FALL 2019 ACADEMIC CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

HISTORY OF ACES

When Bennett College was co-ed, long before it became a women's college, it was felt that graduates of Bennett College needed more than "book learning" and intellectual discourse to be successful. Bennett College graduates needed to be well-rounded; the whole person needed to be prepared to deal with the ever-changing world. Therefore, as students, they needed to have opportunities to come together as a community and have common cultural and spiritual experiences. Thus, special convocations, lectures and seminars, now known collectively as the Academic Cultural Enrichment Series (ACES), became a part of the Bennett way of life.

Throughout her existence, Bennett College has always afforded her students with opportunities to interact with well-known personalities and dignitaries. Female "movers and shakers", artists, performers, political figures and spiritual leaders have graced our campus and impacted the lives of faculty, students and members of the local community. These experiences afford students the opportunity to enhance their cultural and intellectual development, learn how to appreciate and accept ideas and beliefs different from theirs, learn how to listen, dress in professional attire and acquire behaviors that often make a significant difference in how one is perceived and accepted by others. Bennett students, by way of ACES, learn those things that easily identify them as a woman of the 21st Century—a Bennett woman—who knows what is appropriate.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ALL students, except those with an approved waiver, are required to attend ACES on designated Tuesdays, Founders Day Sunday, September 29th, and every Thursday. Students are to follow all procedures as written below to receive semester credit:

- If students arrive later than **15 minutes** after the program begins, they must go to the balcony and they will not receive ACES credit.
- At the conclusion of the program, all student attendees, marshals, and program participants must present a valid ID card for scanning to receive credit.
- If students' ID cards are lost, damaged, invalid, or if they have other ID concerns, please see Ms. Rachel Pridgen, Director of Campus Life & Student Activities immediately after the program or **no later than two business days after the program date.** Ms. Pridgen is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Union, 336-517-2200. Students will not be allowed to go to their rooms or off-campus residence to retrieve their ID card to receive credit. In addition, they will not receive credit if they have lost their ID or if it is has been stolen. It is the students' responsibility to inform the Office of Campus Life to replace it. **The replacement fee is $75.00.**
- Students may not present an ID card for another student.
- Students may not text or send messages on the cell phone or computer, type homework assignments, play games on the computer, or cell phone, chew gum, eat or drink, engage in active conversations, and disrespect the guests/ speakers during an ACES event.
- **STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE ACES CREDIT WITHOUT A VALID ID. ATTENDANCE CARDS WILL BE USED ONLY IF SCANNERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.**

GRADING

- The ACES attendance requirement is applicable to all full-time students for each semester of enrollment. To receive a **grade of "E" (excellent),** it is mandatory that students attend **all** regularly scheduled ACES programs. To receive a **grade of "S",** it is mandatory that students attend 75% of the scheduled programs. Otherwise, you will earn a **"U" (unsatisfactory)** for the final grade for ACES programs. This is in keeping with the College's class attendance policy. A grade will appear on the student's transcript each semester.

ATTIRE

- Standard attire for ACES includes dresses, skirts, business dress pants, pant suits, blouse, or dress shirt.
- These items should be suitable for work, internships, presentations and participation in business and academic functions.
- Students wearing jeans, khakis of any color or corduroy pants, midriff-baring tops, ankle or drawstring pants, gauchos, capris, halter tops, tennis shoes or flip-flops will not receive credit for attendance.
- Dresses, skirts, and skirt suits with flesh tone hose and black closed toe shoes are **required attire** for formal convocations which include: Convocatum Est; Founders Day; Honors Convocation; Senior Day; and Charter Day. Credit will not be awarded for pants or pant suits for these formal programs. Again, failure to comply with the standard attire for such programs will result in the student not receiving credit.
- Please wear minimal jewelry. Pearls are always a great accessory!

WAIVERS

- If there are circumstances (off-campus job, internship, etc.) which prevent students from attending all the regular scheduled ACES programs for the semester, they must apply for an attendance waiver **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.**
- Waivers are granted for the following documented reasons: employment; internship; practicum; consortium class; or authorized travel for college business. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN AN UNSATISFACTORY GRADE (U) FOR THE SEMESTER.**
- To apply for an ACES waiver or to discuss extenuating circumstances, students must see Chaplain Natalie V. McLean, ACES Coordinator, by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.** All ACES waiver requests are subject to approval; therefore, the requests must be submitted each semester.

CONTINGENCIES

- If you earn a grade of "U" in any semester, students may not receive academic honors during Honors Convocation or apply for membership in any national sorority sanctioned by the College.
- If students decide to run for a class office or SGA office, their ACES grade must be "S" for every semester prior to their application.
- Students who receive a "U" in ACES will not graduate with Honors.

August 2019

TOTAL POINTS = 23 **SATISFACTORY = 17 POINTS** ***WAIVER = 6 POINTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4			7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 First day of class	20	21	22	23	24
25		27	28	29 Convocatum Est 11:00 a.m. Chapel **3 points**	30	

WELCOME WEEK

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September 2019

TOTAL POINTS = 23 **SATISFACTORY = 17 POINTS** ***WAIVER = 6 POINTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Holiday No classes	3 *First Tuesday Personal and Professional Development (PPD) 11:00 a.m.– Chapel	4	5 Majors Meeting 11:00 a.m. Locations to be announced	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 What is ACES? 11:00 a.m. Chapel	13	
15	16	17 Constitution Day Observance 11:00 a.m. Chapel	18	19 Student Support Resources (DSSR) 11:00 a.m. Chapel	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Brothers for Belles: A Male Perspective 11:00 a.m. GLC	27	28
29 Founders Day 4:00 p.m. Chapel **3 points**						

Sannyu McDonald Harris '00 ~~~ Licensed Professional Counselor, Cone Health, Greensboro, North Carolina

October 2019

TOTAL POINTS = 23 **SATISFACTORY = 17 POINTS** ***WAIVER = 6 POINTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *First Tuesday PPD 11:00 a.m. Chapel	2	3 Faces of Faith, Culture and Tradition 11:00 a.m. GLC	4	5
	7	8	9	10 NO ACES		
13	14	15	16	17 Business and Social Etiquette 11:00 a.m. Chapel		
20	21	22	23	24 Campus Safety: What We Need to Know 11:00 a.m. Chapel	25	26
27			30	31 Coming Home: Successful Belles 11:00 a.m. Chapel		

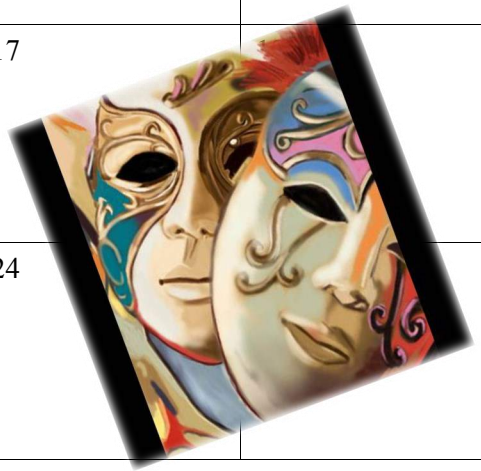
MIDTERM EXAMS

FALL BREAK

Speaker to be announced.

November 2019

TOTAL POINTS = 23 **SATISFACTORY = 17 POINTS** ***WAIVER = 6 POINTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
		5 *First Tuesday PPD 11:00 a.m. Chapel	6	7 Speed networking 11:00 a.m. GLC	8	
10	11	12	13	14 Theatre Presentation 11:00 a.m. Chapel	15	
17 		19	20	21 Student Organized Program 11:00 a.m. Chapel	22	23
24		26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29	

Civic Engagement

December 2019

TOTAL POINTS = 23 **SATISFACTORY = 17 POINTS** ***WAIVER = 6 POINTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3* First Tuesday: PPD 11:00 a.m. Chapel	4	5 Kick-Off to Spring 11:00 a.m. Chapel	6	7
8		10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26		
29	30	31				

FINAL EXAMS

**Dr. LaVie Leasure '92 ~~~ Dean of First, Second and Transfer Year Experiences and Engagement, Winton-Salem State University*

BUSINESS ATTIRE HIGHLIGHTS!

Distinguished by Dignity:

First and Lasting Impressions

JUST SAY YES!!!

CONVOCATION ATTIRE

White dress, skirt with blouse, or skirt suit should not be too short, too tight, too low cut, or too sheer. The skirt length should be at or below the knee. Backless/halter top, sleeveless, strapless, cold shoulder or off shoulder attire is inappropriate for formal convocations.

FORMAL CONVOCATIONS

***Convocatum Est: Freshwomen and New students**

***Founders Day—All students**

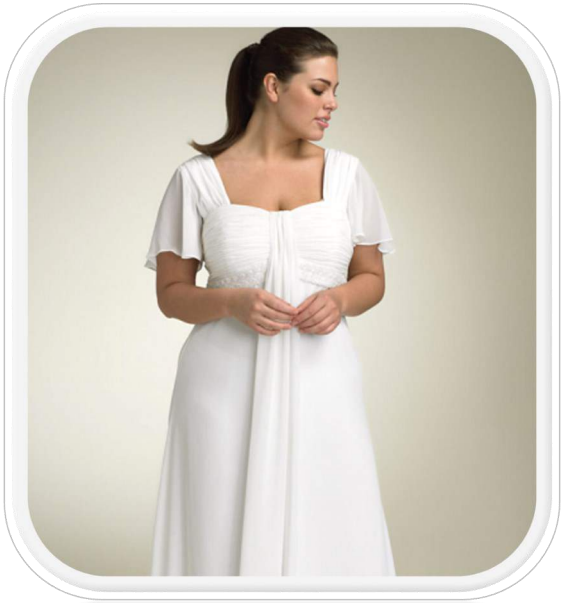
***Honors Convocation—Honorees**

***Senior Day—Seniors and Little Sisters**

***Charter Day—All students**

*Wear black close toe shoes

*Only wear minimal jewelry.
Too much jewelry detracts from the seriousness of the occasion. Pearls always work best!



SAY YES TO BUSINESS STYLE!

CONVOCATION ATTIRE

- White or light cream dress or skirt suit. The dress or skirt suit should NOT be too short, too tight or too low cut. It can be knee length. **Backless/halter top, sleeveless, or strapless dresses/suits are not appropriate.**
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NO
KITTEN
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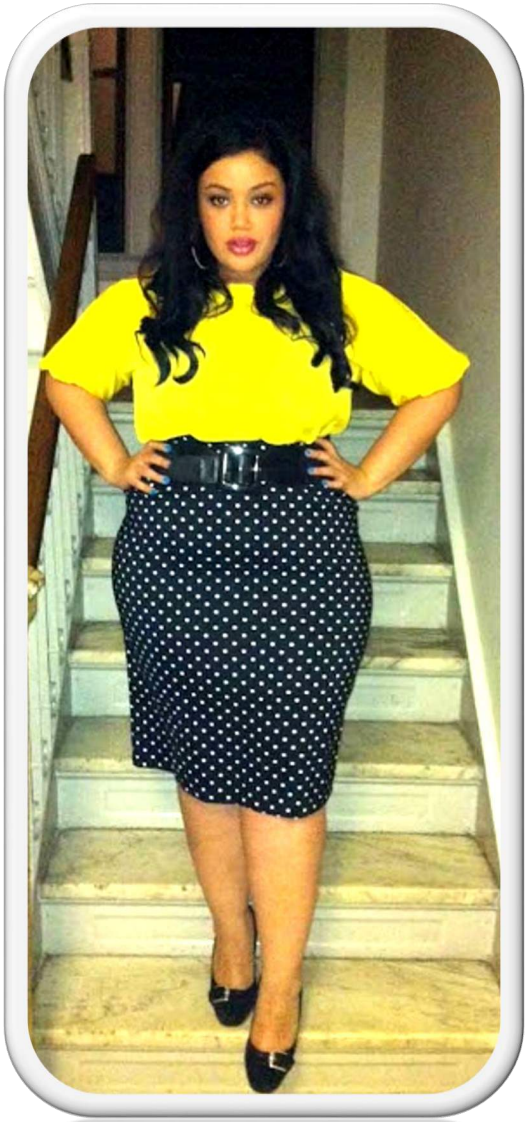
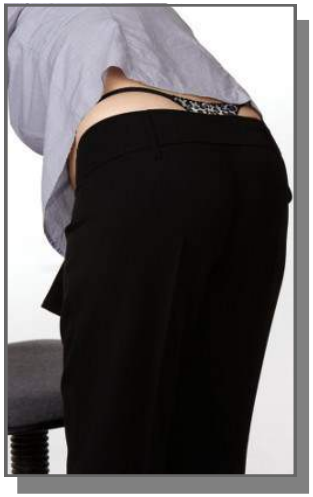
3"
3.5"
4"
5"
NEVER



ESSENCE

PLEASE PLAN TO AVOID WEARING...



There is a time and place for <u>most</u> styles. ACES and business settings are neither the time nor the occasion for this attire!

PLEASE PLAN TO AVOID WEARING...

These items are too short, too tight, too low cut, and too sheer for business settings!

...PLEASE PLAN TO AVOID WEARING!

HISTORY OF BENNETT COLLEGE

Bennett College is the only historically African American college for women in North Carolina and is one of two in the country. A private, four year liberal arts college, it is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Founded in 1873, the College held its first sessions in the basement of Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church).

Seventy young men and women started by studying elementary and secondary studies, and a group of emancipated slaves purchased the present site for the school. College level studies and permanent facilities were added. In 1924, sensing a great need for the education of Black women, the Women's Home Missionary Society and Board of Education of the Methodist Church voted to make Bennett College an institution for women in 1926. The College graduated its first class in 1930.

For over 145 years, the College has been a place where intellectual development and exploration of ideas are honored and constantly encouraged while, at the same time, preparation for a productive and successful life is seen as a necessity. Respect for differences and concern for the individual student are strong traditions at the College.

Today, Bennett prepares contemporary women for a complex and competitive world, and its many graduates have been recognized as leaders in a large variety of disciplines, including medicine, law, education, government and religion. While Bennett is a historically Black college, the College welcomes and encourages students from all ethnic and racial backgrounds. The faculty has always been, and continues to be, internationally and racially diverse. The College looks to the ever-changing demands of the present and future by recognizing the necessity of training its students for graduate studies and leadership roles in science and technology, global systems, public policy, communications, and in issues as world hunger, environmental changes, and global health.

It seeks to do so by offering a strong undergraduate academic foundation, while nurturing and strengthening the personal development of each young woman who comes through its doors. Bennett women are encouraged to be resilient and flexible in the face of modern and strenuous demands on those who would be leaders. To that end, the College provides a space that is caring, responsive to the dreams of its students and their desires for achievement, and respectful of their individual needs. Bennett confers degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Social Work, and Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Bennett College defines an educated woman as one who is not only academically prepared for the next step in her

ALMA MATER

Words by Carol Cotton—Music by Edith Player Brown

Bennett now our voices raise,
Harmonies of grateful praise;
We thy daughters find thee fair,
Loyalty thy colors bear,
Truth and honor in thy halls,
Faith and love within thy walls;
Ever dear to us thou art,
Firm within each loyal heart.

CHORUS

Alma Mater, now we sing,
Hail the light that thy dost bring;
True we've been throughout the past,
True to thee while life shall last.

May we never smirch the good,
Gendered here in sisterhood;
May we ever choose aright,
Guided by the honor bright;
Ever lovelier shalt thou live,
As thy daughters freely give;
Ever glorious above,
Testimonies of our love.

'Til the evening shadows fall;
'Til we heed our last clear call
Mother, may we offer thee
Lives of worth and purity?
Go with us throughout the years.
Smile on us in doubts and fears;
Bless us with thy tender care,
Mother, fairest of the fair!

"Bennett College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission of College at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Bennett College."

Bennett College prohibits discrimination of the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex. sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or statue as a disabled veteran in admission, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs or activities.

Bennett College is a
United Methodist Church-related institution.

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