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Seniors Offer Advice to Juniors



Chelsey Williams

Chelsey Williams is a graduating senior and she will receive her degree in English Education. After

graduating, she will teach English for the Washington, D.C. public school system and hopes to one day serve as the Chancellor of D.C. Public Schools on a platform of educational equity. Regarding advice for rising seniors, Williams suggests showcasing your talents as often as possible, working with your mentors, and preparing for standardized tests. Williams also believes in creating your own opportunities.



Kelly Ridgle-Chisom

Kelly Ridgle-Chisom is a senior English major with a concentration in literature. Ridgle-Chisom's short-term goal is to continue her education. Within four years, she hopes to

complete her Ph.D, with specializations in American Lit, African American Lit, and the American Diaspora. Her advice for rising seniors is to keep pressing through whatever mess you have around you, stay true to yourself and what you want to do.



Matias Salvo

Matias Salvo is a senior double majoring in Mathematics and English with a concentration in creative writing. His short-term goals are to move westward and secure an English or Math related job. Ultimately he hopes to be employed with a full salary in media production.

With regard to advice for rising seniors, Matias suggests not worrying so much, and not adding more stress than life already gives you.



Logan Crosby-Chambers

Logan Crosby-Chambers is a graduating English major with a concentration in creative writing. Her short term goals after graduation are to attend Converse College in

pursuit of an MFA in Creative Writing. She also wishes to find employment in the editorial field. Her dream career goal is become a professional novelist for a publishing company. Crosby-Chambers's advice to rising senior English majors is to pay attention in your concentration classes and retain knowledge.



Erica Scriven

Erica Scriven, a graduating senior, will attend

Winthrop University in the fall. Her long term goals are to teach in the public school system, then return for her Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. Her ultimate goal is to become the Director of Literacy at the South Carolina Department of Education. Scriven advised rising English seniors to begin looking at graduate schools or jobs now and to be the master of their fate.

Dozel would like to focus on representing those with mental health issues. Her advice for rising seniors is to not procrastinate and get all your work done in a timely manner.



Joyla Cobin

Following graduation, Joyla Cobin aspires to attend graduate school to

pursue an MAT with teacher certification. Additionally, she plans to work in the same city in which she attended school. Her long term plans are to obtain a doctorate degree in African American Literature followed by a professorship. Cobin also aspires to establish a small art gallery in North Carolina containing her own art. Her advice to rising seniors is to make time management and good grades a priority by studying and retaining information.

English Department Seniors Shine on Research Day and at Honors and Awards Convocation

Senior English Education major Chelsey Williams won the Research Day award for Best Overall Project. Senior English major Kelly Ridgle-Chisom won the Research Day award for First Place Research Project. Senior English Education major Chelsey Williams won the Leadership and Service award for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

English Major Selected For Pre-Law Internship

Senior English Major Nyeema Haigler has received a pre-law summer internship offer from Houston University Law Center Pre-Law Pipeline. This internship carries a stipend. She has also been accepted to the 2019 Florida State University Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program. She will take the LSAT over the summer.



Whitney Doughty

Whitney Doughty, a graduating English major, would, in the short term, like to get accepted into the PACE program-- a program for future teachers who did not take the traditional route. Her long term goal would be to continue teaching while pursuing a Master's degree. She hopes to be able to change the lives of the children that will be in her classes, become a great influence, and

hopefully develop a method of teaching that would further enable student interaction.

Dozel Anderson

Dozel Anderson is a senior English Major graduating in May 2019. She has plans of continuing her education by studying law.



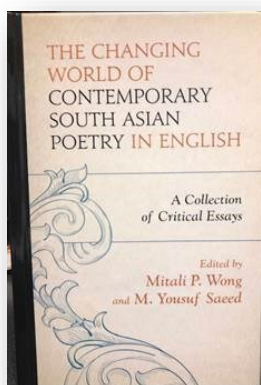
Jewell Parker Rhodes Visits Claflin

By Logan Crosby-Chambers



On February 5, 2019, Jewell Parker Rhodes came to Claflin University to discuss her novel *Ghost Boys*. Since the novel targets adoles-

cents, Rhodes's discussion had a middle school, high school, and collegiate audience. She talked about the obstacles she encountered while writing *Ghost Boys*. According to Rhodes, her publisher requested that she write about the killings of young black men by police in recent years. At the end of the discussion, there was a book signing event. This author's visit was arranged by English professor Dr. Belinda Wheeler. The Lyceum series is led by English professor Dr. Peggy Ratliff.



New collection by Dr. Wong and Dr. Yousuf to be released in July 2019

The collection of critical essays by scholars from four different countries edited by Dr. Mitali Wong and Dr. Mohammed Yousuf will be released in July 2019 by the publisher Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield.



Dr. Evans creates graphic novel on Orangeburg Massacre.

By Nzingha Oakes

The script of the Orangeburg Massacre graphic novel will be completed by Dr. Jonathan Evans over the summer

and submitted to the University of South Carolina Press in September 2019. History is an important subject because it repeats itself. Many younger children and adults do not study history the way they need to. Though many young people may have heard about the Orangeburg Massacre, few really know what really happened. The Orangeburg Massacre was a civil rights protest at South Carolina State University that turned deadly after highway patrolmen opened fire on about 200 unarmed black student protestors. Depicting this event in a graphic novel will allow the youth to connect with it more deeply.

Artist David Andrews visits during CALA-bash week

By JaMariya Mason-Price, Logan Crosby-Chambers, and Bellrica Williams

March 31-April 7, 2019 was CALA-bash week. CALA-bash is Claflin's annual School of Humanities and Social Sciences festival. This year, visual artist David Andrews came to hold two events that were aimed at inspiring the arts. One event in particular was David Andrews's art talk where he discussed the importance of accessibility as well as copyright. Andrews brought up the importance of making sure posters and flyers are easily readable for both print and digital distributions. He talked about the importance of understanding copyright and fair use as well. Other popular events were the Wearable Art Runway Show and Claflin University's Spoken Word Club poetry slam competition. The CALA-bash Committee is led by Speech and Drama professor Ms. Annette Grevious.

In Memoriam



Ms. Linda Hill

The English department continues to mourn the sudden deaths of Ms. Linda R. Hill, tenured assistant professor of English, and Dr. Donald K. Pardlow, tenured associate professor of English. Ms. Hill passed away on April 9, 2019 in the Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg, SC. Dr. Pardlow passed away in his Orangeburg home on April 29, 2019. They will be sorely missed by their students and colleagues.

Dr. Donald Pardlow



Seventeenth Claflin Pedagogy Conference Features Poet Allison Joseph

By JaMariya Mason-Price

Claflin University hosted the Seventeenth Pedagogy Conference on October 30-31, 2018.

This was an action packed conference with the theme being Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. The keynote speaker for both events was the poet Allison Joseph. Allison Joseph lives in Carbondale, Illinois, where she is Professor of English and Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Southern Illinois University. She serves as poetry editor of *Crab Orchard Review*. Her most recent full-length collection, *Confessions of a Barefaced Woman* was published in June 2018.

On the first day, she offered a faculty workshop on “What Poetry Can Do For Your Career as a Non-Poet” and on the second day she delivered a keynote address on “Writing Beyond Our Borders.” Almost one hundred Claflin students attended the conference.

Edisto River Review Launch 2018

By Logan Crosby-Chambers



In October 2018, on the first evening of the 17th Annual Claflin Language Arts Pedagogy Conference there was a launch party for the *Edisto River Review*. The *Edisto River Review* is a faculty and student run magazine that showcases

the literary talents of Claflin students. This magazine also holds a contest to encourage students to submit their works. The contest allows undergraduate students to have publications under their names to help build their resumes.

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