Welcome Students and Parents!

Heirs to the Promise
“And yet not a dream, but a mighty reality- a glimpse of the higher life, the broader possibilities of humanity, which is granted to the man who, amid the rush and roar of living, pauses four short years to learn what living means”

W. E. B. DuBois, Class of 1888

The function of the university is not simply to teach bread-winning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools or to be a centre of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization.

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The purposes of the Corporation are the Education and Training of young men and women, irrespective (sic) of color; and to that end the Trustees shall have the right to prescribe a course or courses of study and the power to confer all such degrees and honors as are conferred by Universities in the United States.

Charter filed with the State of Tennessee
For the Fisk University, August 22, 1867
Incorporators: John Ogden, Joseph H. Barnum
W. W. Mallery, John Lawrence, and John Ruhm
Class of 2018,

Welcome to Fisk! We have been anxiously awaiting your arrival since you applied. Fisk University has been educating minds of all ages since the mid-1800s when it started as a school for the colored in old Army barracks by Union Station near an area of Nashville not far from Fisk now known as the Gulch. At that time, learning to read and write was a privilege for many people, but particularly blacks. People like General Clinton B. Fisk (for whom our University is named), Adam K. Spence, and others made that privilege available to students who came from across the country to study at Fisk. With that snapshot of our history, allow me to introduce myself.

I’m Mark Crowder, a senior biology major from Nashville, TN, and I am excited to serve as the President of the Fisk University Student Government Association (SGA) for 2014-2015. When I was applying to colleges, Fisk wasn’t on my radar. It was a chance encounter with an admissions representative in my high school guidance office that convinced me to apply. Since my acceptance, I have yet to look back.

Fisk University is well equipped to meet your needs. Upon arriving to campus, you will be engaged academically, socially, and culturally. I encourage each of you to become active participants in campus life upon your arrival. There are several social and academic organizations in which you can get involved and make a difference on campus.

The job of SGA is to promote and ensure healthy campus life by addressing student concerns. The officers of the Fisk University SGA stand ready to assist you with open ears and willing minds to “get the work done”. I believe that this will be one of the best years in the history of our University. Let’s move forward at Fisk, “The New Frontier”, while “Getting Back to Basics”. Again welcome to Fisk and I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

A Son ever on the Altar,

Mark K. Crowder
Biology, Class of 2015
Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Scholar
Fisk University SGA President 2014-2015
August 8, 2014

Dear Students:

Congratulations and welcome to the Fisk Family! Your decision to attend our storied University is a wise, life-changing one. You are Heirs to the Promise, which was made 148 years ago, when the Founders of Fisk University — John Ogden, the Reverend Erastus Milo Cravath, and the Reverend Edward P. Smith — established “The Fisk School” in October of 1865. Fisk convened its first classes on January 9, 1866. The first students ranged in age from seven to seventy, but all shared common experiences of slavery and poverty — and an extraordinary thirst for learning.

The Founders and others in the sponsoring organization, the American Missionary Association, shared a dream of an educational institution that would be open to all, regardless of race, and that would measure itself by “the highest standards, not of Negro education, but of American education at its best.” Their dream was incorporated as Fisk University on August 22, 1867.

The Founder’s promise - made long ago - remains true today. You join an elite group - generations of Fisk students who came before you and on whose shoulders you stand. You will feel the spirit of Fisk as you walk our hallowed grounds and learn under the tutelage of exemplary faculty. Accessing our extensive academic support services will help to ensure that you attain your Fisk degree.

Your Fisk Experience should be a balanced one. As you progress academically, you should enjoy the co-curricular aspects of student life. These range from intramural and NAIA conference sports to diverse clubs and student organizations, including the Student Government Association, Pre-Alumni Council, University Choir, and Greek organizations.

I look forward to talking with you as I visit classes, eat meals in the Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, and attend activities throughout the campus. My office is always open to you, but I encourage you to speak with the appropriate directors and vice presidents who are just as available and can help you resolve your matters quickly.

I want your Fisk Experience to be the very best and — working together with our amazing faculty and staff — this will happen. You are the next generation of scholars and leaders. Welcome home, Heirs to the Promise — to Fisk University!

Best Regards,

H. James Williams
President

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From the Executive Vice President and Provost

FISK UNIVERSITY
Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

August 8, 2014

Dear Class of 2018:

Welcome to Fisk University! We are sure that you are excited about the new phase of your life that you are beginning. Faculty, staff and administrators have been preparing for your arrival and there is the expectation that as you embark upon this academic journey, your life will be transformed and enriched. We look forward to helping you acquire enduring skills and knowledge that will prepare you for the rest of your life.

Your class is one of untapped erudite capabilities and immense talent. It is our honor to partner with you as your intellectual curiosity takes you to new and intriguing academic destinations. Fisk will afford you diverse experiences to explore a wide range of opportunities that add to your personal and professional development. You may want to participate in an exchange program and attend a college in Stellenbosch, South Africa or London, England. Or perhaps, you would prefer to attend a prestigious liberal arts university in the United States. We are here to help you maximize your potential and realize your dreams.

As a member of the Fisk family, you have rights, privileges and responsibilities. You have the right to be yourself. Your experience here will polish the rough stone and reveal the gem inside. You have the privilege to attain a quality education that will position you to attain personal satisfaction and professional success. Additionally, you have the responsibility to give back and give forward. The impeccable character of Fisk is bigger than any one of us individually, but the value of our legacy is embedded in the fact that Fisk scholars and leaders serve others.

W. E. B. DuBois stated, “The function of the University, is not simply to breadwinning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools or to be a centre of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization”. Again, I welcome you, “Heirs to the Promise”, to Fisk University!

Regards,

Princilla Evans Morris, Ph.D., ’72
Executive Vice President and Provost
Friday, August 8

2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Welcome Center / Check-In / Residence Hall Move-In
[PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES PROVIDED IN THE CHARTS ON PAGE 7.]

6:00 p.m. SGA Reception — Spence Hall, Multipurpose Room
During this reception, Fisk University’s Student Government Association (SGA) welcomes new students to campus. SGA will serve as hosts in modeling examples of service and leadership.

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Walmart/Westgate Shopping Center Trip
[Maximum 3 per family]
Families must register the number of participants at Check-In, Jubilee Hall.

Saturday, August 9

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Welcome Center / Check-In / Residence Hall Move-In
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
[PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES PROVIDED IN THE CHARTS ON PAGE 7.]

4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Alumni Legacy Reception
Richardson House
New students and family members who have attended Fisk are invited to join the Office of Alumni Affairs and other Fiskites for a brief welcome. The Class of 2018 legacy photo will be taken during this reception.

5:00 p.m. University Welcome Dinner
Henderson A. Johnson Gymnasium
President H. James Williams addresses incoming students and parents.

7:00 p.m. Meet Your LLC Manager
Students will have an opportunity to converse with their Living Learning Center (LLC) manager to learn the available services on campus and in their residence hall.

Families are free to tour campus facilities on their own (Cravath Hall, Health Center in Shane Hall-LLC B-Wing 4th Floor, and John Hope Franklin Library).
NSO Check-In August 8-9, 2014

NEW STUDENT FLOW CHART

1. Financially Cleared
   - Green Dot
   - Check in with Admission
   - Check in with Housing for Room Assignment
   - Check in with Campus Safety to Obtain/Activate Student ID
   - Move into Learning Living Center

2. Not Financially Cleared
   - Blue Dot
   - Check in with Financial Aid Office
   - Check in with Business Office
   - Move into Living Learning Center

* Financially Cleared - Student has completed all admission paperwork and has their tuition paid in full with a zero balance.
* Full Load - Students registered for 12 credit hours or more. We suggest taking a minimum of 15 credit hours to graduate in 4 years.
Parent and New Student Orientation Sessions

Heirs to the Promise

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Family Worship — Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel

*The Reverend Dr. Jason R. Curry, Dean of the Chapel*

Since its doors opened in the summer of 1892, the historic Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel serves as the spiritual and civic center of Fisk University. You are encouraged to worship with us in a spirited ecumenical and non-denominational service.

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. First Lady's Brunch

Cecile B. Jefferson Cafeteria, Adam K. Spence Hall

Brunch hosted by Fisk University's First Lady Carole Williams

1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Parents' Informational Sessions

Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room

[.parents ONLY]

(1:00 p.m.—1:45 p.m.)

Dr. Princilla Evans Morris
Executive Vice President and Provost — Facilitator

(1) Meet the Provost and Academic Deans

*Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences*

*Dr. Cathy Martin, Chair, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

*Dr. Jessie Smith, Dean of the Library*

Fisk administrators will discuss our academic programs and general expectations for academic excellence.

(1:45 p.m.—2:30 p.m.)

Mr. Anthony Jones
Vice President for Enrollment Management — Facilitator

(2) Finding Yourself in the First Year (Campus Life and Student Engagement)

[THIS SESSION INCLUDES A FERPA PRESENTATION.]

*Chief Mickey West, Director of Campus Safety*

*Ms. Natara Garvin, Dean of Student Engagement*

The Office of Student Engagement provides a variety of student-centered social and educational activities and academic support programs.

Information presented by the Office of Campus Safety will focus students' attention on safety on campus and the surrounding community. They will learn how the University keeps students safe and gain helpful tips for safe living on an urban campus.

(2:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.)

(3) Financing the Fisk Education

*Mr. Jason Gray, Bursar/Budget Director*

*Ms. Rakida Sims, Assistant Director of Financial Aid*

Students and parents will learn about the importance of timely completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the significance of accurate information as related to federal financial awards (including the Federal Work Study Program) in students' subsequent years at Fisk.
1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Scholarship is a Team Sport
[NEW STUDENTS ONLY]
Adam K. Spence Hall
This Orientation Leader-led activity provides new students with an
opportunity to bond. “Ice Breaker” activities are designed to
ensure that new students are given a setting to begin initiating
the lasting friendships and partnerships that will endure
throughout their matriculation at Fisk.

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Light Reception — Adam K. Spence Hall

4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Parting Ceremony
Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel
[Dress for this ceremony is business attire.]
Mr. Anthony Jones, Vice President for Enrollment
Management
The parting ceremony is the beginning of the student’s transition
from high school graduate to Fisk University scholar. It serves as a
formal farewell to parents and introduces students to the
responsibilities and privileges of being a Fisk University student.
The ceremony is a prelude to the Aaron Douglas painting,
“Centennial,” where new students enter Cravath Hall as Freshmen
and leave again through those doors a final time as graduating
Seniors upon completion of their matriculation at Fisk University.

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own!

8:00 p.m. Family Meeting — Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
[NEW STUDENTS ONLY]
Students meet with their assigned Orientation Leaders (OLs) and
are provided an overview of the upcoming week’s activities.
Monday, August 11

New Student Orientation Sessions
Heirs to the Promise

Testing
9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Bulldog Career Connect — Adam K. Spence Hall
[ALL STUDENTS]

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Computer Proficiency Testing
Adam K. Spence Hall [STUDENTS WITH LAPTOPS ONLY]
[Students without laptops are assigned to computer labs in Franklin Library or PJ 322.]

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Supplemental Workshop—History of the Fisk Jubilee Singers®
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122
Dr. Paul Kwami, Assistant Professor, Musical Director and Curb-Beaman Chair for the Fisk Jubilee Singers®
[For those previously tested during Scholars' Weekend and Summer Registration dates]

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Foreign Language Proficiency Testing
[Students are to remain in initial testing location.]
[Students with laptops only] *Students without laptops are assigned to computer labs in Franklin Library or PJ 322.

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch — Cecile B. Jefferson Cafeteria, Adam K. Spence Hall

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Fisk University Standards: Honor Code/Dress Code/Academic Honesty / Classroom Etiquette
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Ms. Tiffany Griffin-Minor, Assistant Director of AESP
Ms. Ingrid Collier, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Women
This session’s focus is enhancing the overall culture and climate of Fisk for students to excel academically, socially, and culturally.

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Intro to Public Safety, Crime Prevention and Active Shooter Training
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Chief Mickey West, Director of Campus Safety
Students will receive details about Campus Safety resources, services and crime prevention, including sexual assault. There will be a discussion of A.L.I.C.E, an active shooter program designed to provide options for persons in a violent, life-threatening occurrence.

10:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m. Midnight Breakfast Hosted by Mr. and Miss Fisk and SGA President
### New Student Orientation Sessions

**Academic Focus**

**Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room**

[Dress for this day is business casual.]

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<td>Learning to Excel&lt;br&gt;Students will receive an overview of the academic support services available at Fisk and tips on how best to utilize them to enhance their education. They will also receive contact information for all student support personnel at Fisk.&lt;br&gt;1) AESP — Ms. Tiffany Griffin-Minor&lt;br&gt;2) Career Services — Mrs. Tashaye Byrdsong Woods&lt;br&gt;3) Black Male Initiative — Mr. Jamal Hutchinson&lt;br&gt;Mr. Stewart Watts II&lt;br&gt;4) LEAD Program — Ms. Crystal Owen&lt;br&gt;5) Honda All-Star Team — Dr. Stafford Cargill&lt;br&gt;6) W. E. B. DuBois Honors Program — Dr. James Quirin</td>
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<td>The Academy: Meet with Fisk Academic Schools and Units&lt;br&gt;Park-Johnson Hall&lt;br&gt;[SEE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS AND ADVISING LOCATIONS CHART ON PAGE 25]&lt;br&gt;Included is a discussion on the skillsets required to be a successful student in their respective major. Students will meet with faculty and leaders from their respective schools and academic units and learn departmental expectations for success, including co-curricular activities such as department specific clubs, internships, and scholarship opportunities.</td>
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<td>Fisk Joint Programs — Park-Johnson Hall&lt;br&gt;This discussion will help students understand the various requirements for admission into Fisk joint degree programs with Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt University, Case Western Reserve University, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Belmont University, and Watkins College of Arts and Design.</td>
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New Student Orientation Sessions - continued

3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  Orientation Series

(1) Transfer Student Orientation
Jubilee Hall, Blue Room

*Dr. Princilla Evans Morris, Vice President & Provost*
*Ms. Stacey Benford-Oggs, University Registrar*
*Mr. Letherio Zeigler, Director of Student Financial Aid*

The Registrar will cover transcript evaluations, Fisk rules and restrictions for credit transfers, course equivalency, implications for financial aid, and graduation requirements.

(2) International Student Orientation Meeting
Jubilee Hall, Gold Room

*Ms. Mabel Dumenyo, Coordinator of International Programs*

All new international students are **required** to attend this special orientation session designed specifically for foreign non-immigrant students. Students will understand all the rules and regulations of the F1 visas, the services covered under their health insurance, rules and regulations governing social security, the Internal Revenue Service, and their financial obligations to Fisk.

(3) Provisional Scholars Orientation Meeting
Spence Hall, Multipurpose Room

*Ms. Angela Gist, AESP Senior Academic Advisor/ Senior Manager of the Living Learning Centers*

This is a **mandatory** orientation for all incoming students who have been conditionally admitted into Fisk University.

5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  Dinner
Cecile B. Jefferson Cafeteria, Adam K. Spence Hall

6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  Introduction to the Counseling Center
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room

*Dr. Sheila Peters, Director, University Counseling Center*

Dr. Peters will lead a discussion on the services offered by the Counseling Center as well as an educational seminar discussing various mental health issues.

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  Domestic Violence and Domestic Assault

*The Honorable Allegra Montgomery Walker, Judge, Class of 1993, Campus Safety*
*Chief Mickey West, Director of Campus Safety*

10:00 p.m.  Family Meeting — Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Students meet with their assigned Orientation Leaders (OLs) and are provided an overview of the upcoming week’s activities.
For 148 years, Fisk has cultivated a community of scholars and leaders whose accomplishments are recognized globally. During this exciting session, Dr. Mitchell, Fisk’s esteemed and nationally recognized historian, will share the academic and service tradition and legacy that is Fisk University. His insightful and interactive presentation will enlighten you about Fisk’s rich legacy and excite you as you become a part of Fisk’s future.

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
**Celebration of Legacy: NPL Tour, Exhibit and Presentation**  
Students will tour the Nashville Public Library and enjoy a panel discussion between Professor Linda Wynn and Dr. Reavis Mitchell. The panelists will discuss their experiences during the Civil Rights Era and the implications for young people today.

**Core 100/Core 120 Book Discussion**  
Professor Patricia McCarroll and Dr. Sheila Peters will lead a discussion on the required reading assignment for all incoming freshmen, *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do.*

**Fisk History**

**Lunch**

**Nashville Black Historical Tour**  
A narrated tour of African American landmark historical sites in Nashville. The tour is guided by Dr. Reavis Mitchell and Professor Linda Wynn.

12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
**Psychology Department Graduate Student Orientation**  
**Park-Johnson Hall, Room 302**  
**Dr. Sheila Peters, Discipline Coordinator of Psychology**

4:00 p.m.  
**New Student/Faculty Mixer**  
**Henderson A. Johnson Gymnasium**  
*Emcee — Professor Bryan Kent Wallace*  
Socialize with Fisk faculty and get to know why they are so committed to the university.

10:00 p.m.  
**Family Meeting — Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room**  
Students meet with their assigned Orientation Leaders (OLs) and are provided an overview of the upcoming week’s activities.
Founded in 1866, Fisk University is the oldest institution of higher education in Nashville, Tennessee and will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2016. Fisk received a charter for the first chapter of The Phi Beta Kappa Society on a predominantly black campus in 1953. Fisk’s outstanding faculty and students continue to enhance the University’s national reputation for academic excellence that is validated year after year by the leading third party reviewers, as well as by the pool of talented applicants and the large percentage of alumni who complete graduate or professional degrees and become leaders and scholars in their fields.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAMS**

Fisk’s longstanding legacy of excellence is reinforced by its accomplishments in the 21st century, especially in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Business disciplines. Fisk remains the only historically black college or university (HBCU) ever to win the prestigious R&D 100 award, and to date has won four.

The Fisk-Vanderbilt Master's-to-Ph.D. Bridge Program has produced five Ph.D. graduates in the past three years in physics, astronomy, and materials science, disciplines in which African Americans and Latinos are underrepresented. As of 2006, no U.S. institution awards more master’s in physics degrees to African-American U.S. citizens than Fisk, which is also one of the top ten U.S. institutions awarding master’s in physics degrees to U.S. citizens of any ethnic background. In 2012, the Fisk-Vanderbilt Master’s-to-Ph.D. Bridge Program graduated six Ph.D. recipients in the physical sciences and is on track to graduate this number each year.

In September 2012, the National Science Foundation released its most recent study ranking U.S. higher education programs by their expenditures in research and development. Fisk University’s research in the physical sciences ranks in the top 3 percent while Fisk’s overall research ranks in the top 8 percent among all U.S. universities and colleges.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

The Department of Business Administration has a reputation for producing alumni who hold top positions in their fields. These include entrepreneurs George Russell Curtis, Sr. ’56, Karl Turner’77 and Jacquelyn Denton Alton ’66, sports agents and executives Carl Poston III ’77 and Kevin Poston ’81, Music World Entertainment Founding CEO Mathew Knowles ’75, hospital system executive Mark Chastang ’74, and past American Hospital Association Chairman and current Truman Medical Center CEO John W. Bluford III ’71.

Among the many young alumni who have begun to make their marks are risk analysts Jenise Burks ’11 and Jordan West ’10, financial services professional James Horton ’06, accounting executive Dominique D’Antignac-Bell ’97, social media strategist Rob Wingfield ’00, foreign services officer William Campbell ’07, and human resources professional Johnathan Montgomery ’99.

The department’s ENACTUS organization (formerly SIFE) regularly wins regional competitions for their innovative projects that make a difference in the Nashville community while developing them into socially responsible business leaders. Fisk holds membership in the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The Department of Business Administration offers a minor in music business through a collaborative agreement with Belmont University. In addition, Fisk offers a joint program with the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. In five years, students earn a Fisk B.S. degree and a Vanderbilt Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree.

**NATIONAL RANKINGS**

In *Forbes’* 2013 rankings of the 650 Top Colleges, Fisk University ranks #188, the fourth highest ranked institution in Tennessee, ahead of the University of Tennessee, Belmont University, Christian Brothers University, East Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University. Fisk also ranked #134 among all private institutions in the nation and #34 among all institutions in the South. Fisk is the highest ranked historically black college/university on the list.

The 2013 *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Colleges and Universities” ranked Fisk in Tier One at #146 of more than 1,400 Liberal Arts Institutions in the United States. Only four HBCUs are ranked in Tier One. Fisk is ranked #4 on the list of “The Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).”

The *Washington Monthly, September 2013*, ranked Fisk as the “#1 Liberal Arts HBCU in Research” in its “Top Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities.” Fisk ranks in the top 10 percent of the 254 leading liberal arts institutions based on social mobility, research and service.

For the 21st consecutive year, the *Princeton Review* included Fisk on its 2013 list of “The Best Southeastern Colleges.”
FALL 2013 ENROLLMENT
Enrollment is 646, a 5 percent increase over last year. The average GPA for the Class of 2017 is 3.2.
Fisk’s entering students’ average SAT score is 1520, which is higher than 1500, the national average score on the new SAT and of 1278 for African American college entrants. Fisk students’ average ACT score is 21.0, which is higher than the national average of 20.9 for all students and 16.9 for African American college entrants.
Among Fisk’s Class of 2017, biology is the most popular major, followed by business, psychology, physics and chemistry.

STUDENT OUTCOMES
Fisk’s persistence rate is 85 percent. The national average persistence rate is 57 percent, and the average persistence rate at other Tennessee institutions is 51 percent. Fisk’s six-year graduation rate is 54 percent.
Over 17 percent of Fisk students are selected for internships, which is above the 9 percent national average for internship placements on college campuses.
Sixty-one percent of students who earn a Fisk degree enter graduate or professional school within one year of their graduation, ahead of the national average of 23 percent.
Fisk’s 2013 graduating class included six students who were inducted into The Phi Beta Kappa Society.
Fisk’s six-year graduation rate is 59 percent. The national graduation rate was 56 percent in 2009, which is the latest available number from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
Fisk alumni participation over the seven-year period, ending June 30, 2013, averaged 21.25 percent (the national average alumni participation rate for all colleges and universities is 20 percent). For FY 2013, the alumni participation rate reached 26 percent. Fisk alumni contributed a total of $9,649,265.41 or 28 percent of the $35,124,550.81 in private gifts raised over the same seven-year period.
Over the past seven years ending June 30, 2013, Fisk Trustees donated 18 percent of annual fundraising revenues. Fisk Trustees contributed a total of $6,301,221.74 or 18 percent of the $35,124,550.81 in private gifts raised over the same period.
Fisk scholarships represent the second greatest source (32 percent) of student financial assistance while federal student/family loans provide the greatest source of student support (46 percent). Federal grants are the third greatest source (14 percent) of student support.

1 College Board (CEEB), 2013
2 ACT Profile Report, 2013
3 National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2012
4 National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2012

Source: Division of Institutional Advancement, January 16, 2014
SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND BUSINESS
Dr. Lee E. Limbird, Dean of School, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Biochemistry

DEPARTMENT OF LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES — Steve Morgan, Chair

a) BIOLOGY
Dr. Phyllis Freeman-Junior, Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator*
Dr. Justus O. Ike, Associate Professor
Ms. Patricia A. McCarroll, Lecturer, Director of Core Curriculum
Dr. Brian Nelms, Assistant Professor
Dr. Lee Limbird, Professor
Dr. Sarah Baas Robinson, Visiting Assistant Professor

Adjunct Instructor
Ms. Meleisha Edwards, Adjunct Laboratory Instructor

b) CHEMISTRY
Dr. Natalie Y. Arnett, Assistant Professor
Dr. Princilla Evans Morris, Associate Professor**
Dr. Robert C. Wingfield, Jr., Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Steven M. Damo, Assistant Professor

Adjunct Instructor
Mr. Maurice Gayle, Adjunct Lecturer
c) PHYSICS
Dr. Arnold Burger, Professor and Director of Materials Science Laboratories
Dr. Warren E. Collins, Professor
Dr. Steven H. Morgan, Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Richard Mu, Professor
Mr. Bryan Kent Wallace, Lecturer, Director of Physics Lab
Dr. Michael Watson, Associate Professor
d) PRE-HEATH PROFESSIONS
Dr. Lee E. Limbird, Coordinator

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE — Dr. Cathy Martin, Chair

a) MATHEMATICS
Dr. Md. Ziaul Haque, Associate Professor
Dr. Sanjukta Hota, Associate Professor
Dr. Qingxia Li, Assistant Professor
Dr. Cathy R. Martin, Associate Professor, Discipline Coordinator

Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Will Haight, Adjunct Math Instructor
Mr. Dustin Winfree, Adjunct Instructor

b) COMPUTER SCIENCE
Dr. Sajiid Hussain, Associate Professor
Dr. Lei Qian, Associate Professor, Discipline Coordinator

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT — Dr. Stafford Cargill, Chair

Dr. Alfredo Cambronero, Associate Professor
Dr. Stafford W. Cargill, Associate Professor
Mr. Nicholas Umontuen, Lecturer and Discipline Coordinator

Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Reynard McMillian, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Dennis McNamee, Adjunct Lecturer

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Dr. Reavis L. Mitchell, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND LANGUAGES — Dr. Lean’tin L. Bracks, Chair

a) ART
Ms. Li Fran Fort, Lecturer
Ms. Alicia M. Henry, Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator

Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Ted Jones, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Vando Rogers, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Jamaal Sheats, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Victor Simmons, Adjunct Lecturer

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** Full-time Administration
REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENT
FOR ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN
During
New Student Orientation Week
and the
New Student Orientation course

Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do

Claude M. Steele, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost, University of California—Berkeley, has been called “one of the few great social psychologists.” Dr. Steele offers a vivid first-person account of the research that supports his groundbreaking conclusions on stereotypes and identity. He sheds new light on American social phenomena from racial and gender gaps in test scores to the belief in the superior athletic prowess of black men, and lays out a plan for mitigating these “stereotype threats” and reshaping American identities.

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### Thursday, August 14

**New Student Orientation Sessions**

**Heirs to the Promise**

**Faculty Academic Advising**  
[See NSO Advising Room Locations chart on page 7]

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<td>7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Continental Breakfast for Faculty</td>
<td>Park-Johnson Hall Lobby</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Workshop — The Importance of Being Advised</td>
<td>Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122</td>
<td>Professor Patricia McCarroll</td>
<td>A-L Only</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Empowering Students — Advising and Program Planning</td>
<td>Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122</td>
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<td><strong>PLEASE BRING LAPTOP COMPUTERS.</strong></td>
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<td>A-L — 8:30-10:00am</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Supplemental Workshop—JAF Educational Research</td>
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<td>Discussion of Fisk University Database Resources</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Graduate Student Orientation</td>
<td>Park-Johnson Hall, Second Floor</td>
<td>Dr. Lee Limbird, Dean of the School of Natural Science, Mathematics and Business</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Workshop — The Importance of Being Advised</td>
<td>Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122</td>
<td>Provost Princilla Evans Morris</td>
<td>M-Z Only</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch—Cecile B. Jefferson Cafeteria, Adam K. Spence Hall</td>
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<td>2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Out Class the Competition</td>
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<td>Mr. Fitzgerald Heslop, Instructor, Peak Technical Institute, Social Decorum Academy</td>
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<td><strong>Students will learn the benefits of social skills, such as etiquette and protocol, to help project confidence, authority and professionalism in competitive global business arenas.</strong></td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Social Decorum Tutorial Dinner [Business Attire Required]</td>
<td>Henderson A. Johnson Gymnasium</td>
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<td>9:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Family Meeting — Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room</td>
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<td>Students meet with their assigned Orientation Leaders (OLs) and are provided an overview of the upcoming week’s activities.</td>
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Leadership Through Service: A Fisk Tradition

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  Service Day Begins [Community Service Event with Sponsoring Non-profit Organization]
This session will look at one particular Fisk value, civic engagement, and examine the process of becoming an informed, thoughtful, and engaged community member. Taking a look at the process of voting, discussion leaders help new students understand the value and importance of good citizenry. This session will also explore responsible voting, at the local, national or campus level, as well as introduce new students to various service learning/community service activities available on campus.

12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  Tour the Parthenon at Centennial Park

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.  Lunch at Centennial Park

2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.  “Get Up and Move”
Mrs. Tashaye Byrdsong Woods, Director, Career Development and Leadership
This session promotes the importance of routine exercise and how it impacts your overall health.
[Your Choice Students!]

2:30—3:30 p.m.  Beach Volleyball | Boot Camp | Zumba
3:30—4:30 p.m.  Beach Volleyball | Boot Camp | Zumba

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  Dinner

10:00 p.m.  Fisk Family Meeting / Rules and Regulations for Talent Show
Orientation Leaders
Saturday, August 16

New Student Orientation Sessions

Heirs to the Promise

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  Prep for Talent Show
Henderson A. Johnson Gymnasium
Ms. Loretta McDonald, Interim Director of Recruitment and Admission
Dress Rehearsals and approval of submitted acts.

12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  Lunch
Cecile B. Jefferson Cafeteria, Adam K. Spence Hall

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  New Student Talent Show

9:00 p.m.  Fisk Family Block Party
Fisk University Campus Grove

Block Party!
New Student Orientation Sessions

Heirs to the Promise

9:00 a.m.
Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel

Family Worship Service
The Reverend Dr. Jason Curry
Dean of the Chapel

The Pinning Ceremony
[Immediately following Family Worship Service]
[Black and white dress attire is required.]

Mr. Anthony Jones — Officiating
Vice President for Enrollment Management

Dr. Princilla Evans Morris
Executive Vice President and Provost

Dr. Alfredo Cambronero
Associate Professor of Economics and Chair, Faculty Assembly 2014-2015

For the Class of 2018, this is the culminating event of New Student Orientation Week. The newest members of the Fisk University community will be pinned by their Orientation Leaders in the presence of Fisk faculty, staff, current students, alumni, and administration.
The Gold and Blue

John W. Work, Class of 1895

The warm and genial setting sun
Lights up the hills with mellow hue,
Where Fisk our Alma Mater stands
Majestic dear old Gold and Blue.

From North, from East, from South, from West,
Ethiopia’s children gather here,
And breathe in loft’est light and love
Of thy inspiring atmosphere.

To North, to East, to South, to West,
Thy loyal children make their way;
To execute thy fine behest,
“Go turn the darkness into day.”

To heav’n, to country, and to thee,
Our hearts shall first and last be true,
We e’en shall die with loyalty
To heav’n, to country, Gold and Blue.

Chorus:
Then hurrah and hurrah!
For the Gold and the Blue,
Her sons are steadfast,
Her daughters true,
Where e’re we be we shall still love thee
Fisk our Alma Mater.

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"Her Sons And Daughters Ever On The Altar"
Freshmen students will be required to dress in specific attire for the Convocation.

♦ Young women must wear a white dress or white skirt and blouse. For the most tasteful appearance, please consider the following suggestions: a dress or skirt of appropriate length and fit; the dress should not revealing in any way; wear flesh-tone pantyhose; black, closed-toe pumps; and conservative jewelry (preferably pearls).

♦ Young men must wear a conventional dark suit or dark pants with a white shirt and tie, and dress shoes.
New Student Orientation
Academic Schools and Advising Locations
August 12 and 14, 2014

Third Floor Park-Johnson — Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- 308 Chemistry
- 305 Physics
- 303 Biology
- 301 Math / Computer Science

Second Floor Park-Johnson — Humanities and Social Sciences
- 221 Education
- 209 Art
- 206 English / Foreign Language
- 203 Political Science / History
- 201 Sociology

First Floor Park-Johnson — Business, Psychology and Undeclared
- 122 Waiting Area (Movies)
- 112 Undeclared
- 107 Psychology
- 103 Business

Music
*Harris Music Building

*Harris House or Music Building is located between the Fisk Memorial Chapel and the John Hope and Aurelia Franklin Library.
Fisk University Campus Map

Adam K. Spence Hall.............. A
Carnegie Hall/Campus Safety..... B
Crostwaite Hall.................... C
Fisk Memorial Chapel............ D
Jubilee Hall...................... E
New Livingston Hall............ F
Park-Johnson Hall............... G

PARKING AREAS
Parking areas are located off of Jackson Street, D.B. Todd/18th Avenue, Meharry Boulevard and Jefferson Street.
ORIENTATION WEEK GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS

Group #1
On the steps of Jubilee Hall

Group #2
On the steps of Crosthwaite Hall

Group #3
On the steps of Talley-Brady Hall

Group #4
Behind Cravath Hall

Group #5
In front of Little Theater

Group #6
On the steps of Carnegie Hall

Group #7
In front of Fisk Chapel

Group #8
In front of Harris Music Building

Group #9
On the steps of Franklin Library

Group #10
In front of Spence Hall

Group #11
In front of Park-Johnson Hall (main entrance)

Group #12
In front of Cravath Hall