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Photograph: Standing before a portrait of Bishop James A. Forbes, Senior, the Forbes family presents a \$1 million legacy gift to Dr. Paulette Dillard, president of Shaw University. Board Chairman Dr. Joseph N. Bell, Jr. is standing in the rear, center.

Forbes Family Makes \$1 Million Legacy Gift to Shaw University

Gift is the largest of the Homecoming Week that saw donations totaling \$1.7 million

RALEIGH - A highlight of Shaw University's 2019 Homecoming was the announcement of a \$1 million legacy gift from the family of Bishop James A. Forbes, Sr. and Mrs. Mabel Clemmons Forbes. The Forbes family has been staunchly supportive of Shaw for many years, and this donation "will have a tremendous impact in the lives of Shaw University's students," said President Paulette Dillard. At the University's 2019 EPIC Gala on Friday evening, Dr. James Forbes, Jr. impressed a ballroom filled with Shaw alumni and friends when he expressed the family's "ongoing commitment to do everything within our means to support this great university."

The Forbes-Shaw connection is deep: the late Bishop Forbes and two of the Forbes siblings, Evangeline Forbes Richardson (now deceased), and Dr. David C. Forbes, are Shaw alumni. Dr. David Forbes, Jr., along with fellow alumna Ella Baker, co-founded the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee on Shaw's campus in 1960, and later served as dean of the Shaw University Divinity School and member of the Board of Trustees. James A. Forbes, Jr., a nationally renowned theologian and senior minister emeritus of the Riverside Church in Manhattan, served as a recent guest lecturer for the Divinity School's "Awakening" lecture series.

Board of Trustee Chairman Dr. Joseph N. Bell, Jr. underscored the Forbes' long ties with the University at a reception for the family, saying "The Forbes name has been part of the Shaw University family tree for a long time, and you can see what your family means to us by where we are standing today." The reception was held in the Bishop James A. Forbes, Sr. Conference Room of the Thomas A. Boyd Chapel on Shaw's campus.

Speaking for the family, Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. said, "Our family is delighted to make this presentation to Shaw University on behalf of our parents, Bishop James A. Forbes, Sr. and Mrs. Mabel Clemmons Forbes. They believed in the power of education, and they loved Shaw University. We grew up and attended church just a few blocks from here, and some of our most wonderful experiences have been in connection with Shaw. Since this is the 400th year since the landing of Africans on these shores, it is a perfect time to celebrate the founding of the first university in the South for the education of sons and daughters of Mother Africa. I'm sure our parents will find great delight in glory to see Shaw University continue to provide a quality education for generations to come."

Members of the Forbes family include: Gerard Richardson, Cy Richardson and the late Mrs. Evangeline Forbes Richardson; Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Mrs. Bettye Franks Forbes and James A. Forbes, III; Congressman (retired) Edolphus Towns, Mrs. Gwendolyn Forbes Towns, Darryl Towns and Ms. Deidra Towns; Jonathon West, Terrance West and the late Mrs. Effie Forbes West; Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Spaulding Forbes, Mrs. Cheryl Forbes Moore, Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr. and Ms. Denise Forbes; Ms. Barbara Forbes, Gregory Carr and Ms. Kimberly Carr; Mrs. Anna Forbes Towns, Esq., Jason Towns and Jerome Towns; Dr. Ronald Forbes, Sr., Mrs. Giola Greene Forbes, Ms. Alicia Forbes, Ronald Forbes, Jr., Carlton Forbes and Mrs. Melanie Forbes Goins.

The Forbes family's legacy gift was the largest in the Homecoming Week that saw several donations to Shaw University by individual alumni, alumni chapters, corporations and other supporters. The total amount raised to date is \$1.7 million, and the gifts have continued to come in. "We are very appreciative of everything our alumni and friends do for the University and our students. Every donation helps us to fulfill our mission; every gift brings us nearer to realizing the vision for Shaw's future," said Dr. Dillard.

The Shaw Bears added even more excitement to a big Homecoming Week with a win in Saturday's football game.

New Emmett Till marker dedicated to replace vandalized sign

GLENDORA, Miss. (AP) - A new memorial to Emmett Till is being dedicated after past historical markers were vandalized.

The Greenwood Commonwealth reports that the new historical marker was to be dedicated Saturday with members of Till's family in attendance.

The 14-year-old African American teen was beaten and killed in 1955 hours after he was accused of whistling at a white woman. An all-white jury in Mississippi acquitted two white men of murder charges. The memorial is at the site where Till's body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River.

Till's death helped spark the civil rights movement.

This is the fourth historical marker at the site. The first was thrown in the river. The second and third signs were shot at and became riddled with bullet holes.

Queen Latifah to receive Harvard black culture award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Music artist and actress Queen Latifah is among the honorees being recognized by Harvard University this year for their contributions to black history and culture.

Harvard is set to award the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal to Queen Latifah and six other recipients on Oct. 22, according to the Cambridge, Massachusetts, school's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research.

Other honorees include poet and educator Elizabeth Alexander, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution Lonnie Bunch III, poet Rita Dove, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television Sheila Johnson, artist Kerry James Marshall and Robert Smith, founder, chairman and chief executive of Vista Equity Partners.

The award is named after Du Bois, a scholar, writer, editor, and civil rights pioneer who became the first black student to earn a doctorate from Harvard in 1895.

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Trump outstripping Obama on pace of executive orders

By Kevin Freking
WASHINGTON (AP) - It wasn't too long ago that Donald Trump derided presidential executive orders as "power grabs" and a "basic disaster."

He's switched sides in a big way: In each year of his presidency, he has issued more executive orders than did former President Barack Obama during the same time span. He surpassed Obama's third-year total just recently.

Back in 2012, Trump had tweeted: "Why Is (at)BarackObama constantly issuing executive orders that are major power grabs of authority?"

That criticism continued once he entered the presidential race.

"The country wasn't based on executive orders," Trump said at a South Carolina campaign stop in February 2016. "Right now, Obama goes around signing executive orders. He can't even get along with the Democrats, and he goes around signing all these executive orders. It's a basic disaster. You can't do it."

But Trump appears to have learned what his predecessors discovered as well: It's easier and often more satisfying to get things done through administrative action than to get Congress to go along, said Andrew Rudalevige, a professor at Bowdoin College who studies the history and effectiveness of presidential executive actions.

"Most candidates don't realize the utility of executive actions while campaigning," Rudalevige said. "When they become president, they quickly gain an appreciation of how difficult it is to get things done in government."

The White House declined to comment on Trump's use of executive orders. He surpassed Obama's third-year total when, in the last two weeks, he issued five executive orders relating to Medicare, government transparency, federal spending and imposing sanctions on Turkish officials.

An executive order can have the same effect as a federal law - but its impact can be fleeting. Congress can pass a new law to override an executive order and future presidents can undo them.

Every president since George Washington has used the executive order power, according to the National Constitution Center, and some of those orders played a critical role in American history. President Franklin Roosevelt established internment camps during World War II. President Harry Truman mandated equal treatment of all members of the armed forces through executive orders. And President Dwight Eisenhower used an executive order to enforce school desegregation in Little Rock.

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