



## National Alumni Association

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### LeMoyne-Owen Alumni Elect New National Officers; *Set Agenda*

MEMPHIS – (July 30, 2014) The LeMoyne-Owen College National Alumni Association recently elected the following officers to its 2014-2016 board of directors: **Clarence Christian** (president-elect), **Dr. Deidre Jones Donnerson** (*1<sup>st</sup> vice president*) **Glennie Glover Bernard** (*2<sup>nd</sup> vice president*), State of Tennessee Representative **Johnnie R. Turner** (*recording secretary*), **Mary Ford Thomas** (*assistant recording secretary*), **James Haley** (*treasurer*), **Justin Keys** (*fundraising chair*), **Dr. Russell Floyd**, (*assistant fundraising chair*), **Reverend Earle Fisher** (*chaplain*), and Pat Moore (*parliamentarian*).

*President-elect Christian says the new board is a cross-section of alumni. "The members have elected a diverse, capable and committed group of individuals from across the decades of the college—from as far back as the 1950s to as recent as 2010," he said. "We are poised to stimulate the alma mater ambitions of LeMoyne-Owen alumni everywhere."* Officeholders also hail from around the nation-- Los Angeles, California; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Memphis and other parts of the country. The board members also represent graduates from LeMoyne College and Owen College, which merged in 1968.

The board's first major undertakings are an upcoming summit and a general meeting slated for Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the Alumni Room of the Hollis F. Price Library on campus. "Retooling for a Renaissance" is the theme of the summit, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Beverly Robertson of the National Civil Rights Museum will facilitate the meeting, along with organizational development specialist Shannon Dixon. The summit is open to all board members, including former presidents and student representatives.

*"The LeMoyne-Owen National Alumni Association is an independent body constituted to promote and support through advocacy, service and financial contributions the mission and programs of LeMoyne-Owen College while responding to the concerns alumni and affiliate groups," says 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bernard, a retired educator. Christian adds that "the goal this year is to reach out to all alums and friends, inviting them to connect, engage and invest in the association's efforts on behalf of the college. This summit should get us off to a good start."*

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