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Drs. Newton, Richardson inducted into Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame

MONTGOMERY—Two educators were inducted today into the Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame at Troy University in a ceremony held in the Old Archives Rooms at the State Capitol.

Dr. J. Larry Newton, former Superintendent of Baldwin County Schools, and Dr. Ed Richardson, former State Superintendent of Education and former interim President of Auburn University, became the latest members of the Hall of Fame, which is located on the Troy University Campus.

Dr. Faron Hollinger, Superintendent for Baldwin County Schools, presented Dr. Newton for induction and Dr. Joe Morton, Superintendent of Education, presented Dr. Richardson for induction. Dr. Lance Tatum, Dean of Troy University's College of Education, served as master of ceremonies for the induction ceremony. Dr. James Kimbrough, former Dean of Education at TROY who played an instrumental role in establishing the Hall of Fame, delivered the invocation.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of Troy University congratulated the honorees.

“For 120 years TROY has trained leaders for Alabama education,” Dr. Hawkins said. “This Hall of Fame symbolizes our College of Education’s respect for Alabama’s outstanding leaders in education. It also gives future generations of Alabama educators examples to emulate.”

The Hall of Fame was established in 1982, by the Troy University Board of Trustees under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Alabama. Its purpose is to recognize, by the cooperative effort of Troy University, the Alabama Association of School Boards, and the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, outstanding leaders and to establish and maintain a Hall of Fame to permanently record their achievements. To date, 35 honorees have been enshrined in the Hall of Fame, including Dr. Newton and Dr. Richardson.

A native of Butler County, Dr. Newton served as superintendent of Baldwin County Schools from 1985-98. He received his undergraduate degree from Troy University, his master’s degree from Auburn University and AA certification from the University of Alabama. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1994 by the University of Mobile. His teaching, coaching and administrative career began at Jordan Vocational High School in Columbus, GA and included service at Davidson and Vigor high schools in Mobile County. He served as deputy superintendent of the Mobile County School System from 1976-85.

Dr. Richardson served as interim President of Auburn University from 2004-2007. He was State Superintendent of Education from 1995 until 2004 and superintendent of the Auburn School System from 1982 until 1995. Dr. Richardson began his career in education as a teacher in the Montgomery School System in 1964, and was principal of Cloverdale School in Montgomery and Andalusia High School. Dr. Richardson earned his bachelor of science in education at Auburn University in 1962, his master of educational administration from Auburn in 1967 and his doctorate in education from Auburn in 1972.

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History of the Hall of Fame

The Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame was established on July 1, 1982, by the Troy University Board of Trustees under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Alabama. Its purpose is to recognize by cooperative effort of Troy University, The Alabama Association of School Boards, and the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, outstanding leaders and to establish and maintain a Hall of Fame to permanently record their achievements.

Individuals throughout Alabama are nominated for selection into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Screening Committee, composed of ten members representing various entities, reviews the nomination forms for the persons nominated and identifies those who will be presented to the Governing Board for final selection. The Governing Board is com-

posed of the Troy University Chancellor, the Executive Director of the Alabama Associate of School Boards, the Executive Director of the Council for Leaders in Alabama schools, the State Superintendent of Education, and the Dean of the College of Education at Troy University.

The first Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on April 26, 1984. A total of thirty-three individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Each inductee receives a Certificate of Induction into the Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony. In addition, a portrait of each inductee is placed in the Hall of Fame located in the College of Education on the Troy University campus in Troy, Alabama.

The HOF has not inducted anyone since 1994.

Past Inductees 1984-1994

Mr. A. C. Allen, Jr.

Dr. C. C. Baker

Mr. Carl Bottenfield

Dr. Michael Carr

Dr. Harold Collins

Gov. Charles Henderson

Mr. Ralph Higginbotham

Dr. George Howard

Dr. McDonald Hughes

Dr. Thomas Ingram

Dr. Mac Irving

Dr. W.H. "Zeke" Kimbrough

Dr. Harold Martin

Mrs. Joyce McCollum

Mrs. Evelyn McLeod

Dr. Erskine Murray

Dr. Byron B. Nelson, Sr.

Dr. Byron B. Nelson, Jr.

Mrs. Fanny Nelson

Miss Frances Nungester

Mr. Victor P. Poole

Dr. June Spooner

Dr. Vernon St. John

Mr. Ed Starnes, Jr.

Dr. James Street

Dr. Wayne Teague

Mrs. Isabelle Thomasson

Mr. John Vaughan

Mr. Louis Vines

Mrs. Maggie Walker

Mr. Bill Ward

Dr. Gene Watson

Mrs. Nellie Weil

Mr. Oscar Zeanah

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At a Glance

Character: A public, comprehensive university with its main campus in Troy, Alabama. Troy University also operates three other campuses in Alabama and more than 60 teaching sites in 16 U.S. states and 11 countries outside the United States and one U.S. territory. Founded in 1887, TROY offers 70 majors.

Enrollment: Worldwide more than 28,000 from 50 U.S. states and more than 50 nations; Top five nations sending students to TROY—China, Nepal, Japan, South Korea, and India. All international students are enrolled on the Troy Campus.

Academic structure: Organized into five colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business, Communications and Fine Arts, Education and Health and Human Services.

Academic support: Adaptive needs counselors help those students with learning disabilities, the Writing Center assists students who need help polishing their writing skills and the Natural Science Center provides tutoring in mathematics and science skills.

Faculty: 75 percent of campus professors hold the terminal degree. Most classes are taught by faculty members and not teaching assistants. For all locations in the United States, TROY has 202 full-time tenured professors, 46 on the tenure track and 203 on the non-tenured track. Augmenting the full-time faculty are 4 tenure-track part-time professors and 1,038 instructors on the non-tenured, part-time track.

Class size: 19:1 student-teacher ratio

Library: Approximately 400,000 volumes and a wide variety of resources in multiple formats, including multimedia such as CD Rom, video, audiocassettes, etc. In addition, the library offers a wide variety of web-based research tools and links.

Computer resources: Each student receives a free @troy.edu e-mail account and wireless access is available in many buildings.

Housing: Eleven residence halls offer apartments, suites and traditional-style rooms for on-campus living on the Troy Campus and commercially owned apartment complexes are located within walking distance of the campus.

Career services: On-campus job interviews, job fairs, resume services, aptitude testing and advice and counseling on choosing a major and a career path.

Athletics: Troy University fields 8 men's and 9 women's intercollegiate athletic teams. Teams compete in Division I-A, the highest level of NCAA play. Troy University's athletic teams compete in the Sun Belt Conference.

Admission: High school diploma with satisfactory grade point average and ACT/SAT scores.

Budget: For 2006-2007, TROY's total operating budget is \$183,464,186.



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Dr. Jack Hawkins, Chancellor

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., a native of Mobile, Ala., was named Chancellor of Troy University Sept. 1, 1989. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and his doctorate from the University of Alabama.

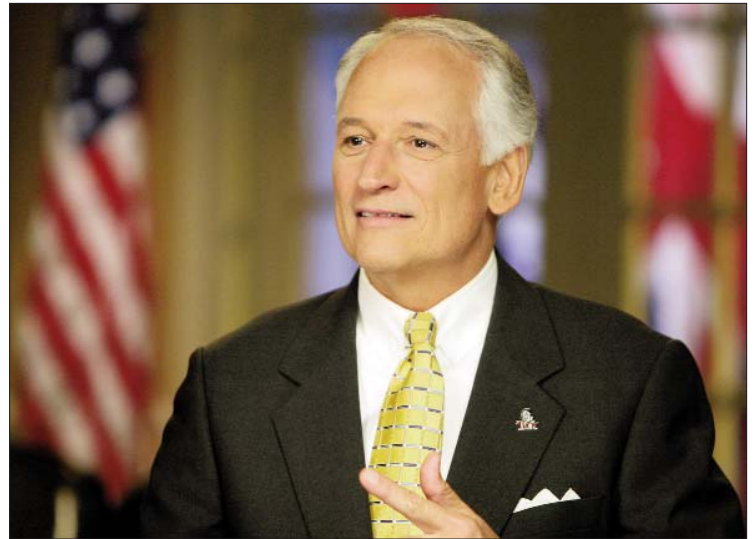
Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Hawkins was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Hawkins' platoon served with the Republic of Korea Marine Corps. For his combat duty, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a citation from the Korean Marine Corps.

Hawkins' professional background includes his service as an assistant dean at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1971-1979) and as president of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega (1979-1989).

In 1985, he was honored by the University of Montevallo as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and was the recipient of the 2003 All-American Football Foundation's "Top College President" Award. Two buildings have been named in his honor: the "Jack and Janice Hawkins Chapel" at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and the "Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor" on the campus of Troy University. The Alabama Broadcasters Association honored him with the 2007 Citizen of the Year. Also in 2007, the Troy University Board of Trustees voted to name the Jack Hawkins, Jr. College of Education Building in his honor.

Hawkins serves on the board of directors of the Business Council of Alabama, Better Business Bureau of Central Alabama, Troy Bank and Trust Company and Troy Regional Medical Center. He is chairman

of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Disabled, a member of the Air University Board of Visitors at



Maxwell Air Force Base and serves on the Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As Vice Chair of the International Committee of the Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Hawkins has made presentations on American higher education on behalf of American delegations of university presidents visiting Cuba and Morocco.

Hawkins was profiled as part of two books published in 2004: *Above and Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World* by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow and *The Entrepreneurial College President* by James L. Fisher and James V. Koch.

He served as Chairman of the Council of University Presidents in Alabama (1999-2001) and President of the Southland Football League. He has served as a trustee of Talladega College, the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation and the American Foundation for the Blind. He is a member of the Troy Rotary Club.

Dr. Hawkins' family includes his wife Janice and two daughters Katie and Kelly. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church of Troy.

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History of the Institution



Troy University's tradition of teaching excellence dates to its founding on February 26, 1887, when an act of the Alabama Legislature established State Normal School Troy as an institution to train teachers for Alabama's schools. Joseph Macon Dill was the institution's first president. In 1893, the school was renamed Troy State Normal College.

The Normal College offered extension courses for teachers and granted teaching certificates until 1929 when the State Board of Education changed the charter of the institution and renamed it Troy State Teachers College. That same year, the College moved to its present site and the first two buildings were dedicated: Shackelford Hall, named for Edward Madison Shackelford, president of the school from 1899-1936, and Bibb Graves, Alabama's "education governor." Graves is also remembered for commissioning the Olmsted Brothers architectural firm of Brookline, Massachusetts, to design the campus landscape plan.

Like many American universities, Troy State Teachers College enjoyed one of its most prosperous periods of growth in the years following World War II when returning veterans took advantage of the GI Bill. Under the presidency of Dr. C.B. Smith, the enrollment of the College more than doubled and this growth led to the introduction of degree programs in disciplines other than education, most notably in business. In 1957, the State Board of Education recognized this expanded role and dropped "Teachers" from Troy State College's name.

The decade of the 1950s also marked the University's long relationship with the United States military, as extension courses were offered on nearby bases, first at Fort Rucker, near Dothan and later at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. A separate Troy State College teaching center was established at Fort Rucker in 1961, which evolved into the modern Dothan Campus. A similar center, begun at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1965, led to the creation of the present-day Montgomery Campus. These programs were the forerunners of the modern University College division of Troy University, which operates all TROY teaching sites outside of Alabama at no cost to Alabama taxpayers.

In 1967, Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace appointed

eight members to the newly established Troy State College Board of Trustees, removing the institution from the control of the State Board of Education. One of the first acts of the new board was to recommend the change of the name to Troy State University. The new name became official on Dec. 14, 1967, following an announcement by President Ralph W. Adams.

In 1975, the Phenix City Campus was opened as a branch campus.

In 1982, the Troy State University System was formed, as the campuses in Dothan and Montgomery were granted independent accreditation status by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 2000, the Board of Trustees and Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, discussed the unification

of the Troy State University System through the process of removing independent academic accreditation of Troy State University Dothan and Troy State University Montgomery. This led to a five-year strategic plan to consolidate the campuses into one university.

The administrative leadership and the Board of Trustees decided that unification of the Troy State University System was necessary to achieve the following goals:

- improve service to students by removing barriers to academic transfer;
- implement shared academic standards, policies and procedures at all Troy University campuses;
- Promote a worldwide brand identity for Troy University.

That process was a team effort with more than 350 faculty and staff members serving on committees and work groups that have handled the detail work of unification. The official unification of the University took place Aug. 1, 2005. This date also marked the official changing of the University's name from Troy State University to Troy University. The Board of Trustees approved this name change in April 2004 to better reflect the worldwide mission of the University.

Today, Troy University serves more than 28,000 students on four campuses in Alabama and on more than 60 campuses and teaching sites in 16 U.S. states, 12 countries and one U.S. territory. More than 100,000 Troy University Alumni are located around the world.

