



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Groundbreaking

Friday ceremony will kick off construction of new dining hall on Troy Campus

Troy University officials will break ground on a new dining hall facility on the Troy Campus on Friday.

The two-story structure, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2011 between the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor and Clements Hall, will contain 58,000-square feet of service and preparation area and an additional 21,000-square feet of mechanical space on the third floor. The construction is expected to cost about \$11 million.

The facility will feature four "all-you-can-eat" styled dining venues, a retail dining venue and an exterior courtyard on the first floor. Its second floor will house one "all-you-can-eat" styled dining venue, a retail dining venue and two civic meeting rooms. In addition it will be connected to



An artist rendering shows plans for the new dining hall facility on the Troy Campus. The new facility is expected to seat about 1,000 students and will include a courtyard dining area.

the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor.

Architects for the project are Seay, Seay and Litchfield of

Montgomery. Whaley Construction Co. of Troy is the general contractor for the project.

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Construction to cause road closures on Troy Campus

Due to construction of the new dining facility at Troy University, several roads on campus will be closed and both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be rerouted beginning Monday, May 10 until Aug. 1.

Road closure: University Avenue from McKinley Drive to Luther Drive at Sartain Hall.

Traffic entering the University from South Brundidge Street via University Avenue will be rerouted at McKinley Drive

toward Lake Lagoona.

Traffic entering the University from George Wallace Drive will turn right onto Luther Drive.

Road closure: Luther Drive between University Avenue and Collegedale Street will be closed and abandoned.

Road closure: Luther Drive from the large parking lot entrance to University Avenue will be closed. Both parking lots adjacent to Alumni Hall

(immediately behind and the large lot immediately across from Alumni Hall) will remain open and accessible.

Collegedale Street from George Wallace to Park Street will remain open, however, angled parking spaces along Collegedale Street will be closed and fenced pedestrian walkways will be established in those areas.

Pedestrian traffic: During the See CLOSURES, Page 4

'Best Buys'

Three eCampus master's degree programs ranked by GetEducated.com

Three Troy University eCampus graduate programs have been named "best buys" in online education by a national ranking organization.

GetEducated.com ranks competing online programs nationwide in similar classes of institutions. TROY was compared to other universities that are regionally accredited. A "Best Buy" award designation means that the program was independently reviewed and found to offer high quality distance learning to a national audience at cost rates well below the national aver-

age, according to GetEducated.com founder Vicky Phillips.

"Troy University offers online students nationwide a chance at a high-quality masters degree through distance learning," she said. "That's an amazing value proposition."

TROY's Master of Science in Human Resources Management program was the third-ranked program nationally, while its Master of Public Administration program ranked fifth nationally.

The University's online Master of Business Administration program

ranked in the top 15 percent of some 250 similar programs reviewed by the organization.

While eCampus provides a flexible learning environment geared to meet the needs of adult learners, Dr. Deb Gearhart, eCampus director, attributed the value of the degree programs offered online to TROY's faculty and staff.

"What makes the eCampus' programs so successful is not only the affordability of the courses but the dedication to the students by the staff and faculty teaching the program," said Dr. Gearhart.

Sorrell College of Business faculty member Thompson passes away

Troy University extends its condolences to the family of Sorrell College of Business economics professor Charles Thompson, who died April 22.

"Professor Thompson was an integral part of our business faculty and epitomized the philosophy of being student centered," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor. "It is with profound sorrow that we extend our sympathies to his family and acknowledge that we have lost one of our own."



Thompson

An assistant professor of economics, Thompson joined the Troy University faculty in 1981 as an instructor, and was highly regarded by students, fellow faculty members and the public, authoring numerous grant proposals and consulting with both local governments and private industry.

"Professor Chuck Thompson was one of TROY's best economics instructors. He had the ability to explain complex economic concepts in terms that students could easily understand," said Dr.

Kaye Sheridan, interim dean of the Sorrell College of Business.

"He was a genuine team player who was truly loved by his students and colleagues. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him," she said.

Thompson completed his undergraduate degree in business administration in 1979, and master of science in economics in 1983 at Auburn University, as well as post-graduate work in the field of labor economics and public finance/public choice at Auburn.

Steve Garrott, an assistant professor of marketing and friend, said Thompson could be demanding of his students but fair, and had a unique talent of connecting his students with the subject matter.

"He had a unique ability to make you see the 'forest in spite of the trees' when things were seemingly going askew around you," Garrott said.

"Chuck loved his family and had a wide variety of interest outside academe. As a colleague and foremost a friend, he will be greatly missed."

Funeral services were held April 26 in Troy.

Dining

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The building will be accessible from University Avenue on the first and second levels and from Collegedale Street on the second level.

A prominent feature of the building's design will be the installation of a roundabout in the current location of the intersection of Luther Drive and University Avenue.

Friday's ceremony will feature remarks from Jim Bookout, senior vice chancellor for finance and business affairs; Dr. Richard Federinko, senior vice chancellor for student affairs; William Fillmore, SGA president; Aubrey Wooten, district manager for Sodexo; Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the TROY Board of Trustees; and, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor.

Sohail Agboatwala, associate vice chancellor for business affairs will serve as emcee for the event, while John Onadoko, representing the Residence Hall Association, will deliver the invocation.

Gubernatorial appointment

Dr. John Schmidt begins term on Alabama Historical Commission

Governor Bob Riley has appointed Dr. John Schmidt to the Alabama Historical Commission.

Dr. Schmidt currently serves as the Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations at Troy University.

Schmidt has served in the U.S. Marine Corp as a Colonel, commanding at all levels from Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, Bosnia and Haiti. He graduated from the Air War College and is an honor graduate of the U.S. Marine

Corps Command and Staff College. He also holds a M.A. degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 2004, he completed his doctorate of education from Nova Southeastern University.



Dr. Schmidt

Active in the Troy community, Schmidt is involved with the Troy Rotary Club, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, and the

Pike County Economic Development Board. He is also past chairman of the USS Alabama Battleship Commission.

Troy University nominated Dr. Schmidt to replace Janice Hawkins, Troy University First Lady.

"I am grateful for the dedication and expertise Commissioner Hawkins shared with us during her service, and we look forward to working with Commissioner Schmidt," said Executive Director Frank White. "He is an excellent addition to the commission."

TROY's Confucius Institute takes part in conference, Chinese New Year's celebration

Representatives from the Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) recently presented a display of Chinese language textbooks and materials at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers Conference in Huntsville.

The exhibit featured the CIT banner flanked by Chinese red lanterns and three booths of Chinese language materials, books, posters of CIT and information about other activities such as China trip and Chinese New Year celebration.

The CIT booths attracted a lot of interests from conference participants, according to Dr. Iris Xu, director of CIT. Representatives provided visitors with information about CIT, as well as information about teaching the Chinese language and culture.

Dr. Xu and Minyu Li the Chinese



Dr. Iris Xu, director of the Confucius Institute at Troy University, speaks with participants of the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers Conference in Huntsville.

language teacher from Randolph School in Huntsville presented and shared their experiences of teaching in the conference.

CIT also recently sponsored a Chinese New Year celebration in Birmingham organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and was

present at book and culture exhibition.

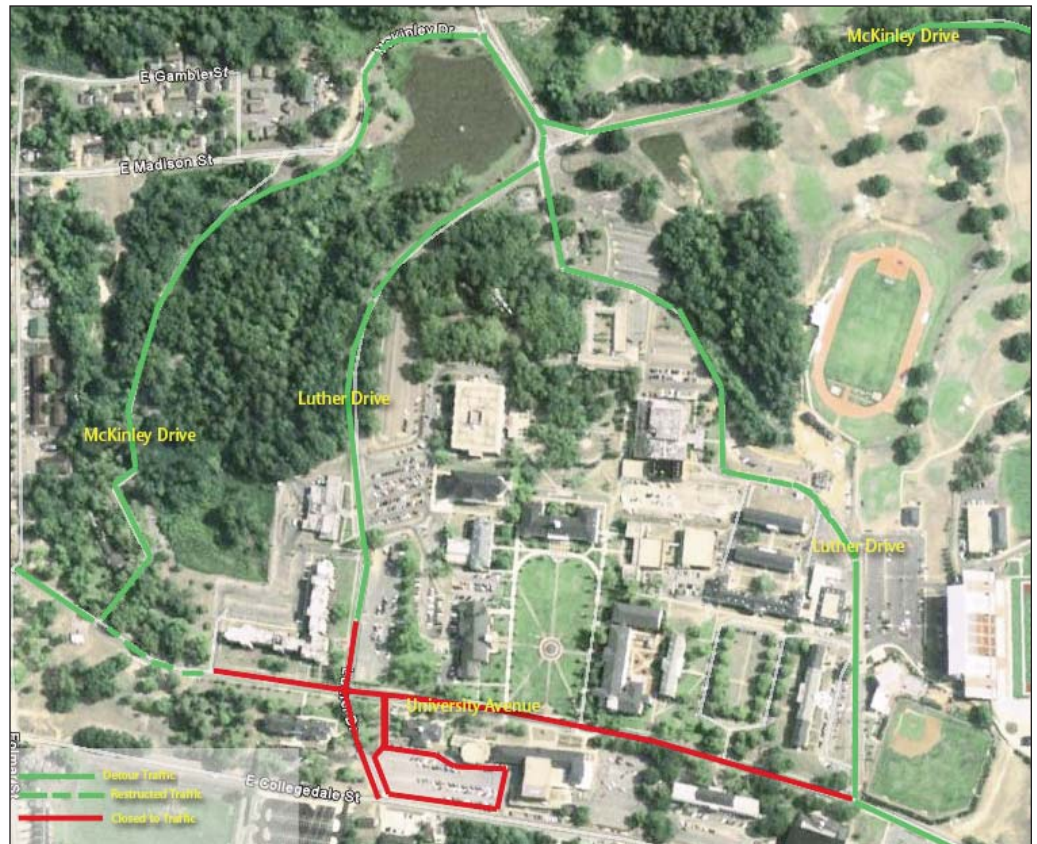
"This activity contributed to the promotion of Troy University and CIT, as well as Chinese culture in Alabama," Dr. Xu said. "It also laid a good foundation for further collaboration in the future."

Closures

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closure period, temporary, fenced pedestrian walkways will be established to facilitate pedestrian traffic around the construction zone. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution in navigating in and around the Troy Campus.

Parking Lot closure: A large portion of the parking lot immediately behind the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor, John M. Long Hall and Smith Hall will be closed for the duration of the construction period.

Signage and barricades will be installed on Monday, May 10.



Alumni Association launches 'Membership in May' campaign

Troy University faculty and staff that are alumni are invited to become members of the University's Alumni Association during the organization's "Membership in May" campaign.

As a part of the campaign, the Alumni Association has selected representatives in each of the state's 67 counties to assist with membership. Plans are also being made to hold special events on each of the University's four Alabama campuses.

The Alumni Association, which has 51 chartered local chapters, offers annual memberships of \$25 and lifetime memberships of \$500 for individuals or \$750 for couples.

Members joining during the "Membership in May" campaign will receive a free gift from the Alumni Association and have their names put into a drawing for a larger prize.

Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs, said membership in the TROY Alumni Association comes with many benefits.

"Through membership in the TROY Alumni Association, alumni can remain connected to their University, as well as other members of the TROY family," Ward said. "Members receive news and information about the University and its activities through the alumni magazine and email messages about special events from the Office of

Alumni Affairs."

In addition to the informational pieces provided through membership, Alumni Association members are admitted free of charge into tailgating events sponsored by the association and can take advantage of discounts on a variety of services and products through Savings Connection and Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Membership in the TROY Alumni Association also helps to play a vital role within the life of the University. Membership dues help the Alumni Association to provide scholarships for deserving students and sponsor events that salute student achievement, such as the annual Honors Convocation on the Troy Campus. In addition, the Alumni Association hosts numerous tailgating parties for Trojan athletic events, sponsors the Coach Larry Blakenev television show, hosts the annual Spring Alumni Reunion and plays an extensive role in the University's annual Homecoming celebration.

Membership is open to all alumni and friends of Troy University.

To learn more about membership in the Troy University Alumni Association, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318 or visit the Alumni page on the University's Website at www.troy.edu.

Heart and soul

Sullivan saluted for dedication to faculty, students with April McKinley Award

Lillis Sullivan, secretary for Troy University's Department of Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science and Geomatics, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for April.

Sullivan, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2006, received the award during a ceremony on April 21 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, presented the award to Sullivan, who was nominated by Diane Porter, Department Chair.

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, Porter praised Sullivan as the "heart and soul" of the department.

"Mrs. Sullivan efficiently and effectively meets every challenge associated with the job," Porter said. "It is not simply her outstanding job performance but her positive attitude and devotion to people, and not just tasks, that make her deserving of this award. I am constantly amazed at her ability to handle situations and solve problems involving students, faculty and staff with competence, professionalism and, more importantly, with kindness. She is representative of the best of Troy University."



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. (right), Chancellor of Troy University, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for April to Lillis Sullivan during a ceremony on April 21 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Sullivan, who serves as secretary for the Department of Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science and Geomatics, was nominated by Diane Porter (left), chair of the department.

Sullivan, who was surprised by the announcement, said she enjoyed her work.

"I'm grateful to receive this award," Sullivan said. "I work for the greatest department at Troy University. The faculty is a joy to work for. It really is fun to go to work every day."



Reward Callers – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. congratulates winners of the Reward Caller Awards for April during a ceremony on the Troy Campus April 21. Winners, pictured from left to right, are Laura Stokes of University Records and Heather Price, director of planned giving. Winning, but not pictured, was: Ramona Howard Vigen of the College of Education in Phenix City. Reward Caller Awards are presented monthly to recognize courtesy and proper use of telephone etiquette. Winners receive \$25.

TROY PEOPLE

Activities & achievements

Dr. Dionne Rosser-Mims, assistant professor of education and Master of Postsecondary Education Program Coordinator at the Covington, GA Site of the Southeast Region, has had the article, “Black Feminism: An Epistemological Framework for Exploring How Race and Gender Impact Black Women’s Leadership Development,” accepted for publication in *Advancing Women in Leadership Journal*.

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Dr. Mike Schraeder of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, co-authored with Dr. Mark Jordan (North Georgia College and State University) and Dr. Doug Lindsay (United States Air Force Academy) an article that has been accepted for publication in a future issue of *Public Personnel Management*. The title of the article is “An Examination of Salient, Non-Monetary, Factors Influencing Performance in Public-Sector Organizations: A Conceptual Model.”

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Dr. Tish Matuszek of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, presented a paper titled, “Leader Self-Concept Socialization in Women,” at the Oxford Round Table, “Women and Work: Benefits and Barriers.” The paper included not only results from her latest empirical work, but also policy implications and recommendations.

The Oxford Round Table was held at the Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, March 14 - 20.

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Dr. Alan D. Campbell, associate professor of accounting, Sorrell College of Business, Montgomery

Campus, had his poster presentation, “Benefits of a Book Report in MBA Level Managerial Accounting,” accepted for presentation in the Effective Learning Strategies poster session at the Southeast Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association in Mobile on April 9.

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Drs. Dennis Self and **Mike Schraeder** of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus and Diane Bandow, associate professor of business at the Atlanta Site, have had a paper accepted for publication in the journal, *Development and Learning in Organizations*. The title of the paper is “Fostering Employee Innovation: Leveraging your ‘ground-level’ creative capital.”

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Scott A. Merriman, lecturer in history, recently published the following entries in *Encyclopedia of American Immigration* (edited by Carl Bankston and published by Salem Press): “Alien Land Laws,” “Quota system and immigration policy,” “Federal Immigration laws” and “Timeline.”

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Dr. Pamela Gibson, assistant professor of political science in the Atlantic Region, recently had two articles published in the *PA Times*, a publication of the American Society for Public Administration. Her article “Hampton Roads ASPA Chapter Meets with Local City Managers” appeared in the January/February edition, and her article “Hampton Roads Chapter Hosts Annual Symposium” was published in the March/April edition.



Tampa Site takes part in ‘Welcome Home Heroes’ event – The Tampa Bay Site recently participated in the “Welcome Home America’s Heroes” event, sponsored by the James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital. Veterans were especially interested in information about schools, VA benefits, and job opportunities. The event presented many opportunities to discuss the education programs offered by TROY. Carmen Federico, right, discusses education options offered by Troy University with Jason Hernandez of Tampa.

Dedicated employees

University honors 22 during quarterly service pin ceremony

Two employees were recently honored for 30 years of service to Troy University during the quarterly presentation of service pins.

Lois Evelyn Elmore, a library assistant on the Troy Campus, and Patricia A. Cram, director of eCampus Student Services, both have been recognized for 30 years of service to the University.

In all, 22 employees were honored during the first quarter presentation last month, representing a combined 305 years of service.

Receiving 25-year service pins were: Geraldine Gowdy, records evaluator for the Southeast Region; Helen Ricks, administrative secretary, Department of Athletics, Troy Cam-

pus; and Teresa Wares, administrative assistant, Student Services, Troy Campus.

Receiving 20-year pins were: Vickie Miles, University Registrar/Assistant to the Provost, Records Office, Troy Campus; Elisabeth Smith, assistant professor, Business Programs, Troy Campus; and Linda Jordan, administrative secretary, College of Education, Troy Campus.

Receiving 15-year pins were: Sandra Callen, project development coordinator, eCampus; Samuel Jeffrey Trant, network administration, Phenix City; Lt. Colbert Collins Davis, University Police, Troy Campus; and Andrew Anthony Cox, professor, Phenix City Campus.

Receiving 10-year pins were: Linda Jones Bean, record specialist, Troy Campus; Bobbie Fauson, assistant regional director, Global Campus; Lee Vardaman, associate provost for academic support, Troy Campus; Jonathan Henry Harrington, associate professor, Ft. Lewis Site; and John Lester, Web developer, Troy Campus.

Receiving 5-year pins were: Sue McLendon, records specialist, Troy Campus; Mark Andrew Davis, associate director of student services, eCampus; Bonnie Lee Cannon, assistant professor of human services, Troy Campus; Annette Harrell, assistant site director, Jacksonville Site; and Clif Lusk, coordinator of University Relations, Troy Campus.

Thank-you note

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Thank you for the expression of sympathy during the loss of my father. The wonderful array of nursery plants in a white ceramic container will be a lasting reminder in the days ahead of the genuinely supportive and caring people at Troy University.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Allen

McKinley Award nominations sought

The Office of Human Resources is seeking nominations for the Vergil Parks McKinley Award.

The monthly award is the highest honor given to a non-faculty staff member and honors outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award consists of an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

A nomination form can be found on the Human Resources page of the web site (www.troy.edu).



Heritage Week – The Dothan Campus held its annual SGA Spring Picnic on Wednesday, April 21, as part of its annual Heritage Week Celebration. The picnic's theme was "Mardi Gras Madness." Students, faculty and staff enjoyed a meal together and played games including bingo and a cake walk. For more than 20 years the Dothan Campus has celebrated its history in the Wiregrass with the Heritage Week festivities. This year's activities included a concert by the Troy University Community Band and a health fair.

Graduation time

Spring commencement ceremonies set for Troy, Dothan and Montgomery campuses

Spring commencement ceremonies will be held on the Troy, Dothan and Montgomery campuses in May.

Ceremonies are set for Friday on the Troy Campus, May 16 on the Dothan Campus and May 17 on the Montgomery Campus.

Troy Campus

Major General Arthur M. Bartell will provide the keynote address during the Troy Campus ceremony, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Sartain Hall. About 600 students representing 23 states and 13 nations outside the United States will receive degrees.

The Troy Campus commencement will be streamed live by TROY'S Broadcast and Digital Network. The Commencement will also air live on TROY TrojanVision. Follow this link to access the ceremony via streaming video: <http://intranet.troy.edu/video/> ..

At 2 p.m., Major General Bartell will also participate in the commissioning ceremony of members of the TROY Reserve Officer Training Corps. A total of 14 graduating seniors will be sworn into the U.S. Army as

lieutenants, including seven who are Distinguished Military Graduates.

Major General Bartell is the Commanding General of the Army Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, Va., and directs Reserve Officer Training Corps units in the United States.

Dothan Campus

Dr. Linda C. Young, president of Wallace Community College, will deliver the keynote address to graduates during Troy University's Dothan Campus commencement on Sunday, May 16.

The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. inside the Dothan Civic Center. More than 160 graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred.

Dr. Young became the first woman to head a technical college in Alabama in 1988 when she was appointed president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula. In 1991, Sparks was merged with Wallace Community College and Dr. Young assumed the presidency of the merged institution.

Montgomery Campus

W. Russell Tyner, vice president of

UAB Health System and president/CEO of Baptist Health, will deliver the keynote address during spring commencement at the Troy University Montgomery Campus on Monday, May 17.

Commencement will be held at 7 p.m. inside the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts. More than 190 graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred during the ceremony.

The Montgomery Campus commencement ceremony also will be streamed live via the internet by TROY's Broadcast and Digital Network. Access the live streaming video for the Montgomery Campus ceremony at <http://montgomery.troy.edu/video/>

Tyner joined Baptist Health as president and CEO in 2004 and remained in that capacity after an affiliation was begun with UAB Health System. He has 25 years of senior executive healthcare experience concentrated in hospital operations, human resources, and system integration.

Tyner also serves as chairman of the TROY Montgomery Campus Advisory Council.



Culture matters – Dr. Brian Selmeski, chair of the department of Cross-Cultural Competence in Air University's Air Force Culture and Language Center and director of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan, speaks to Troy University's Chancellor's Fellows during a presentation on April 29. Selmeski spoke on AU's QEP, which focuses on educating military personnel to work across cultural lines. Pictured, clockwise from left are: fellows: Dr. Amanda Andrews and Sandy Atkins, Director of the Institute for Leadership Development Dr. John Kline, Selmeski, and fellows Dr. Dan J. Puckett, Christopher Shaffer and Dr. Charlotte Minnick.