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Talladega College holds Opening and Black History Month Convocation



(Talladega, AL) Talladega College announced today that Rev. Cromwell A. Handy will speak at the Opening and Black History Month Convocation on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 10 a.m., in DeForest Chapel.

Rev. Handy serves as pastor of the historic Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL; president of the Dexter Avenue King Legacy Foundation, Inc.; and director of alumni relations for Alabama State University. He is featured each week on the WVAS - FM 90.7 Sunday morning segment *Promises of God*.

For 30 years, Rev. Handy was employed by the US Department of Treasury, where he held several senior-level management positions. He served as branch chief in the North Florida District, special agent in charge in the Cincinnati Field Office; and director of review and programs evaluation in Washington, DC. As a collateral duty, he also served as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) investigator.

He is a recipient of a Certificate of Proclamation from the Mayor's Office, City of Cincinnati, OH, proclaiming October 22, 2003 as Cromwell A. Handy Day. He has served as president of the Association for the Improvement of Minorities (AIM-IRS), Birmingham Chapter; a board member of LOVE Christian Academy in Jacksonville, Florida; and president of Alabama State University-NAA, Cincinnati, OH, Alumni Chapter. He is a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Montgomery, the NAACP; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc; and the Montgomery Baptist Ministers Union. He is president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which was founded in 1955 to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott. He also led in the first Rosa Parks Day Observance in the State of Alabama and the Centennial Birthday Celebration of the Honorable Judge Frank Johnson, Jr.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Alabama State University, and attended the Jacksonville (FL) Center for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, FL. He has extensive training and experience in Executive Leadership, Team Leadership and Media/ Business acumen.

He is married to Cynthia J. Handy. They have two daughters, Candice Renee Handy and Casey Christina Handy Smith, Esq.

Rev. Handy is a native of Montgomery, AL.

About Talladega College

The oldest private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from the *New York Times* during a three-year, eight-city tour.