Welcome Students! Welcome Parents!

"Her Sons and Daughters"

Are Ever on the Altar"

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
FALL 2015  AUGUST 8-16, 2015
Dear Students:

Congratulations and Welcome to the Fisk University Family!

You and your family have made a very wise choice in selecting Fisk University. Your priority during your four years here is to ensure that you progress in your academic programs of study. You must make every effort to maintain the requisite grade-point-average and to carry the number of courses necessary to assure that you complete your baccalaureate degrees and march across the stage to receive them during your Commencement – on May 6, 2019!

Here at Fisk, we have a full array of academic support services. I strongly advise you to take full advantage of the Academic Excellence and Student Performance Program (AESP), the Mathematics Center, and the Writing Center. You may obtain tutorial services, be mentored, and receive academic advisement, as well as participate in workshops to enhance your study skills. In addition, the L.E.A.D. Program offers services for eligible students.

Balance in our lives is very important. You can progress academically while enjoying the co-curricular aspects of student life. These range from intramural and NAIA conference sports to various clubs and student organizations, including the Student Government Association, Pre-Alumni Association, University Choir, and Greek organizations. We want you to enjoy your “Fisk Experience” and it should be a well-rounded one.

Your immersion into our Fisk Family is very important to me. I look forward to talking with you as I visit classrooms, eat meals in the cafeteria, and attend various activities throughout the campus. In the event you have an issue to resolve, I encourage you to speak with the appropriate directors and vice presidents who are 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 stand on the shoulders of giants and walk on hallowed ground. You are the next generation of scholars and leaders, and will continue the phenomenal Fisk Legacy. Welcome home – to Fisk University!

Best regards,

H. James Williams, Ph.D.
President
Welcome to Fisk University! All of us at Fisk are excited that you are here. Here at Fisk we are dedicated to your education and your success. All of our faculty, staff, and administrators are committed to our mission of “cultivating scholars and leaders one by one.” Our award winning faculty members are all student-centered and want to make your time here at Fisk a rewarding experience while you learn and grow.

All of us set high expectations for our students and, collectively, we will impart our considerable knowledge and experience to you as you reach for your maximum potential. Our staff and administrators work collaboratively with faculty to provide an intellectually stimulating and positive learning environment. The trials, tribulations, and exhilarations that will shape you during your college years are like no other. Enjoy them and benefit from lessons learned.

Your level of achievement will determine our level of success as a university. At Fisk, we take our core values of diversity, excellence, teamwork, accountability, integrity, leadership, and service seriously. As we all work together, we form a team where there is excellence without exception.

We do not accept excuses for mediocrity. We expect excellence in all aspects of your Fisk experience. During this transition period and throughout your time at Fisk, you will need advice from time to time. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to seek help. Faculty, staff, and administrators are here to help you.

It is our job to prepare you for graduation and to help you attain your career goals. Thank you for choosing Fisk University. We look forward to a great school year!

Very best regards,

Rodney S. Hanley, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
From the Vice President for the Division of Enrollment Management

Fiskites:

As a graduate of this illustrious institution, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the historic campus of Fisk University and the prestigious Fisk Family! You’ve been selected from a very talented pool of young people from around the world seeking the opportunity to study at one of America’s greatest Universities. Congratulations!

As you begin your journey, I’d like you to consider the Fisk motto as a guide, “Her Sons and Daughters are Ever on the Altar!” It originated in 1878 during one of the many mission trips of Reverend A. P. Miller, a member of the Society for the Evangelization of Africa at Fisk University. From the beginning, our school challenged its students to consider the needs of their fellow person above their own. Fisk was founded as a means to equip descendants of African nations with the highest standards of American higher education so they could return to Africa and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with simplicity and clarity. Today, that commitment to service remains the same. Fisk students, faculty, administration and alumni are responsible for remaining on the altar of service to all races, creeds and colors. I invite you to take your place on this ever important table. For I believe our willingness to sacrifice and continue this legacy has been the hallmark of why Fisk has been graced to educate for 150 years.

Again, welcome to the Fisk Family! I’ll see you on the Altar!

Fisk Forever!

Anthony E. Jones, M.Ed.
Vice-President, Division of Enrollment Management
Incoming Students,

Welcome to Fisk University! My name is Brianna Herman, and I am proud to serve as your Student Government Association President for this academic year. My journey to Fisk from Houston, Texas, was a smooth one due to the captivating aura of our Fisk family. I hope you greatly anticipate the journey you are about to embark on, a journey that has been taken by many legends such as Diane Nash, W.E.B. DuBois and United States Congressman John R. Lewis. Fisk University was built on the idea that excellence is bound to rain down on the land of hard work and effort. The audacity of the world renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers® provides a perfect example to all scholars of Fisk that excellence is ours to claim. As you matriculate throughout the years at Fisk, I hope you never lose your inner fire and hunger for excellence because, as a member of the Fisk family, excellence is your birthright.

Unfortunately, I will not be present during orientation week as I will be studying abroad in Beijing, China; but, I hope you take full advantage of all the valuable lessons the week will offer you. The Student Government Association is readily available to assist you with any and all needs you may have. My freshman year I made a personal vow to become S.G.A. president so that I could provide my fellow student body with the same amazing opportunities Fisk has provided to me. The Student Government Association plans to establish genuine and authentic relationships with incoming students, because we hope to see you all lead the school one day. I am constantly assured that Fisk is going to gain very brilliant-minded members into its family as we anxiously await your arrival to campus. I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you on the yard. “Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar.”

A Daughter Ever on the Altar,

Brianna Herman
Political Science ’16
Ella Shepherd Moore Scholar
Saturday, August 8

“Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”

Parent and New Student Orientation Sessions

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.—4:30 p.m. Alumni Legacy Reception
Richardson House
First time students and family members who have attended Fisk are invited to join the Office of Alumni Affairs and other Fiskites for a brief welcome. Individual legacy photos will be taken during this reception.

4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. “Grilling on the Yard”
New students and their families are welcome to eat and relax “On the Yard” or in the Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall.

5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. President’s Welcome
Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel
Dr. H. James Williams, President of Fisk University, addresses incoming students and parents, with greetings from Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Anthony E. Jones, Vice President, Division of Enrollment Management.

6:00 p.m. Provost’s Reception, Academic Deans and Faculty
John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library

Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

7:30 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 the Franklin Library).
NEW STUDENT FLOW CHART

1. *Financially Cleared
   - Check in with Admission Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
   - Check in with Housing for Room Assignment Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
   - Check in with ITS Park-Johnson Hall, Room 322
   - Check in Campus Safety to Obtain/Activate Student ID Carnegie Hall, Lower Level
   - Move into Learning Living 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.)

2. *Not Financially Cleared
   - Check in with Admission Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
   - Check in with Housing for Room Assignment Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
   - Check in with ITS Park-Johnson Hall, Room 322
   - Check in with Business Office Park-Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor
   - Move into Living Learning Center
“Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”

Parent and New Student Orientation Sessions

9:30 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 Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall
   Brunch hosted by Fisk University’s First Lady Carole Williams

1:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m. Parents’ Informational Sessions
   Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
   [PARENTS ONLY]

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
(1) Financing the Fisk Education
   Letherio Zeigler, Director of Student Financial Aid
   Ms. Beth Egan, Student Accounts Coordinator
   Ms. Loretta McDonald, Dean, Office of Recruitment and Admission
   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 student’s subsequent years at Fisk.

2:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m.
(2) Finding Yourself in the First Year (Campus Life and Student Engagement)
   [THIS SESSION INCLUDES A FERPA PRESENTATION.]
   Ms. Natara Garvin, Dean of Student Engagement
   Chief Mickey West, Director of Campus Safety
   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. Students will learn how the University keeps them safe and gain helpful tips for safe living on an urban campus.
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Parent and New Student Orientation Sessions (Cont'd.)

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.  "Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”  
[NEW STUDENTS ONLY]
Adam K. Spence Hall  
Mr. Anthony E. Jones, Vice President, Division of Enrollment Management  
This session’s focus is enhancing the overall culture and climate of Fisk for students to excel academically, socially, and culturally.

2:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m.  Scholarship is a Team Sport  [NEW STUDENTS ONLY]
Adam K. Spence Hall  
Students meet with their assigned Orientation Leaders (OLs) and are provided an overview of the upcoming week’s activities. 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.

3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  Parting Ceremony
Clinton B. Fisk Memorial Chapel  
Mr. Anthony E. Jones, Vice President, Division of 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.  Family Meeting
8:00 p.m.  Group Meeting
“Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”

New Student Orientation Sessions

Testing
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.  Bulldog Career Connect
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122 | Room 112
[STUDENTS WITH LAPTOPS ONLY]
*Students without laptops are assigned to computer labs and Franklin Library.

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.  CAMS Training-ITS
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122 | Room 112
[STUDENTS WITH LAPTOPS ONLY]
*Students without laptops are assigned to computer labs and Franklin Library.

10:00 a.m.—10:45 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 Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122 and adjoining classrooms.

10:45 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 Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122 and adjoining classrooms.

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.  Intro to Campus 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 during a violent, life-threatening occurrence.

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.  Lunch
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  Hunger Games — “Scholarship is a Team Sport 2”
On the Yard
GForce Nashville

4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  Dinner
New Student Orientation Sessions

Academic Focus

[DRESS FOR THIS DAY IS BUSINESS CASUAL.]

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  Graduation in Four Years or Less!
[ORIENTATION BY CLASSIFICATION]  
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room  
Dr. Princilla Evans Morris, Executive Director, The Center for Teaching and Learning/Office of the Provost  
Ms. Fantina Carter, University Registrar  
Students will be given an overview of Fisk that covers expectations, testing outcomes, implications for course registration, and timely graduation.

Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)  
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room  
Letherio Zeigler, Director of Student Financial Aid  
Ms. Loretta McDonald, Dean, Office of Recruitment and Admission  
Jill Vickers, Default Aversion Specialist, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, Guest Speaker

11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.  Chat w/the Chairs  
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122  
[SEE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS AND ADVISING LOCATIONS CHART ON PAGE 13]  
Included is a discussion on the skillsets required for students to be successful in their respective major. Students will meet with faculty and leaders from their respective schools and academic units to learn departmental expectations for success, including co-curricular activities such as department specific clubs, internships, and scholarship opportunities.

12:15 p.m.—12:45 p.m.  Fisk Joint Programs in Health, Biomedical Research and Engineering  
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122  
This discussion will help students understand the various requirements for admission into Fisk joint degree programs with our multiple partners.

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.  Lunch  
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall
Tuesday, August 11 (Cont’d.)

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New Student Orientation Sessions (Cont’d.)

Academic Focus (Cont’d.)

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2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Orientation Series [CONCURRENT SESSIONS] [Session Locations in Designated Areas]

(1) Transfer Student Orientation
Jubilee Hall, Blue Room
Ms. Fantina Carter, University Registrar
Mr. Letherio Zeigler, Director of Student Financial Aid
Ms. Patricia McCarroll, Instructor of Biology and Director of Core Curriculum

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.

3:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Judge Allegra Montgomery-Walker ’93, General Sessions Court Judge, Division IV, Davidson County

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Dinner
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

9:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. “On Point”
Fisk Standards, Dress/Talent Expo
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
[Come Dressed to Impress]

This session will provide an overview of Fisk University’s Dress Code.
Academic Schools and Advising Locations

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

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

First Floor Park-Johnson — Business, Psychology and Undeclared
- 107 Psychology
- 103 Business
- 112 Undeclared

Waiting Area (Movies)

Entrance

Park-Johnson Hall

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

New Student Orientation
Academic Schools and Advising Locations
August 11 and 12, 2015
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, Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Justus O. Ike, Associate Professor
Mrs. Patricia A. McCarroll, Instructor, Director of Core Curriculum
Dr. Brian Nelms, Assistant Professor
Dr. Lee E. Limbird, Professor
Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, Professor
Adjunct Instructor
Ms. Meleisha Edwards, Adjunct Laboratory Instructor

b) CHEMISTRY
Dr. Natalie Y. Arnett, Associate Professor
Dr. Princilla Evans Morris, Associate Professor
Dr. Robert C. Wingfield, Jr., Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Steven M. Damo, Assistant Professor
Dr. G. Dean Martin, Assistant Professor
Adjunct Instructor
Mr. Maurice Gayle, Adjunct Lecturer

c) PHYSICS
Dr. Arnold Burger, Professor and Director of Materials Science Laboratories
Dr. W. Eugene Collins, Professor
Dr. Steven H. Morgan, Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Richard Mu, Professor
Dr. Bryan Kent Wallace, Instructor, Director of Physics Lab
Dr. Michael Watson, Associate Professor

d) PRE-HEALTH 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, Department Chair
Adjunct Instructor
Mr. Dustin Winfree, Adjunct Lecturer

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION — Dr. Stafford W. Cargill, Chair

Dr. Alfredo Cambronero, Associate Professor*
Dr. Stafford W. Cargill, Associate Professor
Dr. Sajid Hussain, Associate Professor
Mr. Nicholas Umontuen, Instructor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. H. James Williams, Professor
Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Rubin Cockrell, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Abbas H. Imam, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Dennis McNamee, Adjunct Lecturer
Dr. Madhu Parachuri, 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. LiFran Fort, Instructor
Ms. Alicia M. Henry, Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Vando Rogers, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Jamaal Sheats, Adjunct Lecturer

b) ENGLISH
Dr. Lean'tin L. Bracks, Professor and Discipline Coordinator and Interim Director of W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program
Dr. Katherine Burnett, Assistant Professor
Dr. Holly Hamby, Assistant Professor and Director of the Writing Laboratory
Dr. David Popkin, Associate Professor*
Adjunct Instructor
Frank Dobson, Adjunct Lecturer
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND LANGUAGES — (Cont’d.)

c) MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
Ms. Nancy E. Rasico, Instructor in Spanish
Dr. Ana Reuda-Garcia, Associate Professor in Spanish and Discipline Coordinator

Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Eric Beuerlein, Adjunct Instructor in French
Ms. Judith Grace, Adjunct Spanish
Dr. Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, Adjunct Associate Professor in Spanish
Ms. Rebecca Zanolini, Adjunct Instructor in Spanish

d) MUSIC
Dr. Philip E. Autry, Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Paul T. Kwami, Associate Professor & Musical Director and Curb-Beaman Chair for the Fisk Jubilee Singers®
Dr. Gary P. Nash, Associate Professor
Dr. Anthony E. Williams, Associate Professor

Adjunct Instructors
Dr. Christopher Duke, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Robbie Hunsinger, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Stanley Lassiter, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Stefan Petrescu, Adjunct Lecturer
Mr. Thomas Spann, Adjunct Lecturer
Ms. Angela Stockdale, Adjunct Lecturer

D) HUMANITIES
Mrs. Persephone Felder-Fentress, Associate Professor of Humanities

Adjunct Instructors
Dr. Peter Fields, Adjunct Associate Professor of Humanities

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE — Dr. Jennifer W. Adebanjo, Chair

a) HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE
Dr. Reavis L. Mitchell, Professor and Dean of Humanities and Behavioral Social Sciences
Dr. James Quirin, Professor
Mrs. Linda T. Wynn, Visiting Instructor
Dr. Jennifer W. Adebanjo, Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Jens Fredriksen, Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND EDUCATION — Dr. Dani Smith, Chair

a) PSYCHOLOGY
Dr. Stephanie Bellard-Chase, Assistant Professor of Practice
Dr. Sheila Peters, Associate Professor, Director of QEP and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Leslie V. Collins, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Adjunct Instructors
Mr. Kevin Ashmeade, Adjunct Lecturer
Dr. Andre Bean, Adjunct Lecturer
Ms. Heather Farrow, Adjunct Lecturer

b) SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
Dr. Shirley A. Brown, Professor and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. Dani Smith, Associate Professor

Adjunct Instructors
Dr. Mary Alattani Karpos, Adjunct Professor in Sociology

C) TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
Mr. Richard Bowers, Instructor in Special Education, Director of Teacher Education/Special Education, Director SITES-M, and Discipline Coordinator
Dr. James Sawyers, Instructor in Education

Adjunct Instructors
Ms. Karolyn Kilcrease, Adjunct Lecturer in Special Education
Mr. Derek Smith, Adjunct Lecturer in Special Education
Ms. Tanesha Stewart, Adjunct Lecturer

DIVISION OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION
Ms. Patricia McCarroll, Director of CORE

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Dr. Katharine Burnett
Dr. Stafford W. Cargill
Dr. Warren E. Collins
Ms. LiFran Fort
Dr. Holly T. Hamby
Ms. Alicia Henry
Mrs. Persephone Felder-Fentress
Dr. Jens Frederiksen

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REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENT
FOR ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN
During
New Student Orientation Week
and the
New Student Orientation course

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?
A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity

Beverly Daniel Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, asserts that we do not know how to talk about our racial differences: Whites are afraid of using the wrong words and being perceived as "racist" while parents of color are afraid of exposing their children to painful racial realities too soon.

Using real-life examples and the latest research, Tatum presents strong evidence that straight talk about our racial identities - whatever they may be - is essential if we are serious about facilitating communication across racial and ethnic divides.

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Wednesday, August 12

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New Student Orientation Sessions

Faculty Academic Advising
[See NSO Advising Room Locations chart on page 13]

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Faculty
Park-Johnson Hall Lobby [Faculty Only]

8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. College is Not the 13th Grade
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Dr. Phyllis Freeman
Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator, Biology
[Learning to Excel Panel]
Panel discussion where 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.

1) AESP — Ms. Tiffany Griffin-Minor
2) Career Services — Mrs. Tashaye Byrdsong Woods
3) Black Male Initiative — Mr. Jamal Hutchinson
   Mr. Stewart Watts II

4) LEAD Program — Ms. Crystal Owen
5) Honda All-Star Team — Dr. Stafford Cargill
6) W. E. B. DuBois Honors Program — Dr. James Quirin
7) Intro to the Counseling Center — Dr. Sheila Peters

9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Empowering Students — Advising and Program Planning
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 122
[New Undergraduate Students Only]
PLEASE BRING LAPTOP COMPUTERS.
A-L — 9:30-10:45 a.m.
M-Z — 11:00am-12:45 p.m.

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Lunch
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Dining Room?”
Park-Johnson Hall (Various Locations) and
Fisk faculty and staff will lead a discussion on the required reading assignment for all incoming freshmen.

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. The Big Game (Kickball) - Concessions
Campus Grove [OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY]
[Please feel free to bring a blanket and/or lawn chair.]
Thursday, August 13

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New Student Orientation Sessions

“History of Fisk Day”

For 148 years, Fisk has cultivated a community of scholars and leaders whose accomplishments are recognized globally. During this session, Dr. Mitchell, Fisk’s esteemed and nationally recognized historian, will share the academic and service tradition and legacy that is Fisk University. His presentation will enlighten you about Fisk’s rich legacy and excite you as you become a part of Fisk’s future.

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Breakfast
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. “Becoming a Master Student” [CONCURRENT SESSIONS]
[Session Locations in Designated Offices]
Advising; LEAD Registration; Student Athlete Orientation; CAMS Training; Student Leaders (Requirements & Election)

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Fisk and the Jubilee Singers®
Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room
Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Paul Kwami, Musical Director and Curb-Beaman Chair for the Fisk Jubilee Singers®

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Psychology Department Graduate Student Orientation
Park-Johnson Hall, Room 302
Dr. Sheila Peters, Discipline Coordinator of Psychology

12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Lunch
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. “Out Class the Competition” Tutorial
Mr. Fitzgerald Heslop, Instructor, Peak Technical Institute, Social Decorum Academy
Meharry Medical College, The Cal Turner Family Center for Student Education
[Transport to MMC Directed by Orientation Leaders]
[DRESS FOR THIS ACTIVITY IS BUSINESS ATTIRE.]
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.

4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. “Out Class the Competition” Dinner
Meharry Medical College

7:00 p.m.—8:00 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.

8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Group Meetings
Leadership Through Service: A Fisk Tradition

7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.  Breakfast  
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

8:30 a.m.  Depart Campus  
[PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF SPENCE HALL]

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.  Lunch  
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall

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. or 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Yoga  
Spence Hall, Multipurpose Room  

Boot Camp  
On the Yard  

Zumba  
New Livingstone Hall, Dance Studio

4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.  Dinner
### Saturday, August 15

**“Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”**

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Sunday, August 16

“Her Sons and Daughters Are Ever on the Altar”

New Student Orientation Sessions

9:00 a.m.—11:00 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 E. Jones — Officiating
Vice President, Division of Enrollment Management

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.

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Alumni Brunch
Cecile B. Jefferson Dining Room, Adam K. Spence Hall
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 Are Ever On The Altar”
Opening Convocation is a Fisk tradition. Therefore, freshmen students are asked to dress in specific attire.

It is strongly suggested:

♦ Young women 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 wear a conventional dark suit or dark pants with a white shirt and tie, dark-colored socks and dress shoes.

A group photo will be taken immediately following convocation.
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.

Since 2009, the Fisk-Vanderbilt Master’s-to-Ph.D. Bridge Program has produced fifteen Ph.D. graduates 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 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, hospital system executive Mark Chastang ’74, and past American Hospital Association Chairman and former Truman Medical Center CEO John W. Bluford III ’71.

Among the many young alumni who have begun to make their marks are Toyota North America finance executive Dennis Deveaux ’04, risk analysts Jenise Burks ‘11 and Jordan West ‘10, financial services professional James Horton ’06, accounting executive Dominique D’Antignac-Bell ’97, 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.

The Business Department is accredited by 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**

According to the American Physical Society (April 2014), Fisk is the number one producer of underrepresented minority Master’s in Physics degrees. Fisk is ranked in the top 15 institutions in the nation for awarding the Master’s of Physics degree for all students, and tied for fourth place for Master’s degrees awarded to women of any ethnic background. As of 2006, no U.S. institution awards more Master’s in Physics degrees to African-American U.S. citizens than Fisk University.

*Forbes’ 650 Top Colleges for 2014* ranked Fisk #256 overall, #186 among all private institutions, and #54 in the South. Fisk was the highest ranked HBCU on the list and the fourth highest ranked institution in Tennessee, ahead of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Belmont University, Christian Brothers University, East Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University.
NATIONAL RANKINGS (CONT’D.)

U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 "Best Colleges and Universities" rankings continued Fisk in Tier One of National Liberal Arts Colleges/Universities. Only four HBCUs are ranked in Tier One. Fisk is the only one that has a BA to MA to PhD pipeline in the natural sciences and does so at the lowest tuition and fees costs.

Fisk University continues to be consistently ranked among the top 246 liberal arts colleges in the nation, according to The Washington Monthly’s “2014 Best Liberal Arts Colleges” edition. Fisk’s overall placement is #1 in Tennessee, #5 in the South, and #55 in the nation. In the categories of research expenditures and bachelor-to-PhD transition, Fisk ranks #3 in the South.

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Princeton Review ranked Fisk among the “Best Southeastern Colleges.”

FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT

We increased our enrollment, by 20%, to 773 students – the third consecutive year of increases. The average GPA for the 208 freshmen in the Class of 2018 is 3.12 and the average ACT is 21.

The Class of 2018 includes 26 Fisk Presidential Scholars, 15 Fisk Legacies, and a Gates Millennial Scholar. The class contains numerous Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Scholars. Among Fisk’s Class of 2018, biology is the most popular major, followed by business administration, political science, psychology, and chemistry.

Members of the Class of 2018 attained numerous honors during their high school careers including memberships in the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Key Club, and Beta Club. They were valedictorians or salutatorians of their high school classes, and were leaders in diverse organizations, from the Student Government Association, Steve Harvey’s Disney Dreamers Academy, and Superintendent’s Leadership Team to Varsity Athletes, School Ambassadors and members of Future Business Leaders of America.

Not only is the Class of 2018 a class of scholars and leaders, but a class of civically engaged students with active participation in numerous organizations including the Girl Scouts, Bahamas Gentlemen’s Club, Black Achievers, Jack and Jill, NAACP, American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Fisk’s persistence rate is 84 percent. Fisk’s six-year graduation rate is 52 percent. During 2013-2014, over 14 percent of Fisk students were selected for internships by national, regional, and local firms.

Sixty-one percent (61%) 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 Class of 2014 included eight students who were inducted into The Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Source: Division of Institutional, March 15, 2015
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Carnegie Hall/Campus Safety........B
Crosthwaite Hall .....................C
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PARKING AREAS
Parking areas are located off of Jackson Street, D.B. Todd/18th Avenue, Meharry Boulevard and Jefferson Street.

Parking ..............................................
ORIENTATION WEEK GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS

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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
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Fisk University Presidents

"Cultivating Scholars & Leaders One By One"