

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Thinking Day



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***Enhancing Critical Thinking***  
***Tuesday, April 28, 2015***  
***C.W. Pettigrew Center***

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## Greetings



**Dr. Ian Toppin, *QEP Director***

Critical Thinking Day has been an annual event hosted by the Office of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) from the time the QEP was approved in 2010. Each year students are honored at this event for their performances on the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) Exam, and for outstanding displays of critical thinking in the classroom. Students who score above the national average on the CAAP exam in one of the subject areas (reading, writing, math, science, critical thinking), are awarded a certificate by CAAP. This certificate is presented at the Critical Thinking Day Awards Luncheon.

Over the past five years we have been encouraged by the number of students who score above the national average on the CAAP exam, particularly in the area of critical thinking since critical thinking is the focus of the QEP at FVSU. The encouraging numbers of students who score above the national average seem to infer that our intervention strategies are paying off. They also reiterate the fact that students at Fort Valley State University are comparable to their peers at other institutions across the nation where the CAAP exam is used to assess critical thinking.

We also try to broadly socialize the idea of implementing critical thinking by inviting faculty, particularly those who teach QEP courses, to nominate at least one top student who demonstrated outstanding critical thinking in the classroom. It has been a pleasure to receive those nominations and to review the supporting evidences of students' work. We are truly encouraged by what we have seen so far.

Once again, it is our pleasure to host Critical Thinking Day 2015! We look forward to another spectacular day!

# Program

*11:15 a.m.*  
*C.W. Pettigrew Center*

Dr. Teresa Shakespeare, Presiding

Welcome	Dr. Teresa Shakespeare
Musical Performance	FVSU Bluenote Singers Randy Duncan, <i>Director</i>
Greetings from the Provost	Dr. Jessica Bailey
Overview of the QEP and Critical Thinking Day	Dr. Ian Toppin
Keynote - <i>Critical Thinking as an Attribute to Success In Life</i>	Dr. Uppinder Mehan, <i>Dean College of Arts and Sciences</i>
Review of ECT Implementation	Dr. Shadreck Chitsonga <i>ECT Math Coordinator</i>
Review of ECT Implementation	Dr. Craig Milliman <i>ECT English Coordinator</i>
<b><u>Honoree Presentations</u></b>	
Awarding of CAAP Honorees	Dr. Donte Truss <i>VP, Institutional Research (IR)</i> Mr. Don McCarthy, <i>Director IR</i>
Awarding Outstanding Critical Thinking Classroom Performances	Nominating Professors
Recognition of QEP Steering Committee & Critical Thinking Day Committee	Dr. Ian Toppin
Closing Remarks	Dr. Teresa Shakespeare

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<b>Fall 2014 Selected Honorees CAAP Scores above National Average</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Area(s) of Achievement</b>
1	Bray, Lysandrea J.	Critical Thinking
2	Brooks, Dominic F.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
3	Buchanan, Sherrondr L.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
4	Buckner, Shaniqua S.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
5	Crane, Andre N.	Critical Thinking
6	Daniels, Timpestt N.	Critical Thinking
7	Douglas, Dikembe F.	Critical Thinking
8	Dugger, Iyuna	Writing Skills
9	Foster, Gilbert S.	Critical Thinking
10	Foster, Justin T.	Reading
11	Gary, Jim E.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
12	Glover, Brian C.	Critical Thinking
13	Haymon, Natalee	Mathematics
14	Hill, Christan	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
15	Hinkle, Arianna D.	Critical Thinking
16	Hudson, Haley C.	Critical Thinking
17	Jackson, Douglas C.	Critical Thinking
18	Jones, Darrius M.	Reading
19	Justice, Kimberly E.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
20	Leeks, Darren	Critical Thinking
21	Leemore, Amanda N	Critical Thinking
22	Martin, Kiana L.	Writing Skills
23	McTaggart, Lincoln S.	Reading, Critical Thinking
24	Mentoe, Harold G.	Reading, Critical Thinking
25	Pickard, Matthew	Reading
26	Robinson, Jakari K.	Critical Thinking
27	Smither, Ashton P.	Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
28	Taylor, Rolonda R.	Critical Thinking
29	Walker, Hadiyah	Writing Skills, Critical Thinking
30	Waters, Jasmine B	Critical Thinking
31	Webb, Letia S.	Critical Thinking
32	Westly, Taylor L.	Science
33	Wilkerson, Sheronda D.	Writing Skills, Mathematics
34	Williams, Deyton D.	Critical Thinking
35	Williams, Timothy S.	Writing Skills, Mathematics, Critical Thinking

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<b>Spring 2015 Selected Honorees CAAP Scores above National Average</b>		
1	Averett, Jonathan J.	Mathematics
2	Blake, Napoleon	Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
3	Brown, Amber R.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking, Science
4	Burdette, Alexis C.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking
5	Carter, Andre	Mathematics, Critical Thinking
6	Cornish, Brian	Reading, Critical Thinking
7	Cumby, Brelynn	Critical Thinking
8	Davis, Aaron M.	Critical Thinking
9	Davis, Shermiah C.	Critical Thinking
10	Dennard, Aniyah	Critical Thinking
11	Doe, Emmet K	Reading
12	Edwards, Lakayla M.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
13	Garnes, Marquita L.	Critical Thinking
14	Greenwood, Kristophe A.	Critical Thinking
15	Greer, Cedrick B.	Critical Thinking
16	Gundy, Kameron	Critical Thinking
17	Hardaway, Robyn	Mathematics, Reading
18	Harris, Kelly B.	Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
19	Hatcher, Jessica J.	Critical Thinking
20	Hazard, Tony S.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking
21	Hunter, Danesha L.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking
22	Jackson, Kymesha	Critical Thinking
23	James, Abrahana F.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking
24	Jenkins, Travis A.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking
25	Johnson, Patrick L.	Critical Thinking
26	Johnson, Zaqayvia	Critical Thinking
27	Jones, Calvin A.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking
28	Jones, Grenisha D.	Reading
29	King, Artrico	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking, Science
30	Kirsch, Andrew D.	Reading, Critical Thinking
31	Lewis, Willie R.	Critical Thinking
32	McCray, Rahkym	Science
33	Mcdonald, James A.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking, Science
34	Madison, Cierra L.	Reading
35	Mais, Ronald	Mathematics
36	Mills, James A.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking
37	Muhammad, Sadiyyah H.	Reading, Critical Thinking
38	Murchison, Marissa D.	Mathematics, Critical Thinking, Reading, Science
39	Pender, Kasmyne J.	Mathematics
40	Perkins, Destiny	Mathematics
41	Rose, Adam	Critical Thinking
42	Sharpe, Aaleyah J.	Critical Thinking

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43	Shaw, Michael A.	Mathematics
44	Simon, Deja A.	Mathematics
45	Simpson, Brianna T.	Critical Thinking
46	Smoak, Christoph E.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking
47	Spann, Kiozsa N.	Mathematics, Reading, Critical Thinking
48	Stokes, Nyeema	Mathematics, Reading
49	Theirse, Elijah	Reading, Science
50	Wadley, Zari	Critical Thinking
51	Wilson, Aaron	Reading, Critical Thinking

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