



The CLAFLIN Connection

THE FRESHMAN COLLEGE

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ORIENTATION NEWSLETTER FOR NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS

THEME: BUILDING CHARACTER, CONFIDENCE, PRIDE, MEMORIES, AND PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TO THE CLASS OF 2013

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and returning students, I am pleased to welcome you to Clafin University. You are embarking on a journey that will culminate with your preparedness to reach the pinnacle of success in your chosen area of study.

During your matriculation on this historic campus, you will be provided with more opportunities and activities for enrichment and well-being than at any other period in your life. We expect you to acquire the "Clafin Confidence," enhance your self-assurance, and build an optimistic spirit. We also expect that you will be proactive members of the campus community – taking full advantage of all that Clafin University has to offer.

Clafin University provides a student-centered environment conducive for quality living and learning. You will receive the tools necessary for success in a highly competitive and increasingly global marketplace. I challenge you to remain steadfast in your commitment to personal and professional growth. With the expectation that you will be encouraged by the intellectual influence of our dedicated faculty and staff, I am confident that your experience at Clafin University will be rich and rewarding.

We are excited to have you as part of the Clafin University family and look forward to the mark you will make individually and collectively. Again, welcome to Clafin!

Sincerely,

Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, '65
President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009

Students Arrive

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Old-Fashioned Family

Picnic, 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

Aug. 15-16, 2009

Parent Orientation

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009

Family Worship Service

9:00 am and 10:30 am

Information Sessions

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Parting Ceremony

3:30 pm

W.V.M. Fine Arts Center

Monday – Sunday

Aug. 17-23, 2009

New Student Orientation

Continues

Wednesday

Aug. 19, 2009

Freshman Retreat

White Oak Conference

Center

Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009

Worship Service, 10:00 am

James and Dorothy Z.

Elmore Chapel

Confirmation Ceremony

4:00 pm

W.V.M. Fine Arts Center

Monday, Aug. 24, 2009

Classes Begin

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING FRESHMAN ORIENTATION



The transition to college can be a challenging process. As a new student, you need all the support you can get so that this change is as smooth and as easy as possible. At Clafin University, The Freshman College is the unit responsible for easing your transition.

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, you will begin the most exciting and important part of your college career. During Freshman Orientation, you will be introduced to almost every area of college life. The Freshman College Staff, University Faculty, Orientation Leaders, Residential Life Staff

and Residence Hall Assistants will greet you as you arrive.

During orientation, you will:

- learn about the academic expectations from Clafin University faculty;
- meet other entering students in the Class of 2013; and
- become involved in social events sponsored by your Student Government Association and the University.

We have planned seminars, activities and small group meetings about these and other topics. These activities will help you to understand your new environment both in Orangeburg, and at Clafin University. If at any time during the week you have questions, especially about where to go or how to get there, ask for clarification or assistance from any of the orientation leaders, faculty or staff. I look forward to welcoming you, Class of 2013, and getting you off to a great start for the school year!

Monica L. Greene, '96

Director, The Freshman College (TFC)



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Helpful Information

for new students

What should I Bring?

Remember that there will be two persons living in a room approximately 11' 7" by 16' 4", and that your closet will be 3' 8" by 22". Perhaps a call to your roommate to talk about what you are both bringing is the first thing that you should do.

Remember that you are limited to six (6) appliances per room. This includes televisions, musical equipment, computers, refrigerators, etc.

Here are some things that you cannot bring:

- electric / kerosene heaters
- crock pots, or other electric cookware
- automobiles
- hot plates and electrical extension cords (you must use UL-inspected surge protector(s) and adapters)

Here are some suggestions for things that you should bring:

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| • bed linen for single bed (36"x80") | • rug(s) |
| • pillows, bedspread | • laundry detergent and bag |
| • towels, shower cap and shoes, soap dish | • alarm clock |
| • clothes hangers | • radio / TV |
| • blanket | • computer |
| • toiletries | • iron and ironing board |
| • broom and dustpan | • cleaning supplies |
| • mattress cover | • lock(s) |
| • trash can | • personal identification |
| | • dressy attire |

Also consider bringing a copy of any medical prescriptions, including those for eyeglasses or contact lenses, just in case.

Parent Orientation

We are pleased to welcome not only the class of 2013 but also parents and other family members as well. We hope that you will enjoy the activities planned for you on Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16. We have planned several seminars designed to provide information, materials and contacts to ease your transition as well as that of our new students. You will have an opportunity to get a feel for the Claflin Experience as you dine in the Claflin University Dining Center, help your son or daughter move into a residence hall, visit our bookstore, tour the campus and shop or dine in Orangeburg. We look forward to meeting you on August 15, 2009!

Parting Ceremony

The traditional Parting Ceremony is an event in which parents leave their cherished ones in the capable and caring hands of the Claflin family. At this ceremony, first-year students say goodbye to family, and walk through the Arch of Confidence, cementing their commitment to college excellence. The ceremony will take place on August 16, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. This is a "must attend" activity for all!

The Freshman College

- A comprehensive year-long program designed to help entering freshmen build character, confidence, pride, memories and pathways to success
- Special freshman seminars with small classes focusing on the needs of freshman students and featuring close interaction with orientation faculty members

Confirmation Ceremony

Held on Sunday, August 23, this occasion is the first time that entering students must wear the TFC special dress attire. The attire should be equivalent to Sunday church attire. Young ladies are to wear a white dress with neutral or white hose, or white suit, shirt and white dress shoes. Young men are to wear navy, black or dark grey suits with a white shirt, coordinating tie and dress shoes. During this ceremony students are formally inducted into The Freshman College of Claflin University. Parents, other family members, friends and other supporters are encouraged to return to the University to share this special occasion with the newly inducted Class of 2013.

Convocation Luncheon

As a culmination of the first-year experience, the Convocation Luncheon, which takes place toward the end of your first year at Claflin, serves to bring the Class of 2013 together for the final time as part of the Freshman College (TFC). This luncheon is a celebration of the accomplishments of the members of the freshman class, and their transition into the realms of the wider University. Students' parents and families may attend this occasion.

Assembly

Weekly assemblies are designed to foster a sense of community that is open, just, caring, celebrative, and supportive. Assemblies are held weekly.

Community Service/Service Learning

All freshmen are required to complete 20 hours of community service per semester. There are over fifty (50) local agencies from which to select.

"THE WORLD NEEDS VISIONARIES"



Claflin University

at a Glance

Claflin University was founded in 1869, and is the oldest Historically Black College in South Carolina. The University is fully accredited, affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and currently enrolls over 1800 students from across the nation and 14 countries. These very distinctive characteristics describe Claflin University:

- A 45-acre historic campus in Orangeburg, South Carolina
- A premier comprehensive university cited as one of the best in the Southeast
- Ranked by *US News & World Report's* guidebook, *America's Best Colleges and Universities*, in the "Top Tier" and "Best Value" categories among southern comprehensive institutions
- Named by the John Templeton Foundation as a member of its Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges
- Cited by the John Templeton Foundation as a
- Freshman College Program that instills character and moral values
- The Teacher Education Program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- The School of Education offers a Master of Education in Educational Studies
- The School of Business is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- The School of Business offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.
- A signature Mass Communications Program with state-of-the-art production studios
- A premier, nationally acclaimed Honors College
- Outstanding leadership development programs
- Centers for Excellence in the sciences, mathematics, computer science and engineering
- Committed and award-winning faculty at the state and national levels
- Excellent internship and study abroad opportunities
- State-of-the-art computer laboratories for science, mathematics and art
- State-of-the-art computer laboratories in residence halls, academic departments and The Freshman College
- The School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics offers a Master of Science in Biotechnology degree.
- The Music Program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).
- Men's Basketball NCAA Division II ranked #10 nationally.

Claflin Also Has:

- Basketball, baseball, softball, track & field, cross country, and volleyball athletic teams
- Intramural sports open to all students
- Groups that include Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Gospel Choir, Concert Choir, and Theatre Ensemble
- Over 50 student organizations and clubs

The Claflin University Guiding Principles

- Commitment to Excellence
- Commitment to Valuing People
- Commitment to Being Customer Focused
- Commitment to Quality Educational Programs
- Commitment to Financial Responsibility

Exclusive Rankings and Honors

Forbes.com ranked Claflin #1 as the best HBCU in the country.

The University has been featured as one of America's Best Colleges in *U.S. News & World Report* for 11 consecutive years.

U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges 2009 ranked Claflin University #13 in the Top Tier. The University ranked #2 for Best Value in the South.

U.S. News & World Report America's Best Black Colleges 2009 ranked Claflin #7 out of the 81 HBCUs rated for the second year by the journal.

Consumers Digest ranked Claflin #3 nationally for "Best Value Among Top Private Colleges and Universities."

The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Claflin #2 for its retention rate among "Very Selective HBCUs."

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education ranked Claflin #2 for its graduation rate.



Claflin Concert Choir Embarks on Cross-Country Tour

The Claflin University Concert Choir, which last year traveled to China as part of a pre-Olympic concert tour, traveled across the country in May for its 2009 Spring Tour.

The tour began on Saturday, May 9, with a performance in Atlanta, Georgia. From there, the choir went to Texas and visited Dallas and Van Horn, then on from there to Phoenix, Arizona, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. Traveling back east, the choir visited the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, and performed again in Denver, Colorado, St. Louis, Missouri, and Knoxville, Tennessee, before giving their final concert in Kingsport, Tennessee.





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QUICK FACTS

- Clafin University is the oldest historically Black college or university in South Carolina.
- University mascot: the Panther
- University colors: Orange and Maroon
- The origin of Clafin University may be traced to the founding of the Baker Biblical Institute in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1866.
- Clafin University was chartered on December 18, 1869.

Presidents of Clafin University

- Dr. Alonzo Webster (1869 - 1874)
- Dr. Edward Cooke (1874 - 1884)
- Dr. Lewis M. Dunton (1884 - 1922)
- Dr. Joseph B. Randolph (1922 - 1945) *First African-American president*
- Dr. John J. Seabrook (1945- 1955) *First Alumni president*
- Dr. Hubert V. Manning (1956-1984)
- Dr. Oscar A. Rogers (1984-1994)
- Dr. Henry N. Tisdale (1994 -)

Searching for directions to Clafin University? Look no further!

COMING FROM THE NORTH?

- South on I - 95 into South Carolina
- At I - 95 Exit 98, turn off onto ramp
- Take ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-6 [Old Number Six Hwy.]
- Turn LEFT (southwest) onto US-15 [Bass Dr.]
- Turn RIGHT (west) onto US-301 [Five Chop Road]
- Turn LEFT (southwest) onto US-178 [US-21]
- Turn RIGHT (west) onto US-178 Bus. [Charleston Rd. SE]
- Keep STRAIGHT onto US-178 Bus. [US-21 Bus.]
- Keep STRAIGHT onto US-178 Bus. [Rowesville Rd.]
- Keep RIGHT onto Magnolia Street

COMING FROM THE SOUTH?

- North on I-95 into South Carolina
- At I-95 Exit 82, turn RIGHT onto ramp
- Keep LEFT to stay on ramp
- Bear LEFT (west) onto US-178 [Charleston Hwy.]
- Keep STRAIGHT onto US-178 Bus. [Charleston Rd. SE]
- Keep STRAIGHT onto US-178 Bus. [US-21 Bus.]
- Keep STRAIGHT on US-178 Bus. [Rowesville Rd.]
- Keep RIGHT onto Magnolia Street

COMING FROM THE COLUMBIA AIRPORT?

- From US-1 [Two Notch Road], take ramp (RIGHT) onto I-77
- At I-77 I-26 Exit, take ramp onto I-26
- At I-26 Exit 145, take ramp (RIGHT) onto US-601 [St. Matthews Rd.]
- Road name changes to Magnolia Street

COMING FROM THE BUS STATION?

- Turn left in the direction of traffic lights
- At lights, turn left after traintrack onto Magnolia St.

ACCOMMODATIONS?

Please make arrangements to arrive at Clafin on August 15, 2009. If you arrive earlier than this date, you will have to stay at one of the following recommended hotels at your expense:

QUALITY INN & SUITES

1415 John C. Calhoun Drive, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-531-4600

COMFORT INN & SUITES

3671 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-531-9200

TRAVELERS INN

3691 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-531-2590

FAIRFIELD INN

663 Citadel Road, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-533-0014

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

118 Sleep Inn Road, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-536-2550

SLEEP INN

3689 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-531-7200

BEST WESTERN

746 Citadel Road Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-515-9700

COUNTRY INN AND SUITES

746 Citadel Road Orangeburg, SC 29115

803-928-5300

Prices for these hotels range from US \$70 to \$90 per night.