Extra Blessings at Final Fall Chapel

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A wave of excitement rippled across the faces of the audience as the winners of seven Apple iPods and two iPad Minis were announced at the final Chapel of the Fall Semester on Thursday, November 29, at the Oakwood University Church. This announcement was the culmination of a campaign to encourage students to use the new automated online registration system to register early for the upcoming Spring 2013 Semester.

...and the winners are:

Gillis Akins (junior), Kyndra Clark (freshman), Kristain Coke (junior), Cheryl Harris (freshman), Johanna Jean-Jacques (junior), Donielle Lindsay (senior), Shakari Martin (freshman), and Breana Norris (sophomore).
The happy recipients made their way to the platform amidst applause and cheers to receive their new iPods and iPads, some of whom had won purely by default, due to the absence of peers who were not present at the Chapel service and were therefore eliminated from the ("must be present to win") drawing.

There will be two more opportunities to win these coveted devices, and those chances will go to any student who financially clears prior to the end of the fall semester.

Monica Sudeall-Hawkins, Registrar (r), and John Hill, Assistant Registrar, announce the winners at Chapel on November 29.

Recently, Monica Sudeall-Hawkins, the new Oakwood University Registrar, expressed the desire to move the registration process to a paperless system that would employ the latest technologies and eliminate lengthy lines at the Millet Activity Center or the Gymnasium and the running back and forth between stations. The process has been streamlined to allow students to navigate easily through the registration process by following the easy steps outlined online.

The early registration campaign was a combined effort of the Registrar's Office staff members and the Registration Committee. Mrs. Sudeall-Hawkins expresses her appreciation for the departmental contributions that were made toward the purchase of the giveaway items and of the support of the Oakwood administration, all of which helped to make the campaign a success. A special thank-you is extended to the following individuals:

George Ashley -- Asst. VP, Academic Affairs
James Butler -- Director, Administrative Systems
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Garland Dulan -- VP, Academic Affairs
Ethel Griffin -- Director, CAS  
James Hutchison -- Executive Director, SES  
David Knight -- VP, Student Services  
Joylyn Trotman -- Director, Financial Aid  
Paula Wilson -- Director, Student Accounts  

Students will need to watch their Oakwood email over the next few weeks as updates regarding the new registration procedures will be forthcoming.

**Oakwood Adventist Academy breaks ground for new facility**

Oakwood Adventist Academy held a groundbreaking ceremony on December 2 for its new 5.5 million-dollar multi-educational facility. The ceremony took place at the Millet Activity Center on the campus of Oakwood University with Mayor Tommy Battle and other city leaders in attendance.

As reported on [South Central Conference's website](mailto:South Central Conference's website), Conference President Dana Edmond announced that the current elementary school building will be named in honor of Elder Eric C. Ward, who was the pastor of the Oakwood College Church who initially led out in the plans and construction of the elementary school building.

Huntsville's NBC television affiliate [WAFF 48 News](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/...QjDpolsJtIUWnw6CjGYZ6BZzojEuVGGzC7R0AOlkrr9-hydKw7tkNYIbnlmVsk5mjX0U%3D[12/11/2012 12:06:01 PM]) also reported on the story.

**OU Alum elected as VP in Mid America Union**

Gil F. Webb (Oakwood, class of 1976) is the new vice president for administration of the Mid-America Union, elected by the Executive Committee at its regularly
scheduled meeting on November 15. He will transition from his current responsibilities for the Central States Conference as ministerial director and an assistant to the president. He has also been serving, since February 2010, as pastor of Linwood Boulevard SDA Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. Read more here.

SC State Welcomes OU Alum as New Associate VP

SC State University Interim President, Dr. Cynthia Warrick, has appointed Michael Hubbard (Oakwood, class of 1986) to serve as the Associate Vice President for the Division of Institutional Advancement.

"We are delighted to have Mr. Hubbard join the SC State University family," states Warrick. "His experience and expertise in the higher education sector will prove to be a valuable asset as we move toward initiating an extensive fundraising and marketing campaign for the University." Read more here.
PELC draws ministers, laymen to OU campus

Oakwood University President and First Lady, Drs. Leslie and Prudence Pollard (pictured above), welcomed the 1200 ministers, Bible instructors, conference leaders, and lay members attending the 2012 Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Conference (PELC), held December 2-4, on the campus of Oakwood University. The yearly conference represents the largest annual gathering of SDA clergy leaders in the 17 million-member world church of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dr. Leslie Pollard has also accepted an appointment to the Committee on the Ordination of Women, by the North American Division and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Committee will receive the research reports of the 13 Division Committees who are discussing the theology of ordination and specifically, the ordination of women in the Adventist Church. This committee's conclusions will be presented to the Annual Council in October of 2014 and to the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas.
Mayor proclaims "Oakwood Aeolians Choir Day" in Huntsville

During intermission of the Aeolians Fall Concert (and World Championship Gold Medals' presentation), Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle proclaimed Saturday, December 1, 2012 as "Oakwood Aeolians Choir Day." Along with an auditorium full of friends, family and music lovers, Mayor and Mrs. Battle enjoyed the entire almost-three hour program.
Mayor Tommy Battle (r) congratulates Maestro Ferdinand, after having proclaimed Saturday, December 1, 2012, as "Oakwood Aeolians Choir Day."

The special Commemorative program is available online, which the Aeolians signed at an autograph reception immediately following the concert.

A gold-medal-winning Aeolian signs autographs.
Speaking of basketball -- get your fix this week from Oakwood's "Dr. Phil," NBA-TV medical analyst Dr. Philip McDonald (Oakwood, class of 2001), NBA-TV's medical analyst on "The Doctor Is In" segment, which airs on the third Monday each month.

View this week's episode by clicking here.