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### **American Baptist College Report**

American Baptist College, the official college of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., presented at the 2011 Mid Winter Board Meeting of the convention. At the onset of this presentation, Dr. Forest E. Harris, president of American Baptist College, presented convention president, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs and his wife, First Lady Josephine Scruggs, with the Shaft of Life Award for their philanthropic efforts over the years, in particular to American Baptist College.

Additionally, Dr. Harris highlighted the following:

- March 23, 2011 (during the week of the Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series) has been deemed Congressman John Lewis Day in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. This is to honor the humanitarian efforts of Georgia Congressman John Lewis, a historic figure in the Civil Rights Movement and a graduate of American Baptist College.
- Any church that makes a monthly donation of a minimum of \$500 to American Baptist College, can send a student to American Baptist College tuition free.
- Under the leadership of Dr. Harris, the college has averaged raising \$1,000,000 per year in gifts and donations over the past ten years.
- American Baptist College recently received \$100,000 from the Lily Foundation for the African American Legendary Project.
- Lionel Richie recently visited the campus of American Baptist College. His visit was a result of the filing of the reality TV show, "Who Do You Think You Are." Richie has pledged to support American Baptist College in the near future.

For more information on American Baptist College, please refer to the American Baptist College website: [www.abcnash.edu](http://www.abcnash.edu).

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