

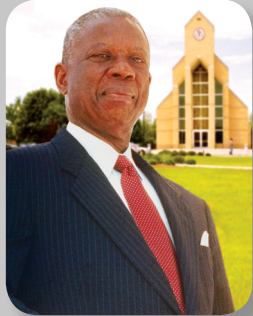


CAMPUS REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

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.

11:00 AM
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY
New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist Church
Charleston, SC
Speaker: Reverend Melvin Mack
Note: Music will be rendered by the Morris College Gospel Choir

4:00 PM
One Day Session
Ridge Hill Baptist Association
Coleman Ridge Baptist Church
Ridge Spring, SC
Speaker: Dr. Walter Butler

"Step Up and Show the World What You're Made Of"

Mayor Benjamin motivates student-body to utilize their individual power on their journey to greatness



Mayor Benjamin motivates students during Freshman Class assembly address.

The transition from high school to college is naturally filled with "mixed emotions," but this week the 2010-2011 Freshman Class, as well as the entire Morris College student-body, received confirmation that the road to success is obtainable. Under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Jones, class advisor; and Dr. Reginald A. Bess, Chair of the Division of General Studies; the Freshman Class sponsored its much anticipated class assembly.

The speaker of the hour was the Honorable Stephen "Steve" Benjamin, Mayor, City of Columbia. Since April of 2010, Mayor Benjamin has continued to make his mark as a distinguished young leader with a "heart for all people." In addition to serving as Mayor, he practices law with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart.

In keeping with the Freshman Class theme, "There's No Stopping Us Now," he challenged students to overcome their deepest fears and strive to be great in all things. "Today I dare you - I dare you to be great," he proclaimed. He went on to discuss the greatness of many who are considered "giants who have paved the way," and many of whom are still among us today. "We're standing on broad shoulders and the time has now come for us to be the 'shoulders.'"

Mayor Benjamin's message went on to address the need for everyone, especially students, to look back "...at the history of Africans in America and in the state of South Carolina." In speaking of giants from our state, he mentioned names like Retired Chief Justice Ernest Finney, Mr. Jim Felder, Congressman James "Jim" Clyburn, and President Richardson. "These giants have laid out the pathway for us to follow," he said.

In closing, he motivated students to use their God-given gifts (individual power) and to "step up and show the world what you (they) are made of..." President Richardson, in his closing remarks, expressed the college's appreciation for a "meaningful, dynamic, and inspiring visit" and thanked the Mayor for "renewing the hearts and minds of each of us to keep going."

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.

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.

Play Production Class to Present "The Color Purple"



The Play Production Class (SPH 310) will present its production of "The Color Purple" with performances starting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Neal-Jones Auditorium.

Additional performances have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19. All performances are free and open to the public.

Pictured: Celie (*Whitney Hampton, left*) and her sister, Nettie (*Latasha Donaldson*) during happier times before they are separated.

Parker: 2011 Morris College IMARA Scholar

The IMARA Woman Magazine in honor of its eleventh year, recently hosted an elegant evening that celebrated the milestone. In addition to celebrating its varied accomplishments throughout the decade, they also presented several awards and scholarships to students attending the state's HBCUs.

The 2011 Morris College IMARA Scholar was Kierra Parker (*pictured center*) who received the BlueCross BlueShield Scholarship. Parker, an early childhood education major, is a member of the Morris College Honors Program.

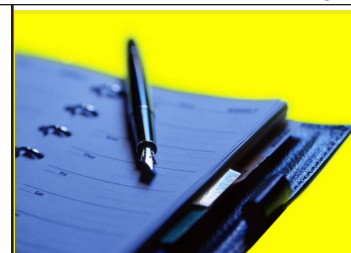


IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The financial aid application process is underway 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 copies of their parents' and their 2010 income tax returns, and/or documentation of all untaxed income received during 2010 to the Office of Financial Aid. **ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE**

NOT COMPLETED THIS PROCESS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO DO SO TO ENSURE AWARD PACKAGES ARE PREPARED IN A TIMELY MANNER.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 15-16, 2011

SGA WEEKEND

APRIL 16, 2011

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Capstone Presentations

7:30 p.m.

Miss Black and Gold Pageant

Neal-Jones Auditorium

APRIL 19, 2011

10 a.m.

Co-op Club Meeting

LRC - Media Center

APRIL 20, 2011

6 p.m.

Bible Study and Fellowship

sponsored by Baptist Student Union

Religious Center Room 224

APRIL 21, 2011

10 a.m.

Pre-Easter Worship Service

Neal-Jones Auditorium

6 p.m.

FORUM: Service Learning Program

Fine Arts Music Studio

April 22, 2011

Easter recess will begin

after 5 p.m. classes

April 26, 2011

Easter recess ends at 8 a.m.