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STILLMAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 7th PRESIDENT AND ELECTS FIVE (5) NEW BOARD MEMBERS

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA – APRIL 24, 2017 - The Stillman College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Cynthia Warrick to serve as the College's 7th president, and welcomes the appointment of five new members to the Board of Trustees effective July 1, 2017: Attorney Devarieste Curry, Dr. Leonard Duff, Dr. Charles M. Durham, Attorney Gerry L. Hargrove and Dr. Samory T. Pruitt.

Dr. Cynthia Warrick, who currently serves as Interim President, has graciously accepted the commitment to lead Stillman during this critical time in its 140-plus year history. "It is my great honor and privilege to serve as the 7th President of Stillman College. We will continue to uphold the traditions and standards of the College while advancing new initiatives that support our Mission, the Community, the State, and the Nation."

Dr. Warrick is a native of San Antonio, Texas and graduated from Howard University with the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy; and completed the Masters of Science in Public Policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the Doctorate in Environmental Science & Public Policy from George Mason University. With over 20 years of service in higher education through the faculty ranks, administrative and executive positions, Dr. Warrick's focus is on connecting Students and the College to opportunities that advance academic excellence, degree completion, admissions into graduate and professional schools and fruitful careers.

At its annual Spring meeting, the Stillman Board of Trustees elected the following members:

Devarieste Curry, JD is the founder and principal of the Curry Law Firm PLLC, in Washington, D.C. Attorney Curry received the Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and graduated magna cum laude from Stillman College. Ms. Curry served as a partner with Beveridge & Diamond PC, and on the Board of Governors of Georgetown University. She is a member of the National Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association and has more than 20 years of extensive counseling expertise representing corporate, non-profit, and individual clients in employment and commercial matters; handling complex, multi-party commercial litigation in federal and state courts. Ms. Curry also provides counsel on government and legal ethics issues and serves as a mediator for Resolute Systems, LLC.

Leonard Duff, PhD is a retired Superintendent from Pickens County Board of Education in Carrollton, Alabama, and has 48 years of service in education in California and Alabama. After completing the Bachelor of Arts at Stillman College, Dr. Duff received the Master of Arts in Education at California State University, Los Angeles and the PhD at the U.S. International University in San Diego, CA. Among his educational service activities are: the University of Alabama In-service Center Board, University of West Alabama School of Education Advisory Board, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Diversity Advisory Board and the School Superintendents of Alabama Executive Coach.

Dr. Charles M. Durham is retired Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and currently serves as Interim/Transitional Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Under his

leadership, FPC formed the board of Caring Days and developed mission partners in Brazil, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Madagascar, Kenya, Haiti, and Perry County. A native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dr. Durham is a graduate of Rhodes College and earned his doctor of ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He has served in two Presbyteries: Chair of the Witness Division and the Committee on Ministry, the Moderator of Presbytery, and on the Examination Committee for Presbytery and on the General Assembly Mission Board for six (6) years, and former Commissioner to the General Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Durham is also a former Trustee of Stillman College and the Columbia Theological Seminary.

Gerry L. Hargrove, JD is former General Counsel and Senior Business Executive, for General Motors Company, Detroit, Michigan. He received the Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Hargrove also served as General Counsel for General Motors Overseas Distribution LLC in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, General Motors Asia Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand and Singapore, Singapore, and General Motors Europe, Russelsheim, Germany. He was Lead Counsel in negotiating major cross border commercial transactions in the European and Asian markets. Mr. Hargrove has extensive experience in financial and strategic alliances and acquisitions and has served as negotiating counsel on commercial transactions in Thailand, Japan, and India.

Samory T. Pruitt, PhD is Vice President for Community Affairs at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Dr. Pruitt is the University's leader in the area of Community-engaged Scholarship, that leverages University and Community expertise and resources in the establishment of partnerships that mutually benefit both sectors. He received the B.S. in Mathematics, the M.A. in Public Administration and the PhD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama. Dr. Pruitt serves as president of the Board of Directors for the Engagement Scholarship Consortium and chairs the Martin Luther King, Jr. Realizing the Dream Initiative committee. He serves on the leadership team of the University of Alabama United Way Campaign and is a member of the board of directors of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and Director of Communications for the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa.

The following trustees are rotating off of the Stillman College Board and moving to Emeriti Status: Mrs. Gloria A. Dennard, Dr. Evelyn Jenkins Gunn, Ms. Ann Lavender Simmons and Mr. Tracy Rosser.

The Board re-elected Mr. Dennis O. Driver to serve as Chairman; and elected Mrs. Sarah Harte, as Vice Chair, and Mrs. Melissia Davis as Secretary.

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About Stillman College

Stillman College was authorized by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1875 and is a member institution of the United Negro College Fund. A coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences, and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Stillman College has a proud tradition fostering academic excellence in the preparation of students for leadership and service.

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