

### **Minority Faculty Luncheon**

Nov. 7, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Regions Room A, Cooney Hall

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

### **Female Faculty Golden Anniversary Events**

Nov. 10, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Leite Hanna Center

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

### **Golden Anniversary Nomination Process**

November 15-27, 2017

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

### **Screening: The Great Debaters**

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

Brock Forum

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

### **Seasons Feature**

January 2018

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

### **University Convocation**

Jan. 23, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Wright Center

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

### **Golden Anniversary Luncheon**

Jan. 23, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Leslie Wright Center Lobby

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

### **Golden Anniversary Honorees Highlight**

February 1-28, 2018

University website and social media outlets

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

### **Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light**

Feb. 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Brock Recital Hall

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

### **Tina Mas a Successful Story**

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

Regions Room, Cooney Hall