



CAMPUS REPORT

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Richardson Urges Students to Excel Academically

College president sets the tone for an academic year focus on academic progress and workforce development

Last week, the campus community convened in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center for the college's first assembly, the Annual Fall Convocation which marks the official start of the 2014-2015 academic year. The convocation message was delivered by **President Luns C. Richardson**, who gave an overview of what Morris College does to benefit students and enhance workforce development.

With the captivation and magnetism of a Franklin D. Roosevelt "fireside chat," Richardson talked about programs the college has that prepare young people to "move effectively into meaningful and productive careers once they have received their degrees." These programs are so designed because the college, as defined by its mission statement, is a "liberal arts and career-focused institution awarding baccalaureate degrees in the arts and sciences and in career-based professional fields."

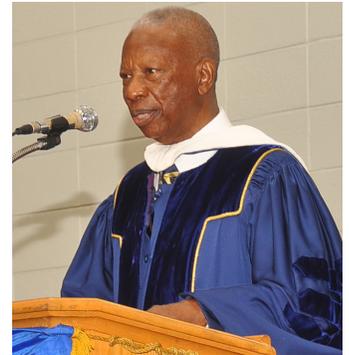
Based on total enrollment last fall, the five largest programs are business administration, criminal justice, biology, teacher education and health science. Richardson highlighted the significance of each program and the kinds of studies students can obtain. He admonished the freshmen saying, "You should start thinking already about what you need to study and what you need to do to reach your goal."

The next five most popular academic programs at the college are sociology, mass communication, recreation administration, mathematics and pastoral ministry. Students majoring in these programs also benefit from intellectual development and career preparation.

Richardson also reminded students of articulation agreements the college has with other institutions. "For those students who specifically wish to enter an engineering program," he stated, "Morris College maintains articulation agreements with engineering programs at the University of South Carolina, Clemson University and North Carolina A&T State University that allow students to take two years of pre-engineering here, followed by two more years at the cooperating university to receive the engineering degree."

Established in 1908, the college has expanded its academic programs while remaining true to its specific purpose of training teachers and preachers. The pastoral ministry major enrolled 16 students last year. Graduates will seek work as pastors, assistant pastors or go on to graduate school to receive advanced training. There are also a small number of students who major in Christian education. These graduates will use their training to work as educators within the church.

The college has additional programs that relate to career development. Organizational Management, a program designed for individuals 25 years of age and older, is one. Anyone having previously completed at least 60 hours of college credit may be eligible to enroll in the program and pursue a B.S. degree in Organizational Management. Students attend classes one night per week for four hours and complete courses within a two year period. The other program is Army ROTC.



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PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.
10th Anniversary Banquet in honor of the Pastor
Good Hope Baptist Church
Greeleyville, SC
Introduction of the speaker:
Dr. Luns C. Richardson

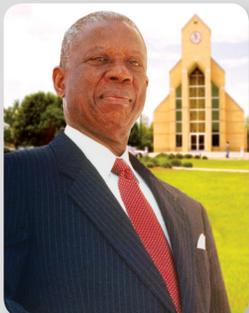
SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

10:00 a.m.
Rocky River Baptist Assn.
Ashbury Memorial Baptist Church, Anderson, SC
Greetings

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.
Bethehem Baptist Sunday School and BTU Convention
Pilgrim Baptist Church, Bamberg, SC
Educational Address: Dr. Richardson

2:00 p.m.
North Enoree E&M Baptist Assn.
New Salem Baptist Church, Tigerville, SC
Greetings



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars Mark Your Calendars Mark Your

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

10:00 a.m.
TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING
H. H. Butler Building Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

Fitting for all escorts
participating in the Coronation
Neal-Jones Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CONSTITUTION DAY
Front lawn of Academic Hall

6:00 p.m.

Fitting for all organization queens
participating in the Coronation
Neal-Jones Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

10:00 a.m.
FALL HARVEST KICK OFF ASSEMBLY
Neal-Jones Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

4:00 p.m.
CO-OP CLUB MEETING
WBSB Lecture Room

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

10:00 a.m.
DEDICATION CEREMONY
Front of the new men's and new
women's residence hall

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY sponsored by the
Baptist Student Union
Religious Center, Room 224

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Cadets who successfully complete the college's degree requirements and the army's military requirements are commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the U. S. Army. Since its inception in 1985, the army has commissioned 52 2nd Lieutenants at Morris College. Seven of those officers have reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The president concluded his "fireside chat" with his "Richardson advice to students" to encourage them to start off running academically.

Valdez Emphasizes Satisfactory Academic Progress

Student leaders (and entire student body) challenged to "make Morris College proud"

During the Student Government Association (SGA) assembly, **Adonis Valdez**, the 2014-2015 SGA President, reemphasized how Morris College, along with many other colleges and universities across the nation, is focusing on efforts to improve its retention and graduation rates. In an engaging address delivered by Valdez, he modified the theme for this academic year to speak from the topic "Improved Retention and Graduation Rates: The Role of Student Leaders."



Mindful of the negative impact poor academic performance has on retention and graduation rates, as well as on financial aid, Valdez challenged student leaders to assume the attitude and commitment to help others attain satisfactory academic performance. Throughout his address, all students were advised to "strive academically and make good grades." By striving to make satisfactory academic performance, he stated, students can "make Morris College proud."

Valdez, currently residing in Brunswick, NJ, is a native of the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean Island. A business administration major, he earned the Luns C. Richardson Freshman English Award (2011). He is an honors program student, an O. R. Reuben Scholar and a member of the Dean's List.

Dr. Richardson's closing remarks were a strong parallel to Valdez's address. "Academic excellence and improving academic achievements are a necessity . . . Students must do a better job of succeeding."

In observance of the 13th Anniversary of 9/11, the ceremonial posting of colors was carried out by the Morris College Army ROTC Hornet Company followed by a moment of silence. "We Shall Never Forget."

Heroes of Chemistry



David R. Magnin, associate professor of chemistry, was recently inducted into a scientific Hall of Fame and became part of the newest Heroes of Chemistry honorees. Magnin is one of seven scientists who were a part of the Bristol-Myers Squibb team in the development of Juxtapid (Lomitapide), a drug used to treat patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia, a rare genetic disease that produces severely high cholesterol levels.

Each year, the award is bestowed by the American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific society. A recognition ceremony was held during ACS's 248th National Meeting and Exposition in San Francisco, CA on last month.

"We consider it an asset to have Dr. Magnin as a member of the college's faculty," said college president, Luns C. Richardson. "Our students are assured to benefit from his global contribution and outstanding scholarship."

NOTICE: All students who have not received a financial aid award nor a job assignment for College Work-Study should report to the Office of Financial Aid immediately!