



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Historic moment

University launches first class of Doctor of Nursing Practice students

Troy University's first doctoral class officially began its journey toward a terminal degree today with an orientation and registration session on the Montgomery Campus.

Fifteen Doctor of Nursing Practice candidates met for what could possibly be the last time before their graduation in two years, as the coursework for the DNP program will be offered completely on-line.

"When future historians write the history of Troy University, today will be added to the milestone years," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor, speaking before the students, School of Nursing faculty and University officials.

"The first doctoral program for Troy University is the realization of a long-held dream by the Board of Trustees, our faculty and our alumni," he said. "It opens the door to a new level of service to our students and to our state and it paves the ways for other doctoral programs to follow."

Dr. Hawkins credited the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for its "great vision" in allowing the creation of the University's first doctoral program on Dec. 7, 2007.

In 2008, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the region's agency on accreditation,



Members of the first group of students to be admitted into the Doctor of Nursing Practice program listen as Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. delivers an address. The DNP students gathered for orientation at the Montgomery Campus on Wednesday.

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Board of Trustees approves \$63 million bond

Troy University trustees on Friday voted to issue \$63 million in bonds for the construction of a new multi-purpose arena, a dining facility and a student housing project.

The unanimous vote clears the way for the new bond issue that has achieved an A1 rating by Moody's Investor Services, and will become the first University-let bond that will be first offered to faculty, staff and alumni

before being offered to institutional investors.

"The strong Moody's rating means that we have maintained our financial position amid the current credit crisis and is reflective of the conservative stewardship of the University," said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. "It's a testament to the board of trustees' leadership and planning."

In addition to the new con-

struction, the bond issue will also refund the 2002 series variable-rate bond, effectively decreasing the amount the University pays in interest and stand-by purchase costs to the bond trustee, said Mr. Jim Bookout, senior vice chancellor for finance and business affairs.

"This bond is unique in several different ways. For one, private investors – faculty, staff

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Princeton Review

TROY makes 'Best in the Southeast' list for fifth straight year

Troy University has been named among the best in the southeastern United States by The Princeton Review.

The designation marks the fifth year in a row TROY has been named to the list that includes only 640 colleges and universities nationwide and 141 colleges and university in the Southeast.

"This distinction underscores our philosophy at TROY that the most important thing we do is serve our students," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., the University's chancellor.

The inclusion is the result of a survey that asks students to rate their schools on several topics and report on their experiences. Topics include: academics/administration, life at the school, their fellow students, and themselves.

Surveys are conducted on campuses and via the Princeton Review website at which students have the option of completing a secure survey online.

The 141 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. The Princeton Review also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 123 in the West, and 158 in the Midwest as best in their locales on the company's 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region section on its site. The 640 colleges named "regional best" represent only about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

Faculty/Staff Convocation set for August 7

The 2009 Faculty/Staff Convocation is set for 10 a.m. (CDT), Friday, Aug. 7, in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

A reception will precede the convocation at 9 a.m. in the lobby of Hawkins Hall.

This year's convocation will be streamed live via the University's Web site. A link will be available on the University home page (www.troy.edu) on the day of the event.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. will deliver his State of the University address during the convocation.

The Wallace D. Malone Distinguished Faculty Award will also be presented. Designed to recognize those who have exhibited excellence through outstanding teaching, public service, publications and research, the Malone Award is presented annually to a full-time TROY faculty member. Recipients are first nominated by their deans, department chairs or their peers, and then selected by an award committee for the honor.

The award is made possible through a \$100,000 endowment by the SouthTrust Corp. Wallace Malone, former chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of SouthTrust, served as a TROY trustee from 1975-1995.

Division and college meetings are scheduled for the afternoon. In addition, an open house will be held immediately following the convocation until 4:30 p.m. at the new Foundation Office, located at 1120 U.S. 231.



Visiting delegation – A delegation of university presidents visited Troy University on July 14 to explore avenues of cooperation. Five presidents and two staffers of the Association of International Universities, the organization sponsoring the trip to the United States, visited with TROY officials to discuss possible partnerships, but no formal agreements were finalized at the meeting. Visiting TROY were: Dr.Şerif Ali TEKALAN, President, Association of International Universities; Dr.Ahmet Çetin CAN, President, International Black Sea University, Georgia; Dr.Erol ORAL, President, Ataturk Alattoo University, Kirgizstan; Dr.Muhammet AKDİŞ, President, Suleyman Demirel University, Kazakhstan; Dr.Ahmet SANIÇ, President, Qafqaz University, Azerbaijan; Dr. Zeki PEKTAŞ, President, Turkmen Turk University, Turkmenistan; Dr. Mehmet Ali EROĞLU, Coordinator, Association of International Universities.

A premier degree

Master of Public Administration program granted accreditation by NASPAA

Troy University's Master of Public Administration degree program has joined the ranks of the premier schools in the nation.

The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration has granted accreditation to the program, reflecting that TROY has met the organization's standards.

"This clearly places Troy University in the first tier of premier schools in the United States in the study of public policy and public management," said Dr. James Rinehart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of international relations.

NASPAA accreditation symbolizes

excellence in the education and training of those individuals who seek careers in the public sector. It promotes academic study and career opportunities in public affairs, public policy, public administration, and public management.

"We are proud that we have met their rigorous program standards and are honored to be included among their accredited schools of public affairs," Dr. Rinehart said.

The accreditation represents the culmination of almost 10 years of work by Dr. Rinehart, who formerly served as chairman of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Ellen Rosell, who serves as director of TROY's MPA pro-

gram, said Dr. Ed Roach, Provost.

"Dr. Rosell, Dr. Rinehart and the faculty are to be commended for this excellent work," he said.

Citing both faculty and institutional support, the NASPAA accreditation report stated, in part: "Clearly the MPA program [at Troy] takes very seriously its mission of developing professional competency and leadership in individuals working in the public and nonprofit sectors. It utilizes a wide network of physical campuses plus eCampus to bring the instruction to the students and offers courses at times (nights and weekends) that maximize the convenience for those in the workforce."

ASN faculty take part in recent health fair

Troy University associate nursing faculty members, along with a group of student volunteers, recently teamed up with the Autauga County Cooperative Extension Service to offer a community health fair.

ASN faculty members Dr. Tracey Hodges, Marilyn McBride and Mary Grace Crawford led a team of nine student volunteers in offering a variety of health assessments, including blood pressure screenings and Body Mass Index calculations. The TROY volunteers also provided helpful information concerning proper hygiene.

The theme of the health fair, which was held at Daniel Pratt Elementary School in Prattville, was "Linking Partners to Address Diabetes and Obesity."

Nursing students participating were: Brandy Payton, Susan Armstrong, Sandy Pingry, Robyn Proper, Jennifer Plott, Diane Teal, Jennifer Brown, Tracie Mickler and D'Lisa Harris.



Familiar statue – The bronze statue of Rosa Parks located at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery now has a twin sitting in a new bus facility in downtown Dallas, TX. The second casting of the Parks statue is the centerpiece of the Rosa Parks Plaza, dedicated by Dallas Area Rapid Transit during a ceremony on June 29. The statues are the work of San Francisco-based sculptor Erik Blome. Pictured left to right are: Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Tom Baker, chairman of the Dallas Parks & Recreation Board; John Crawford, president of DOWNTOWNDallas; Dr. Wright Lassiter, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District; Randall Chrisman, chair of the DART Board of Directors, and Gary Thomas, DART president/executive director. (Photo courtesy DART)



Pictured, left to right, are: Montgomery Assistant Police Chief Kevin Murphy, Police Chief Art Baylor, Marilyn Cook, Terri Picarro and Jim Labaza.

TROY staff members conduct training for Montgomery Police

Three staff members in the records office at Troy University's Montgomery Campus recently led a professional leadership course for the Montgomery Police Department's police supervisors.

Marilyn Cook, Jim Labaza and Terri Picarro taught similar leadership development courses together while they were in the U.S. Air Force stationed at the USAF Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell/Gunter Air Force Base. They also volunteered their personal time to teach these courses for the Police Academy and the Fire Department while in the Air Force.

On June 8 through June 12, the three re-teamed to lead MPD supervisors through a 20-hour course covering effective communication, strategic leadership and team building among other topics.

"This is just something that we love to do," Cook said. She said the three may teach another class for the MPD in the fall.

Montgomery Campus Vice Chancellor Ray White said it is nice to see that Cook, Labaza and Picarro continued their spirit of "community service" when they transferred from military to civilian education.

"They were outstanding military leaders when I served with them at the USAF Senior NCO Academy and they continue to demonstrate that outstanding leadership at TROY," White said.

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TROY to offer as many as three doctoral programs.

The University first offered graduate program in 1958, and, in 2008, the School of Nursing celebrated its 25th anniversary of the Master of Science in Nursing degree program. TROY has awarded more graduate degrees than any other institution in the state.

Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of the School of Nursing, said that by offering the DNP, the level of healthcare – particularly in rural areas – will be greatly enhanced.

"Certainly in central and south Alabama, there is a critical need for doctoral-level nursing, both for nurse educators and for practitioners, and this program will ultimately benefit those patients who need and deserve highly-skilled care," she said. "Doctoral

nurses work of the cusp of the field and provide leadership in research and new methods in nursing."

Students agree with the notion that the doctoral degree will allow them to ultimately provide better care to the patients.

"It will allow me not only to teach better, but be a better practitioner," said Kelli Cleveland, of Troy, who also teaches in the University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. "For me, the ability to innovate and contribute to the field also lets me better serve the needs in our area."



Dr. Damon Andrew, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, holds up a commendation from Alabama Gov. Bob Riley recognizing Troy University for launching its first doctoral program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Bond

Continued from Page 1 and alumni – will have the opportunity to purchase these bonds before institutional investors," he said. "These bonds will pay semi-annual interest and they're reasonably safe for people looking to invest money during these challenging economic times."

The new issue will also help the University free up some cash that would normally be set aside as collateral for

the loan, such as a debt reserve fund.

The multi-purpose arena is expected to seat between 5,000–6,000 spectators in a basketball setting with additional floor seating for major University events such as commencements, convocations and other large-scale events. That structure may also include a student recreation facility.

The new dining hall will include seating for about 1,000 students and

include about 40,000 square feet. The existing Stewart Dining Hall, by contrast, seats only about 400 students at a time.

The University's Fraternity Village will replace outdated structures along Pell Avenue to house TROY's growing men's Greek organizations. As part of the project, each fraternity must lease new facilities from the University.

'Trojan warrior'

Derrick Brewster wins University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for July

Derrick Brewster, director of Troy University's Trojan Student Center on the Troy Campus, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for July.

Brewster, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2000, received the award during a ceremony on Tuesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Brewster, who was nominated by Herbert Reeves, dean of student services.

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, Reeves called Brewster a true "Trojan warrior."

"Derrick has proven to be a tremendous employee and leader within the Student Services area," Reeves said. "He has served in several capacities since his employment with the University to include coordinator of intramural sports, coordinator of student involvement and Trojan Center director. Derrick leads by example and challenges all those he works with to do their best at all times. He has the best interest of the students he works with in mind at all times. He has a true passion for working with students and improving their lives while at the University."



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for July to TROY alumnus Derrick Brewster (center) during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus on Tuesday. Brewster, who serves as director of the Trojan Center on the Troy Campus, was nominated by Herb Reeves (left), dean of student services.

Reeves said Brewster is a dedicated employee.

"Derrick goes above and beyond in all the tasks he is responsible for and those assigned to him," Reeves said. "He goes about the job regardless of the circumstances and never seeks special attention or praise for what is expected of him."

Brewster, a TROY alumnus, said he was honored to receive the award and thanked Reeves for the nomination and his staff for their hard work.

TROY PEOPLE



Reward Callers – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., congratulates winners of the Reward Caller Awards for July. Pictured, from left to right, are: Carrie Park, Tyn-dall AFB, Florida; Karoline Uphaus, Troy Global Campus; Carrie Manning, International Programs; and, Dr. Hawkins. Not pictured is Rhonda Goforth of Purchasing. The award is given monthly to honor proper use of phone etiquette and courtesy. Winners receive \$25.

Contemporary art

Troy University professors to have work featured in new exhibition

Three Troy University Department of Art and Design faculty members are among 41 Alabama artists showing their work in the exhibition, "Celebrating Contemporary Art in Alabama: The Nature of Being Southern" at the Johnson Center for the Arts in Downtown Troy.

Larry Percy, associate professor of art and design, Russell Everett, lecturer in art and design, and Duane Paxson, sculptor and adjunct professor of art, will have works in the exhibition. In addition, the exhibition's e-book catalogue was designed by Art and Design Department Chairman Jerry Johnson, said Richard Metzler, director of The Johnson Center.

The exhibition, which runs Aug. 14 – Nov. 8, consists of painting, sculpture, glass, printmaking, photography, handcrafted furniture, ceramics, quilts, video and assemblage/installation by recipients of Artist Fellowships awarded by ASCA.

The Fellowships are awarded once a year in the amount of \$5,000 to selected artists working in crafts, dance, design, media/photography, music, literature, theatre and visual arts. One Fellowship is also awarded in arts administration. Visual Arts and Crafts Fellowships are based on merit of work, career achievements, career potential and service to the state. Quality of work and the professional-

ism of the artist are criteria considered when awarding these highly competitive fellowships.

In addition to the works exhibited by the Alabama artists, several former Alabama artists, now residing in Florida, South Carolina and Missouri, will fill the Johnson Center for the Arts.

A reception will be conducted from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at The Johnson Center, located at 300 East Walnut St. in downtown Troy.

The exhibition is made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Professor, alumnus complete Elizabeth I manuscript project

A Troy University faculty member and a TROY alumnus have collaborated to compile a translation of a famous Latin philosophical work by a famous English queen.

Dr. Harold Kaylor, Professor of English at Troy University, worked with Dr. Phil Phillips of Middle Tennessee State University on the project entitled "The Consolation of Queen Elizabeth I: The Queen's Translation of Boethius' De Consolatione Philosophie."

Quan Manh Ha, who earned a master's degree in English education from TROY in 2003, wrote the introduction to the work, which was published this month by the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and Arizona State University Press.

Dr. Kaylor serves as director and Dr. Phillips serves as secretary of the International Boethius Society, dedicated to the study of the Roman philosopher and statesman, housed on the TROY and MTSU

Thank-you notes

Many thanks to the University for the large peace lily that was sent for my mother's memorial. My mother's name was Willie Jewel Eiland Jones, age 84.

It means something to be remembered by one's place of employment. Thanks for the cards, well wishes and prayers also.

M. Jean Jones

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Thank you Troy University colleagues, College of Education faculty and staff for your kindness and support during the recent loss of my mother.

Dianne Gossett
Associate Dean,
College of Education
Troy Campus

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Dear Troy University Faculty and Staff,

On behalf of our family, thank you for your calls, cards, emails, flowers, memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, and prayers during our father's illness

and recent death. Your outpouring of kind words, thoughtful acts, and gracious prayers continue to bless us daily.

The English poet Joseph Addison once said, "Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery by doubling our joy, and dividing our grief." Thank you for "dividing our grief" and helping us through this difficult time.

With much love and appreciation,
Candice Howard-Shaughnessy and Abbie Howard

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Your kindness and concern have meant so very much and will always be remembered. The plant was beautiful.

The family of Kenneth L. Jackson

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Troy University Family,
Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown during the sudden death of my mother.

Mary J. Griffin

Activities & achievements

Drs. Carol Lewis and Lamon Small, Counseling and Psychology faculty from the Pensacola Site, recently appeared on WEAR television's "Dayside Show."

The two were interviewed by anchor Sue Straughn concerning the recent CACREP accreditation of the clinical mental health counseling programs at five sites in Florida. Straughn asked about the specialized accreditation and the impact it would have on mental health counseling professionals in the area.

Dr. Lewis chaired the self study process for Florida and is continuing to chair the specialized accreditation for counseling and psychology clinical mental health counseling programs for Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Panama City, Orlando and Tampa.

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Bill Glisson was recently selected as the associate director for operations for the University's Southeast Region. Glisson had been filling the position on an interim for six months, while also performing his primary duties as site director at Ft. Benning.

Glisson's primary responsibility will remain as the Ft Benning director until a new director is selected.

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Jim Adams, lecturer in the Hall School of Journalism and Communication; **Annette M. Allen**, chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences on the Montgomery Campus, and "The Students for a Sustainable Troy University" completed a research study in spring 2009 entitled, "An Updated and Comparative Study of Student Attitudes Relating to Campus Sustainability."

The study involved an experiment via an application of the Deliberative Polling (DP) Method developed by the Deliberative Polling Institute at Stanford University.

The research was presented at the seventh annual American Democracy Project National Meeting in Baltimore, MD in June 2009.

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Dr. Alan D. Campbell, associate professor of accounting, Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, gave a presentation entitled "Tax Aspects of Social Security Benefits" at the Florida Accounting and Business Expo (FABExpo) in Kissimmee, FL, on May 27. He also served as a track administrator for three tax tracks at the FABExpo on May 28-29.

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An interactive panel discussion: "The Times They Are A'Changing," developed by **Drs. Diane Bandow** of the Atlanta Site, **Tish Matuszek** and **Dennis Self** of the Montgomery Campus, and **Karen Smola**, TROY adjunct faculty member, has been accepted for presentation at the annual Southern Management Association conference to be held in November. The panel discussion involves the impact on colleges of business resulting from the changes in expectations of performance by various accrediting bodies, such as SACS, AACSB, and

ACBSP.

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Dr. Ed Kamnikar, accounting lecturer on the Montgomery Campus, presented two papers at the International Conference on Business and Information 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 6-8.

The papers presented were "The Audit Role in Road Transport Public Private Partnerships" and "Do Audit Opinions Affect Go Bond Ratings?"

The papers will also be published in Proceedings of Business and Information, Volume 6, ISSN 1729-9322, 2009.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication on the Montgomery Campus, is the author of two recent publications: "AFI, the Bar, and Courtroom Drama: A,B,C's Worth Knowing," about the 10 greatest law-related movies, in ADDENDUM, an e-publication of the Alabama State Bar; and "Leadership, Language, and Letting Followers in on Your Secret: Jointly Creating Meaning between the Leader and the Led," in LEADERSHIP MONTGOMERY, the e-publication of Leadership Montgomery.

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Two members of the English faculty attended the Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing in Sandestin, FL, June 29-July 2.

Dr. Mary Ann Tighe, professor, and **Theresa Johnson**, instructor, conducted a workshop entitled "Celebrating Diversity: Reading and Writing with Native Speakers and Second Language Learners."

During the annual luncheon Dr. Tighe received a Lifetime Scholarship to the conference in recognition of her "continuing support of the Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing since 1987, the first year of the conference."

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Maureen Hannay, an associate professor of human resources in the Southeast Region, has been appointed associate editor of the Journal of Human Resources Education, effective August 1. The journal is a quarterly publication of the Sorrell College of Business.

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Dr. Tish Matuszek, associate professor of management on the Montgomery Campus, has been named to the 2009 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Named for former Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, the award is given by the President of the United States to businesses – manufacturing and service, small and large – and to education, health care and nonprofit organizations that apply and are judged to be outstanding in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement; analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; process management; and results.

‘Trojans one and all’

Event seeks to bring TROY supporters from throughout the world together on Sept. 19

Troy University will celebrate its second annual “Worldwide Trojan Pride Day” on Saturday, Sept. 19 when TROY plays host to the UAB Blazers at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

Worldwide Trojan Pride Day is a celebration of the University’s global family of Trojans. This year’s event also holds special significance in that TROY will be commemorating its 100th year of football.

“This is a chance for all Trojans to recognize the importance of our efforts to make higher education accessible to so many who might not otherwise have

that opportunity,” said Jessica Jarosz, Fort Walton Beach, FL, site director and coordinator of Worldwide Trojan Pride Day. “It is a day to connect the traditional fun that comes with being a Trojan with our higher purpose. Members of the Armed Forces, adult learners and place-bound students worldwide are able to be a part of the Trojan family.”

Trojan supporters can choose from three special Pride Day packages, ranging from \$12 to \$25 per person.

A \$25 package includes a Worldwide Trojan Pride t-shirt, game ticket and lunch, while an \$18 package is also

available, which includes a lunch and Worldwide Trojan Pride t-shirt. In addition, those wishing to purchase a Worldwide Trojan Pride shirt may do so for \$12.

A virtual tailgate and game experience is also in the works for those unable to make the trip to TROY. More details on the virtual package are expected to be available soon.

To reserve Worldwide Trojan Pride game packages, call the TROY ticket office, toll free, at 877-878-WINS and ask about the Worldwide Trojan Pride Day packages.

International exhibit coming to Rosa Parks Museum

More than 70 artists from around the world will pay tribute to the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a group exhibition on display at Troy University’s Rosa Parks Museum from Aug. 1 to Sept. 15.

Organized by the Sitges City Council in Catalonia, Spain, “I Have a Dream: International Tribute Exhibition to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” includes the work of artists from Australia, Brazil, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Gabi Serrano, exhibition curator, will speak at the museum during an opening reception for the exhibit on July 31 at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit will open to the public on Aug. 1.

The Rosa Parks Museum is one of only five U.S. museums to host the “I Have a Dream” exhibit.

The exhibit hall at the Rosa Parks Museum is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about the exhibit, call (334) 241-8701.



Advisory Council meets – The Troy University Montgomery Campus Advisory Council held its inaugural meeting on July 13. The group is composed of local community and business leaders who will provide guidance and support to TROY’s Montgomery Campus. Pictured left to right: Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Mr. Jim Fariior, Mr. Jake Kyser, Ms. Elmore Inscoe, Dr. Bruce Murphy, Mr. Mike Jenkins, Mayor Todd Strange, Mr. Russell Tyner, Mr. Ray White, Mr. Ken Selvaggi, Mr. Charles Jinright, Mr. Kenny Coleman, Mr. Greg McClellan and Mr. Arthur DuCote.

Alumnus McGill to address incoming students

Troy University alumnus Deborah McGill will help incoming Troy University freshmen begin their college experience as keynote speaker for this year’s Odyssey New Student Convocation.

The convocation is scheduled for 3 p.m., Aug. 9 in Trojan Arena. The event

introduces new students to the customs and traditions, people and places associated with the University.

McGill, a 1990 TROY graduate, is a member of the industrial services team of EGS Commercial Real Estate in Birmingham.