

# Handing out honors

**T**roy University honored three distinguished alumni of the year and one honorary alumnus during halftime festivities of the Trojans Homecoming football game on Oct. 20. Alumni honored were: Samuel Whalum, Jr., Stacy Faison and Lee “Bubba” Pinckard. This year’s Honorary Alumnus of the Year was Dr. Doug Patterson. Learn more about those honored in the following profiles.

## Mr. Lee “Bubba” Pinckard

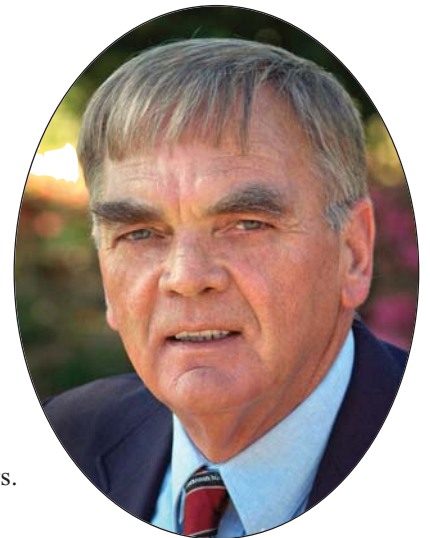
Lee “Bubba” Pinckard puts his love for Troy University to work.

The Elba resident, who earned a degree in business administration in 1969, was nearly single-handedly responsible for the recent construction of additional office and storage space at the University Alumni House.

Pinckard currently serves as owner and vice president of B&B Equipment Rentals, Inc., and is a member of the American Rental Association and the Florida Rental Associa-

tion. He is a former officer/director for the Southeastern Rental Operators Association and a former member of the Mississippi Rental Dealers Association and the Carolinas Rental Association.

An active member of the Troy University Alumni Association Board of Directors, Pinckard is a charter member of the Elba Troy University Club and also holds memberships in the Emerald Coast and Crenshaw County alumni chapters.



## Mr. Stacy Faison

Stacy Faison’s leadership qualities were evident from an early age as he served as class president during his sophomore, junior and senior years in high school.

Faison then brought those qualities to Troy University where he served as chancellor of Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity, vice president of the Accounting Club and a Supreme Court Justice for the Student Government Association.

Faison, who earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting (1999) and a Master of Business Administration (2002) from TROY, currently serves as senior relationship manager/vice-president of private client services at Columbus Bank and Trust. He

also is a graduate of the Georgia Banking School at the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business, a licensed Georgia Insurance and Annuity Agent, a certified Greene Consulting Wealth Advisor and a graduate of Dale Carnegie Training and The Leadership Institute of Synovus.

Faison, who resides in Phenix City with his wife and fellow TROY alumnus Tracie, is an active part of the community, serving as president of Troy University’s Chattahoochee Alumni Chapter. He has served as the finance committee chair and co-chair of the Leadership and South Columbus Campaign for the Chattahoochee Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America, a board member of Uptown Under 30’s effort to revitalize Uptown Columbus and a liaison for the Columbus Bank and Trust sponsored Sam Mitchell Dream and Achieve basketball camp and Rod Hood Football Camp.

Faison is also a nominee for the Leadership Georgia 2008 program, which promotes awareness of statewide issues by bringing diverse young leaders together to learn more and discuss current matters.



## Mr. Samuel Whalum, Jr.

Whether it is in his present role as director of human resources for the Southern Poverty Law Center, his 27-year career in the U.S. Air Force or his tireless work with the Montgomery Metro Chapter of the Troy University Alumni Association, Samuel Whalum, Jr., has a proven record of both leadership and service.

Whalum earned master's degrees in human resources management (1994) and computer information science (1996) from Troy University.

In 2001, Whalum retired from the U.S. Air Force as a chief master sergeant and commandant of the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base's Gunter Annex in Montgomery. During his 27-year career in the Air Force, he served at nearly a dozen locations throughout the United States and overseas. During his career, he earned recognition as one of the Air Force's Twelve Outstanding

Airmen of the Year.

Whalum has served as co-president of the Montgomery Metro Alumni Chapter and was president of the former Troy University Montgomery Alumni Chapter. Under his leadership, the Montgomery Metro Alumni Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year and earned the coveted Chancellor's 2007 Most Outstanding Chapter Award.

Whalum is an active member of the Montgomery community, currently serving on the Montgomery City-County Library Board of Trustees and as chair of the American Red Cross of Central Alabama's Human Resources Committee. He is a past president of the Board of Directors for Leadership Montgomery and Montgomery Partners-in-Education. He also serves as a volunteer human resources advisor for the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Foundation.

Whalum and his wife, Jacqueline, have one daughter, Kenisha, and make their home in Montgomery.



## Dr. Douglas Patterson

Dr. Douglas Patterson, senior vice chancellor for administration, is this year's Honorary Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Patterson has served Troy University since 1989, first as assistant to the chancellor for special projects and later as vice chancellor for system administration. During his tenure as vice chancellor, Dr. Patterson has been instrumental in developing and coordinating the strategic planning process for the University; and, while holding the office of vice chancellor, he has simultaneously held interim positions as provost and vice president for financial affairs for the Troy Campus, as well as interim president for the Dothan Campus.

In his current capacity as senior vice chancellor for administration, Dr. Patterson directs the institution's finance and budgeting, information



technology, institutional effectiveness, television and radio, strategic planning and athletics. He was instrumental in the University's move to Division I-A athletics and his stewardship has helped to make many of the new buildings on our campuses possible.

Dr. Patterson, a native of Mobile, earned his bachelor's degree from

Alabama College, a master's degree from the University of Montevallo and a doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Dr. Patterson was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon commander for a Combat Engineer Platoon and as an intelligence officer for the First Engineer Battalion of the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam.

Dr. Patterson's professional background includes serving as a high school counselor, as the director of pre-admissions and counseling services at Jefferson State Junior College and as vice president for instruction at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

Patterson and his wife, Lise, have three children – Chris, Lauren and Natalie, who are all TROY graduates.