The year 2012 is well underway and is bringing lots of change. My focus in this message will be to discuss change that will impact us as alumni and in some cases our communities.

First, I want to report to you that Gary Dowdell ’74, Chairman, Central State University Board of Trustees, invited me to serve as Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) to identify a successor for President Garland. My Co-Chair in this effort is Central State University Trustee Della Green. The PSAC had its inaugural meeting in early February. You will be pleased to know that the ten person PSAC is well represented by alumni including; Dr. Lennard Moses, Dr. James Renick, Joey Williams and Charles Whitehead. Also, pre-alumni member and Student Trustee Lauren Colvard.

We have a goal of completing the search by the end of this academic school year. However, our commitment is to find the very best person available to lead CSU for years to come. That is our commitment and that is what we will deliver to the Trustee Board who will make the final decision. If the process needs to extend beyond the end of the academic school year, to achieve our objective that is what we will do.

This is important work for the future of CSU and I am both pleased and honored to represent you in this process.

Next, there is change within the General Alumni Association (GAA). Bianca R. Graves, ’90, Detroit Alumni Chapter, has been appointed 2nd Vice President to replace Shirley McKinney, Cleveland Alumni Chapter, who resigned after 8 years of dedicated service as a director and 2nd vice president. Bianca has served as Sergeant-at-Arms since 2009 and as our Nominating Committee Chair. Bianca is excited about fulfilling this new responsibility.

Bianca’s new role provided me with the opportunity to replace her as Sergeant-at-Arms. Annamaria Denise Fort, GAA 3rd Vice President (President of the Class of ’12) has accepted the additional position as Sergeant-at-Arms. This appointment means that when she graduates this May, she will continue to serve the Board as Sergeant-at-Arms. Annamaria’s appointment and acceptance will be instrumental in the GAA fulfilling a key strategy of bridging the generation gap between the GAA and recent CSU graduates. By keeping Annamaria engaged with the Board we will dramatically improve our chances of connecting with and engaging younger alumni who are critical to our future.

There is nothing more important to the future of our Association than membership growth. Without significant growth of our membership we will continue to be ill equipped to provide the University the support it needs and so very much deserves from the General Alumni Association.

Immediate Past President, Vernon Ford has accepted chairmanship of the Membership Committee including leadership of the 1887 Membership Campaign. He will also continue his focus on chapter proliferation and revitalization.
In conclusion, we have lost a valued officer, replaced her with an experienced officer more than two decades younger than myself; built a platform for a continuing relationship with today's student body; and capitalized on the experience, knowledge, relationships and continuing dedication of our Immediate Past President to lead our most important initiative, membership!

The recently concluded primaries in the State of Ohio resulted in Joyce Beatty ’71 winning the Democratic Primary for United States Representative for the 3rd Congressional District (Columbus area). Her victory in the primary positions her well to be elected in the general election later this year. To the best of my knowledge she would be the first Centralian to represent Ohio in the United States House of Representatives.

I attended a fundraiser for her in Washington DC on March 27th. She has generated tremendous support for her campaign from members of Congress including the following Representatives who also attended the event: Democratic Leader the Honorable James E. Clyburn, South Carolina; Chair of the Democratic National Committee the Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida; the Honorable Andre’ Carson, Indiana; the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, Ohio; the Honorable Al Green, Texas; the Honorable Barbara Lee, California; and the Honorable Frederica Wilson, Florida.

Joyce is a proud Centralian and always represented the interests of Central State University when she served in the legislature of the State of Ohio. Her dream of becoming a US Representative is within reach. She does need the support…financial, campaigning and voting (for those who reside in the 3rd Congressional District)…of her Central State family. Congratulations to Joyce on this most important accomplishment.

In closing, the changes I have described above can be good for Central State University. As I said during the recent Charter Day Convocation where we celebrated our 125th anniversary, “People do not survive 125 years, only great institutions”. Central State is a great institution that has graduated decades of men and women of accomplishment. It is important that whomever becomes the next Central State University President has the full support of the General Alumni Association. Please continue to give your support to the GAA Officers and Board members. If you have not already done so, get on board with our 1887 Membership Campaign by reaching out to your contacts and asking them to get financial and involved with the alumni association. We want and need the engagement of many more of our colleagues in order to launch Central State into its next 125 years.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual meeting in Columbus this June.

FOR GOD, FOR CENTRAL, FOR STATE

Fred J. Grigsby, Jr. ’69, President
General Alumni Association
Alumnus of the Year

Charles A. Colbert, Jr. - 2012 Alumnus of the Year

Charles was a member of the 1965 Central State undefeated basketball team. He is a member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame, Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, and Central State Hall of Fame. He left the institution and returned to graduate in 1974. During the years of 1974-1991, Charles worked as sales manager for Sheraton Hotel and executive mill representative for Great Northern Paper Company. In 1975, Charles founded CMC Graphics, Inc., a meeting planning and graphics company. He resides in Crete, IL and is married with five children.

Charles began fiercely engaged with alumni affairs when he co-chaired the 2006 GAA Off-Campus meeting in Chicago. Charles Colbert is a Life Member of the General Alumni Association and maintains active membership with the Chicago, Columbus and Everglades Chapters. In addition to serving on the GAA Board, he is a Board member of the Oakwood Academy Alumni Board in Huntsville, AL. His company is a significant financial contributor to the University. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the University and the GAA is that he uses his hotel experience to negotiate hotel contracts for Homecoming and other University events.

Charter Day

On March 6, 2012, at Charter Day, Charles Delane ’60 and Curtis Owens ’62 and were inducted into the Achievement Hall of Fame.

Charles E. Delane, CSU Class of ’60, demonstrated leadership abilities in high school which culminated in being elected President of the Student Council at Manassas High in Memphis, TN. Upon graduation, he entered Central State University and continued to apply his leadership and achievement skills. He was elected and re-elected as president of his class for four consecutive years. He was extremely active in campus life serving as a dormitory proctor, playing on the baseball team and participating in numerous campus organizations including the Page-Broaddus Fellowship of which he served as President. During his senior year, he was selected to be the Cadet Commander of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit. As a result of his performance and academic achievement, he was earned the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate which earned a Regular Army commission, the only one awarded in his class. He was voted by class members as “Most Likely to Succeed.”

He was directed to report to Fort Campbell, KY, home of the 101st Airborne Division, where he underwent paratrooper training. Following that tour, he was assigned to the 508th Airborne Battalion in Panama where he became the first non-combat arms officer to serve as Intelligence Officer for a unit that had responsibility for combat operations in all of Central and South America. Later, he served as an Advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Command (MACV) in the Republic of Vietnam where he served as Medical Advisor to the 1st Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), which had responsibility for protecting the Demilitarized Zone. For his actions during the Tet Offensive of 1968, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Upon returning to the states, he was selected to attend the Master’s Degree Program in the Army-Baylor Program in Health-care Administration. Upon completion of the program, he became one of the first African-Americans to be named Administrator of an Army hospital when he was assigned to US Army Hospital, Fort MacArthur, CA. Following that assignment, he was directed to Darnall Army Hospital, Fort Hood, TX, where he served as Chief, Clinical Support Division. His final assignment, before retiring with twenty years’ service, was Inspector General at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C. (the...
Army’s flagship medical facility). Other military decorations include: Legion of Merit (third highest peacetime award); Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; Army Commendation Medal; Vietnam Honor Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal and Master Parachutist Badge. Upon retirement from the Army, he relocated to Atlanta, GA where he served as Deputy Director, Division of Family and Children Services and as Assistant Administrator, Hughes Spalding Medical Center. He was recruited to South Florida to integrate the administrative staff of the North Broward Hospital District, Fort Lauderdale, FL, the fourth largest public hospital system. There, he served as Assistant Administrator, Broward General Medical Center. In other organizations, he served as: Health Administrator, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL; Chief Executive Officer, Florida Access Independent Practice Association, Miami, FL; and Consultant, Medical Practice Management.

Memberships include: Alpha Rho Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Central State University Everglades Alumni Chapter (co-founder) and Central State University General Alumni Association (past member of the board) Community service include: Broward County Urban League (past Treasurer); Florida Commission on Minority Health; Toastmasters International (ATM), Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Broward County Disparity Commission: and Preceptor for students in Healthcare Administration for students at Florida A&M University and Florida Atlantic University.

Charles is married to Martha J. Guillory (Grambling University), a native of Opelousas, LA. Parents of four: Dana Williams, owner/operator of accredited online high school education program (CITA/SACS); Mira Riley, human resources specialist; Alton Delane, graduate, US Naval Academy, MBA, Harvard University and investment banker; and Charles E. Delane II, curriculum developer of online educational programs.

Curtis Owens, CSU class of ’62, became achievement oriented at an early age. By the time he graduated from the Benjamin Franklin High School in Philadelphia, PA, Curtis had lettered in four sports: baseball, football, basketball, and track and field. After earning All Public High School honors in football and track & field, he obtained a track and field scholarship to attend Central State University. In 1962, Central State University awarded Curtis a Baccalaureate in Physical Education. In the same year he earned certification in Corrective Therapy from the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He was commissioned as a Medical Administrative Officer in the United States Army and promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1964. Continuing with his education, Curtis enrolled at Temple University and was awarded a Masters Degree in Public Administration in 1970.

Curtis’ entrée into the healthcare profession began in 1966 with an appointment as an Administrative Assistant of Personnel and Purchasing at the Mercy Douglas Hospital. His career objective led him to accept a position as Operational and Research Analyst at the General Electric Company where he was required to investigate, evaluate, and develop unique healthcare delivery systems. In 1968, he was able to successfully utilize his invaluable experience by filling a number of healthcare management positions at Temple University’s Health Science Center. In 1971, he was appointed Project Director to provide community-based healthcare for the medically underserved. With the collaborative efforts of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (now Department of Health and Human Services) and Temple University, Curtis facilitated the development and establishment of several community owned healthcare organizations, such as Comprehensive Health Management Corporation, Comprehensive Health Services Plan, and Comprehensive Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The energy that Curtis provided as President and CEO of the Comprehensive Health Services Plan for over seventeen (17) years marked a high point in his career in Philadelphia. It was in this role that Curtis took an incubator grassroots community organization, with a prototypical HMO format, and developed it into a $167 million business and a model that was emulated not only by Philadelphia Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, but his model served as the template for HMOs across the country.
At the point of Comprehensive Health Services Plan’s greatest capacity, it offered employment to 534 Philadelphians and provided managed healthcare services to over 65,000 program participants. The Comprehensive Health Service Plan became the largest minority corporation in the State of Pennsylvania.

Because of Curtis’ stewardship at Comprehensive Health Services Plan, he was invited to participate in the broader health spectrum. In 1974, he became President of the National Association of Community Health Centers. In 1975, he was appointed Vice President of the Health Federation of Philadelphia and a member of the Philadelphia Block Grant Commission. In 1975 he was also awarded the Key to the City of San Francisco. In 1976, he was a founding member of Philadelphia Mercy Douglas Human Service Corporation. In 1980, he was appointed to the Philadelphia Mayor’s Commission on Health for the ‘80s. Curtis was awarded the Mayor’s Award and the coveted Bell to The City of Philadelphia in 1981. In 1982, under Curtis’ leadership, the Pennsylvania State Senate cited Comprehensive Health Services Plan as one of five community health centers to plan and implement innovative healthcare services in Philadelphia.

His commitment to community based health care resulted in his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer of Watts Health Foundation, Inc. d/b/a/ UHP Healthcare, Los Angeles, California. There he administered and directed the Corporation toward comprehensive and quality healthcare management and services. UHP Healthcare’s annual revenues were approximately $227 million with a network that consisted of approximately 100 thousand memberships, more than 5200 physicians/medical specialists, 54 medical groups and 80 affiliated hospitals. Mr. Owens strengthened the healthcare organization’s operations and services within Southern California’s five county regions. His leadership enhanced the delivery of medical services to diverse and underserved communities.

Rev Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Founder and President of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition said, “Curtis Owens’ work and integrity is exemplary and the Watts Health Foundation should be proud to have such a leader representing them….Curtis has a long history in the healthcare field dating back to the founding of the Watts Health Foundation and his combined experience will be an invaluable asset to the community.”

Not all of Curtis Owens’ deeds found expression in the health community. He supported and encouraged African American culture through the discovery and development of the late Philadelphia International Records songstress and writer Linda Creed. Linda Creed wrote for the Delphonics, Spinners, Stylistics, Sister Sledge, Dionne Warwick, and many others.

As a civic leader, Curtis served as Vice Chair of the Family of Leaders under the tutelage of Philadelphia’s late senior patriarch, Samuel L. Evans, the founder of the American Foundation of Negro Affairs. Curtis nurtured African American participation in the political process which provided greater access to career and academic choices for disadvantaged youth: doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. He coordinated the principle leadership and lobbying efforts on behalf of minority ownership of Philadelphia’s cable television franchises and became Vice President of Wade Cables’ Initial Franchise Application.

Curtis was also the Founder and President of Impact Associates, Inc. where he guided the agenda of the organization with such vision and enlightenment that the name Impact Associates, Inc. became synonymous with philanthropic, civic, and political awareness. Among Impact Associates, Inc. notable achievements were: fund raising efforts and providing resources for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Sickle Cell Fund. He partnered with the Lupus Foundation to sponsor a fundraiser featuring Sister Sledge, Ben Vereen, Flip Wilson, Grover Washington, Jr., Julius Erving, and others. Because of his involvement in the promotion of the Lupus Foundation, the organization conferred a lifetime membership upon Curtis. Additionally, under Curtis’ direction, Impact Associates encouraged the City of Philadelphia to participate in a “Clean up the Ghetto” campaign. Moreover, he directed the donation of funds to the Boy Scouts of America, the Pennsylvania Prison Library Program, and the distribution of food to the under privileged.

While Curtis has lectured, consulted, and served on public, private, and governmental boards and commissions, one of the...
achievements that validates his life’s mission was being chosen as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Merit from the United States Congress for lifetime performance and commitment to human service. Curtis is also noted in the first edition of Who’s Who in Black America.

It was against this backdrop of local successes that Curtis left Philadelphia to pursue a new career in Los Angeles, California. A measure of how well Curtis has been received and how well he has gained the affection of Los Angelinos is manifested by his appointment as President of the African American Unity Center (AAUC) that operates The Unity House, Community Center for Human Development, and Theater of the Performing Arts. He served as President/Founder of Positive Partners, Inc., a culturally diverse human service and economic development non-profit corporation. He was also designated as the Committee Chair for the late Mayor Tom Bradley’s Tom and Ethel Bradley Foundation. As an example of the depths of his community relationships it is also noted that he eulogized Melvin Franklin (David English) the late bass singer of the Temptations.

Prior to being appointed as CEO and President of the Watts Health Foundation d/b/a/ UHP Healthcare, Curtis served at the behest of the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., as Director of the Los Angeles Trade Bureau and presently serves on a volunteer basis as Chairman of Wall Street West for Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. This experience has provided, and continues to provide an opportunity for Curtis to utilize his extensive administrative, fundraising, political, and technical skills in lending support and giving direction to the promotion of minority business partnerships with main line corporate America. Curtis was cited in the Black Enterprise June 2004 edition for his business accomplishments.

GAA Board Updates

The General Alumni Association Board met in Wilberforce on March 3, 2012. Some of the key items follow:

◊ That a Presidential Search Advisory Committee composed of alumni, faculty, community leaders, trustees and educators are reviewing candidates for University President. They will recommend several candidates for the Board of Trustees to consider. The website to follow the progress of the selection process is http://www.centralstate.edu/president/trustees/PresidentialSearch01.php?num=4

◊ The Board voted to change dues payments to a rolling year rather than the current January –March. For example, if you pay your dues in May 2012, you will receive a reminder next year that alumni dues should be paid by May, 2013.

◊ The Board voted to make a contribution to the University to help pay for Year Books for every student this year.

◊ Board members had lunch with student leaders who expressed interest in what the Alumni Association does, and what the campus was like in previous years.
2012 Annual Meeting

The Annual General Alumni Meeting will be held in Columbus, OH, June 29 to July 1, 2012. See the ad on the next page for additional details.

Homecoming: Oct 3-7, 2012

Lodging details will be available May 1.

This will be a reunion year for the following classes: 52, 57, 62, 67, 72, 77, 82, 87, '92, 97, 02, and 07.

Class of 1961

The '61 Reunion Committee presented $101,987.00 to the University as part of their Legacy Year Activities.
2012 GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (GAA) ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 - JULY 1, 2012

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175 Hutchinson Avenue
Worthington, Ohio 43235

For more information, please contact Mary Leeper-Christman, Committee Chair @ 614-212-0895 or Tammy Mibry Co-Chair @ 614-207-8327
Marion McDowell ’70, an Alumni Board member was honored at the 27th Milwaukee Annual Black Excellence Awards on Friday, February 24, 2012. She was honored by the Milwaukee Times for her contributions in education. She has served as Program Manager and as an Assistant Dean in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is the founding member and President of the Wisconsin Association of Black State Employees. She is Conference Program Chair and Regional Director for the National Association of Minority Medical Educators Inc.

Troy Myree, Sr. has seen a lot in his short time. A rousing, uplifting tribute to the indomitable strength of the human spirit, Mr. Myree’s story is a testament to the power of belief. Full of energy and unbridled enthusiasm for the potential in each and every one of us, SeriousEncouragement.com ~ Living Life From the Inside Out is a raucous revival of a book, the written equivalent to full-on celebrating, dancing in the aisles, and praising the opportunities and gifts given us all. Troy Myree, Sr. was born and raised in Buffalo, NY and has called Cincinnati home for the past seventeen years. Successful beyond what many would have expected, he became associate minister and co-director of Christian Education at one of the largest African American churches in Cincinnati by the age of twenty-six. After eight years in this role, Troy studied for and received his master’s degree in theology from Cincinnati Christian University. He then founded and pastored Refuge Christian Church, also in Cincinnati. SeriousEncouragement.com is his newest endeavor, and this his first book.

Darryl T. Owens ‘59, now in his fourth term as the 43rd District state representative and a former Jefferson County commissioner, is the 2012 recipient of Louisville’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award. Owens is chairman of the Jefferson County legislative delegation, in Kentucky.
We need dedicated Alumni to serve on the General Alumni Association's Board of Directors. These highly motivated self-starters should be creative, able to manage multi-tasks, and possess excellent critical thinking skills. Ideal candidates will have an understanding of the history of Central State University and its relationships with the General Alumni Association, State of Ohio, and the importance and role of a board member while serving as a GAA and CSU ambassador. Student Outreach, Recruitment, Scholarship and Fundraising are critical elements to become a successful member of the GAA Board of Directors.

**G A A B O A R D P O S I T I O N S A V A I L A B L E**

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**IF THERE IS ANYONE YOU WOULD CONSIDER NOMINATING, PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN MIND:**

- Candidate must be financial with the General Alumni Association
- Willing to attend three Board meeting per year at their own expense
- Candidates are also expected to make financial contributions to the CSU Foundation and the GAA

**NOMINATIONS**

Submit a:
- Completed Application (on page 14)
- Professional Resume
- Biographical information (50 words or less typed)
- 4 x 6 photograph, color preferred (non-returnable)
- Letter of Intent (one typed paragraph)

**Topic:** "The role you hope to play in the continued success of CSU, and the skills and resources you will bring to Central State University"

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Any financial alumnus (2011) Membership Year may submit nominations

In order to be eligible to vote or run for an elected office at the annual Meeting, dues must be received by **March 31, 2012**

Packet deadline: postmarked by **April 15, 2012**...No exceptions!

Please send your completed Nomination packet to:

Central State University, General Alumni Association  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
Office of Alumni Relations  
P.O. Box 269  
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

For more information or assistance contact:

Bianca R. Graves '90, Nominations Chairperson, 313-363-8444; yonco.graves@gmail.com or nominations@centralstatealumni.org  
Keith A. Perkins '82, Director, Office of Alumni Relations (937) 376-6641; kperkins@centralstate.edu

Please note: Candidates who do not live within 50 miles of a chapter are exempt from obtaining a chapter president’s signature.
### Board of Directors Nomination Form: Deadline April 15, 2012

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION
Nominee Name
Address
City State Zip
Telephone (day) (evening) E-mail Address

#### II. EDUCATIONAL CAREER
School Major Degree Graduation

#### III. EMPLOYMENT
Organization
Address
City State Zip Position/Title Phone Years

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS
Organization Position Years

#### V. HONORS/AWARDS
Organization Honor Years

#### VII. LOCAL CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT
Identify any activities you have been involved in on a local level. The local chapter president’s signature shall verify activities and good financial standing. Candidates that do not live within 50 miles of a chapter are exempt from this section.
Committee Activity Purpose Position Tenure

Chapter President’s Signature

#### VIII. OFFICE
Place a check next to the office/position for which this nomination is made. ( ) Board Member

#### IX. NOMINATOR
Name
Address
City State Zip Email address

#### X. APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE
For Committee Use Only-Date Received
☐ Application ☐ Resume ☐ Letter of Intent ☐ Picture ☐ Verification of good financial standing ☐ Biographical information

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CHAPTER NEWS

The Atlanta Chapter at the Tom Joyner Red Tails Sky Show

During Black History month the Philadelphia Chapter worshiped at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. Pastor Dr. Alyn E. Waller (bottom row center) welcomed the Chapter
The Everglades Chapter’s 8th Annual Weekend of Tropical Elegance was held February 17-19 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. Guests of honor included President John W. Garland and First Lady, Carolyn Farrow Garland; Anthony Fairbanks, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Keith Perkins, Director of Alumni Relations; and, Fred Grigsby, President of the General Alumni Association. Proceeds from the event go to the Dr. James W. Bridges (’56) Scholarship Fund to help eligible students from Florida obtain an education at Central State University. Dr. Bridges and his lovely bride Betty were in attendance. Area students also had the opportunity to learn about Central State University and all that it has to offer.

On Saturday March 17th, the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter hosted our 3rd Annual Jazz Breakfast. The Everett Moore (’86) Quartet provided the musical entertainment. More than 174 alumni and friends attended including President Garland, Keith Perkins, and Phyllis Jeffers-Coley from the office of Admissions. Thanks to the Cincinnati Alumni and friends more than $1500 was raised for scholarships.
Dr. Juliette B. Bell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has been appointed to become the next President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Bell joined our administrative team in August of 2009 and in that short time she spearheaded academic restructuring, improved student performance outcomes, and enhanced our academic excellence goals. She will lead one of the 12 institutions of the University System of Maryland. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore is a nationally recognized 1890 Land Grant HBCU also celebrating a 125-year legacy. She will be leaving her post as CSU provost effective May 31, 2012. We congratulate Dr. Bell on this important appointment.

125th Charter Day
Central State University celebrated 125 years of educating young men and women on March 6, 2012. The weekend celebration included the University Opera Workshop presentation of The Wiz, a Black adaptation of “The Wizard of Oz.” The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company performed in honor of Charter Day. Author, Terry McMillan was the guest speaker at the Women’s Conference held March 10th. The Central State Chorus and Bach Society of Dayton performed classical and African American works on March 10th. Michael Colbert ’92, Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the 125th anniversary keynote speaker told the audience, “Achieve your goals, complete your degree and give back to your community.”

Concerns About the Football Schedule
There have been questions about the Football Team’s schedule. The Athletic Director’s response follows:

Even with the new Conference affiliations, CSU "WILL" continue to have plenty of room on the schedule to play HBCUs. Any response has to take into consideration the sport being discussed and the conference that sport has affiliation. Not to mention the very complex and strategic changes occurring within the Division II level of the NCAA of which Central State is a Member in good standing.

For example, when you talk about "the battle of the bands" you are talking football. Yes, we are the only HBCU in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) as an Associate Member in the sport of Football. There are nine (9) teams in the GLVC that play Football, meaning we will play eight (8) games of our eleven (11) game season in Conference play. Leaving three (3) games per year to seek a HBCU as an opponent. This past season, as an Independent, we played against three (3) HBCUs and the band participated in two (2) of those contest. Kentucky State in Dayton, OH and North Carolina Central University in the Cleveland Classic. The band did not travel to Houston, TX for our game versus Texas Southern. Looking ahead to the 2012 football season, we have filled two of the three open slots in our schedule. Both of those filled slots are with HBCUs. We are still seeking an opponent for the third opening.

As for the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC), the analysis is much the same. I will use men's and women's basketball as an example. An a member of the NCAA, we are required to compete in a minimum of 22 "regional" games per year and have a certain "strength of schedule" component in order to qualify for the Division II NCAA Tournament. Regional games are defined in several ways, but the most cost effective way to reach that number and assure a measurable level of "strength of schedule" is "conference opponents." Again, with only six (6) schools currently in the G-MAC, that means we are assured ten (10) quality regional games each year, leaving plenty of room to schedule HBCUs.

Many alums will recall CSU Athletics, for most of our recent history, as an Independent member of the NAIA or part of what I believe they called District 23. However, as a member of the NCAA it is imperative we have Conference affiliations to provide stability in scheduling, Conference Championship opportunities for our student-athletes, a chance for entry into National Tournaments and regional media exposure, not to mention the ability to reduce the amount of time our student-athletes spend away from campus and control of our travel expenses.

Kellen Winslow, Athletic Director
Message from the Office of Institutional Advancement

Central State University is seeking to raise $1.5 million to establish a **John W. Garland Endowed Chair** to strengthen its academic program and honor its President, John W. Garland. Of this amount we are requesting $200,000 from Caterpillar, Inc.

John W. Garland became Central State University’s seventh President in 1997. Under his leadership the University has strengthened its academic offerings, significantly increased enrollment and made major capital improvements.

Endowed chairs are a hallmark of a great University. Endowed chairs, allow the school to reward and retain distinguished faculty members or to recruit experts to the faculty in a particular field of study. Colleges and Universities become known by the prestige and tangible accomplishments of the “holders” of their endowed chairs. The Office of Intuitional Advancement wants to establish Central State University’s first Endowed Chair through the successful implementation of the **John W. Garland Endowed Chair** Campaign to raise $1.5 million by June 30, 2012.

An endowed chair at Central State University will provide a range of opportunities for growth and development. It will aid in recruiting new faculty; help CSU attract a top-tier professor it might not otherwise be able to attract or afford. It can also help retain current competitive faculty members by providing academic distinction and remuneration modestly above “full professor.” The **John W. Garland Endowed Chair** Scholar will have an opportunity to publish, present scholarly papers, and participate in other professional activities. This will help the professor maintain a major commitment to his/her academic discipline as well as pass on to his/her students an intellectual curiosity about learning.

The **John W. Garland Endowed Chair’s** financing plan is as follows: The endowed chair requires a funding base of at least $1.5 million, which will be invested at 5%, yielding $75,000/year. Of that $75,000 per year, $10,000 will be reinvested so the endowment can grow to keep pace with inflation. The remaining funds, $65,000, will supplement existing operating funds enabling the selected John W. Garland scholar to present scholarly papers, conduct research, fund grad assistants, allow attendance at professional and affiliation meetings and engage in other scholarly activity.

Major donors who make a gift of $1,000 or higher by June 30, 2012 will have their name placed on a plaque that will be prominently displayed on campus as a major contributor of the University Endowed Chair Campaign in the name of President John W. Garland. All gifts are appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Send checks to the Central State University Foundation, Office of Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 1004, Wilberforce, Ohio 45384. In the memo section please earmark **John W. Garland Endowed Chair**. Pledges of future support and estate bequests are also welcome.
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY CHORUS Saturday, April 14, 2012 4:00 p.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
10180 Woodlawn Blvd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215 (Woodlawn)
Admission is free.

The Central State University Foundation will induct the Sustaining Philanthropist and The 1887 Legacy Society honorees who are major contributors to the University on Thursday, April 19, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, 1 West Second and Main Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. The evening of elegance with hors d’oeuvres, live entertainment and more. Guest speaker, Maggie Anderson, CEO & Founder, noted author, entrepreneur and attorney has become the national leader of the consumer driven movement “The Empowerment Experiment.” It all started when one family pledged to support urban and black business for one year. Ms. Anderson is a highly sought speaker featured at major conferences, universities, media outlets like CNN, ABC, CBS, FOX News, BET, a host of newspapers, magazines and news sites, promoting conscious consumerism and strategic partnering with well-intentioned mainstream corporations.

Central State University Supports the Tom Joyner Foundation Veterans Education Program

CSU donates $10,000 to the Tom Joyner Foundation Veterans Education Program.

Pictured Brigadier General Mark Anthony Brown, CSU Institutional Advancement Director Anthony Fairbanks. CSU President John Garland and Sky Show Host Tom Joyner
IN MEMORIAM

We extend condolences to the family and friends of alumni who recently transitioned:

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◊ Leon S. Heard ’57
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Job Websites

Alumni are encouraged to utilize the Office of Career Services. Register as an employer by calling (937) 376-6383 or via email at ebeemer@centralstate.edu or jmckenna@centralstate.edu.

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MEMBERSHIP

1887 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The General Alumni Association’s goal is to have 1887 alumni members by March 30, 2012.

Alumni dues are $85, $50 to GAA and $35 to your local chapter. If you belong to a local chapter that charges more than $35 for membership, you will need to pay the difference to them and Life Membership is $500. More details on Life Membership can be found on the next page.

Individuals who want to support the GAA, even though they did not graduate from the University (e.g. staff, family, friends) can become Associate Members and/or participate in local chapter and National alumni activities. Associate Members have all the benefits of regular members, except the voting rights and eligibility to run for certain offices.

In the next 12 months the University will select a new president; the University’s first endowed chair will be established; the State of Ohio will be pressed to provide more funding for CSU.

The Alumni Association needs your support to advance these initiatives.
**TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Become a GAA Life Member**

Membership in the General Alumni Association provide scholarships, recruit students, lobby legislators, and promote legacy commitments.

While annual GAA membership dues are $85, you can avoid ever paying national dues by becoming a LIFE MEMBER. Life Members also receive discounts on many GAA initiatives like Homecoming.

Life Membership are $500. This does not include local dues. Life Membership allows GAA Life Members the privileges of the National dues along with other valuable savings:

- Membership lapel pin
- Life Member Certificate
- Photo shoot of CSU-GAA Life Members at future Homecomings
- Invitation to special recognition receptions for Life Members

A portion of national dues are used for annual scholarships and assistance to Central State University. Payment can be made by check or via our official website. Mail payment to CSU Foundation-GAA, P.O. Box 269, Wilberforce, OH 45384. Or, pay online at http://centralstatealumni.org/join.asp.

Don’t delay, join TODAY.

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**LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

The General Alumni Association Life Membership is available for $500. Once you’ve become a Life Member, you have no further obligation to pay national dues to the General Alumni Association. However, the payment of Life Membership dues does not relieve one’s responsibility to be financial with his/her local chapter. You will receive a Life Member Pin, Life Membership Card and a Certificate of Good Standing indicating your continued support of the General Alumni Association.

GAA Life Memberships can now be paid in installments. The procedure to pay for the GAA Life Membership is as follows:

- Send check, money order, etc for $200 to Keith Perkins (Alumni Director) indicating you will pay your Life membership in installments that will not exceed six months from the date of your check.
- Please indicate how you will pay the remaining $300; Monthly, Bi-monthly or, Tri-monthly and the month we can expect your last payment.

If you fail to make the final payment as agreed, your funds paid to date will become a “donation.” Ron Cosey, GAA Financial Secretary, will monitor the installment payments. You can contact him (614-439-4466-cell or 614-885-1431-home) regarding your participation in the program.

Once your final payment is received, the Alumni Affairs office will send you a GAA Life Membership packet containing all items and information given a new GAA Life Member.
Central State University General Alumni Association (GAA)

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“Make a Difference for Central State University!”

Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.___________________________________________ (maiden name) ________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________________________________________________________

City_____________________________________________________State_____________________Zip________________________

Email-1:_________________________________________Email-2:________________________________________________________

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CSU Graduate?  Yes/No ____________ What years did you attend CSU?__________________________________________

Undergraduate Major/Degree ____________________________________________Class Year____________________

Alumni Chapter Affiliation/Designation (if any) ________________________________________________________________

Membership Type:  (check one)   Annual:  $85 ____________ Life Membership*:  $500 __________________

Local Dues for Life Members: $35______

Method of Payment: □Cash □Check □Visa □MasterCard □Amex □Gratis -’11 Grad

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Authorized Signature and Date _______________________________________

GAA/National Membership Fee $85.00 (Includes local chapter affiliation, if any)
January 1 - December 31, 2012
GAA/National Life Membership Fee $500*
(Does not include local chapter affiliation)

Make payment to:
CSU Foundation - GAA
P.O. Box 269
Wilberforce, OH 45384
Memo:  GAA Membership

If you are interested in organizing a chapter, joining a chapter or need additional information, please contact Office of Alumni Relations at (937) 376-6641 or Fax (937) 376-6642 or E-mail kperkins@centralstate.edu

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