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MS. TAMEKA ANGOLA HARPER, MPA JOINS ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE'S LEADERSHIP TEAM AS DEAN OF STUDENTS

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Today, Dr. Joseph L. Jones announced Ms. Tameka Angola Harper, MPA joined the College Leadership Team at Arkansas Baptist College as Dean of Students on December 1st, 2016. As Dean of Students, Ms. Harper will oversee all initiatives that support and oversee the College's efforts in linking out-of-classroom experiences to the mission of the College while fully integrating the academic, residential, and co-curricular aspects of students' lives. The office will also handle all student related judicial affairs matters. "Tameka's position reflects a broad and encompassing role as our senior student affairs officer," said Dr. Joseph L. Jones, "Please join me in congratulating Ms. Harper and wishing her great success at Arkansas Baptist College"



Ms. Tameka Angola Harper, MPA

Ms. Harper comes to us from Wilberforce University, where she most recently served as the Associate Dean of Student Academic Support Services in the Division of Academic Affairs. In this role her responsibilities included Athletic Student Advising, First Year Student Programming, New Student Orientation, and Study Abroad programs, Academic Probation, Disability Services and Scholars Program. Prior to that role she served as Director of Campus Activities where she brings expertise in creating and leading co-curricular programs that strengthen the student experience through an exuberant campus life setting, developing Wilberforce University's student life vision and creating a talented team to support it, developing programs that support student retention, implementing practices in accordance with Title IX regulations, and cultivating a vibrant and inclusive campus community.

In her 15-year career in Student Life and Services, she has also served as the Corporate Director of Student Services for the American Professional Institute in Georgia; Program Coordinator for the largest internship program in law within the nation's capital for the Office of the Corporation Counsel (District of Columbia Attorney General's Office). Ms. Harper is currently finishing her Doctoral Studies in Political Science at Clark Atlanta University; has earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of the District of Columbia in 2001; and a B.A. in Speech Communication with an emphasis in Political Communications from Georgia State University in 1998. Among her notable accomplishments, Ms. Harper served successfully as Co-Chair of the Criterion I on the Wilberforce University Reaccreditation Committee. She has also served as lead or co-designer for multiple strategies focused on undergraduate



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student success, including Greek Life Advisor, First Year Experience signature programs, University Pageants, Student Leadership Development programs, Student Government Association Advisor, the Women's and Men's Leadership Summits, the W.E.B. Dubois Scholar's program, and The New DEAL Program (Dean's Excellence and Leadership).

She has received recognition for Outstanding Service as a Director and was awarded The Most Dedicated Administrator award by Student Government Association.

Arkansas Baptist College is an urban Historically Black College located in the historic Little Rock Central High District. It also neighbors the Wright Avenue District and the famous Paul Lawrence Dunbar Junior High School. The College is the only Baptist affiliated Historically Black College west of the Mississippi River and has a student population close to one thousand from all across the United States. Founded in 1884 as the Minister's Institute, the College continues to be supported by the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention. The mission of the College is to *"prepare students for a life of service grounded in academic scholarship, the liberal arts tradition, social responsibility, Christian development and preparation for employment in a global community."*

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