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Albany State University president to host black-tie affair in Atlanta *Supporters to gather for "Atlanta's Salute to Georgia's Peach in the Roses"*

ALBANY, Ga. - Prepare for a glorious night of music, dancing, and grand entertainment Oct. 23 as Albany State University salutes the ASU Marching Band at the "Atlanta Salutes Georgia's Peach in the Roses" presidential gala at the downtown Hyatt Regency.



Co-hosted by television actress and singer, JoMarie Payton, and Glenda Hatchett, Atlanta attorney and star of the former "Judge Hatchett" television show, the formal affair is a benefit for the "Rams in the Roses and Beyond" campaign for the ASU marching band, which has received a historic invitation to the 2016 Tournament of Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 1.



"The ASU Marching Band is a real treasure, and we want to make every effort to send our exceptional scholars and musicians to this once-in-a-lifetime event," said ASU interim President Arthur Dunning. "We are reaching out – this time while in Atlanta for a weekend football contest -- to our alumni and supporters, to help us celebrate this momentous occasion."

The ASU Marching Band is the only band from the Southeast and the only Georgia band selected to participate in the New Year's Day parade. Proceeds from the gala will be used for the band's accommodations, entertainment, logistics and travel to Pasadena, and for ASU academic and professional experiences long after the parade.

The gala will feature performances by the university's jazz ensemble, as well as, appearances from ASU Band Director, Michael Decuir, and other special guests. A silent auction, VIP reception and more can be expected, gala organizers said. The night begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction highlighting creations by gifted artists from around the region; festivities continue with a special 7 p.m. reception.

“This will undoubtedly be a night to remember,” said Chanta Haywood, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the ASU Foundation. “This is an opportunity for alumni, supporters, and friends to celebrate our outstanding marching band.”

To purchase individual tickets and reserved tables, visit giveto.asurams.edu or contact Prince Brown at 404-906-8442 or Gwen Hosley at 229-430-4659. All gala proceeds benefit the “Rams in the Roses and Beyond Campaign.”

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About ASU ... Albany State University, in Southwest Georgia, has been a catalyst for change in the region from its inception as the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute to its designation as a university. Founded in 1903 to educate African-American youth, the university continues to fulfill its historic mission while also serving the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population. A progressive institution, Albany State University seeks to foster the growth and development of the region, state and nation through teaching, research, creative expression and public service. Through its collaborative efforts, the university responds to the needs of all of its constituents and offers educational programs and service to improve the quality of life in Southwest Georgia. For more information, see <http://www.asurams.edu> . Follow the university on Twitter at @AlbanyStateUniv and on Facebook at Albany State University Official Page.