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## Franklin tapped to head Iowa institution

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and the District of Columbia. He received numerous awards and medals, including Parachute Wings, Bronze Star, Air Force Commendation Medal and 12 Ribbons with Two Oak Leaf Clusters Major Battle Star. He served for a time as pastor of Richfield Baptist Church in North Carolina and was a member of the Retired Officers Association and Disabled American Veterans.

**Marie Byrd Gregg** '51, September 14, Greenville. She taught at Augusta Circle Elementary School.

**Charles Lewis Pearson** '51, September 29, Greenville. He worked with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and J.C. Penney Co. before retiring from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

**G. Raymond Bodie, Jr.** '52, October 25, Bogart, Ga. He was a Methodist minister for 25 years at churches in South Carolina, Massachusetts and Virginia. In Norfolk, Va., he was founding pastor of St. John's

Church. After taking early retirement from the ministry, he began a second career as a real estate broker and investor in Hampton, Va., where he owned and operated Peninsula Homes, Inc. He served as chair of the Board for Low Income Housing and was active in the development of Great Oak Apartments for the Elderly in Newport News, Va. He also worked with the Assisted Housing Development and the Newport News Homeowners Association.

**Johnnye Murdock Uldrick** '53, November 21, Raleigh, N.C. A music teacher, she taught in schools in South Carolina, Florida and Maryland, and also gave private lessons. She was a member and director of the Anne Arundel County Concert Association throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

**Sophie Fisher McKissick** '54, October 6, Greenville. An avid tennis player, she was active in community affairs.

**Malba Mozelle Gardner Starrett** '54, November 5, Fairview Heights, Ill.

**Frances Bell Thesing** '54, September 13, High Point, N.C. She was an elementary school teacher.

**Harry Edward Tibbs** '54, September 17, Birmingham, Ala. He served in the armed forces as chaplain's assistant at Fort Holabird, Md., during which time he was also interim organist at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan, he was the first full-time American pupil of noted French organist Jean Langlais at the Church of St. Clotilde in Paris. In 1983 he received the Palmer Christian Award given by the University of Michigan to a distinguished doctoral graduate. He became a professor of music at Samford University, where he chaired the keyboard division and was university organist from 1959 until his retirement in 2002. He was active on the boards of a

number of organizations, played numerous recitals in the United States and Europe, and designed more than 50 pipe organs in the South, including the Samford Memorial Organ at Southside Baptist Church. He was past president of the Birmingham Music Club, president of the Birmingham Chamber Music Society, and dean of the Birmingham chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For 25 years he was organist for the Alabama Symphony and received the Silverbowl Award for outstanding contributions to music in the Birmingham area.

**Lillie Ballard Westmoreland**, M.A. '55, September 13, Greenville. She was a teacher, guidance counselor and principal for many years in upstate South Carolina and was the first adult guidance counselor at Greenville Technical College. In 1958 she was selected Teacher of the Year at Easley High School. She co-authored a history of Pendleton Street Baptist Church and helped establish a neighborhood

## FRANKLIN TAPPED TO HEAD IOWA INSTITUTION

DES MOINES UNIVERSITY, a health sciences institution, has named Angela Walker Franklin '81 its 15th president. She succeeds Terry Branstad, who left the position in October 2009 to make what became a successful run for governor of Iowa.



Franklin was scheduled to assume her new duties March 1. She is the first woman and first minority to lead the school.

She goes to Des Moines from her position as executive vice president and provost at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. A native of McCormick, S.C., she earned her Furman degree in psychology and went on to receive a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Emory University.

At Meharry she had academic and administrative oversight for three schools within the college, as well

as other departments. She was acting president during the summer of 2009 and held a professorship in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Before going to Meharry in 2007, Franklin spent 20 years at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, where she held a number of positions: vice dean, associate vice president for academic and student affairs, associate dean for student affairs and curriculum, assistant dean for admissions and student affairs, director of counseling services, and assistant professor of psychiatry.

Founded in 1898, Des Moines University has 1,821 students and is the only private medical school in Iowa. It offers graduate-level, professional degree programs in osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, health care administration, anatomy, biomedical sciences and public health.

Franklin told the *Des Moines Register*, "There are a lot of schools that really focus more on research. Not

to say that Des Moines doesn't do research, but their primary reason for being is . . . delivery of health care in a very socially conscious kind of way, taking care of the needs of the people."

Larry Baker, a member of the presidential search committee, praised Franklin's academic background and experience and told the *Register*, "She has really risen through the ranks of academic medical schools."

Franklin is in her fourth term as a member of the Furman board of trustees. She has been an American Council on Education Fellow and is a 2004 protégé of the Millennium Leadership Institute, which is sponsored by the Association of State Colleges and Universities to prepare the next generation of leaders in higher education. In Nashville she has served on the board of advisors of the Oasis Center, a youth development agency, and has been a member of the Tennessee Women's Forum.