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Talladega College Names Senior Director of Development



(Talladega, AL) Dr. Doris Clark-Sarr has been named senior director of development for Talladega College. She brings to the College a wealth of experience in fundraising, donor relations, grant writing, recruitment, retention, education management, and government and community relations.

Prior to assuming her position at Talladega, she served as a grant writer consultant for Inroads, Inc and as director of Adventures in Math and Science (AIMS) Upward Bound I and II at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. During her tenure at Murray State, she was awarded over ten million dollars from U.S. Department of Education Federal TRIO Programs, which assist low-income students and adults in progressing through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

Dr. Clark-Sarr is the first and only black female elected to city council in the city of Murray, KY, where she served for six years. She also served as a commissioner for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights from 2010 to 2018, and was the

first female elected as president of the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (KBC-LEO). She is currently a KBC-LEO board member, an active member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and an avid traveler who has visited over 30 countries.

In recognition of her many contributions to society, Dr. Clark-Sarr has received numerous noteworthy awards. She is a recipient of the prestigious Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling-Human Relations Award and a nominee for the Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award, which is named in honor of former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins and recognizes Kentucky women of achievement who inspire and motivate others through their personal, community and professional lives. Dr. Clark-Sarr was named a Kentucky Colonel by former Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, and March 2011 Woman of the Year by the *Kentucky Voice* newspaper.

She holds three degrees from Murray State University - a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, a Master of Science in Organizational Communication and a Master of Science in Public Administration. She earned her Ph.D. in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, and has completed numerous leadership programs, including Leadership Kentucky, Leadership Murray, Leadership West Kentucky and the Delta Regional Leadership Program.

Her responsibilities at Talladega include grant writing; developing and maintaining active and productive relationships with donors, alumni, and government and community leaders; and developing a plan to raise vital funds for the College.

“I am excited about being at Talladega College because I have a PhD in urban higher education and I always wanted to work at an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities),” Dr. Clark-Sarr recently stated. “As the mother of a child who is currently preparing for medical school, I am especially cognizant of the importance of my role in helping to secure funds that will strengthen Talladega College and create greater opportunities for present and future students.”

Dr. Clark-Sarr was born in Mississippi and grew up in Paducah, Kentucky.

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-museum tour.