

SHORTER



COLLEGE

President's Annual Report

Two-Thousand Fifteen

Dr. O. Jerome Green
45th College President

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The Nation's Only Private Two-Year Historically Black College



Shorter College is an educational ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Greetings From the Chairman

To Bishop Preston W. Williams, Bishops of the Church, General and Connectional Officers, Members of the Commission on Higher Education and the entire constituency of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

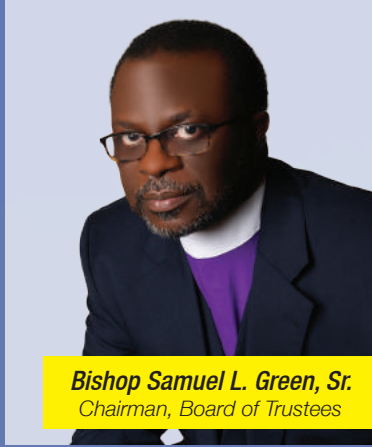
Greetings!

The Board of Trustees of Shorter College, the members of the 12th Episcopal District and I are proud of the success and accomplishments of Shorter College over this past year. It can be said that a miracle has happened at 604 Locust Street. Shorter College is a viable institution of higher learning and is fully accredited and fiscally operating in the black.

I thank God for the work and effective leadership of our President, Dr. O. Jerome Green, who has worked with the Trustees, administration, faculty and support staff to ensure that Shorter College continues to strive for academic excellence and meet the challenges of providing an affordable and quality education for a traditional and nontraditional student population who need an open admission college like Shorter.



Shorter College Board of Trustees



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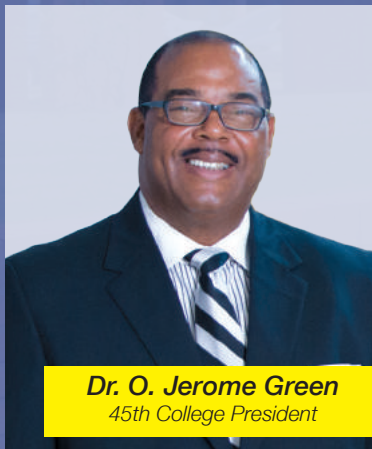
It is my privilege to provide this report of progress in what is truly a pivotal time in Shorter College's history. Shorter College has emerged once again as a leading institution in preparing students for a lifetime of positive achievement. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr. and the entire Board of Trustees for entrusting me with this opportunity to bring to reality the vision they developed to revitalize this grand institution.

The founders of the institution had a vision in 1886 to develop an institution of higher learning that would provide an opportunity for those who had not had a chance to receive a quality educational experience elsewhere. It is our commitment to that vision that has caused Shorter College to rise from the ashes to become a viable source of quality education for today's generation.

We at Shorter College are committed to providing not only a place of education, but also an experience of transformation. We have embraced four (4) C's: Character, Competency, Culture and Citizenship as the pivotal point of our transformational process.

We believe that by implementing programs that support these principles, students will become productive members of society upon their departure. We have already seen some fruit of our labor, yet there is an enormous harvest yet to be made.

Over the past year it's been our goal to strengthen our partnership opportunities with our surrounding community in order to harness more support for the institution-at-large. The results of this appeal has indeed been fruitful and has provided the institution and its students opportunities to study abroad and to participate in internship programs at other universities.



Dr. O. Jerome Green
45th College President

EXPANSION 2015

STATE LEGISLATION ALLOWS SHORTER COLLEGE CREDITS TO TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS

On February 27, 2015, during the 90th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas House of Representatives a bill was approved to allow private institutions of higher education to participate in the statewide transfer agreement.

Through the Arkansas Credit Transfer Program, credit hours earned at Shorter College will be accepted as transfer hours at other colleges in the state who participate in the program. (Act 292) This creates greater opportunities for Shorter College students to further pursue their educational goals beyond the Associates Degree. As a result of this new legislation, fourteen (14) graduates from the Spring 2015 graduating class have successfully been admitted in Bachelor's degree programs at other institutions in the state.

TWO NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS BEGINNING FALL 2015

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Shorter College received official notification that Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) approved proposals to add two new degree programs. Beginning Fall 2015, students will be able to pursue an Associates of Arts degree in General Studies with two new areas of concentration: Entrepreneurial Studies and Criminal Justice. This expansion of academic programming will provide more opportunities for students and will attract more prospective students looking to pursue careers in the field of criminal justice and business.

ANCHOR PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS A SECOND CHANCE

Through a partnership with the Arkansas State Department of Community Corrections, Shorter College has been able to recruit individuals currently participating in parole or probation programs. 4 students are currently participating in the program and over 15 are projected to complete the admissions process for Fall 2015. Parole and Probation Officers actively recruit participants for the program which offers participants an opportunity to gain additional support. Together, ACC and SC (parties) will promote higher education as a way of impacting recidivism and instilling a vision for a better way of life. Tuition and books will be provided at no cost to the eligible student. SC Financial Aid Services staff will determine Pell eligibility.

ARKANSAS HOUSE ACT 292

[SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231, concerning the statewide transfer agreement, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows: (g) A not-for-profit institution of higher education may participate 25 in the statewide transfer agreement if the not-for-profit institution of higher education is: (1) Accredited by a national or regional accrediting entity; (2) Certified by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and (3) Recognized by the United States Department of Education as eligible to receive Title IV financial aid funding under the Higher Education Act of 1965, Pub. L. No. 89-329.]

2 NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS





EXPANSION 2015

During the Spring 2015 Semester, Shorter College submitted a proposal to Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) requesting the addition of two new academic programs and two new instructional sites. Following a site visit by Dr. Ron D. Cannon, TRACS Vice President of Institutional Compliance, Shorter College received approval to move forward with both expansions!

2 NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SITES

On Monday, March 9, 2015 an official letter was received approving two (2) off-campus instructional sites at North Little Rock High School and the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJAATC) Alexander Unit.



Shorter College "Early Start" Dual-Enrollment Program

Through a new partnership with the North Little Rock School District, beginning Fall 2015, high school students enrolled at North Little Rock High School will have the opportunity to enroll in classes at Shorter College. This program would enable students to complete college-credited course work while still seeking their high-school diploma. These college credit hours will then be counted toward completion of an undergraduate program upon graduation from high school.



Shorter College "Right Start" Program

A partnership developed between Shorter College and the Arkansas Department of Youth Services now allows youth under the care of the state juvenile justice system to enroll in classes through Shorter College. The first class of nine (9) students began instruction in the summer of 2015 and the number of enrollees for the approaching academic year continues to increase. This collaboration is believed to be the first of its kind; bridging the gap between youth who have been committed to the care of the state juvenile detention system and opportunities to pursue an academic degree at an institution of higher education.



Shorter College is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), having been awarded Accredited Status as a Category I institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on October 29, 2013. This status is effective for a period of five years. TRACS is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

PHYSICAL PLANT UPGRADES

SS Morris Student Center

Completed Spring 2015

The renovation project to open the SS Morris Student Center has been completed. The building, initially erected in 1974, has been completely renewed with exterior and upgrades. Purposed to be the nucleus of student activity, the building contains a banquet hall, an industrial equipped kitchen, student lounge and activity areas, and is the new home of the Division of Student Affairs.



SS MORRIS STUDENT CENTER

FC James Resource Building and Auditorium

Scheduled for completion Fall 2015

Built in 1980, the FC James Resource Building has been refitted with new roofing, and interior upgrades. The next phase of renovations include interior and roofing upgrades to the 148-seat auditorium. This project is projected for completion in Fall 2016.



PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

New Administration and Classroom Building

Scheduled to begin Fall 2015

A new administration and classroom building is set to begin construction in Fall 2015 on the site that was previously Jackson Theological Seminary and an old dormitory. Due to adverse conditions in the interior of the buildings, they have been removed from the campus and plans for the new building construction are under negotiation.



ALEXANDER TURNER CDC

Alexander Turner Child Development Center

Scheduled for completion Fall 2015

Through a partnership with Headstart programming, the Alexander Turner Child Development Center, owned and operated by Shorter College received grant funding for physical renovations and upgrades. These renovations include classroom petitions, playground additions and more.

Residential Housing Project

Scheduled for completion Fall 2017

Plans are in development to erect a residential housing complex consisting of three buildings totalling 92 occupants. The building, planned to be located at an unimproved lot on the corner of Bishop Lindsey and Locust Street would also become the focal point of the campus' new updated look. The architectural designs show Shorter College emblazoned on the top of the three-story complex making it clearly identifiable by commuters traveling along the Interstate 30 corridor.



PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT

PARTNERSHIPS



Shorter College Community Garden

Partner: Fit 2 Live

Through a partnership with Fit 2 Live Community Garden Program, Shorter College was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$3,500 to develop the Shorter College Community Garden. Vegetables, plants, and flowers were planted throughout the campus landscape adding both function and beautification to scenery. The garden is maintained by Shorter College faculty and students.



Black Male Initiative

Partner: Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Shorter College, through the Division of Student Affairs, has received a 3-year, \$150,000.00 grant to support the development of a campus-based, recruitment and retention program at Shorter College for males of color with barriers to academic success. Specifically, Shorter College will:

- Provide a three tier learning experience for male students of color that focuses on education, mental and physical well-being, and career and leadership development
- Provide individual life coaches, academic advisors, and other opportunities to meet the physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth and development needs of all participants
- Provide long-term case management supports that include job placement, expunging of criminal record, and family economic success training
- Participate in the statewide Marginalized Males Workforce and Education Consortium

The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation's Boys and Men Opportunity Success Team (BMOST) traveled to Ohio Thursday, April 9, 2015, in effort to be the change they want to see right here in central Arkansas.

Young men from University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Shorter College, Philander Smith College and Arkansas Baptist College make up BMOST.



Campus and Community Health Clinic

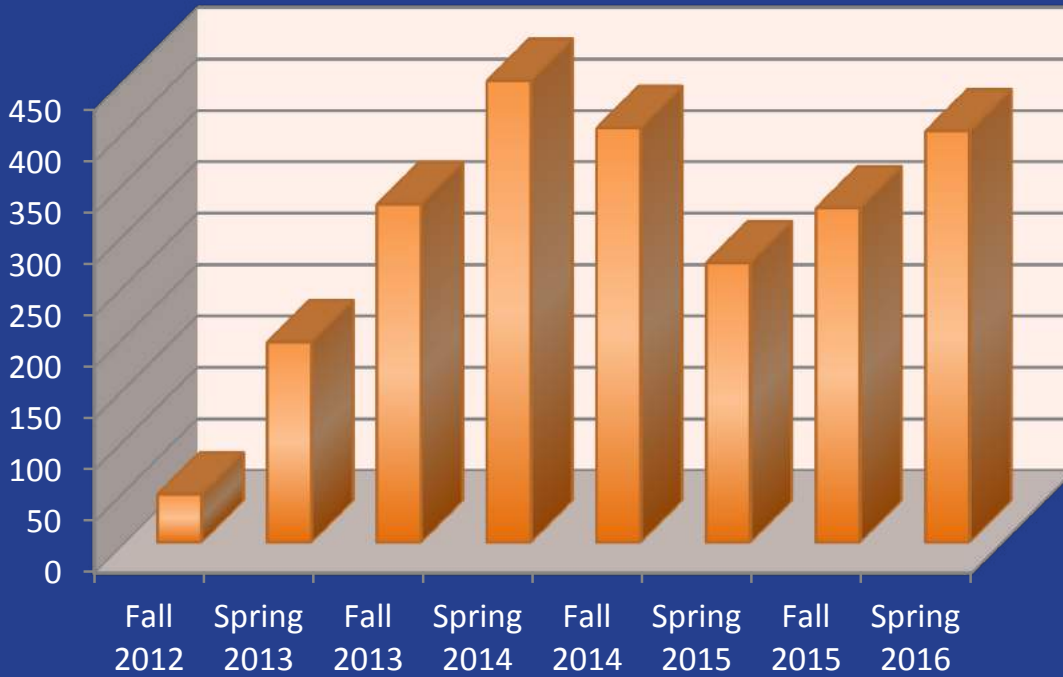
Partner: Arkansas Minority Health Commission

The 12th Episcopal District of the AME Church under the leadership of Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr. has purchased a new property on the corner of Bishop Lindsey Avenue and Vine Street. This property is proposed to be used for a medical health clinic. This clinic will provide medical services such as blood pressure checks, cholesterol readings, etc., for the Shorter College students and the surrounding community.



The Arkansas Minority Health Commission (AMHC) is partnering with Shorter College to assist in the funding for the health clinic's operation.

ENROLLMENT



Projected Enrollment for 2015-2016 Academic Year

2015 GRADUATE PLACEMENT RATE



72% of the 2014-15 graduating class have been admitted to other colleges and universities.

5 of the graduates have been awarded full tuition scholarships as indicated by “”*

NAME	INSTITUTION
Kelli Bankston	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Robert Beene	Philander-Smith College
Donna Brewer*	Philander-Smith College
Zambia Ford	Philander-Smith College
De'Andra Gilbert*	Prairie View A&M University
Johilda Harris	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Ashley Haygood	University of Arkansas - Little Rock
Tombura Jones	University of Arkansas - Little Rock
J'Tara Lockhart	University of Central Arkansas
James E. Mack, III*	Bethune-Cookman University
Brenda Matthews	Philander-Smith College
Darren Small	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Shirley Temple*	Philander-Smith College
Darlinea Wadood	Philander-Smith College
Darlisa Ware*	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Damon Wheeler	Southern University - New Orleans



AW Young Library Receives Volumes From AME Publishing

A volume of books and periodicals including over 200 titles were acquired from the AME publishing house to support the enhancement of the AW Young Library's inventory. This was done to strengthen the resources for the Christian Leadership program.

Books by major African American authors from other publishing companies are scheduled for acquisition in the near future. Shorter College's AW Young Library is envisioned to become an accessible repository of historical AME documents and publications.

African Artifacts Find New Home at Shorter College Library

Shorter College recently received a donation of over 50 authentic artifacts from throughout the continent of Africa. Dr. Sulaiman Jarra, the owner and curator of the African Art Museum in Houston, Texas selected Shorter College to receive this collection. The artifacts will be housed on display in the AW Young Library. The collection is on display and open for viewing by the public.



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