



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## Reaffirmation

### University receives good news on academic accreditation

Troy University officials learned Tuesday that the University has received reaffirmation of academic accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges.

The announcement was made at the 114th annual meeting of the accrediting agency held in Atlanta. Troy University was accredited initially by SACS in 1934.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. said the reaffirmation of academ-

ic accreditation validates the work of the faculty and staff. Most important, the Chancellor said, this action by the Commission on Colleges is the “final piece of the puzzle” of the unification of the University, a process that began almost a decade ago. For the first time in more than 30 years, all Troy University campuses and locations are now under one academic accreditation by SACS.

“In effect three independently accredited universities within the

then-Troy State University System—each with a separate administration and curriculum—were unified into one Troy University,” Chancellor Hawkins explained. “This was an unprecedented re-invention of a University and a dramatic example of stewardship and student service.”

Dr. Hawkins said this re-invention of Troy University will save Alabama taxpayers \$16 million over a decade. He

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## Trojans headed to GMAC Bowl in Mobile

The TROY Trojans will play in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile on Jan. 6, and the bowl bid has prompted some changes to the University’s schedule.

The Trojans officially accepted the invitation from GMAC Bowl President Jerry Silverstein and Executive Director Frank Modarelli during a press conference on Monday at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.



The Trojans (9-3) will face the Central Michigan Chippewas, champions of the Mid-American Conference, on Jan. 6 in Mobile’s Ladd-Peebles Stadium. Kickoff for the game, which will be televised nationally by ESPN, is set

for 6 p.m.

“The GMAC Bowl appearance represents a tremendous opportunity for Troy University, as we become the first team from an Alabama university to play in a Football Bowl Subdivision



GMAC Bowl President Jerry Silverstein extends the official invitation to TROY Coach Larry Blakeney during a press conference on Monday. The Trojans will face Central Michigan at 6 p.m., Jan. 6 in Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile.

bowl game in the State of Alabama,” Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., said. “This is an important event in the life of our University, so we are taking several steps to encourage attendance by students, faculty and staff.”

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# 1-2-1 Convocation

University welcomes delegation from the People's Republic of China

Troy University officials formally welcomed a delegation of university officials from the People's Republic of China Wednesday in Hawkins Hall.

The 1-2-1 Sino-American Dual Degree Program Convocation sought to recognize the partnership between TROY and some 27 active partner institutions in China. Through the program, pioneered at TROY and now used as the standard model by universities throughout the United States, Chinese students may begin studies at their home institutions, transfer to TROY for two years and return to their home institutions for a final year of study. Upon completion of the program, the students are then awarded a degree from both Troy University and their home institution.

"Troy University feels a close friendship with China and the influence of Chinese culture is prevalent on this campus," said TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr.

Currently, there are 79 students on the Troy Campus. Another 23 are in their final year at their home institutions and are expected to graduate this summer. The China commencement will mark

the 10-year anniversary of the 1-2-1 Program.

Representing the partner institutions was delegation leader Dr. Wang Yongsheng, vice president of Beijing Jiaotong University, a first-year partner in the program that has four students currently at TROY.

He challenged the students to follow the example of their classmates.

Also attending the Convocation were Qui Ping, vice president of Lanzhou University of Technology; Cai Wenhao, vice president of Lanzhou University of Finance and Economics; Wang Lianguo, dean, College of Information Science and Technology, Gansu Agricultural University; Hu Yun'An, vice president of Gansu Agricultural University; Nie Liya, dean International Exchange College, Ningbo University of Technology; Gao Hui, deputy director of the Office of International Relations, Shihazi University; Zhou Shenggui, chairman of the University Council of Shihazi University; Deng Jianhua, deputy director, China Center for International Exchange; and Wang Xiao, program manager, China Center for International Exchange.



Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., front right, welcomes official university representatives from the People's Republic of China and 1-2-1 program students Wednesday afternoon at Hawkins Hall on the Troy Campus. The delegation and students attended a special convocation.

## *Faculty/Staff Annual Fund campaign kicks off in January*

The annual Faculty and Staff kickoff campaign will be held Jan. 19-21 at the four Alabama campuses.

Annual support from faculty and staff is a vital element in Troy University's mission of maintaining a tradition of excellence in education and public service. Faculty and staff participation not only provides a concrete expression of their belief in TROY, but is also critical in generating those funds which help support faculty, staff and student special projects.

Few have been as vocal about their support of the Annual Fund as the late Dr. Don Hines, who served as dean of the Sorrell College of Business. Dr.

Hines lost his battle with cancer Aug. 26.

Bill Belcher, assistant to the dean, was fortunate enough to experience Dr. Hines both as a student and an employee.

"My time with Dr. Hines spanned 31 years starting as a very inexperienced freshman here at Troy and concluding with me working for him in the Sorrell College of Business," Belcher said. "Dr. Hines really cared about his students. He told me 'anything I did good for you, you go do for others.'"

Each contributor can earmark their funds to be used in the department of their choice such as the scholarship

fund honoring the memory of Dr. Hines.

"Service and compassion to others. Dedication to hard work and achievement. These are the values that Don Hines stood for and the Don C. Hines Memorial Scholarship fund will commemorate," Belcher said. "If the scholarship fund can help create new citizens in the tradition of Don C. Hines, then the fund shall provide treasure to the world."

Kickoff receptions will be held on each campus during the month of January. For further information, contact Bronda Barron, director of annual giving, at 334-670-5843 or by e-mail at [brondab@troy.edu](mailto:brondab@troy.edu).



**C-SPAN Bus visits Museum** – The C-SPAN Civics Bus visited Troy University’s Rosa Parks Museum on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to mark the 54th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ refusal to give up her seat on the bus. The C-SPAN Civics Bus is a mobile education center that travels around the country visiting high schools, universities, civics clubs, libraries and museums to inform the public about C-SPAN’s unique public affairs programming. Museum visitors as well as TROY students, staff and faculty were able to tour the bus to learn more about C-SPAN’s coverage of events, resources and internship opportunities.

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added, however, the most important dimension of this move, is the establishment of one curriculum which will allow the student an opportunity to enroll with Troy University in one part of the world, finish in another and earn a Troy University degree without the loss of academic credit.

The announcement is the culmination of a process of self-examination and peer review that involved more than 350 faculty and staff members of Troy University. Beginning in January, visiting teams composed of administrators and faculty members from other universities visited all Troy University campuses in Alabama and selected TROY locations worldwide.

“I believe in the accreditation process and Troy University is a better institution because of SACS,” Dr. Hawkins said. “But a process is only as good as your people and we have an outstanding team at Troy University. This news today reflects the hard work and dedication of many throughout the University.”

## Bowl

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Those steps include:

- The beginning of classes for the spring term at the Troy Campus will be delayed two days until Friday, Jan. 8. All other Troy Campus dates associated with the spring term, such as drop/add dates and payment dates, remain unchanged.
  - On Jan. 6, classes will be cancelled at the campuses at Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, plus the Global Campus locations in Georgia and Florida.
  - All TROY locations will remain open on Jan. 6-7, but any staff member wishing to attend the game will be granted administrative leave, pending supervisor approval, for Wednesday, Jan. 6.
- Chancellor Hawkins stressed the importance of purchasing tickets

through the University.

“You will save \$5 per ticket off the GMAC Bowl price of \$45, and more important, the only way the University recoups its expenses is through ticket sales,” Dr. Hawkins said. “We do not get credit for tickets purchased by Trojan fans directly from the GMAC Bowl or through a third-party online service. In addition, our ticket sales will have a direct effect on future bowl games, as the more tickets we sell, the more attractive we are to bowl organizers.”

Faculty and staff have three ways to purchase tickets:

- Go online to [www.TroyTrojans.com](http://www.TroyTrojans.com) and follow the link to purchase your tickets directly. Online ticket orders can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Call the TROY Athletics Ticket Office at 877-878-9467 to place an order for tickets.

- Come to the TROY Athletics Ticket Office, located in the Davis Field House, in person and purchase tickets. The TROY Athletic Ticket Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, leading up to bowl week.

Trojan Quarterback Levi Brown, who has been named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, encouraged fans to make the short trip to Mobile to cheer on the team.

“We’re hoping our fans will come out and fill our side up,” Brown said. “Hopefully they will be loud and cheer us on. I have heard that we have already sold a lot of tickets.”

# Professional development

Dothan Campus College of Education to offer training to school administrators

The College of Education at Troy University's Dothan Campus is providing professional development on collaborative teaching for Wiregrass-area school administrators thanks to a grant from the Alabama Department of Education.

Local middle school and high school principals have taken part in two training sessions at the Dothan Campus this year, on July 21 and on Nov. 4. A third session is scheduled for January and the training will be ongoing through the next year.

The Dothan Campus was awarded the state education grant in May.

The training sessions aim to familiarize school leaders with collaborative, or co-teaching, models for educating students with disabilities in inclusive classrooms. In an inclusive classroom, students with

disabilities are taught alongside their peers in a regular classroom setting.

Several local schools are already using co-teaching approaches in inclusive classrooms, said Dr. Victoria Morin, College of Education professor.

"At Girard Elementary School and Hidden Lake Elementary School, special education teachers regularly co-plan and co-teach with general education teachers to meet the needs of all learners in inclusive classrooms," Morin said. "Beverly Middle School and Northview High School teachers also are collaborating to help students meet the unique curriculum demands at the secondary level."

The training provided at the Dothan Campus will prepare the principals to support teachers who want to employ a collaborative teaching model in their

classrooms, said Dr. Robin Bynum, Associate Dean of the College of Education.

"School administrators can provide the necessary logistical support for co-teaching if they understand how to allocate resources and create schedules that allow teachers time to plan, implement and reflect on their instruction," Bynum said.

"To effectively support teachers using co-teaching models in their classrooms, administrators need to be aware of the various approaches to co-teaching, and administrators can be instrumental in creating collaborative environments and providing critical support to teachers who are motivated to experiment with different co-teaching approaches," Morin said.

## *Sponsored Programs honors nursing faculty members*

Five members of Troy University's nursing faculty were honored during the annual Sponsored Programs Luncheon with the first-ever Chancellor Award of Distinction for Sponsored Program Success.

The award is given to celebrate and inspire excellence in sponsored program proposal success. Nominees are selected by a 5-person committee and presented to the Director of Sponsored Programs and the Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Affairs for final selection and approval. The recipients are presented with a cash prize and an engraved award.

The faculty members – Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of the School of Nursing; Cathy Dunn; Judy Bazzell; Teresa Johnson; and Glenda Avery – were honored for their work with the Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program.

The Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program has three main goals: to demonstrate the benefit of a school-based comprehensive wellness model for elementary children in rural areas; to change health behaviors of elementary children to more wellness focus; and to continue and increase collaboration of the community to ensure wellness promotion in schools and communities.

"Service to others is at the heart of what we do at Troy University," Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. said. "The first winners of this award are to be commended for taking on

a project designed to help an under-served area of our state."

A record 179 faculty/staff members wrote grants this year, totaling \$45 million.



From left to right, are: Dr. Bernita Hamilton; Cathy Dunn; Judy Bazzell; Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.; Judy Fulmer, director of sponsored programs; Teresa Johnson; and Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for advancement. Hamilton, Dunn, Bazzell, Johnson and Glenda Avery (not pictured) were awarded the first-ever Chancellor Award of Distinction for Sponsored Program Success for their work with the Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program.

# Initiative and Integrity

## eCampus Enrollment Coordinator White wins McKinley Award for November

**K**ristin White, an enrollment coordinator for Troy University's eCampus, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for November.

White, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2007 and works from the University's Fort Walton Beach Site, received the award during a ceremony on Nov. 24 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Jim Bookout, senior vice chancellor for finance and business affairs, presented the award to White, who was nominated by Olivia L. Britton, associate director of eCampus.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the University's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Britton commended White for her work ethic and her fair treatment of others.

"Kristin has excelled in every challenge faced," Britton said. "She shows integrity by treating everyone she meets equally and fairly. Kristin shows her initiative in making changes where needed so our office can keep up with our ever-growing student population. When Kristin sees a possible problem area, she is able to assess it and be proactive with a solution."

White is an alumnus of TROY, holding a bachelor's degree in human services/criminal justice and a master's degree in counseling and human development.

Joined at the ceremony by members of her family, White



**Jim Bookout, senior vice chancellor for finance and business affairs of Troy University, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for November to Kristin White during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus on Tuesday. White, who serves as an enrollment coordinator with the University's eCampus, was nominated by Olivia L. Britton, associate director of eCampus, and Leilani Evans (left), academic advisor for eCampus.**

said she was humbled to receive the award.

"I love Troy University and the work I do," White said. "I work with great people and I truly enjoy working with the students. I just feel very honored and humbled to receive this award."



**Reward Callers – Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Affairs Jim Bookout (left) congratulates winners of the Reward Caller Awards for the month of November during a ceremony on Nov. 24 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Winners, from left to right, are: Amber Spradley, cheerleading coach, and Dr. Scott Nokes, assistant professor in the English Department. Winners not pictured were Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement and leadership, and Mike Adams, technician in the Broadcast and Digital Network Department on the Montgomery Campus. Winners of the monthly award, which recognizes the use of courtesy and proper telephone etiquette, receive \$25.**

TROY PEOPLE

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Anthony Rhee**, associate dean of the Sorrell College of Business, Montgomery Campus, has given a speech titled, "American Education: My View," to the administrators at Woosong University and Solbridge International School of Business, in Daejeon, South Korea. While he was visiting Solbridge International School of Business, he also gave a speech titled, "Location Decision Factors for Multinational Companies," to graduate students at Solbridge International School of Business.

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**Dr. Harry Griffin** of the Sorrell College of Business, Montgomery Campus, had his paper titled, "Coming of Age: Sonic Restaurants," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Finance Case Research*. The paper will be published in late February or March.

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**Dr. Rodger Morrison** of the Sorrell College of Business, Montgomery Campus, has been admitted into the 2009-2010 edition of the *Cambridge Who's Who* among Executives, Professionals, and Entrepreneurs.

In addition, Dr. Morrison's paper titled, "Empathy from Avatars: Propositions for improving trust development in pseudo-social relationships with avatars," has been accepted for publication in the *European Journal of Social Science*.

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**Dr. Jeffrey Goltz**, adjunct professor in the Master of Public Administration program at the Orlando Site, recently had a book published. The book titled *Confirmatory Analysis of Police Organizational Performance: Analysis of the Relationship of the Environment to Design Structure and Performance*, explains the development of confirmatory police organizational analysis by validating a multi-dimensional framework.

Additionally, his article titled "A case study of the effects of the service population on crime and the officer ratio in Orlando, Florida" was recently published in the *International Journal of Public Policy*.

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**Dr. Stephen Cooper**, professor of English, and **Janette Cooper**, adjunct instructor of political science, both presented papers at the 44th Annual Western Literature Association Conference held in Spearfish, SD, Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

Dr. Cooper's paper was entitled "The Cold War Western: The Case of E. L. Doctorow's *Welcome to Hard Times*." Ms. Cooper's paper was entitled "'Carrying the Fire': Political Realism and Liberalism in Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*."

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**Dr. Jim Vickrey**, professor of speech communication, Montgomery Campus, was elected president of the Ala-

bama Citizens for Constitutional Reform Foundation (ACCRF) Board on Nov. 20. ACCRF is one of the two primary bodies working for reform of the State Constitution of 1901.

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**Dr. Alan D. Campbell**, associate professor of accounting, Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, gave a presentation called "High Net Worth Individuals/Passive Losses" at the Florida Institute on Federal Taxation Conference sponsored by the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Orlando, Florida, on Nov. 13.

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**Dr. Ed Kamnikar** of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, had his paper titled, "A Descriptive Case Study of the Greene County, Alabama Bankruptcy," published in the *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, Vol. 21, No. 3, Fall 2009.

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**Jo Anne Bryant**, adjunct professor of English on the Montgomery Campus, was a featured speaker at the Nov. 3-5 Alabama Reading Association fall conference in Birmingham.

Bryant also attended the Nov. 3 ARA Executive Board meeting and the Nov. 3 ARA Board of Directors meeting.

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The Troy University Concert Chorale, under the direction of **Dr. Diane Orlofsky**, performed at the Alabama ACDA 7th annual Collegiate Chorale Festival on Nov. 12, in Birmingham.

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**Ginger Zingara**, lecturer in the John M. Long School of Music, to speak at two seminars at the Women Band Directors International Summer Conference in Red Deer and Banff, Canada in June.

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On Nov. 6, **Dr. Vitaly Voloshin**, professor of mathematics, had research talk at the colloquium of Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. The title of the talk was: "Graph Coloring: history, algorithms, generalizations and open problems."

After the talk, Dr. Voloshin has also presented his two textbooks: "Introduction to Graph Theory" and "Introduction to Graph and Hypergraph Theory".

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On Oct. 30, **Ben P. Robertson**, associate professor of English, presented his paper entitled "How Not to Depend Upon Others: Private Communities in the *Inchbald Diaries*" at the *Lives in Relation* Conference held in Lincoln, England.

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## Larry Percy garners state's top art educator award

Troy University associate professor Larry Percy has been recognized as Alabama's 2009 Art Educator of the Year by the Alabama Art Education Association.

Percy received the award earlier this month at the association's conference in Florence.

"The thing that has impressed me about Larry is that he has consistently stayed involved in public schools even though he's in higher education," said Art and Design Department Chairman Jerry Johnson. "He is highly respected in the state and everywhere I go, teachers know Larry Percy."

Prior to coming to Troy in 2001, Percy spent 16 years teaching art in public schools in Kansas and Oklahoma. He received his master's degree in fine arts from the University of Kansas and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

In addition to being honored as Alabama's top art educator, Percy was recognized for his service to the organization in serving for six years on the AAEA Board of Directors, two years as secretary on the executive board.

Percy was awarded the AAEA's Higher Education division Educator of the Year in 2005 and the Marion Quinn Dix Leadership Award in 2006. While at the conference, Percy moderated a round table discussion designed for pre-service



Art and design Professor Larry Percy (right) with blind painter and artist Ricky Trione from Fairhope, show off Trione's clay pot made while attending Percy's clay workshop "Not Your Kindergartener's Pinch Pots" at the Alabama Art Education Association's meeting.

and first year art educators in Alabama and presented a workshop session titled "Not Your Kindergartener's Pinch Pots."

"The 2009 Alabama Art Education Association Art Educator of the Year goes to a teacher, who in the eyes of his peers, is a truly passionate practitioner of the arts and wholly supports arts in education on many levels," said Julie Day, the Association's Awards Committee chairperson. "While he is a very accomplished artist, one of his great strengths is his ability to identify potential art educators and give them the nurturing encouragement that is essential in training our future teachers."

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On Nov. 16, **Patricia Waters**, assistant professor of English, presented "Jim Crow and Slavery by Another Name: The Debate between Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois Made New."

Waters discussed the ways that slavery continued well after emancipation. Her talk was the 13th English Department Forum on Language and Literature organized by **Katona D. Hargrave** and **Ben P. Robertson**.

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On Oct. 21, **Vonda Garrett**, adjunct faculty member in the English Department, presented "Memoirs as Personal History," for the 12th English Department Forum on Language and Literature. The forums are organized by **Katona Hargrave** and **Ben Robertson**.

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**Dr. Karena T. Valkyrie**, **Dr. Mary Anne Templeton**, and **Dr. Pamela**

**Manners** of the Department of Counseling and Psychology, presented with undergraduate psychology students Holly Martin and Brianne Curl two posters at the recent Alabama Counseling Association's annual conference in Birmingham, Nov. 18-20.

The title of Miss Martin's poster, which presents the literature review and foundation for her upcoming research, was "The influence of early childhood family interaction in later development of academic dishonesty."

The title of Miss Curl's poster that also presents the literature review and foundation for her research was "Life satisfaction: The role of attachment style in the transition to assisted living."

At that same conference, Elizabeth Hancock, M.S., former graduate student, and Drs. Templeton and Valkyrie presented a content session entitled "Women with disabilities:

Social implications at that same conference."

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**Dr. Karena T. Valkyrie** and 2008 TROY graduate Ashley McNeil Ezell (art major, psychology minor) will have their manuscript, "Dating violence: College students' experiences and intervention suggestions," published in the spring 2010 issue of *Modern Psychological Studies* (University of Tennessee Chattanooga).

Dr. Valkyrie was also recently invited to present a workshop at the Alabama Staff Development Council, a Division of the National Staff Development Council, at their Annual Conference in Birmingham, AL. Her presentation was entitled "Let's talk about self-handicapping: Understanding the phenomenon and talking about solutions" is a workshop developed to help K-12 teachers understand academic handicapping motivational issues experienced by some students.

## Timeless hits

Martha Reeves & The Vandellas to perform at Davis Theatre Dec. 11

**M**otown legends Martha Reeves & The Vandellas will perform their timeless hits at Troy University's Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts on Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the performance are on sale now. Single tickets range in price from \$20 to \$45.

Martha Reeves and the Vandellas was one of the most successful groups on the Motown Records label during the 60s, charting 24 hits including such smashes as "Heat-

wave," "Jimmy Mack," "Nowhere to Run" and "Dancing in the Streets."

Although raised in Detroit, Mich., Reeves was born in Eufaula, Ala., and is an Alabama Music Hall of Fame inductee.

For more information regarding ticket availability, call the theatre at (334) 241-9567. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

The Martha Reeves & The Vandellas performance is sponsored by

Nobles and SMI Advertising.

Upcoming performances at the Davis Theatre include comedian Aaron Wilburn on Jan. 22 and "The Wedding Singer" on Feb. 4. For a complete list of shows, visit the Davis Theatre online—go to [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) and click on "Community Involvement."

The Davis Theatre is located in downtown Montgomery at 251 Montgomery Street, and all shows have a 7 p.m. curtain time.

## Commencement ceremonies set for Alabama campuses

Troy University will hold commencement ceremonies in the coming days on its Troy, Dothan and Montgomery campuses.

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11 on the Troy Campus, Sunday, Dec. 13 in Dothan, Tuesday, Dec. 15 in Montgomery and Thursday, Dec. 17 in Phenix City.

Trojan Head Football Coach Larry Blakeney will deliver the commencement address on the Troy Campus. The ceremony is set for 10:30 a.m. in Sartain Hall.

Blakeney, in his 19th season as head coach at TROY, will speak before about 500 graduates representing 15 states and 17 nations.

A 1970 graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Coach Blakeney was a three-year letterman at quarterback for Auburn's legendary Ralph "Shug" Jordan from 1966 until 1969. He earned his master's degree in education from the University of Montevallo in 1976.

Major General James O. Barclay III, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center for Excellence and Fort Rucker, will deliver the keynote address to graduates on the Dothan

### Commencement schedule

- Troy Campus, 10:30 a.m., Dec. 11, Sartain Hall
- Dothan Campus, 3 p.m., Dec. 13, Dothan Civic Center
- Montgomery Campus, 7 p.m., Dec. 15, Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts
- Phenix City Campus, 7 p.m. EST, Dec. 17, Columbus Civic Center

Campus during the fall commencement ceremony at the Dothan Civic Center on Sunday.

More than 240 graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred during the ceremony.

Major General Barclay has served in various aviation and infantry units, and has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade levels, with service in Operations Provide Comfort in Iraq, Uphold Democracy in Haiti and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

His past assignments include Director of the Joint Center for Operational Analysis (JCOA), United States Joint Forces Command and the 1st Infantry

Division as the Deputy Commanding General (maneuver).

Dr. James F. Vickrey, a Troy University professor and former president of the University of Montevallo, will address graduates on the Montgomery Campus during the fall commencement ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

More than 170 graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred during the ceremony which starts at 7 p.m. inside the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Dr. Vickrey has been a professor of speech communication at TROY since 1991. Before coming to TROY, he served as a professor and president of the University of Montevallo from 1980 to 1987.

Dr. Vickrey is a graduate of Auburn University. He earned his doctorate in rhetoric and public address from Florida State University in 1972. In 1990, he was awarded a law degree from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law.

More than 250 degrees will be conferred during Phenix City Campus Commencement ceremonies at 7 p.m. (EST), Dec. 17 at the Columbus Civic Center.

Kathelen Amos, president of the Aflac Foundation, will deliver the keynote address.