



Letitia Pate Whitehead Evans  
(1872-1953)

Gala Reception and Dinner  
Celebrating the Renovation  
of  
Letitia Pate Evans Hall  
Agnes Scott College

October 29, 1999

About our Cover

Letitia Pate Whitehead Evans  
(1872-1953)

Portrait by William Steene, Southern painter. The painting was commissioned during the years Mrs. Evans lived in Atlanta, Georgia, and was unveiled at the original dedication of Letitia Pate Evans Hall on November 20, 1950.

## Dinner Menu

### Salad

Salad of Tender California Butter Lettuce  
Citrus-Honey Dressing  
Topped with Thyme Grilled Shrimp

Soft Traditional Yeast Rolls and Crusty European Breads with  
Whipped Butter

### Entrée

Filet of Prime Marinated Beef with Classic French Chasseur Sauce

Sautéed Haricot Vert Beans,  
Glazed Onions and Carrots Garnished with French Tarragon

### Dessert

Fine Swiss Dark Chocolate Mousse Quenelle  
Half Poached Pear in a Honey Glaze

Private Label Coffee / Hot Tea  
Served with Chocolate Truffles

# Program

Welcome	Frances B. Graves '63 Vice Chair Board of Trustees
Introduction of Special Guests	Mary Brown Bullock '66 President Agnes Scott College
Entertainment	<i>"Open a New Window"</i> from <i>Mame</i> by Jerry Herman <i>Sotto Voce</i> , Agnes Scott College Chamber Choir accompanied by Carla Maley '00 Directed by Lyn Schenbeck
Ringing of the Dinner Hour	Anne R. Jones '46 Trustee Emerita
Blessing	The Rev. Walter M. Jones Trustee
Special Remarks	<i>Letitia Pate Evans Hall:</i> <i>Symbolizing Agnes Scott's Past,</i> <i>Present and Future</i> C. Benton Kline, Jr. Former Dean of the Faculty Joseph R. Gladden, Jr. Chair, Board of Trustees

Entertainment

"How Could I Ever Know" from  
The Secret Garden. Lyrics  
by Agnes Scott alumna  
Marsha Norman '69  
Performed by Casey  
Parsons '00, accompanied by  
Carla Maley '00

Ribbon Cutting and  
Groundbreakings

Joseph R. Gladden, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
*Master of Ceremonies*

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Closing Remarks and Benediction

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# The Evolution of Letitia Pate Evans Hall

## Honoring the Past

James R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott College from 1923 to 1951, had a vision. McCain's dream to construct a gathering place for students, faculty, staff and alumnae of the College became the motivation for the construction of Letitia Pate Evans Hall.

Although general plans for the building were drawn almost 10 years before its construction, it was only when McCain suggested naming the building for Letitia Pate Evans of Hot Springs, Va., that his dream began to take shape.

After Evans agreed to have the building named in her honor, the plans were redrawn to create a distinctive gathering place for the College community. The revised plans for the building called for a large main dining hall along with a Faculty Dining Room, a dining room for guests of the College and a Banquet Room located on the lower level.

McCain wanted a building that would stand the test of time. When constructed, the \$525,000 building was one of the most modern collegiate dining halls in the United States. The building featured impressive architectural details interwoven into its design, including the Evans family coat-of-arms over four doorways and the famous quote above the entrance to the dining hall servery. Taken from Shakespeare's play *Macbeth*, the quote "Now, good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both!" has been maintained in the renovation and remains above the entrance to the servery.

The Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall was dedicated Monday, November 30, 1950. ·

## Serving the Future

Letitia Pate Evans Hall re-opened fall semester 1999, after nearly a year of construction. The renovations to Evans Hall serve as the first major project in the \$100 million building program outlined in the College's 1997 Master Plan.

The planning team developed a list of improvements to meet the growing needs of the institution. Among these were increased seating, improved lighting in some areas of the building, the addition of air conditioning in the kitchen area, added space for food service and improved acoustic and audiovisual support in the banquet room on the lower level. The planning committee stressed the concept of creating a true conference and banquet space on the lower level.

### New Features

- Plantation-grown, Brazilian cherry hardwood floors in the main dining hall.
- Enlarged President's Dining Room for special events.
- Monumental staircase to the lower level.
- Alcove storage areas for book bags, keys, etc., keeping the tradition of students dropping off their personal belongings.
- New conference facilities downstairs. With the addition of modular walls, the space can be used for banquet functions or smaller meetings.
- Stone from Tennessee has been added to the entrance and the monumental staircase. This stone is the same kind as used in the entrance to the Library and in other locations on campus.
- Almost triple the space in the food servery.

## The Marché Dining Concept

In the style of a French marketplace, marché dining at Agnes Scott offers students more options for their meals. The expanded server, almost three times the size of the original, boasts an open kitchen where students can watch the freshest foods cooked to order. A variety of savory entrees are served, including cuisine from around the world. There is also a large salad bar, pasta station, a deli area, a grille, a bakery and an area serving all the traditional favorites.



## Letitia Pate Whitehead Evans

Born in Bedford County, Va., in 1872, Letitia (Lettie) Pate was educated at private schools in Bedford and Lynchburg. She married Joseph Brown Whitehead in 1895 and had two sons, Joseph B., Jr., and Conkey Pate. The family moved to Atlanta in 1899 after Mr. Whitehead and a friend secured exclusive rights to bottle and sell Coca-Cola throughout most of the United States.

After her husband's death in 1906 from pneumonia, Mrs. Whitehead assumed control of her husband's business interests, running both the Whitehead Holding Company and the Whitehead Realty Company. Mrs. Whitehead, who later married Arthur Kelly Evans, became one of the first women to serve on the board of directors of a major American corporation when she was appointed in 1934 to the board of The Coca-Cola Company, a position she held for almost 20 years. She generously shared her wealth both during her lifetime and after her death through numerous foundations. She created and left much of her estate to the Lettie Pate Evans Foundation to support charity, education and religion. The estates of her sons, who died before her, also support charitable foundations such as the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, Inc. which funds scholarships for women students.

Mrs. Evans served as a trustee of Agnes Scott College from 1949 until her death in 1953. Along with her friends, she funded the building of Agnes Scott College's Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall. In her lifetime, she contributed to more than 130 different charities.

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