

Dillard University Celebrates Homecoming 2008 Founder's Day & Open House Nov. 8-16, 2008

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(New Orleans) — Dillard University will celebrate its 2008 homecoming November 8-16, 2008, on campus at 2601 Gentilly Boulevard. Because Dillard prides itself on excellence and heritage, the committee named the celebration, 'The Dynasty of Arête'. Arête is defined as the virtue of excellence that calls for the elimination of mediocrity.

Miss Dillard, Ashlee Yates and Mr. Dillard, Marcel E. Harris and their homecoming court will debut at the coronation ball on Friday, November 14 starting at 8 pm at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel. Miss Yates, a senior majoring in International Business & Spanish, plans to attend Harvard University's Graduate School and start the first preparatory school for young gifted women of color in the United States.

Mr. Harris, a senior majoring in public health systems is a native of Vallejo, California. Harris is planning a career in the medical field where he said helping people has always been his nature. Those interested in visiting one of the nation's top-ranked Historically Black Colleges and Universities, according to U.S. News and World Report, should take advantage of Dillard's Open House on Saturday, November 15 from 1 to 3 pm in the Rosenwald Building. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to talk about what Dillard has to offer, including scholarships and financial aid. Homecoming will culminate with a chapel service in honor of Founder's Day on Sunday, November 16, 2008 starting at 2 pm in Dent Hall. The staff expects a full house, as many will gather to reflect on when the university began on June 12, 1869. The guest speaker is Morehouse College Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel and Tenured Professor of Religion, Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr.

Dr. Carter has served in a number of capacities at the Atlanta-based college since 1979. Most notably, he is the founder and sole fundraiser for Morehouse College's International Hall of Honor that consists of 130 original oil portraits of distinguished leaders in the civil and human rights non-violent movement. Carter has traveled around the world extensively lecturing about religion.

Dillard's Nursing Program will be recognized at convocation for 66 years of service. Dillard University is the first institution that offered a 4-year certified nursing program in the state of Louisiana.

[Click Here](#) to view a list of Dillard University's Homecoming activities and a schedule. Listings with an asterisk (*) are open to the public. For more information, contact the office of Student Affairs at (504) 292-5115 or (504) 816-4010.