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## PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR



### **OCTOBER 24, 2015**

6:00 p.m.  
WATEREE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LD AWARDS  
BANQUET  
Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center  
Sumter, SC  
Greetings: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

### **NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

11:00 a.m.  
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY  
First Missionary Baptist Church  
Summerville, SC  
Speaker: Dr. Luns C. Richardson  
Music: Morris College Chorale

4:00 p.m.  
FLORENCE ALUMNI CHAPTER  
Monumental Baptist Church  
Florence, SC  
Concert: Morris College Gospel Choir

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## Academic Dean Delivers Lecture Series Address

*Weekly assemblies help motivate and inspire students.*



Program Participants (l to r): Dr. Charles M. Pee, college minister; Dr. Leroy Staggers, speaker; Dr. Luns C. Richardson, college president; Dr. Juana L. Davis-Freeman, dean of students; Dr. James B. Blassingame, convention president; Mr. Patrick Outler, SGA president; and Ms. Deborah Calhoun, admissions and records director

The President's Lecture Series, on Thursday morning, featured an individual who is deeply committed to the vital role higher education plays in the lives of students and the difference it makes. Dr. Leroy Staggers, presented by President Richardson as "our very own illustrious and dedicated Dean of Academic Affairs," delivered the lecture series address.

Dean Staggers was applauded when he said, Morris College is a good place to be, and Dr. Luns C. Richardson is a great college president and a great educator." Alluding to another great education, the legendary Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, whom Dr. Richardson knew very well and respected very highly, he went on to say, "Under our college president, Morris College became respectable in higher education."

Taking the liberty to share his personal observations of Dr. Richardson, he felt students should know, Dean Staggers said, "He is not just a great educator! He's a great person." Aside from his accomplishments, awards, degrees and good reputation, he spoke of the president's character saying, "Dr. Richardson is a man of honesty and integrity. He is an excellent role model."

Interconnecting his address to past addresses, Dean Staggers talked about how weekly assemblies were used by great college presidents to "help motivate and inspire students to do and be their very best." This goal,

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## Chatting With the President

Dr. Luns C. Richardson, into his 42nd year as president of Morris College, still finds the time to talk with students. Two mass communication majors made an appointment to talk with him about the President's Lecture Series. Federica Staton and Ilissa Brown met with him Wednesday in the waiting area in the Office of the President.

Commenting on its purpose, Dr. Richardson stated, "The President's Lecture Series was developed to expose students to interesting and illuminating speakers who bring unique insights and experiences which help enhance the learning environment here at Morris College. Thought-provoking and inspiring lecturers address a wide range of topics relating to leadership, culture and society."

Throughout his presidency, he has introduced dozens of outstanding and noted professional leaders. Included among the many outstanding speakers were distinguished alumni and talented members of the college's faculty. Other notable speakers were the late Honorable Matthew J. Perry, United States District Judge; Dr. Ronald E. McNair, the first African-American NASA Astronaut; and the Honorable Ernest A. Finney, Retired Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court."

In addition to students being inspired, informed and encouraged to strive toward greater academic and personal achievement, the president had this to say when asked what he hopes students will gain from the President's Lecture Series. "I hope students will gain information and knowledge that will inspire them to



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**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**

10:00 a.m.

**THE JUNIOR CLASS ASSEMBLY**

will be held in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker will be Mr. Darryl Cunningham, class member and SGA 1st Vice President.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE DAY**

**Attendance is mandatory for all students.** Please report promptly to your assigned place.

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 may 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**

**veracious- ve-ra-cious \v - rā-sh s\truthful; accurate**

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regardless of the tremendous life accomplishments of speakers, remains the same.

Reflecting upon the countless he has attended and the motivating and inspiring speeches he has listened to with great interest, Dean Staggers a common thread, "If you listen very carefully, there are common themes or key points most of the speeches make." Among the almost identical points are: 1) "College in general, and Morris College in particular, is a good place to be." He added, "We have excellent professors, an excellent learning resources center, and excellent buildings and labs to teach in." 2) "Keep the faith and hold fast to your dreams." Remarkable things have been accomplished against remarkable odds, hardships and pain because individuals kept the faith and kept moving forward. 3) "In this highly competitive, technological world you have to know your stuff." These common points, he stated, know of no "shortcut for study and hard work" which "fill in the gaps between possibilities and realities." He also admonished students to keep abreast of current events. This reputable educator and administrator in academia concluded by inquiring, "Who are you to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be?"

Dr. Staggers became a member of the Morris College faculty in 1993 and is a Professor of English. Prior to becoming the Dean of Academic Affairs in 2002, he chaired the Division of Religion and Humanities. He earned the Bachelor of Arts in English from Voorhees College, the Master of Arts in English and the Doctor of Arts in English and Humanities from Atlanta University.

President Richardson thanked Dean Staggers and challenged the audience to increase their knowledge and abilities to get things done. "He has given us a lot to think about."

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further augment the intellectual flow of Morris College in a way that enhances the institution's breadth of content. Students can do this: 1) by being more appreciative of the liberal arts and career-based programs the college provides, 2) by being more engaged in mastering the various skills our intensive programs can assist them in mastering and 3) by complementing their total development through the ethical and religious atmosphere the college promotes."

The President's Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the President and is free and open to the general public.



President Richardson with Ilissa Brown (l) and Federica Staton (r).

**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!**

