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**11TH Annual Allen University Richard Allen Awards to honor Ms. Henri E. Baskins,
Mr. Ray Conner and Rev. Solomon Jackson**

Columbia SC (January 11, 2016) — Allen University will host its 11th Annual Richard Allen Awards/UNCF fundraising event to raise critical scholarship dollars for Allen University students. The event will be held Saturday, February 13th at the Columbia Marriott. Doors open at 11:30 am. The event includes an extensive silent auction, live entertainment, and a Mardi Gras themed lunch.

Allen University was founded in 1870 with a mission to provide students the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts and professional programs. Allen offers undergraduate degrees in Business, Math and Science, Religion and in the Humanities to both U.S. and International students. Ninety-Eight percent of our students rely on scholarships to complete their degrees.

According to Dr. Flavia Eldemire, Director of Institutional Advancement, “Our goal this year is to raise \$250,000.00. Your attendance, monetary donations, auction items and table sponsorships will help make this themed masquerade luncheon a success”. Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase items from our silent auction gallery, listen to the soulful music of the Reggie Sullivan Band and enjoy a delicious cuisine while contributing to our students’ academic goal of obtaining a college degree.

The event will also honor three community leaders that support Allen University, UNCF and the Columbia community. The honorees are as follows:

Ms. HENRI E. BASKINS

Executive Director, Greater Columbia Community Relations Council

Mr. RAY CONNER

Vice Chairman, The Boeing Company
President and Chief Executive Officer, Boeing Commercial Airplanes

REV. SOLOMON JACKSON

Community Leader and Philanthropist

Tickets for the Luncheon are available at: <http://2016scholarshipluncheon.eventbrite.com> or you may call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 803.255.4770.

Allen University is a private, coeducational institution located in Columbia, South Carolina. It is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. To learn more about Allen University, please visit www.AllenUniversity.edu.

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