

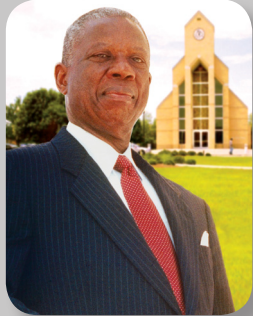


# CAMPUS REPORT

Morris College - Office of Public Relations

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## PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

### **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

### **APRIL 14-17, 2011**

Saturday - 10:30 AM

National Alumni Weekend

State of the College Address

Hilton Myrtle Beach

Myrtle Beach, SC

Speaker: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

### **APRIL 17, 2011**

11:00 AM

EDUCATION DAY

Thankful Baptist Church

Bamberg, SC

Speaker: Dr. Harriet A. Roland, Director of the SC State University Honors Program

Note: Music will be rendered by the Morris College Chorale.

## **"Protect the Morris College Brand"**

*Mr. Wheeler encourages students to honor the institution's history and legacy by doing "the right thing"*



*Mr. Wheeler delivers address.*

"Today we heard a profound and meaningful address," were the comments shared by President Richardson as he echoed the sentiments of attendees at this week's Sophomore Class assembly. The speaker who delivered such an address was one of our own, Mr. Rudolph Wheeler, Upward Bound Program counselor and Director of the Call Me MISTER Program.

This year's theme, "Empowering with Knowledge, Building Successful Students and Meeting the Challenge for the 21st Century," provided "no small task" for the speaker as he jokingly remarked. However, true to his "no nonsense, keep it plain" approach, Mr. Wheeler encouraged students to "...protect the Morris College brand." In connection to the

theme he stated, "There are basically three things we need to discuss - how to empower students with knowledge, how to build successful students, and how to prepare students to meet the challenges of the 21st century." He went on to discuss the college's history and legacy for academic excellence.

As he continued, Mr. Wheeler encouraged students to develop an awareness for their role in protecting the "Morris College brand." In discussing their roles, he told students they must be trust-worthy, committed to excellence, and exhibit care for others. "Trust is doing the right thing," he said. "Be willing to make sacrifices and get rid of excuses." He went on to say, "...when we care we don't engage in negative behavior."

In closing, he told students, "Never let your circumstances change you - instead, you change your circumstances by believing when others are doubting, planning when others are playing, studying when others are sleeping, deciding when others are delaying, persisting when others are quitting..."

## **Dr. David Among 2011 Teacher of Excellence Honorees**

*SCICU honors "Teachers of Excellence" from member-institution during its annual awards banquet and ceremony*



Faculty members from 20 private colleges were recognized for their dedication to teaching and learning by the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) at its Sixth Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards Dinner. This year's Morris College honoree was Dr. Marc C. David, associate professor of English and Chairperson of the Division of Religion and Humanities.

Each year, SCICU member institutions select one faculty member as its honoree to receive the award, which includes a \$3,000 professional development stipend. Each recipient is chosen by his or her institution

according to rigorous criteria. The most important characteristic of the nominees is their demonstration of the highest standards in teaching methods that encourage students to strive for excellence in their studies and pursuits.

Congratulations Dr. David, your Morris College Family is proud of you!

## ATTENTION STUDENTS: Notice on Housing

Room reservations are being accepted from currently enrolled students until May 1, 2011 for summer sessions as well as for the 2011-2012 fall and spring semesters. Housing Agreement forms may be picked up from Residence Hall Directors or the Director of Residential Life in the Office of Student Affairs.

The room reservation fee is \$50.00 for each semester. This amount must be paid to ensure your housing agreement is complete. Please return the housing agreement form and the Business Office receipt to the Director of Residential Life.

### Mayor Benjamin to Speak at Morris College - April 14



The Honorable Stephen "Steve" Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, will be the guest speaker for next week's assembly program sponsored by the Freshman Class.

In a record turnout, Benjamin was elected Mayor of Columbia in April of 2010. He has worked very actively in community initiatives with numerous public and private organizations dating back to his years at the University of South Carolina (USC) where he served as President of the Student Government and as Student Bar Association President at the USC School of Law.

Mayor Benjamin has continued that service through the present, serving on numerous boards for nonprofit organizations such as the Columbia Urban League, Benedict College, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and as a Founding Board Member of the Eau Claire Promise Zone. He also served as a founding member of Choose Children First.

In addition to his work as Mayor, Benjamin practices law with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart. He is married to the former DeAndrea Gist, and they are the proud parents of two daughters.

### 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.

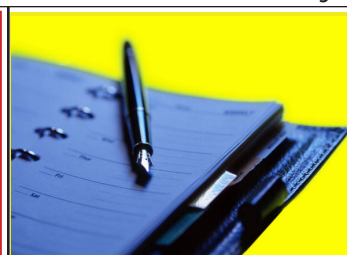
The Office of Financial Aid will be contacting each prospective graduate regarding this process, but do not hesitate to inquire about the process. There is no better time than now to establish your personal identification number (PIN) if you do not already have one because the time to acquire one takes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

### Deadline to Order Graduation Stoles - April 15

- **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**.

**The Morris College Play Production Class will present two performances of The Color Purple at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15 in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.**



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**APRIL 8, 2011**

7 p.m.

Miss Omega Psi Phi Pageant/Social  
Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

**APRIL 9, 2011**

2 p.m.

LADY HORNETS SOFTBALL (DH)  
Livingstone College  
Salisbury, NC

"All Day"

HORNETS TRACK & FIELD (Invitational)  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Charlotte, NC

**APRIL 11, 2011**

1 p.m.

HORNETS BASEBALL (DH)  
Benedict College  
Sumter, SC

**APRIL 12, 2011**

3 p.m.

LADY HORNETS SOFTBALL  
Claffin University  
Sumter, SC

5:30 p.m.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING  
Lecture Room  
Wilson-Booker Science Building

**APRIL 13, 2011**

1 p.m.

HORNETS BASEBALL (DH)  
Shaw University  
Raleigh, NC

6 p.m.

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