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John G. Riley Museum Founder, Althemese Barnes Will Receive Award for Service at FAMU's MLK Convocation on Wednesday, January 15

TALLAHASSEE – Althemese Barnes, the Founder and Executive Director of the John G. Riley Center/Museum, has been selected to receive an Award for Service to the Tallahassee Community during Florida A&M University's MLK Convocation on this Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The convocation will take place at 10:10 a.m. in Gaither Gymnasium, located at (500 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, FL 32307). Former U.S. Congressman Kendrick B. Meek will serve as the keynote speaker for Florida A&M University's (FAMU) 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation.

Ms. Barnes is the executive director of the John G. Riley Museum, which she founded in 1996.



In 2001, she established the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network, a statewide professional museum association. She served in Florida's Departments of Education and Labor as an employment counselor and program specialist, retiring in 1995. She has worked as a consultant on several oral history and cultural development projects and directed the publication of historical books, heritage trail maps, guides, and documentaries. She is a member of the American Alliance of Museums, the Florida Heritage Foundation, the Florida Association of Museums, the Association of African American Museums, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Ms. Barnes received a B.S. and an M.S. from Florida A&M University and just one year ago was appointed, by President Barack Obama, to the [National Museum and Library Services Board](#). The board is the advisory body for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and members are selected to serve based on their expertise and commitment to libraries or museums.

The Riley Center/Museum is dedicated to discovering, recovering and archiving the blended interrelationship of African American history with that of other diverse people groups by illuminating landmarks and legacies as an enduring public resource through tourism and education. The Riley Center/Museum is open for tours from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. (Monday through Thursday) and from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. (Friday and Saturday). Admission = \$2 Adults | \$1 Seniors | \$1 Children. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Riley Center/Museum at (850) 681-7881 or info@rileymuseum.org.

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