

Malveaux to lead N.C. college

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(NNPA) - Julianne Malveaux has been named president of Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., the school announced last week.

Malveaux, an economist, author and commentator, will succeed Johnnetta Cole, who announced in 2006 that she planned to step down at the end of this academic year.

According to reports, Malveaux will begin her appointment June 1.

Malveaux has appeared on CNN and BET, and her columns have appeared regularly in USA Today, Ms. Magazine, Essence and Diverse: Issues In Higher Education.

Though many unfamiliar with Bennett's presidential search progress expressed surprise upon hearing of the selection, Malveaux was re-



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ceived enthusiastically by hundreds of cheering students, faculty and staff members who assembled on campus recently for her formal introduction.

"I couldn't be more pleased and more humbled by the reception that I got in Steele Hall this morning," Malveaux said in a report upon her arrival at Bennett. "I really couldn't be more

overwhelmed at the lengthy standing response — some of the students I taught here coming out and they were right there, front and center."

"I think that people were concerned about what transition would be like, Dr. Cole has been such a powerful and phenomenal leader that people were concerned about who would come next, and I think that I've allayed their

concerns," she said.

Though many in the Bennett community have come to know Malveaux through her teaching as a diversity-in-residence scholar this past year, some academics familiar with her often-polarizing punditry wonder if her hard-charging style will mesh well with the demands put upon a college president.

"She can be controversial at times, and she has issues with conservatives, because they see her as a neo-liberal," said Lavonne Jackson Leslie, a professor in Howard University's African-American studies department in a published report.

"She is a Black feminist, and that is important in many ways, but at the same time ... she's controversial to many."

Aside from running her own consulting business, Malveaux serves on the boards of the Economic Policy Institute, Women Building for the Future — Future PAC, The Recreation Wish List Committee of Washington, D.C., and the Liberian Education Trust.

Cole said in a report re-
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Officials warn: Beware of V-Tech tragedy scammers

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OLYMPIA, WA., (NNPA) - Secretary of State Sam Reed and Attorney General Rob McKenna urge citizens to watch out for scam artists playing off legitimate charitable efforts following the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech.

"Following devastating tragedies such as this, scam artists often strike and mimic official charities that raise money for victims," cautioned Reed. "Washingtonians are very generous — we just want to make sure citizens are careful who they give to."

Shortly following the shootings at Virginia Tech, scammers began creating fraudulent charity websites. The Sans Internet Storm Center has warned that at least 25 new domain names have been registered. While some are legitimate organizations, others are likely to be fraudulent with hopes of collecting on the heels of a tragic situation.

To date, no charity scams on this issue have surfaced in Washington. People need to be extra cautious with telephone and Internet solicitations, especially from unfamiliar groups.

"Be wary of requests for donations that play on your emotions, but fail to adequately describe what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and their families," McKenna said.

"Solicitors who are reluctant to provide details, pressure you for an immediate decision or decline to provide written information likely are not legitimate."

Under the state's Charitable Solicitation Act, most organizations and individuals who solicit charitable donations must register with the Secretary of State and disclose general and certain financial information. Consumers should ask several key questions and verify the information before they write out a check.

Some questions include:

- Is the charity registered with your state?
- What is the name, address and telephone number of the organization asking for the donation?
- Exactly how will the donation be used?
- What percentage of the

contribution will be spent on the charitable purpose of the organization?

If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or, preferably, a money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation. Consumers also should not give a credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor.

"Fundraisers that seek to deceive consumers or dodge state regulations should know that government is watching and we will take enforcement," McKenna said. Anyone who witnesses something suspicious regarding a charitable donation should contact the state Attorney General's Office.

In Southern Nevada, call (702) 486-3420 or go online at www.ag.state.nv.us.

Shoes

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Western Region Director La Tonya T. Nelson said. "Sturdy, properly fitted shoes are vital for a child's physical development and also enable the child to move with greater self-confidence. So we're encouraging everyone to donate either a new pair of children's shoes or money to help purchase a pair."

Soles for Little Souls was initiated in 1997 and is one of various programs in line with the 85-year-old sorority's thrust of "Greater Service, Greater Progress." Other civic initiatives include: Operation Big Book Bag, Bone Marrow Donor Program, and Wee Savers, a program that teaches youth financial responsibility.

Locals are encouraged to participate and donate shoes before, during or after the meeting. To contact someone about donating shoes and to learn more about Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and the 55th Annual Western Regional Conference, please visit www.etachisigma.com.

Court to rule on Seattle schools

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The decision in a U.S. Supreme Court case that could weaken or overturn the favorable ruling for affirmative action in the University of Michigan Law School case three years ago and Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, will likely be announced in coming weeks.

Civil rights advocates are bracing for the worse. "I think that it will unsettle plans by conscientious school districts, surveyors and educators," said Harvard University law professor Charles Ogletree, who was in the courtroom to hear the arguments last fall. "There was little enthusiasm among the majority of the justices to support a voluntary integration plan that both Louisville, Ky., and Seattle, Wa., had devised to protect the interest of children."

Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District and Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education (Kentucky), could end voluntary programs that use race in order to maintain racial integration in public schools.

If it happens, activists, scholars and civil rights experts say they would turn to the Democratically-controlled Congress to enact legislation that could offset the roll back.

"Blacks have the power right now to help determine the agenda of the U.S. Congress. We've never had that power before," said Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. He was referring to Black influence in the Democratic Party and the escalated level of Congressional Black Caucus power in Congress.

Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) now chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which could push for passage of measures to compensate for blows to affirmative action.

Says Jackson, "We were completely locked out of power... Now, our point of view matters because we can alter legislation."

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