Let us all stay active and engaged during this new year! Don't forget to read the reports from our Faculty Regent Dr. K. Renee Fister and our Staff Regent Mr. Phil Schooley so we stay knowledgeable about the Presidential Search and other matters that concern us.

Ashes fly back into the face of him who throws them.

African Proverb
Special thanks to the following BFSA members who attended the November 6th Hump Night activities sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Dr. Donald Adongo
Ms. Caroline Atkins
Mrs. Re’Nita Avery-Meriwether
Mr. S.G. Carthell
Dr. Crystal Coleman
Dr. Renee Fister
Mr. Johnny Simon
Ms. Roslyn White

Staff Spotlight

Re’Nita Avery-Meriwether works in the Office of Student Affairs as the Director of Student Life and the Curris Center. She is responsible for coordinating and supervising a comprehensive extracurricular student life program which includes the Student Center, Student Organizations, Greek Life, and Student Activities. Mrs. Avery-Meriwether also administers and coordinates budgets and co-chairs the Great Beginnings Committee. She also serves as the BFSA Director of Event Planning and Activities. She received both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Murray State University.

In her free time, Mrs. Avery-Meriwether enjoys shopping, reading and spending time with her family.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Pearl A. Payne is a full professor in the Department of Applied Health Sciences, Communication Disorders Program. Dr. Payne teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Speech Language Pathology. Dr. Payne was the second born of seven children. She is the daughter of Reverend Cleo Tharpe, Jr. from Mayfield, KY. She has been married to her MSU undergraduate beau for 13 years. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science from Murray State University.

She received her Ph. D. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Dr. Payne has been a faculty member at two of her alma maters. She was tenured at the University of Tennessee for 15 years before coming to MSU in 2003. She came to MSU as the Program Director for the Communication Disorders Program. She graduated from the first masters’ class of this program in 1971. She is now a full professor in that program and looking forward to retirement in December. Dr. Payne wants to travel with her husband, volunteer in her church, and return to her love of gardening.
January 20th Meeting Agenda

12:30 pm  Call to Order/Short Business Meeting
12:45 pm  Concurrent Workshops (choose one)
          Workshop A: Skin Care Tips for African American Skin
          Workshop B: Financial Planning Tips
1:15 pm   Concurrent Workshops (choose one)
          Workshop A: Skin Care Tips for African American Skin
          Workshop B: Financial Planning Tips
1:45 pm   Adjourn

Mrs. Tina L. White - Skin Care Tips for African American Skin

Tina L. White resides in Paducah. She is an alumnus of Murray State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a Master of Science in Human Services. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a devoted member of Harrison Street Missionary Baptist Church where she serves the Scholarship Ministry and Marriage Enrichment Ministry. She is a part-time Independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant. Mrs. White is blessed to be able to be a stay-at-home mom with their daughter. She is very active in their daughter’s education and she volunteers in her kindergarten classroom weekly.

Mr. Patrick White - Financial Planning Tips

Patrick Fitzgerald White was born and raised in Anderson, South Carolina. He received a football scholarship and earned an Associate of Science Degree from Lees McRae Junior College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. He also received another football scholarship to Murray State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Business Management. He became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Zeta Omicron chapter in 1991. Patrick has over 18 years of experience in the financial industry. After working for a large investment firm, he was led to join Money Concepts Capital Corporation in 2003 as an independent financial advisor. In 2010 he founded White Financial Group, Inc. Patrick realizes this is his passion and he desires to educate hard working individuals and let them know that you do not have to be a millionaire to enjoy financial freedom. Patrick’s goal is to treat clients as though they are millionaires regardless of their income levels. In 2009, Patrick started teaching a course he created called “Building Wealth God’s Way.” The course is designed to teach people how to manage money, get out of debt, and save and invest for retirement. Over the years Patrick has conducted various seminars and workshops in churches, colleges, and universities in and around the state of Kentucky.

He is a devoted husband married to Tina, they have been married for fifteen years and are the proud parents of one daughter named Naarah. In his spare time he likes to watch movies with his family, and take his wife and daughter out on dates.
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Beginning Spring Semester 2014

**Looking for a service project for your organization?**

Racers Helping Racers is an opportunity to make a direct impact on your fellow students.

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### Employee Accomplishments

Murray State University’s Speech and Debate Union, directed by Dr. Crystal Coleman, won 10 honors at the Owensboro Regional Championship Tournament Nov. 8-9. Awards included Duo (1st, 3rd and 5th) Programmed Oral Interpretation (4th); Novice Debate Speaker (7th); Top Novice Broadcaster; Top Novice in Dramatic Interpretation.

More than a dozen colleges and universities competed in the tournament, including Transylvania University, University of Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, Western Kentucky University and Berea College.

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Events of Interest

Annual Membership Dues are $25.00 due at the beginning of the fall semester for the entire academic year. Please make checks payable to Murray State University, put BFSA in the “memo” and forward to Donald Adongo, BFSA Treasurer at 6-A7 Faculty Hall.