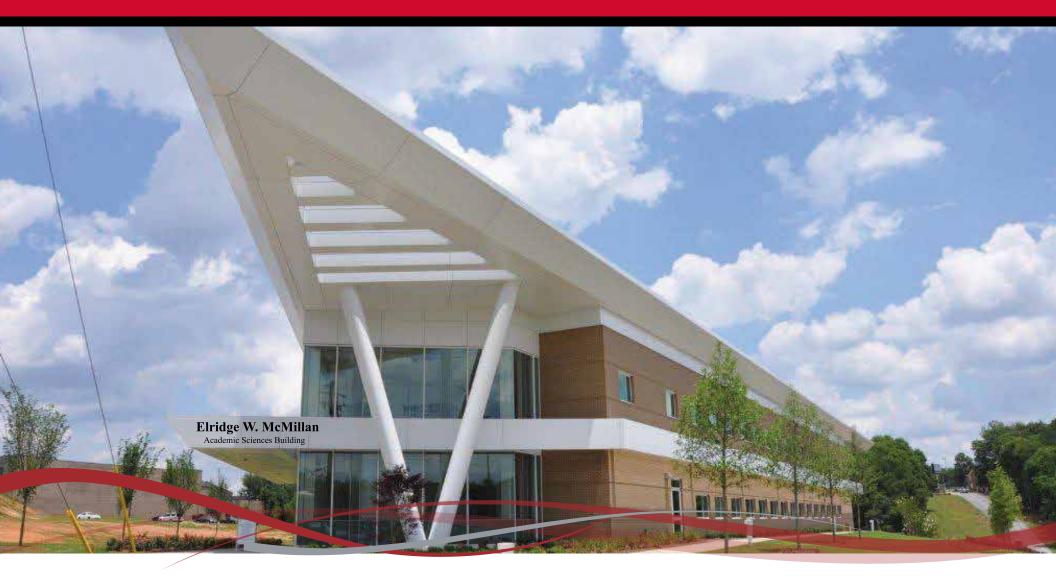
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2011-2012 Annual Report

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About AMSC

Originally established as Atlanta Junior College in 1974. The college became the thirty-first institution of the University System of Georgia with an initial enrollment of 504 students. The institution's name was officially changed to Atlanta Metropolitan College during the 1987-1988 academic year. Atlanta Metropolitan State College offers a unique campus environment for its students. The college is located within the city of Atlanta, which boasts an urban population of approximately 3.4 million, a thriving economy, and an international outlook with all the cultural resources of a thriving metropolitan area.

Mission

Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) is a four-year unit of the University System of Georgia, offering day, evening, weekend, and online courses. The college is located in the southwest area of the city of Atlanta, and is positioned on an expansive beautifully landscaped campus. It is also conveniently accessible via MARTA (Atlanta's public transportation system). Atlanta Metropolitan College provides a unique campus atmosphere for its students, offering degree programs in more than 46 areas of study.

AMSC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It also has a rich history that is tied to the city of Atlanta for which it is named. The academic programs and services offered by the college are high in quality, comprehensive and unique. Associate of Science and Associate of Arts transfer programs are available along with a Joint Enrollment Program and an Honors Program. The courses and programs at AMSC are accessible, affordable and available seven days a week. In addition to traditional college courses, we also offer classes through a Morning, Evening and Weekend College.

Students find their niche participating in dozens of approved honorary, professional and social student clubs and organizations, including Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, College Choir, the International Students Organization and the student newspaper, The Student Times. In addition, Atlanta Metropolitan State College has a strong record in intercollegiate athletics and holds four championships in the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association Conference for men's basketball.



The fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 was an exceptional one for Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC), with significant progress made in a number of areas at the center of our mission and several major milestones achieved along the way.

The outstanding quality of the academic enterprise at AMSC continued its rapid growth. The students enrolled over the past year once again, the most academically capable in our history, continue to make a difference not only in the Atlanta Metropolitan community but throughout the world. Our ability to attract exceptional students has gained tremendous momentum over the past years, as we continue to offer a high quality education at an affordable cost.

We continue to be an educational force in this community. Atlanta Metropolitan State College is an optimistic place where you can "Believe, Begin and Become." We are about solving problems, exploring new frontiers and creating knowledge. Most important, we are about preparing students for service and leadership. Many of our students are destined to make remarkable contributions to their communities and chosen professions.

This year also produced good financial results. In spite of stagnating national and regional economies, the College continued to operate from a stable financial foundation.

The College continued to serve the public good and enrich the lives of the individuals we serve, our students of yesterday, today and those matriculating at AMSC in the future.

This Annual Report offers a limited but expanding view of just some of the milestones and achievements from the previous fiscal year. I invite you to take a good look at AMSC as we become Trailblazers for Leading the Educational Change.

Sincerely,

Gary A. McGaha

Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D., President











On behalf of Atlanta Metropolitan State College President Dr. Gary A. McGaha, the exceptional students that attend this great institution, the administrative cabinet, the outstanding faculty, and staff, thank you for your support to AMSC this past academic year. Your investment is greatly appreciated. As a result of your financial support, this vital institution of higher learning continues to reach new levels of success in enrollment, academic programs, student support services, and community partnerships.

The Honor Roll of Donors consists of all contributors who made donations to Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) and/or The Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation, Inc. from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. Every effort has been made to include all gifts and donors to the College or The AMC Foundation, Inc. during this period. However, if your name is not listed, we sincerely apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions that may have occurred. Thanks again for your continued financial support and vote of confidence in our work on behalf of the deserving students that attend this institution.

Very best regards,

Larion Michael Williams

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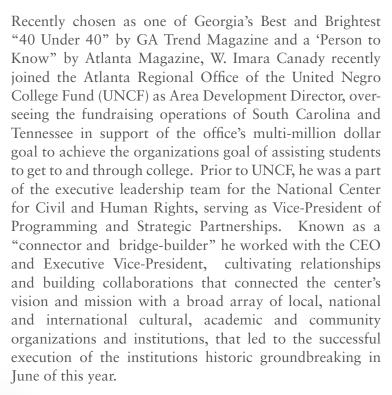
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- 2. AMSC Scholarship Fund: Supporting students who just don't have the financial resources to attend AMSC.
- 3. Endowed Scholarship Fund: Establishing an ongoing funding source to provide needed scholarships to deserving students attending AMSC today, tomorrow, and well into the future.
- **4.** Friends of Athletics: Help support the Athletic programs established at AMSC by providing resources for building a culturally rich environment for our student athletics and the community we serve.

Thank You for Caring About Atlanta Metropolitan State College

W. Imara Canady



Imara returned to Atlanta, joining the staff of the Center, having spent time in Chicago, at the Chicago Community Trust, the nations second oldest community philanthropic organization, as 1 of 6 fellows, from a national candidate pool of 300 candidates, in a newly launched, arts and culture management fellowship program. As a part of this nationally acclaimed program, Imara worked with the Presidents/CEO's and executive staff of Chicago's leading cultural institutions developing individualized community and government relations strategies, while also managing grant funding from a \$15 million art and culture budget.

Before his time in Chicago, Imara had an impressive 13 year career in government that has taken him from Atlanta City Hall to the White House.

Imara has a strong passion for arts and culture, having worked as a consultant for the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, as a staff member with the Theatre and Dance Programs for the 1996 Cultural Olympiad of the Centennial Olympic Games and as an appointee by Fulton County Commission Chairman John Eaves to the board for the Fulton County Arts Council. His service to his community is personified by his impressive fundraising skills for many non-profit organizations as well as his membership on many boards including the National Black Public Relations Society, American Red Cross Minority Recruitment Board, the Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid Committee's Next Generation Leadership Advisory Council, Alliance Theatre's Advisory Board, Horizon Theatre Company Board, the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame Advisory Committee, the Fund for Southern Communities, the Future Foundation and the Hammonds House Museum and Galleries.

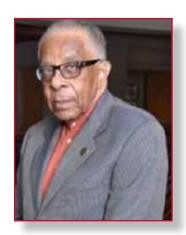
Raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Imara graduated from Northside School of the Arts, though spent most of his early academic years at Woodward Academy. He received an Associates Degree in Journalism from Atlanta Metropolitan College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications from Georgia State University and is in the final stages of completing graduate work at Loyola University - Chicago in Philanthropy and Non-Profit Management.





IN HONOR OF:





Elridge W. McMillan is nationally recognized in the fields of higher education policy, research, governance, curriculum development, access and equity. McMillan's leadership has impacted significantly on major educational policy change, particularly in the areas of access and equity, in the southern region of the United States. McMillan uses his more than forty years of experience to challenge fellow educators and activists to persist in the struggle to improve educational opportunity for America's ever-changing diverse citizenry.

As the first African-American president of the Atlanta-based Southern Education Foundation, President Emeritus McMillan led the foundation to take an active role in promoting equity and quality in education in the South, primarily for blacks and disadvantaged citizens. McMillan co-chaired SEF's Panel on Educational Opportunity and Post-Secondary Desegregation, which was comprised of college presidents, civil rights activists, members of the business community, state policymakers and the heads of major education associations. In 1995, the panel issued a major report: Redeeming the American Promise, which garnered extensive national attention.

The first African American chair (1986-1987) of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, McMillan was the longest-serving member of the board having served for more than 34 years since his initial appointment in February 1975. He continues his efforts to make educational equity a priority.

Before joining the Southern Education Foundation, McMillan was chief of the Education Branch of the Office for Civil Rights for Region IV of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He was previously program operations supervisor for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Southeastern Region, and held various administrative and teaching positions with Atlanta public schools.

McMillan's professional affiliations and community involvement are numerous. A former trustee of Clark Atlanta University (his alma mater), was vice chair of the Board of Trustees, member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. Most recently, McMillan was appointed to the Center for Civil and Human Rights Global Advisory Board, and a member of the University System of Georgia Foundation Board. He has been a member of Warren Memorial United Methodist Church since 1950.

He is a former board member of the Council on Foundations, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, the

Atlanta Urban League, the Literacy Commission of the Southern Growth Policies Board, and the Southeastern Council of Foundations. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

McMillan is a recipient of the "Black Georgian of the Year" award from the State Committee on the Life and History of Black Georgians. The Atlanta NAACP awarded its W.E.B. DuBois award in Education to McMillan on an unprecedented three occasions. He also was awarded the Atlanta Urban League's Distinguished Community Service Award, the Association of Governing Boards' Distinguished Award for Trusteeship, and the University of Georgia's Blue Key Honor Society Award. He also is the recipient of the University System of Georgia Foundation's first Lifetime Achievement Award, which now has been officially named "The Elridge McMillan Lifetime Achievement Award." In January 2010, he was named Regent Emeritus of the University System of Georgia being the first Regent to have that designation. Atlanta Metropolitan State College established "The Elridge W. McMillan Legacy Leadership Award", 2009. Georgia Gwinnett College created "Regents' Elridge W. McMillan Scholarship Fund", 2009. In April, 2012 the Board of Regents approved Atlanta Metropolitan State College's request to name a new building in his honor: The Elridge W. McMillan Academic Sciences Building.

McMillan received his bachelors degree in English from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), and his master's degree in guidance and student personnel administration from Columbia University, in New York, where he also did post-graduate work. He holds honorary degrees from Clark College, Claflin College, Tuskegee University and Xavier University.





Atlanta Metropolitan State College Impacts Local Economy by \$107 million

ATLANTA, GA—Atlanta Metropolitan College, now Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC), continues to be a major economic engine in the city of Atlanta, pumping \$107 million into the Atlanta metropolitan economy during Fiscal Year 2011, according to a study conducted by the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

The report, released June 30, updates similar studies conducted on behalf of the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), an initiative of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents' Office of Economic Development. The \$107 million represents about a 16% increase for AMSC since the FY 2010 report.

In addition to the \$107 million in total economic impact generated by Atlanta Metropolitan State College during FY 2011, the study determined that Atlanta Metropolitan State College is responsible for 1,007 full- and part-time jobs. From among these positions, 240, or 24 percent of these positions are on-campus jobs, a majority - 76 percent- are positions in the private or public sector. In other words, for each job created on the Atlanta Metropolitan campus there are approximately 3.1 off-campus jobs that exist because of the spending related to Atlanta Metropolitan's presence.

The report quantifies the economic benefits that Atlanta Metropolitan State College conveys to Atlanta and Fulton County. It shows that \$70 million of the \$107 million in total economic impact was due to initial spending by Atlanta Metropolitan State College for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies, expenses, and other budgeted expenditures, as well as spending by students who attended the institution in FY 2011.

"Atlanta Metropolitan State College" continues to be an educational and economic asset to the area," said Gary A. McGaha., Ph.D., president of AMSC. "The report emphasizes the continued growth, vitality and financial stability that Atlanta Metropolitan brings to the region during this period of economic recovery."



TRIO Programs



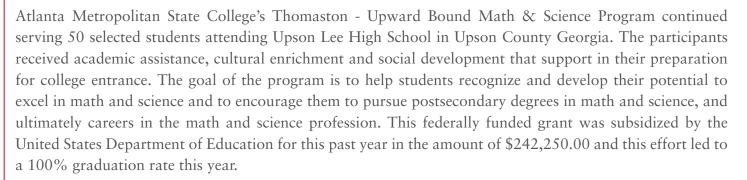
Atlanta Metropolitan State College TRiO Programs Value Added 2011-2012

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Talent Search Program continued serving 600 selected students attending Upson Lee Middle and Upson Lee High Schools in Upson County Georgia. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assist participant with the postsecondary application process. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth in completing high school and to enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$230,000.00 and this effort led to over a 90% graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Educational Opportunity Centers Program continued serving 1000 selected participants in Lamar, Spalding and Upson Counties this past year. The program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$230,000.00.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Student Support Services Program continued serving 140 selected students that were enrolled this past year. The participants received academic tutoring, advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection, assistance with information on both the full range of student financial aid programs - benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$213,180.00.





Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Clayton - Upward Bound Program continued serving 50 selected students attending Morrow; Forest Park; and Mount Zion High School in Clayton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in the preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$242,250.00 and this effort led to over a 90 % graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's West Clayton - Upward Bound Program continued serving 50 selected students attending Jonesboro; Mundy's Mill; Riverdale; Lovejoy; and Charles Drew High School in Clayton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$242,250.00 and this effort led to over a 90% graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Fulton - Upward Bound Program continued serving 85 selected students attending West Lake; Tricities; Langston Hughes; Creekside; and Banneker High School in Fulton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$439,172.00.00 and this effort led to over a 90% graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Thomaston - Upward Bound Program continued serving 50 selected students attending Upson Lee High School in Upson County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of \$242,250.00 and this effort led to a 100% graduation rate this year.





Phi Theta Kappa Continuing the Tradition of Excellence

The Phi Theta Kappa Beta Beta Tau Chapter at Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) has had another amazing semester. Building momentum from Fall 2011, Co-Presidents Cassandra Johnson and Byron Simmons, and Vice Presidents La'Tresha Mair, and Janet Walker, along with chapter members and advisors, led the chapter to another 5-star status, the highest honor earned by a chapter. Phi Theta Kappa chapters have five levels of engagement that progress from local, campus involvement to regional involvement to international involvement, building strong, active chapters. Beta Beta Tau is



one of 4 chapters out of 36 to have earned the coveted five-star status for five consecutive years.

All-Georgia Academic Team Recipients: Byron Simmons and Cassandra Johnson

Cassandra Johnson, noted for her excellent leadership of the chapter, has received the Sarah Anne Staples Award: Outstanding Phi Theta Kappa Member, Georgia Region. Byron Simmons, noted for his excellent leadership of the chapter, has received the Hall of Honor Award, Georgia Region, the Hallmark Award: Outstanding Chapter Officer, Georgia Region, Hallmark Award: Outstanding Chapter Officer International. In addition, both Cassandra and Byron were selected for the 2012 All-Georgia Academic Team and received recognition and their awards at the All-

Georgia Team luncheon at the Sloppy Floyd Building. Also attending the luncheon were the advisors and administrators.

PTK All Georgia Team and New Century Scholar Awards Luncheon



Pictured from left to right: Curtis Todd, Janet Walker, La'Tresha Mair, Michelle Geisert, Byron Simmons, Cassandra Johnson, Iris Shanklin, President Gary McGaha Some of our activities this year involved Habitat For Humanity. Michelle Geisert, Asst. Professor of Sociology and Phi Theta Kappa Lead Advisor was speaking in

class about the importance of volunteer work. Chapter member, Shavon Trice perked up her ears at the mention of Habitat For Humanity. With a little guidance from the professor, Ms. Trice facilitated sending two busloads of students, advisors, and staff arriving to clean, paint and renovate a home for a very grateful family. Such dedicated leadership does not go unnoticed, and Ms. Trice is the recipient of the Hallmark Award: 2011 Outstanding Chapter member for the Georgia Region.



Incoming Chapter President, Ron Ellis, received a \$2000 scholarship to China, though he will not be able to take advantage of it this year (he

is interning at Hope College in Michigan doing research in cell signaling). Mr. Ellis is one of our first to be a part of our 4-year Bachelor Degree in Biological Sciences and we look forward to his continued leadership at the college.



No chapter can be successful without the support of administrators and advisors. This year was no exception as chapter advisor Ms. Cheryl Maxwell, who has served for 8 years, received the Hallmark Award: Distinguished Alumnus, for her service to Phi Theta Kappa, her college and her community. Some of you may not be aware that Ms. Maxwell was in the inaugural chapter of Beta Beta Tau here at AMSC.

Advisor Cheryl Maxwell with Chapter Officer Byron Simmons

First year advisor, Dr. Vasanta Chivukula, has received the Outstanding Advisor Award, Georgia Region, which comes with a scholarship to the Honors In Action (HIA) Academy this summer. She will be attending the academy with incoming Vice President of the Georgia Region, AMC student Kevin Bass, who is also chapter Vice-President of HIA. Dr. Chivukula is co-lead advisor with Dr. Sherrye Smith on the HIA Project and we know both Dr. Chivukula and Mr. Bass will receive excellent education and training at the academy. Other advisors on this successful team effort are Professors Curtis Todd and Cedric Daphney.



Phi theta Kappa



Georgia Regional VP: Kevin Bass taking the Regional Officer Oath

As we look to the future, we have 1 president, 1 Regent, 2 college Vice-Presidents, 2 advisors and 6 chapter members attending the Annual Convention at Nashville, TN this April to receive honors, awards and where we will be presenting our HIA Project (How the Arts Transmit Culture) and College Project (C-4: Commit to Complete Community College). For the second time, we are the only chapter from the Georgia Region presenting and this year we have two! Members attending the convention will be busy beyond the presentations as well. La'Tresha Mair, 2011-12 Vice President of the College Project, is gathering PTK alumni information to bring back to our college, incoming President Ron Ellis will be learning how to lead our chapter, and Vice-Presidents Maria Muradas (who is planning on running for International Office next year) and Janet Walker (who just completed an awesome job as Georgia Regional Secretary and stays on as chapter treasurer) are part of the International Vice-Presidential Campaign Team for Darton Chapter Member Heather Herbert. We will do you proud as we continue to trailblaze!





Byron Simmons Awarded The New Century and Guistwhite Scholarships

Phi Theta Kappa is also known for providing scholarships. The New Century Scholar is the top scoring student from each state, with selection based on scores received in the All-USA Community College Academic Team Program and comes with a \$2000 scholarship. Winners will be featured in the USA TODAY newspaper in April, American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) Community College Times and Community College Journal and on Phi Theta Kappa's website. We are excited that Atlanta Metropolitan State College student and Beta Beta Tau Phi Theta Kappa chapter Co-President, Mr. Byron Simmons, received this award and will join President McGaha at the AACC Convention in Orlando where Byron will be honored in a special ceremony.

Mr. Simmons was also awarded the Guistewhite Scholarship, named in honor of Dr. Jack Guistwhite and his wife, Margaret. Dr. Guistwhite developed the first transfer scholarship designated exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members and are based on scholarly achievement. The \$5000 scholarship is the second highest awarded by Phi Theta Kappa. This year 20 recipients were chosen from over 2240 applications. We are thrilled to announce that Byron Simmons was awarded this scholarship and was honored at a special ceremony during the Annual Convention in Nashville.

Byron is a remarkable student and individual. He had many difficult challenges over the years and is a testament to the human spirit. Professor Geisert jokingly told him recently that with his awards he could now take the advisors out to lunch (the advisors, lead by Dr. Smith, have taken the officer team to lunch.) He said, "heck no, I make you look good." Well, Byron, thank you for making us look good and we expect you to keep doing so!

Community Service



September 28, 2011 from two interval of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. the Office of Student Activities along with the volunteers from Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) provided community service to Gilgal, Incorporation which is a Christ-centered residential program for homeless women with drug and alcohol addictions. Their goal is to assist women in breaking the cycle of defeat that led them to drug and alcohol abuse and replace it with a cycle of victorious living thru spirituality. Gilgal address several issues regarding some of the trials and tribulation women may have face within their lives regardless of race, nationality, or religious creed. Also, Gilgal offer several programs that address women spiritually, physically, and emotionally under the leadership of Ms. Valerie Carter who is the Executive Director.

Volunteering is important to the success of our goal of reaching out to the community. The Office of Student Activities does not require any monetary donations of you just only your support and time toward providing service to the community.



AMSC Sports

Started in 1992, Atlanta Metropolitan State College's athletic program is part of the Natinal Junior Colege Athletic Association (NJCAA). The College supports two intercollegiate teams – men's basketball and women's basketball. In their first year, the men's basketball team took second place in the NJCAA Region 17 Conference, and continues to be a strong sports team. AMSC also has a spirited cheerleading squad and dance team who cheer at the home basketball games. The team emblem is now the Trailblazers.





2011 - 2012 Mens Basketball Team



Coach Robert Pritchett
Director of Athletics.



Charles Shedrick, #30 was selected Honorable Mention or Third Team All-Conference.



Timothy Martin #14
is slated to become the first
AMSC basketball player to
be named First Team
Academic All-American.



2011 - 2012 Womens Basketball Team



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