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# FRELINGHUYSEN UNIVERSITY

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217 I Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D.C.

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Founded by  
Jesse Lawson  
April 27, 1906



Anna J. Cooper,  
President

## HISTORY



RELINGHUYSEN University has grown out of a humble branch of the Bible Educational Association of Washington, D.C., and was organized by Jesse Lawson in his own home on April 27, 1906.

A sketch written by its founder ~~some four or five years ago~~ gives an account of its early struggles and steadfast aim:

“A campaign was inaugurated for the education and social salvation of the unreached, for special instruction in social service and a better education for persons who had no opportunity for intellectual training in their earlier days and who were then and are now compelled to work for a living.” In another place Doctor Lawson, the devoted founder and life-long inspiration and supporter of Frelinghuysen says: “A practical education for efficient service,—moral, social, religious, no less than mental and artistic, is the basic principle underlying the educational scheme of Frelinghuysen University. We aim in all our work to cultivate the Christian Missionary spirit, to instil into our students a patriotic love of home and country, obedience to the laws of God and of man, and a sincere intelligent striving for harmonious relations between white and colored Americans.”



## AIMS



THE present administration has no higher ambition than to build on these basic principles a structure of which its far-seeing founder need not be ashamed, and to carry forward those worthy aims and the sincere purpose of such a noble beginning, by placing on an enduring foundation the ideas and ideals he set forth.

There are now and have been from the beginning scores and scores of young people eager for advanced learning, who, having to work by day would gladly benefit by the opportunity of an up to standard night school. Frelinghuysen for colored students at the nation's capital undertakes to offer such an opportunity and strives to meet the need of the struggling ambitious youth who is willing with patient industry and perseverance to take the longer time required by reason of his economic handicap, but who is determined to carry on. We feel that the profoundest interests of patriotic citizenship in our democratic Republic are vitally served by helping, inspiring and training such young people.

Frelinghuysen thus aspires and aims to gather in and help those seekers after truth who cannot on account of having to earn their living avail themselves of advantages elsewhere.

But in order to secure and maintain that parity with standard American colleges and gain from the Council of American Universities that recognition which alone will give value to our credits and make our ratings pass as current coin thruout the country, ours is a sacred obligation

that the strictest vigilance be exercised by both faculty and students to see that there shall be no lowering of standards and that no honor shall be claimed or bestowed here which has not been honestly and honorably earned.

Only teachers of well known ability, experience, and the highest professional consecration will be sought for this faculty in order that our students may have the very best in cultural contacts, not thru books alone, but directly thru the highest and noblest examples of living men and women of unquestioned worth and noted attainments. It is not to be hoped that such service can be adequately measured in dollars. The teachers who have consented to share in the form of patriotic service here undertaken, give unselfishly and unstintedly the best that is in them for the good of the community. The salaries, which the University while still struggling with debt is able so far to offer, make no pretense at rewarding, but, depending on the tuition fund alone are based mathematically for all alike on their pupil load, i.e. the number of hours of actual teaching per week multiplied by the number of pupils per hour.

### *EVENING CLASSES*



**H**OURS from 6 to 10 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday each week, the usual holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and national fetes, excepted.

A Wednesday lecture thruout the year from 7 to 8 P.M. is made equivalent of a fifth hour for all subjects. A major sub-

ject pursued five (45 min.) periods per week for a full semester constitutes a unit or point. Thirty-two points are necessary for graduation from each course. English is required of all students without exception and must constitute eight of the 32 points of graduation from any course of the academic departments. This applies equally to students seeking diplomas or degrees from the Colleges of Law and Religion. Applicants for advanced standing must present duly attested certificates showing successful completion of all pre-academic courses. No diploma will be awarded or degree conferred till the applicant has honestly fulfilled all the conditions of his department and has met the required standards of the school.

### *EXPENSES*

 TUITION in undergraduate classes \$30.00 per semester, \$60.00 per year, \$240.00 for a full course of 32 points, payable in advance the whole semester or \$7.50 per month strictly in advance. No student will be carried on the rolls whose tuition is in arrears over one month. The School of Law and the graduate School of Religion are \$10.00 per month or \$40.00 the Semester. A one-year course in embalming will be given for \$150.00. A new course in Practical Nursing is being added for the present year. Students wishing to pursue courses in the University without intending to graduate are rated "unclassified," their tuition being charged at the same rate per semester-hour. A matriculation fee of \$5.00 must be paid however in advance by all entrants whatever the pro-

gram planned. A diploma fee also of \$5.00 will be charged on completing the course to graduate.

### NEEDS



THE Institution is in urgent need (1) of maintenance funds, (2) a building fund, (3) an endowment fund.

#### *"University Builders"*

We have set ourselves the task to raise \$12,000, to pay off the indebtedness on our quarters at 217 Eye St., N.W. within the next 60 days; and we are asking a Committee of Twelve to give one thousand dollars each to meet this obligation. All donors of \$1000 or more will have their own names or "*In Memoriam*" for whomsoever they shall designate to be memorialized as "UNIVERSITY BUILDERS" on a bronze tablet to be installed in our main entrance hall.

A new building with modern classrooms and equipment is very much needed. An adjoining vacant lot can be bought reasonably and on it a commodious institution erected. Full scholarships for the four-year course may be bought for \$250.-00 and used either by the purchaser or bestowed in the name of a designated memorial on a chosen beneficiary.

The University has no agents or paid solicitors. All donations should be made by check payable to the Treasurer of Frelinghuysen University and should designate the particular fund to be benefited. In case a contribution is marked for "Endowment" it is deposited in a separate savings account, only the interest being currently available.

## THE OPENING

The first semester begins Monday, October 6.

Registration in the Registrar's office at 217 I St., from 2 to 4 P.M. Friday, October 3. Matriculation fees and tuition for at least one month in advance will be paid at that time.

Faculty meeting 10 A.M. Saturday, October 4 at 201 T Street, N.W.

All applications should be addressed to the Registrar, Frelinghuysen University or directly to the President, Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, at her residence 201 T Street, Northwest.

For consultations regarding courses, assignment to classes, certificates for advanced standing, or other necessary information the President can be seen at home from six to seven any evening after September 22.



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