

Minority Faculty Luncheon

Nov. 7, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Regions Room A, Cooney Hall

University Provost Michael Hardin will share a meal with minority faculty on campus. During this time, faculty will be able to share thoughts and ideas with Dr. Hardin.

Formal Announcement of Golden Anniversary Events

Nov. 10, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Pete Hanna Center

University President Andrew Westmoreland will announce the golden anniversary of integration at the Leadership Summit.

Golden Anniversary Honorees Nomination Period

November 15-27, 2017

Members of the Samford community are asked to nominate minorities who have made an impact on Samford University. To qualify, nominees must have completed at least one academic year enrolled at Samford University. Please nominate individuals who have distinguished themselves through exemplary professional achievement and civic and community service.

Screening: The Great Debaters

Dec. 7, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

Brock Forum

The Great Debaters is a drama based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College, a historically black college located in Marshall, Texas. In 1935, he inspired students to form the school's first debate team, which went on to challenge Harvard in the national championship. This event is free and open to the Samford community. Convocation credit is available for undergraduate students. Refreshments will be served.

Seasons Feature

January 2018

The winter edition of *Seasons* magazine will feature Ms. Gaston Howard and the events celebrating the 50th anniversary of integration.

University Convocation

Jan. 23, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Wright Center

Provost Michael Hardin will speak during the spring opening convocation about the 50th anniversary of the integration of Samford. Together, the Samford University A Cappella Choir and the Center Point High School Choir will perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson. Mrs. Gaston Howard's son, Dr. Charles Howard, and his family will join with us as we celebrate his mother and her accomplishments. Other invited guest include the Center Point High School choir and representatives of African-American alumni from the late '60s to the '80s.

Golden Anniversary Luncheon

Jan. 23, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Leslie Wright Center Lobby

A luncheon immediately following the university convocation will honor some of the first students to integrate the university.

Golden Anniversary Honorees Highlighted

February 1-28, 2018

University website and social media outlets

The 28 minority golden anniversary honorees will be highlighted during the month of February. Each day an honoree will be featured in social media and recognized for his or her contributions to the university.

Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light

Feb. 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Brock Recital Hall

Dr. Billie Jean Young, 1979 Cumberland graduate, performs her one-woman show, *Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light*. Dr. Young was in the first class of African-American students to graduate from Judson College. She currently serves on their faculty where she teaches drama. She has received numerous awards, including the MacArthur Fellow Genius Award for her community development leadership.

Thurgood Marshall Symposium Series

Feb. 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Regions Room, Cooney Hall

The Black Law Student Association of Cumberland Law School will host the annual Thurgood Marshall Symposium series.

University Convocation: Author Andrew Maraniss

Feb. 27, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Wright Center

New York Times best-selling author Andrew Maraniss speaks at university convocation. Mr. Maraniss' book, *Strong Inside*, is the civil rights story of Mr. Perry Wallace. Mr. Wallace was the first African-American basketball player in the Southeastern Conference. Mr. Maraniss tells the story of Mr. Wallace's struggle, loneliness and perseverance at Vanderbilt University during the 1960s.

Tom and Marla Corts Distinguished Author Series:

Dr. Eric Motley

March 1, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Wright Center

Dr. Eric Motley, 1996 Samford alumnus, will be the featured speaker for this event. The lecture's focus will be on Motley's personal memoir, *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*, released in November 2017. In *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*, Motley discusses his upbringing in the Madison Park community of Montgomery, Alabama, and the amazing power of gratitude, generosity, grace and faith in God and each other. This event is hosted by Orlean Beeson School of Education. Tickets can be purchased at samford.edu/education/tom-and-marla-corts.

African-American Alumni and Friends Luncheon

April 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

The Club

The Samford Black Alumni Association will host this annual event. February honorees will be recognized for their contribution to the university at the luncheon.

Minority Student Achievement Banquet

May 2018

President's home

Graduate and undergraduate minority students are invited to celebrate and honor graduating students and campus leaders at the annual Minority Student Achievement Banquet.



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