

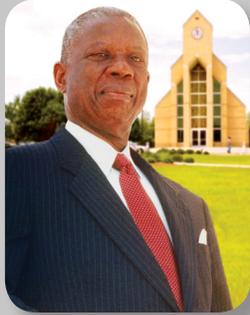


CAMPUS REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

APRIL 3, 2011

5:00 PM
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY
Hartsville-Darlington Alumni Chapter
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Hartsville, SC
Note: Music will be rendered by the
Morris College Chorale.

APRIL 5, 2011

4:30 AM
Faculty and Staff Monthly Meeting
Neal-Jones Auditorium

APRIL 10, 2011

10:00 AM
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY
Eutawville Area Churches
The First Providence Baptist Church
Santee, SC
Speaker: Reverend Melvin Mack
Note: Music will be rendered by the
Morris College Gospel Choir.

11:00 AM
Pastor's Anniversary
Jerusalem Baptist Church
Hartsville, SC
Speaker: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

Who, Why, and Where, What Will Be Your Moment for Life?

Reverend Diaz encourages classmates to evaluate themselves when asking three basic questions



Dr. Marc C. David, Division of Religion and Humanities Chairperson; with Reverend Zine Diaz.

In the tradition of celebrating the arts, the Division of Religion and Humanities sponsored the college's Fine Arts Festival. Each year, the festival highlights an array of activities that demonstrate the ways in which the arts provide balance in our lives. This year's activities included a student art display, a poetry slam, a mass communications symposium, a concert featuring the Morris College Gospel Choir, and much more.

The annual assembly took place yesterday and the featured speaker was one of our own, the Reverend Zine Diaz. A former student representative to the Morris College Board of Trustees, she is a senior pastoral ministry major. An ordained preacher and teacher of the Gospel, Diaz currently serves as associate minister of First Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter and campus minister for First Priority at Alice Drive Middle School. She

has been accepted at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA, where she plans to pursue a Master of Divinity degree.

As she began her message, she told the audience of a song by rap artist, Nicki Minaj entitled "Moment for Life." Although she doesn't listen to this type of music, she is aware of it as a mother to teenage sons. "I don't know all the words, but I find the title alone to be interesting - a moment for life," she said. "In the song she talks about the experiences she has in reaching her destiny in life and what she had to go through to get there." In continuing, Diaz discussed the "burdens" on college campuses which includes "students not showing up for class" and students not being prepared and making excuses. In consideration of these "burdens," she asked her fellow classmates three questions: Who are you? Why are you here? Where are you going?

Using the biblical story of King David, Diaz explained why students (including herself) should evaluate themselves by asking these three questions. Based on this story, she told the audience of his qualities that she felt everyone should possess. "David had a heart that was open to the voice of God." "We must be open to listening to our teachers," she continued. "The second thing we need is a penetrating life." "We all suffer through a lot of things in our lives and if we follow the instructions of our teachers, we can make changes that can benefit our future," she declared. Lastly, she told students, "We must learn the ways of excellence." "I like to watch Dr. Richardson walk across campus. He is a man of excellence - the way he carries himself establishes that 'I know what to do, I know how to do it, and I'm going to it.'" She went to say, "...although we can't be Dr. Richardson, we can be passionate about what it is we want out of life."

In concluding, she told the audience, "As you seek to answer these three questions, Morris College will help you discover and declare your destiny." The academic dean, Dr. Leroy Staggers, rendered the closing remarks on behalf of President Richardson who was away from the campus to preside over the funeral services for Mrs. Martha Everett, widow of the late Reverend Dr. T. O. Everett.

Wheeler to Speak for Sophomore Class Assembly

The Sophomore Class will host its assembly program at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7. The speaker will be Mr. Rudolph Wheeler, Counselor, Morris College Upward Bound Program. Additionally, Mr. Wheeler serves as the director of Call Me MISTER.

This year's assembly theme is "Creating Successful students for the 21st Century."

Loan Exit Counseling Quiz for Graduating Seniors

All graduating seniors are advised to complete the EXIT COUNSELING ON-LINE QUIZ for Federal Direct Student Loans prior to graduation. The exit counseling is required by the Federal Government for all students who have received student loans to attend college.

The Office of Financial Aid will be contacting each prospective graduate regarding this process, but do not hesitate to inquire about the process. There is no better time than now to establish your personal identification number (PIN) if you do not already have one because the time to acquire one takes a few days. Please be advised, you will need a PIN to complete the exit counseling.

For more information and/or for assistance, contact the Office of Financial Aid at extension 3238.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS: Class Rings and Stoles

- A Herff-Jones representative will be in the campus bookstore on **Tuesday, April 5, 2011** from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to take orders for class rings. For more information, please see Mrs. Holmes.
- **Stoles for Commencement** - if you desire to order a Greek or African-American stole, please see Ms. Cheagle in the Office of Planning and Governmental Relations to sign the list. All members of each Greek organization need to decide on a stole design before placing an order. The deadline to request a stole is **April 15, 2011**.

Alumni Pledges Over \$14K During "Phone-a-Thon"

The college's Office of Alumni Affairs held its alumni "Phone-a-Thon" on March 24-26, 2011. The two and a half days event had several students, along with alumni on hand to assist in making calls. Mrs. Altoya Felder-Deas, alumni affairs officer, stated the event was a huge success.

Sponsored by the Morris College National Alumni Association (MCNAA), the purpose of the "Phone-a-thon" is to raise money. It also offers the Office of Alumni Affairs with an opportunity to update their records and share with alumni some of the interesting things taking place on the campus.

A total of \$14,678 were made in pledges. Anyone who missed the "Phone-a-Thon," but still want to make a donation can call Mrs. Felder-Deas in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (803) 934-3260. The deadline to honor pledges is June 30, 2011.

A special thanks to the administration for the use of campus facilities and Farmers Telephone Company for providing the needed phone lines.

Mrs. Carolyn W. Woods serves as MCNAA president and Dr. and Mrs. Dill Gamble served as coordinators of the "Phone-a-Thon."

Important Reminders from the Office of Financial Aid

- The financial aid application process has begun for the 2011-2012 academic year. All students will need to complete the FAFSA on the web. Anyone needing assistance with completing the FAFSA should bring to the Financial Aid Office copies of their parents' and their 2010 income tax returns, and /or documentation of all income received during 2010.
- Student who have been awarded College Work-Study for the spring semester and have not been placed in a job assignment need to report to the Financial Aid Office to receive an assignment. All new and re-admitted students should check to see if they have been awarded work-study.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 2, 2011

1 p.m.

LADY HORNETS SOFTBALL (DH)

Edward Waters College

Jacksonville, FL

HORNETS BASEBALL (DH)

Edward Waters College

Jacksonville, FL

APRIL 5, 2011

5 p.m.

HORNETS BASEBALL (DH)

Clafin University

Sumter, SC

APRIL 6, 2011

1 p.m.

LADY HORNETS SOFTBALL

Johnson C. Smith University

Sumter, SC

6 p.m.

Bible Study and Fellowship
sponsored by Baptist Student Union
Religious Center Room 224

Scientific Lecture/Role Model Series
Room 107

Wilson-Booker Science Building

PLEASE NOTE:

Articles to be considered for the Campus Report must be submitted to the Office of Public Relations by 12:00 Noon on the Monday BEFORE weekly distribution.