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**Little Rock, Ark.** (March 6, 2023) --- Arkansas Baptist College will hold its annual fundraiser, the **2023 Supper & Soul Gala**, at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at The Venue at Westwind in North Little Rock.

For over a decade, Supper & Soul has been the college's largest annual fundraiser in support of student scholarships. Anticipating attendance of more than 500, the main attraction of the event is food, dancing and fun with a sumptuous buffet-style "soul food" meal and DJ-spun hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Additionally, this year's featured headliner will be the Grammy Award-winning artist **Freddie Jackson**, who dominated the R&B charts during the late 80s and early 90s. A key staple of the fundraiser down through the years has been the star power of its live musical entertainers. Previous headliners have been R&B and soul artists such as Heatwave, The Gap Band, Morris Day & The Time, and The Whispers.

Dr. Calvin McFadden Sr. was named the college's new president in January. Founded in 1884, Arkansas Baptist College's mission is to prepare students for a life of service grounded in academic scholarship, the liberal arts tradition, social responsibility, Christian development and preparation for employment in a global community.

Individual tickets for Supper & Soul are \$250 per person and can be purchased at <u>eventbrite.com</u>. To obtain information about sponsorship opportunities, including a table of ten, call 501-541-9173.

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Arkansas Baptist College, an urban Historically Black College and University in Little Rock, Arkansas, is the only Baptist-affiliated HBCU west of the Mississippi. Founded in 1884 as the Minister's Institute, Arkansas Baptist College is supported by the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.