

May 26, 1952

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Bethune-Cookman College  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Bethune:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 24, and know that you are still quite active in affairs, despite the unwarranted attempt by some small minds to discredit you in New Jersey. Florida is proud and will always believe in Mary McLeod Bethune.

With respect to Mrs. Garrison, allow me to state we have a faculty committee on awards. This committee, after studying the Alumni records, recommended three persons for certificates of merit. Mrs. Garrison was recommended for a gold medal. These reports are accepted at least sixty days before commencement in order that they may be processed and appropriate certificates and medals may be made. At this late date it would be impossible for the committee to change the set-up because the commencement program has been officially approved and all details worked out. I shall be pleased to refer the data to the committee for consideration at a subsequent commencement.

As you perhaps know, the Florida A and M College has not granted honorary degrees.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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631 Pearl Street  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
August 9, 1952

President George W. Gore  
Florida A. and M. College  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear President Gore -

It is my understanding that you are considering Robert A. Daniel, a young artist of Washington, D.C., as a member of your Art Department faculty.

I want to say to you that you would be very fortunate to have this young man on your faculty. I have known Robert since he was in elementary school. He was my neighbor, in Washington for many years, and I have been very close to him.

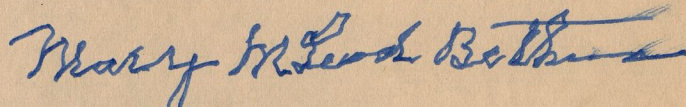
He selected his vocation very early, and has worked unswervingly toward his goals, through his graduate work at the University of Iowa, and beyond. His work as a public school teacher has been very successful, but I have known that he preferred broader outlets, both for his teaching and for creative work.

Mr. Daniel is a very mature young man from a fine, cultured environment, but with no foolishness about him. He is a real teacher, has his feet firmly on the ground, and knows how to think and work with his students and associates, and get the fullest response from them through understanding and appreciation of their individual backgrounds, whatever these may be.

I hope that you will be able to offer compensation that will attract him and his young wife to your splendid school.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mary McLeod Bethune". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary McLeod Bethune

BETHUNE, MARY McLEOD

August 14, 1952

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune  
631 Pearl Street  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs Bethune:

Allow me to thank you for your recommendation of  
Mr Robert A Daniel. His application is being  
processed and will be given every possible con-  
sideration in light of our needs in the Art Depart-  
ment during the next school year.

Yours very truly,

George W Core, Jr

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FOUNDER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mary McLeod Bethune

631 Pearl Street

Daytona Beach, Florida

September 20, 1952

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.  
Florida A. & M. College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear President Gore:

You were very kind and thoughtful to send me tickets for your game in Jacksonville tomorrow. I have not attended anything all summer, but I shall attend the game as I think it will do me good. I hope to see you and Mrs. Gore there.

I appreciate this more than I can tell you.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary McLeod Bethune*

Mary McLeod Bethune

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BETHUNE, MARY MCLEOD

September 23, 1952

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Bethune-Cookman College  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Bethune:

I was very happy to receive your letter of September 20, with respect to attendance at our Jacksonville game. I am quite sure that some unforeseen circumstance prevented your being with us.

Dr. Moore and other representatives of Bethune-Cookman were present and I am sure they have told you of the occasion.

Mrs. Gore and I are looking forward to seeing you when we attend your homecoming game on November 1.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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BETHUNE MARY MCLEOD

October 10, 1952

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Bethune-Cookman College  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Bethune:

Allow me to thank you for your kind letter of recommendation of Rev. K D Reddick. We shall give his application every possible consideration.

You will perhaps be pleased to know that we have added to our Art Department, Mr. Robert Daniel, whom you recommended to us sometime ago.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWGjr:acbb

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Mary McLeod Bethune

631 Pearl Street  
Daytona Beach, Florida

October 8, 1952

Dr. Geo. W. Gore, Jr., President  
Fla. A. & M. College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Dr. Gore:

I have just received a letter from Rev. K. D. Reddick, Sr., now of New York, asking me to send you a letter of endorsement for him.

I have known Rev. Reddick for a number of years. He worked in our State, both in school and in church. He has served the Government, I think, as Chaplain in the Army. He is a very capable, upstanding man with clean character and always a desire to serve. It will be an addition to the list of good workers in our State to have him return to Florida. I believe that any position given him in line with his training will be ably filled. I solicit for him your interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary McLeod Bethune*  
Mary McLeod Bethune.

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BETHUNE, MARY MCLEOD

THE MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE LETTERS

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631 Pearl Street  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
November 1, 1952

Dear Friend -

There is so much of tremendous importance going on, today, that here in my home in Florida, I still feel that I must pull my share of the load in the continuing struggle for full democracy for all, in this country, and for an extension of brotherhood throughout the world.

Because I feel this so strongly, I have decided to draw my friends around me through coorespondence which I am calling, THE MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE LETTERS, which you will receive from time to time. This is the first of these letters. Through them I want to reach out to my thousands of friends in all walks of life.

Sometimes, when I write, I shall be expressing my own views on many matters of general interest. Often I shall seek yours. At other times I shall be sharing with you the hours spent here in the midst of the work for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation -- sharing hours spent with my family, and with my many visitors and friends, on the campus of our Bethune-Cookman College, and along the waters of the beautiful Halifax River.

I hope to have many, many replies to these letters, so that I may know what is on your minds and hearts. Some of these replies, also, we can share-- replies from all around the world -- growing stronger and wiser and extending our strength, in the sharing.

Just now, my great concern is that every one of us, here in the United States, go to the polls to vote, on the first Tuesday in November. Personally, I am going to vote for Governor Adlai Stevenson, because I believe that he will bring to the great office of Chief Executive, not only much-needed political experience and astuteness, but a fine, thoughtful, steadying influence that will draw people -- all our people -- more closely together, help to resolve our domestic problems, and promote harmony in our approach to international relations, in these critical times.

Whoever our choice may be, I pray that every man and woman on the long roll of my friends of every race and religion, will march to the polls and cast those votes that are the proud badge of firstclass citizenship in America.

Write to me here at Daytona Beach. Let the postman bring you to my study. I shall watch for your letters in the mail, God bless you!

Sincerely your friend  
*Mary McLeod Bethune*