UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES TOP ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET
Staff offers veterans’ experience in education to lead the “new Dillard.”

(March 26, 2007) – Dillard University announces the appointment of its new top administrative staff at the start of the college’s strategic planning initiative. Dillard, a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) since 1869, is dedicated to renewing and cementing its stature as a cornerstone of academic excellence in Louisiana and across the country.

The executive body, also known as the university president’s cabinet, includes:

- Emily L. Moore, Ed.D – Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Elard J. Phillips – Vice President for Business and Finance, Chief Financial Officer
- Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer – Vice President for Student Success
- Wanda A. Brooks, CPA – Internal Auditor

The Student Success post is the first of its kind at Dillard, and first among institutions throughout the country. The scope of the new position includes enrollment management, financial aid, advising, retention, and other aspects of heightening the student experience.

“This new model will invigorate all aspects of the academic realm at Dillard. Our distinctive approach creates a new palette for higher education, positioning our graduates to serve as beacons to New Orleans, the nation, and the global community,” said Dr. Marvalene Hughes, president of Dillard University. “These appointments will strengthen the infrastructure of our institution as we grow and expand to create “the new Dillard.”

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The President’s Cabinet also includes:

- Walter L. Strong, Ph.D. – Executive Vice President
- Freddye L. Hill, Ph.D. – Vice President for Campus Life
- Debra Neveu, Esq. – Vice President for Legal Affairs
- Edgar Chase, III – Vice President for Facilities Management and Planning
- Deanie Brown, Esq. – Senior Executive Officer to the President

Dr. Moore is the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Her extensive vitae includes top academic administrative positions and professorships at Iowa State University, Concordia University-St. Paul (Minnesota), Concordia College-Ann Arbor (Michigan), and Benedict College (Columbia, South Carolina); and health administration positions at hospitals and health centers in Detroit. Dr. Moore is the founding president of Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity, Inc., a scholars’ collaborative in Indianapolis. Her scholarship is in health care, with a focus on diseases that primarily affect African Americans, including hypertension and HIV/AIDS prevention. Dr. Moore’s research in HIV/AIDS prevention has been presented and published in both national and international venues and journals, and her primary emphasis is community health education and prevention. She obtained her undergraduate degree with a double major in Health Education, Physical Education and Recreation from George Williams College, her master’s in Health Education from Washington University, and her doctorate in Health Education Administration from the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Phillips is Dillard’s new Vice-President for Business and Finance/Chief Financial Officer. He was a consultant for Bruno & Tervalon, LLP, CPAs; Associate Vice-President Business & Finance/Controller at Tuskegee University; and held various positions at the Smithsonian Institution, including Manager of Accounting Operations, Manager of Financial Analysis & Reporting, and Special Assistant to the Comptroller. Mr. Phillips received his undergraduate degree in Accounting and Economics from Southern University at New Orleans,
and his master’s degree and further study in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Barnes-Teamer is the Vice President for Student Success. She was Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Associate Director of Admissions at Loyola University, and Associate Director of Admissions for Recruitment and Enrollment Management at the University of New Orleans. Dr. Barnes-Teamer was awarded her undergraduate degree in Graphic Art/Communications from Loyola University, her master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University, and her doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of New Orleans.

Ms. Brooks is the university’s first Internal Auditor. She is a Certified Public Accountant and has served as a Senior G/L Accountant with Dyn McDermott (SPR), an Accountant with Dominion E&P, Chief Internal Auditor for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and an Auditor at Bruno & Tervalon. She obtained her degree in accounting from Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Ms. Brooks is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Association of College and University Auditors, the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the National Association of Black Accountants.

Dillard University, with a 55-acre campus on Gentilly Boulevard, was inundated with six to 10 feet of water in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina due to breaches at the London Avenue and 17th Street canals, resulting in $400 million in damage. Three dormitory buildings were destroyed by fire as the campus sat underwater.

Dillard was the only local university unable to hold classes on its campus for an extended period after the storm. Students and faculty lived and studied at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel beginning in January 2006, which resulted in a $100 million economic impact.
for downtown New Orleans in the seven-month period of Dillard’s occupancy. The university’s first post-Katrina commencement was held on the renowned Avenue of the Oaks – a Dillard tradition – on July 1, 2006. A full class schedule resumed on campus in September 25, 2006.

Dillard University offers a quality, four-year, comprehensive undergraduate program, awarding degrees in Business, Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, Nursing, and a special program in Japanese Studies.

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