



Myrlie Evers-Williams is a noted civil rights advocate.

## Bennett luncheon will honor Height a year after her death

Activist/ author Evers-Williams will give keynote

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Myrlie Evers-Williams, the distinguished civil rights activist and widow of Medgar Evers, will be the keynote speaker for the Heights of Excellence Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, March 25 at 12 noon. The luncheon is part of Bennett College's 3rd Annual Women's Leadership Conference and is one of several events planned for the day.

The Leadership Conference is the centerpiece of the institution's Women's History Month observances. The luncheon will commemorate the first anniversary of the passing of Dr. Dorothy I. Height, renowned civil rights activist and builder of the National Council of Negro Women.

WFMY-TV's Frank Mickens will serve as master of ceremonies and entertainment will be provided by The Chris Robinson Band and Joe Coleman of the legendary group The Platters.

Evers-Williams met her husband, Medgar Evers, when they both attended Alcorn A&M College in 1950. Leading civil rights demonstrations and voter registration drives, the couple became a prime target for white-supremacy violence. Their 12 year marriage ended when a segregationist shot Mr. Evers in front of the Evers' home. It would take close to three decades, but Mrs. Evers' tireless work finally paid off when she was able to witness the conviction in 1994 of her husband's murderer, Byron De La Beckwith.

Within months of the 1963 murder, Evers-Williams began traveling across the country to speak out against segregation.



The late icon Dorothy Height.

NAACP and is working diligently to develop the Medgar Evers Institute. Her established contributions to civil rights have gained her numerous awards including being named one of Ebony Magazine's "100 Most Fascinating Black Women of the 20th Century." She has co-authored several books, including "For Us, The Living;" "Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be;" and "The Autobiography of Medgar Evers: A Hero's Life and Legacy Revealed Through His Writings, Letters and Speeches."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$50 per person. Proceeds will benefit the "Heights of Excellence" scholarship program at Bennett.

For more information or to register for the luncheon or other events, go to [www.bennett.edu/news/events](http://www.bennett.edu/news/events).

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Saturday, March 26, 2011  
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K.R. Williams Auditorium at WSSU

Gershwin	Rhapsody in Blue and American in Paris
Bruch	Scottish Fantasy
Debussy	La Mer
Verdi	Aida

The Youth Symphony performs alongside the Winston-Salem Symphony, conducted by Robert Moody and Matthew Troy.

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**Winners of the 2011 Peter Perret Youth Talent Search perform!**  
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# Carnival

**March 25th 5:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Place: William G. White, Jr. Family YMCA**

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**  
XRKade

**Tobacco Education Games**  
Bounce Houses  
Music

Registration for the 3 on 3 tournament will begin March 21st. Register with either Sean Halstead or Yalonda Miller.  
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