

# St. Augustine's College...



## Over A Century Of Excellence

Each college preserves and builds upon the cultural record of the society it serves. St. Augustine's has played an important role in encouraging the cultural contributions of black Americans. The college has played a particularly important role in collecting and contributing to the uplifting of people of all races. St. Augustine's opened in 1867 and offered its first Negro literature course in 1878, a course it has offered every year since. The college has emphasized its commitment to advancing black cultural awareness through academic instruction and lyceum programs. Music and literature are closely linked at the college: "from our early cultural beginning there has been an opportunity for students to express vocally where they have left suppressed in other areas," explains Dr. Thelma Roundtree, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The college has welcomed many renowned literary figures to the campus. The late poet, Langston Hughes, was a frequent guest, and all of the Harlem Renaissance poets visited the college during the 30's and 40's. Historian John Hope Franklin recently came to the college, and Dr. Charles Long, a noted authority on black literature, is currently scholar in residence.

St. Augustine's continues to provide opportunities for students to achieve self-sufficiency, improvement and liberation. One vital mission is to prepare students to become

knowledgeable agents of change, thus empowering and liberating the minds of this special group of people.

The historical mission and commitment of the college has been to the undereducated. The institution has accepted the responsibility of seeking out and helping students with special needs, while maintaining its high academic standards.

The St. Augustine's spirit is exemplified by the pride, enthusiasm and performance of faculty, staff, administrators, students and alumni.

St. Augustine's is proud of its fine academic staff. Over 60 percent of the faculty holds doctoral degrees.

The excellence we have achieved in our academic standards must serve to spur us on toward further enrichment. Outdated methods and ideas should be supplanted and standards continually raised.

The college has been shaken - and ultimately strengthened - by the social changes that have swept across our country during the past decades, bringing us into a brand new day. This has presented us with perplexing new challenges and has forced us to make yet another reevaluation of our hopes and goals. We are engaged in futuristic thinking. Change is certain at St. Augustine's; reflective activities are designed around planned change.

### *The St. Augustine College Experience.....*

### *Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today*

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