The Student Government Association (SGA), one of the principal organizations through which students share in the administration of Morris College, held its assembly yesterday in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Beginning his speech with a conductor’s call to get on board, Patrick N. Outler, 2015-2016 SGA president, announced, “This train is headed to the place of possibilities.”

Narrating his matriculation to Morris College, Outler was accepted on academic probation, but he applied himself and allowed the place of possibilities to transform him into a competent leader. Since becoming a student here, he has learned the art of planning, the need to endure the process and purpose. “How can one reach his destination,” he inquired, “without a plan?” Having endured the process thus far, his list of academic honors include being on the Dean’s List, an O. R. Reuben Scholar and a Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges inductee. “Stay the course and endure the process,” he said. “I can assure you that it is all working out for your good.”

Determined to showcase the relevance and necessity of HBCUs, he declared his purpose to be more than a statistic that relegates African American males to a jail cell or an early grave. His purpose is to leave “Morris College transformed.”

Mindful that his educational experiences and successes would not have been possible without the nurturing and guidance of so many incredible people, Outler thanked his parents for the sacrifices they have made to help him succeed. He thanked members of the faculty, administration and the student body for standing behind him with their support and encouragement. Finally, he thanked the legendary Dr. Luns C. Richardson, the “president of presidents.” “Thank you, sir, for your contributions to Morris College, your longevity, patience and perseverance, and for making this the place of possibilities.”

Outler, a native of Augusta, GA, is a senior majoring in Elementary Education. He will be inducted into the 2015-2016 HBCU All-Star cohort to serve as the White House Initiative on HBCUs student ambassador for Morris College.

President Richardson, commenting on the excellence and collegiate atmosphere of the assembly, thanked the SGA, Dr. Juana L. Davis-Freeman, Dean of Student Affairs (advisor), and the student
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Several male graduates, including a few who served as SGA president, with President Richardson after assembly. He also recognized several male graduates who were invited to assembly. They were: Monford Point Marine and Congressional Gold Medalist, Dr. Vandroth Backus; Dr. Elijah McCants, Attorney Thomas B. Levy, Representative J. David Weeks (the first SGA President under Richardson's presidency), and Presiding Elder Dr. Juenarr Keith. Other invited graduates present were: Columbus C. Black, Napoleon Bradford, Brandon Brown, Joshua Dupree, Stacy Gadson, Jerry Hannah, Jeffrey Jackson, Traves Reames, Jerrell Wesley, Randy Whipple, Isaac Wilson and Emmitt Vogt.

Office of Financial Aid News and Notes

- All students who have not received a financial aid award for 2015-2016 need to report to the Financial Aid Office today to pick up their award and to sign any necessary documents.

- Students who have been awarded College Work-Study for the fall semester and have not been placed in a job assignment need to report to the Financial Aid Office to receive an assignment.

- ATTENTION ALL NEW FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS: If you have not completed your Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling online, please do so immediately. We cannot request your student loan funds until you have completed both of these. Please come to the Financial Aid Office to pick up an instructions sheet or if you need help.

CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE - The campus community gathered on the front lawn of the Academic Hall on yesterday to participate in a public reading of the United States Constitution in commemoration of the signing of the historic document on September 17, 1787. Participants read the entire Constitution from the Preamble to the 27th Amendment. This event is coordinated by Dr. Patricia Ali.

The Sting is on EVERY Friday...
Join the campus community and wear Morris College paraphernalia or blue and gold!

More events listed on morris.edu

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