2005-2006 recipient of the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University's most prestigious honor for faculty members.

Dr. Howard-Shaughnessy received the award during the University's annual Honors Convocation.

The Ingalls Award is given annually to the teacher who has "most diligently, effectively and cheerfully conducted his or her classes during the current academic year." Students nominate faculty members for the award, and a committee of students and faculty advisors selects the recipient.

Dr. Howard-Shaughnessy earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from TROY and her doctorate in Motor Development

with an emphasis in Special Education from Auburn University.

Dr. Howard-Shaughnessy served as a graduate teaching assistant at both TROY and Auburn before joining the Troy University faculty as an adjunct instructor in 1999. She became a full-time member of the TROY faculty in 2003 as an assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion.

In October 2005, Dr. Howard-Shaughnessy led a group of eight Kinesiology and Health Promotion students from TROY to Waveland, MS, where they delivered and distributed supplies donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Her students also have developed a Spring Festival for area pre-school and kindergarten programs.



At left, Dr. Candice Howard-Shaughnessy, second from left, and a group of TROY students pose for a photo during their October 2005 trip to Waveland, MS, to deliver supplies to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sullivan Award winners. Two Troy University students, who graduated in May, and one member of the University's staff were honored in April with Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards. The Sullivan Award, which is presented at select colleges and universities throughout the United States, recognizes recipients for their excellence of character, humanitarian service and spiritual qualities. Eleanor Lee (left), director of Instructional Support Services, and Leah Williams, who graduated with a degree in communications/dramatic arts, were honored at a luncheon, as well as the University's Honors Convocation. Not pictured is recipient Randall Reed, who graduated with a degree in political science.





Woman *of* Courage

Troy University honors the Rev. Gloria White-Hammond with annual award

The Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, M.D., awoke to gunfire during her first trip to the civil war-torn Republic of Sudan.

Visiting northern Africa in an effort to learn more about the slavery and genocide taking place in the midst of civil war, White-Hammond had been shaken by what she had seen.

“I went to bed with the images of an 11-year-old boy who after losing one of the cows he was tending was attacked by his master. The master was so mad that he took an ax and literally cut the boy’s nose off,” she recalled. “Then I awoke to gunfire outside, and I just asked God, ‘What am I doing here?’”

While that first experience was sometimes difficult, the Rev. White-Hammond has made seven return trips.

Troy University honored the Boston, MA, minister in June with the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award during a ceremony and lecture at the Rosa Parks Library and Museum on the Montgomery Campus. The award was presented by Troy University Trustee Lamar Higgins and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

White-Hammond currently serves as the national chairperson for the Million Voices for Darfur Campaign and the co-chair of the Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur. She has been the co-pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in

Boston since 1997 and a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center since 1981.

White-Hammond also is co-founder of My Sister’s Keeper, a humanitarian women’s group that partners with women of Sudan in their efforts toward reconciliation and reconstruction of their communities.

White-Hammond made her first trip to Darfur in 2005, finding that rape and violence against women was a prominent theme in the ongoing civil war.

“I challenge people to take action against the atrocities in Darfur because this is the same type of force that has spawned a culture of violence against women in all parts of the world,” she said. “Pray, educate yourself on the situation in Darfur and support the Million Voices for Darfur Campaign. With your help we can achieve greater things.”

Troy University Trustee Lamar Higgins, left, and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., present the fifth annual Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award to the Rev. Gloria White-Hammond during a ceremony at the Rosa Parks Library and Museum on the Montgomery Campus.

