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# 2001 Women's History Month Kick-Off Breakfast

Thursday, March 1, 2001 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Radisson Riverwalk Hotel - Jacksonville, Florida

## PROGRAM

<b>Mistress of Ceremonies</b>	Deborah Gianoulis WJXT News Anchor
<b>Presentation of the Colors</b>	Raines High School Color Guard
<b>Invocation</b>	Reverend Gretchen van Aken
<b>Proclamation Women's History Month</b>	Honorable Lynette Self Jacksonville City Council
<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</b>	Candace Moody Chair, Special Events Committee
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne
<b>Musical Selections</b>	PACE Center for Girls Choir
<b>Presentation of Women's History Month Honorees</b>	Deborah Gianoulis
<b>Closing</b>	Deborah Gianoulis

## HONOREES

### Martha Barrett

A lifelong resident of Jacksonville, Martha is a graduate of Bishop Kenny High School and earned a BA in Education from Maryville University, St. Louis, and M.Ed. from Xavier University, Cincinnati. She was elected to the Duval County School Board in November 2000 and is currently an executive with The King Companies, an employment recruitment firm based in Jacksonville. Martha has worked in the area of public and corporate relations, including her work in the Godbold Administration and later at Independent Life. She is well known for her civic and community involvement and is currently a member of the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. Martha sits on the Board of the Museum of Science and History and is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference for Community and Justice. Additionally, she is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville and Leadership Florida and served on the FCCJ Board of Trustees.

### Dr. Barbara A. Darby, ARNP, M.Ed., M.S.N., Ed.D

Dr. Darby is Campus President of Florida Community College, North Campus. Under her leadership, the Campus has flourished with new students who are attracted by many new programs that have demonstrated innovation, creativity and a commitment to the development of young people. Dr. Darby serves as President of Leadership Jacksonville, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Urban League and is a Past President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has been recognized by the YWCA as a Woman of the Year and by JM Family Enterprises as an African American Achiever. She is a nurse and has worked as a staff nurse, Adjunct Professor at Florida Community College and Dean prior to her current position.

### Sylvia McDonald Johnson

Principal Sylvia McDonald Johnson transformed West Jacksonville Elementary School from a "D" rating to what the accreditation committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools referred to "as one of the best-kept secrets in Jacksonville."

She is responsible for building positive and rewarding partnerships between the school and the University of North Florida College of Education and Human Services. She found letter-writing mentors from the business community to help fourth grade students with their writing skills. Her after-school programs introduce students and families to computer skills, parenting classes and literacy programs. Home visits are made to any student with unexplained absences. And, senior citizens have been allowed to hold meetings at the school and participate in school activities.

It is no surprise that out-of-school suspensions are down at this school and the faculty is pleased to work in this innovative and positive environment.

Her many honors include: 2000 EVE Award winner in Education, a member of Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2001, 1992 Outstanding Educational Alumnae of the University of North Florida and Who's Who Among American Teachers for 2000, 1999-2000 Executive Board of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a leader of women and youth ministries at Christ Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

### Dr. Edna Louise Saffy

Dr. Saffy is a Professor of Speech and Oral Communication at Florida Community College, South Campus. She is a graduate of the University of Florida where she earned her BA, MA and Ph.D. Dr. Saffy has been actively involved in the community and has served on the Advisory Committee of the LaVilla Cultural Historic District and currently serves on the Karpeles Manuscript Museum Board of Directors. She has been honored by both presidents and governors with appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and recognized as one of "Florida's Finest," an honor that is given to those who have improved their community through good deeds and hard work.

She has received the Mary Nolan Award for Outstanding Women's Leadership, National Organization for Women; the Women in Power Award, National Council of Jewish Women; and the Alice Paul Award for Outstanding Contribution toward Passage of the Equal Right Amendment, Florida Women's Political Caucus.

She co-authored a Federal grant for creation of the Women's Center at Florida Community College and has been deeply involved in the entire community serving on boards and as a member of numerous organizations including the Jacksonville's Women's Network, the Florida Women's Alliance, the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, the Syrian Ladies Club of Jacksonville, Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida, the Uptown Civitan Club of Jacksonville, and the Jacksonville Community Council.



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