

What's Happening at Martin

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Message from the President

Today, March 10, 2014, I was notified by Dr. Sylvia Manning, President of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), that the HLC Board of Trustees at its meeting on February 27, 2014 had placed Martin University on "Probation". This action was taken because, in the Board's view, the University is out of compliance with the criteria for accreditation and core components identified in the Board's findings. The Board's findings were based on the results of the Martin University Self-Study in the spring of 2013, the report of the HLC Comprehensive Evaluation Team, the report of the HLC Institutional Actions Council Hearing Committee, and the University's responses to these reports.

Martin University is now required to conduct another self-study and to host a Comprehensive Evaluation Team visit, no later

than September 2014, to determine whether the concerns that the Board identified in placing the University on probation have been fully eliminated and that the criteria for accreditation and core components have been met.

The probation sanction for the University will remain in place until the conclusion of the evaluation process. The evaluation process will include a self-study, an HLC Institutional Action Council Hearing Committee Meeting, an HLC Team Visit to the University in September 2014, and the HLC Board review at its February 2015 meeting. At the meeting, the HLC Board will review and act on the reports of the Visiting Team and the Institutional Actions Council Hearing Committee. At that time, February 2015, the Board will determine whether the University has demonstrated compliance with all the criteria for accreditation and core components, and whether probation can be removed and accreditation continued, or, if the University has



Special points of interest:

Sister Jane Schilling, co-founder of Martin University is scheduled to attend the Martin University Alumni Association Luncheon to be held on Saturday, April 12th at the Julia Carson Center. If you have never had the opportunity to meet one of the University's founders, make it a point to reserve your spot at the luncheon. See page 7 for more details.

Put Your Best Foot Forward

A Guide to Dressing for Interviews, Information Sessions, and More

Anyone who says image isn't everything never went on a job interview. *USA Today* reports that job candidates today are showing up at prospective employers' offices in everything from baggy pants to purple sweat suits, creating a negative image before the interview even begins. Choosing appropriate attire for the job search process can be stressful, but with a little know-how you can impress interviewers, career fair representatives, and information session coordinators alike with your style and panache. Leave the sweats at home – it's game time, and self-presentation is one of the best weapons in your arsenal.



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not demonstrated compliance with all the criteria for accreditation and core components, whether accreditation should be withdrawn.

What Does It Mean?

Accreditation is very important for four-year colleges and universities. The HLC accreditation validates that the credits earned and degrees granted by a higher education institution are certified by meeting set standards of operation, scholarship, and expectations. Other higher education institutions accept the credits and degrees from accredited institutions. This is important when students transfer to other colleges or universities, or when students apply to graduate programs at other colleges or universities.

Here are some other things you need to know:

During the entire period of Probation, Martin University remains an accredited institution. Other institutions of higher education will likely continue to accept Martin University's credits in transfer or for admission to a program at a higher degree level (graduate program), but you should check with the other institution if you are thinking about transferring credits or attending a graduate program.

None of the criteria for accreditation and core components cited by the HLC Board are unresolvable. We fully expect to appropriately meet the criteria and core components by August 2014.

The University was moved from "Notice" to "Probation" because it had been "On Notice" since June 2012. Some of the original issues have been successfully resolved, but the final four criteria and core components still must meet acceptable levels of completion.

This does not impact the summer session or the fall and spring semesters of 2014 and 2015. As a matter of fact, raising student enrollment numbers is one of the key concerns. So encourage other Martin students to get back to school in the fall.

Another key concern is keeping students in the University (retention) and improving our graduation rate. Students can help us meet both concerns by getting back in school and graduating.

The budget reduction via reductions in faculty (7) and staff (9) in the fall of 2013 did not result in a loss of classes or overcrowded classes. It is a concern for HLC.

If you want more answers, please come to the Student Meetings on Thursday, March 13, 2014. There will be one at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Neither meeting will last longer than thirty (30) minutes.

There is a Public Disclosure Notice about Martin University and other actions taken by the HLC Board at its February 27, 2014 meeting available at www.ncahlc.org

See you on Thursday!

Dr. Eugene G. White
President

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Technology Tidbits

- Submit **ALL** requests for IT support to the help desk at helpdesk@martin.edu.
- Submit **ALL** requests for updates to the Martin University webpage to cbranson@martin.edu.
- Never open SPAM e-mail. Delete from your inbox and deleted items.
- Take a moment to go through old e-mails a delete unnecessary e-mails, or archive/save important e-mails to your computer to eliminate using valuable e-mail storage space.
- If you receive an e-mail with a large attachment (1MB or larger), save the attachment and e-mail to a file on your computer and delete the e-mail message.

Spring 2014 Academic Calendar

Wed., January 8	FAFSA: Students complete Financial Aid	Mon.—Sat. March 17—22	Spring Break—Classes suspended
Sat., January 11	Last day for registration Registration has been extended to Friday, January 17th	Mon., March 24	Classes Resume
Mon., January 13	First day of instruction Spring semester begins	Mon., March 24	Advisement & registration for Fall 2014 begins campus wide
Mon., January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday - University Closed	Wed., March 26	Last day to withdraw from classes without academic penalty
Fri., January 27	Last day to add/drop classes	Mon.—Fri. April 7—11	IDEA Assessment
Sat., March 10	Last day for to complete FAFSA to Receive State Aid	Fri., April 18	Good Friday Holiday, University Closed
Mon.—Sat. March 10-15	Mid-term grades due	Mon., April 21	University opens. Classes resume.
		Sat., May 3	Last day of instruction
		Sat., May 10	Commencement

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From the Division of Academic Affairs

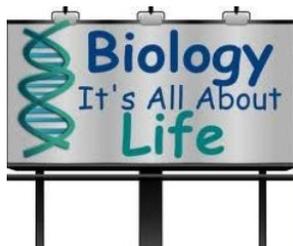


Early Childhood Education (ECE) "Aiming for Excellence"

"Aiming for Excellence" is Martin University's Early Childhood Education Department's development initiative designed to train, educate and inform faculty, students and community partners about the newly enhanced ECE program

Dr. Solomon the new Director of the Early Childhood Education Department has established several community partnerships for practicums and internships. Dr. Solomon and the ECE Adjunct Professors will begin visiting these community partners early in the month of March.

Martin University is excited about this community collaboration!



A Special Science Tool.....

A microscope is a tool used to observe tiny organisms such as germs and components of blood cells. Microscopes are designed to magnify objects. The concept of the microscope was discovered sometime near the year 1590. By the 1800's, a better microscope was invented which lead to the

understanding of human cells. In the 1950's, the electron microscope was designed. The electron microscope allowed new discoveries in science, including a more detailed understanding of genetics in the real world. Since Biology is the study of life, the microscope has expanded the knowledge of the medical and food industries, habitats (human and non-human), and many other areas related to life.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 1st - 3rd, 2014

Pathway to Peace Symposium

The Pathway to Peace symposium is designed to teach the Kingian Principles of Non-Violence. It will assist in relationship building for the community at-large.

Description

This symposium's mission is to train attendees in the art of nonviolent conflict negotiation and conflict reconciliation. The event will focus on law enforcement, educators, faith-based organizations, corporate executives, community leaders and colleges and universities.

Where: Martin University, Indianapolis, Indiana

Watch here for list of speakers.

For additional information send email to: kingian.symposium@gmail.com or visit on Facebook at Pathway to Peace. (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Pathway-to-Peace/1376542822619652>)

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Scholarships

Visit Martin University's website for a list of additional outside scholarships. Go to the "My Martin" page and click on "**Outside Scholarships**" to access hundreds of opportunities.



****Attention****

**Martin University students,
the application deadline for
Summer 2014 scholarships has
been extended to April 30, 2014!!!
Don't miss out on this wonderful
opportunity!**

The Benefits of Taking Summer Courses

Fewer Students: The lower student-to-instructor ratios during the summer months offer more opportunities to get to know your professors and more likely to get some extra assistance when needed.

Getting Ahead: Summer courses can help you to get a jump on completing your prerequisite classes or just want to get one step closer to finishing your degree. If you repeatedly attend summer sessions, you could obtain your degree months ahead of the other students who took those quarters off.



Get Involved!

I'm IN!

Martin University Student Government Association

(SGA)

Snack & Sign

If you have been waiting for Martin University to get its own specialty license plate, you will be delighted to know that it is now a possibility, but your help is needed. The Student Government Association (SGA) is working closely with Martin staff and faculty to collect 500 signatures by April 1 to apply for a specialty plate. Join us Friday, March 14, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. when SGA will be serving snacks for your signature on the petition pledging your desire to purchase a plate in 2015. Come out and sign so that you can be among the first to sport a Martin University license plate!

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Elections!! Elections!!

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More info will be available soon!!

Martin University Alumni Association Events

Alumni Association Brunch

The MU Alumni Association will be hosting a luncheon on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Julia Carson Government Center, located at 300 East Fallcreek Parkway North Drive.

Members of the Alumni Association can reserve seating by e-mailing their RSVP to lmorton@martin.edu. Seating is limited, so RSVP today.



Martin University Alumni Meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of the month at noon on the campus of Martin University. We invite all MU Alumni to attend.

Martin University Alumni Officers

Micheal Bryant, President	Denise Whitaker, Parliamentarian
Alice Booker-Johnson, Vice President	Francis Robinson, Past President
Marva Hunt, Treasurer	
Kamia Jackson, Secretary	

Contact the MU Alumni Association at Alumni@Martin.edu

Or by mail at:

Martin University Alumni Association
Martin University

2171 Avondale Place, Indianapolis, IN 46218

Did You Know

Martin University Campus



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Campus Safety

Mission Statement

The Martin University Campus Safety Department is committed to the prevention of crime, protection of life and property, and the preservation of peace, order and safety to students, faculty, staff and guests of the University.

Our mission is to promote and maintain a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning, and is consistent with the educational goals of the University.



Who's Who at Martin University

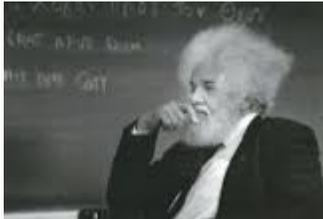
Part of a Campus Safety Officer's job is to know the people we come in contact with daily. In the next up coming issues Campus Safety will feature several staff and faculty members to help you know who's who here at Martin University.

Ms. Lydia Morton

Executive Administrative Assistant

You will see Ms. Morton all over campus because her position requires her to perform several tasks too numerous to name. Ms. Morton has been a part of the Martin University family for 4 years and during that time has worked in many capacities from Student Services to Front Desk Reception. You may want to contact Ms. Morton to assist when you're ready to book the Gathertorium for a special event.





Fr. Hardin, Founder

In its early years it was called a "haven of hope" because it represented a true means to elevate students beyond their current circumstances to new possibilities and dreams. It is still a "haven of hope".



Sister Schilling, Founder

Martin University is a private, not-for-profit, liberal arts institution on the urban east side of Indianapolis. Its mission is to provide excellence in educating and developing all students with expertise in serving and empowering low-income, minority, and adult learners in a healthy and collegiate environment. It is Indiana's only predominately black institution (PBI) of higher learning. It has a rich history of service and is open to an increasingly diverse population of students from all walks of life.

*MARTIN UNIVERSITY IS
INTERESTED IN YOU!*

<p style="text-align: center;">MU PATHWAY TO OPPORTUNITY (PTO) PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides college access and support to students graduating with HS waivers or with a GED <p style="text-align: center;">PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain degree credit for work and/or life experiences • Transfer community college credits • Opportunities for working and retired professionals 	<p style="text-align: center;">MU INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AUTHORITY (IHA) COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides college access and support to IHA community residents <p style="text-align: center;">VETERANS TO GRADUATION (V2G) PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning veterans gain access to college and support services. <p style="text-align: center;">Contact MU Enrollment Services (317) 543-3243</p>
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A Lifetime to receive!

Exciting News!!!!

We are approximately **3 weeks** away from launching the Martin University Online Gear & Apparel Shop.

Stop by the bookstore now to take advantage of 50% off apparel and art supplies while supplies last!!!!!!



Bookstore Hours

Monday 12– 5 p.m.
Tuesday, 12-7 p.m.
Wednesday, 3-7 p.m.
Thursday 12-7 p.m.
Closed Fridays