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Former Talladega College VP for Student Affairs Mrs. Jacqueline Williams Paddio Passed Away



Talladega, AL - The Talladega College community notes with sadness the passing of Mrs. Jacqueline Williams Paddio, who served as vice president for student affairs from 2008 to 2015.

“Mrs. Paddio was a mentee to me and a good friend. In 2008, when I came to Talladega College, she traveled from Texas College with me and was a major team member who contributed significantly to the turnaround of the College. She revamped the student affairs department and worked tirelessly to advance the students on a daily basis. During her tenure, enrollment quadrupled,” said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins.

He added that she is credited for “bringing athletics back to the College,” which had no athletic programs when she arrived in 2008. Under her leadership, Talladega won three USCAA championships and five conference championships, and made six NAIA national tournament appearances.

Highlights of her career include her tenure as dean of students at Texas College; director of the Texas Regional Head Start Program; and head coach of the women’s softball program at Southeastern Louisiana University. A licensed and ordained minister, Mrs. Paddio became the elder and equipping pastor for Word Alive International Outreach, Inc. in Oxford, AL in 2015.

Her professional affiliations included the American Association of University Women, The National Scholars Honor Society, The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the National Coaches Association. Special honors bestowed upon her include: The Leading Edge designation as one of 56 inspiring women of East Alabama, nomination to the Third Edition of Who's Who in Black Birmingham, selection as a participant in the Harvard University Educational Management Institute, and selection as an honored member of the Biltmore Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry. She was chosen as one of fifty prominent and inspiring women in the State of Alabama to contribute to the book, Dear Dani, “A gift of pearls to our younger sisters.”

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mr. Lawrence James Paddio; her siblings and their spouses; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Mrs. Paddio on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Word Alive International Outreach, 122 Allendale Road, Oxford, Alabama 36203. A public viewing will be held from 11:00 - 12:00 noon. The service will begin at 12:15 p.m.