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Shorter College will celebrate Black History Month and Founders Day by holding a groundbreaking ceremony for a new dormitory to house out of town students and athletes for its new men and women's basketball program. It will be at 1 pm on February 11, 2023, at the proposed construction site on the corner of Locust Street & Bishop Lindsey Avenue in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Shorter College is named after African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Bishop James A. Shorter, the ninth elected and consecrated Bishop of the AME Church, who was co-founder of Wilberforce University in Ohio, and who brought African Methodism to Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana after the close of the Civil War. The dormitories will be constructed into a two-story building, with a 48-bed capacity.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on the campus of Shorter College at the conclusion of the Founders Day Worship service on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 11:30 am, at Bethel AME Church in North Little Rock around the corner from the Shorter College campus. The keynote speaker for the Founder's Day Program will be Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, retired professor at Emory University's Candler Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and General Officer at the connectional level of the AME Church.

Construction of the dormitory allows Shorter College to return to its former status as a residential institution as opposed to a commuter college. This will be the first of three buildings planned over the next five years. Shorter College President Jerome O. Green and Board of Trustee Chairman AME Bishop Michael L. Mitchell will conduct the groundbreaking ceremony.

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Shorter College is a private, faith-based, two-year liberal arts college located in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Founded in 1886, by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Shorter College is one of the nation's 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). It is the only private, two-year HBCU in the nation. In addition to being the fastest growing campus in Central Arkansas, Shorter College has an Adult Education program and a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Corrections to provide course offerings for incarcerated individuals at eight locations across the state, through the Second Chance Pell Program, these individuals take college courses that lead to an Associate of Arts in Entrepreneurial Studies. Find out more by visiting www.shortercollege.edu.



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