



# CAMPUS REPORT

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## PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR



### **OCTOBER 16, 2015**

4:00 p.m.

SUMTER M & E BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Joshua Baptist Church

Dalzell, SC

College Hour: Dr. James B. Blassingame

7:30 p.m.

CORONATION OF MISS MORRIS COLLEGE

Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

Crowning: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

### **OCTOBER 18, 2015**

9:45 a.m.

MORRIS COLLEGE DAY

St. Matthews Baptist Church

Charleston, SC

Speaker: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

Music: Morris College Gospel Choir

4:00 p.m.

PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Willie E. Givens, Jr.

First Missionary Baptist Church

Summerville, SC

Remarks: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

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## The Battle of Life

*The Honorable Kenneth F. Hodges challenges students to never give up!*



Honor students standing with (front row, 4th from left) Dr. Leroy Staggers academic dean; the Honorable Kenneth F. Hodges, speaker; Dr. Luns C. Richardson, college president and Dr. James B. Blassingame, convention president.

During the college's Honors Day Convocation, on last Thursday, the campus community was fortunate to hear from, as introduced by President Richardson, a very "distinguished speaker." He was the Honorable Kenneth F. Hodges, South Carolina House of Representatives, District 121- Beaufort and Colleton Counties.

Representative Hodges began his message by stating a quote from Robert Smalls who said, "My race needs no special defense; for the past history of them in this country proves them to be equal of any people anywhere. All they need is an equal chance in the battle of life." Smalls, an escaped slave, was born in a small Beaufort community. At twenty-two-years old, he turned over a Confederate Army warship, the Planter, to the Union Army while drafted to serve the confederacy. An acclaimed Civil War hero, he served five terms in the U. S. House of Representative.

"You have been given a unique opportunity to succeed," Hodges told the honorees and students, "to make a difference in the 'battle of life.'" The struggle for an "equal chance in the battle of life," he maintains, is what compelled the founders of Morris College to establish an institution that would "train and shape young minds." As the challenges of the battle of life are faced victory is attained. "We are people of faith," he said, "and I want

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## Seniors Urged to Be More Responsible

Dr. Luns C. Richardson, during the excellent Senior Class Assembly, held Thursday, October 1, 2015, urged seniors to begin getting everything in order for their anticipated graduation. Commenting on their theme – "Standing on the Threshold of a New Beginning" – he referenced to "responsibilities" that result from new beginnings. As young men and young women who will carry this institution, themselves, their communities and churches on into a successful future, Dr. Richardson reminded students saying, "You are at the point now where you have to become more responsible as you get ready for your future."

Speaking directly to members of the senior class, he stressed, "See that all of the responsibilities regarding your required classes and courses are met. Be determined in your resolve to use this semester to get everything ready to ensure you will graduate on May 7, 2015." He also recommended that, by the beginning of the spring semester, seniors should continue looking over their academic records very carefully. "Know your academic advisor and go to your academic advisor," he strongly advised. "Sit down to a serious discussion with each other and see if you have gotten everything ready."

The importance of checking records carefully should not be a responsibility of seniors only. Juniors and sophomores were told to begin looking over their records, as well, to make sure they are meeting all of their requirements. "Pass while you are in your class the first time," Dr. Richardson said. "That calls for being responsible and serious also."



*Calendar Mark Your Calendars Mark It*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015**

APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are due in the Office of Student Affairs today.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

1:00 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES will be held in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. Leroy Staggers, Academic Dean/Professor, Division of Religion and Humanities.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

4:00 p.m.

CO-OP MEETING

Need information regarding internships and job opportunities... Come to the next Co-Op Meeting for the Fall Semester 2015. The meeting will be held in the Wilson-Booker Science Building Lecture Room, 2nd Floor.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015**

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SOCIAL AND DINING ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP

The Career Service Center will be sponsoring a "Social and Dining Etiquette Workshop" for seniors in Daniels Dining Hall. Seniors can sign the participant's list in the Career Services Center in the Brawley-Starks Academic Success Center, Room 209. Seats are limited.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY sponsored by the Baptist Student Union in Religious Center, Room 224 behind O. R. Reuben Chapel

More events listed on [morris.edu](http://morris.edu)

**QEP Word of The Week**

**enervate- ener-vate \ to weaken**

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to encourage you to continue to believe in the God who is able."

Using Abraham Lincoln as an example to persevere and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays as an example to aim high, Hodges challenged students not to give up. "Even if you face defeat in the battle of life, hang on in there, give it all you've got, and continue aiming high." He concluded by congratulating honor students and challenging all saying, "Fight on now that you have this opportunity to go forth in this battle of life."

Hodges is a graduate of Clark College, B.A. (1977) and the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center, M.Div (1986). He has served as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Beaufort, SC, since 1995. He is the immediate past moderator of the Old Ashley Baptist Association.

In addition to the convocation address, students who excelled academically during the 2015 spring semester were recognized. President Richardson praised the honor students for their achievements. "This is an indication that once you graduate from this institution you will make great strides in your future endeavors," he said. Seated on the platform was Dr. James B. Blassingame whom President Richardson recognized and called upon to bring greetings. He is the president of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina and secretary of the Morris College Board of Trustees.

**Young to Be Crowned Miss Morris College October 16**

The Student Government Association will sponsor its annual Coronation on Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. At this affair, President Richardson will formally crown Kenyetta Ronelle Young as Miss Morris College 2015-2016. Young, a native of Bennettsville, SC, is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Evans and Mr. Kennedy Young.

A graduate of Marlboro County High School, she entered Morris College in the fall of 2012 and is a senior currently pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Christian Education. After graduation, Young will pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching, with an emphasis on early childhood education.

This avid scholar and honor student strives to be a role model for youth and her peers. She is actively involved in several organizations which include the Morris College Ambassadors and the Student-South Carolina Education Association. During coronation, several classes, clubs, and organizational queens and escorts along with the Ladies-In-Waiting, and the attendants to Miss Morris College are Toni Nicole Davis and She'Andra Famble.



**Office of Financial Aid News and Notes**

•All students who **have not received a financial aid award for 2015-2016** should 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 should 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.

**The Sting is on EVERY Friday...**

**Join the campus community and wear Morris College paraphernalia or blue and gold!**

