



# CAMPUS REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

## **April 15, 2012**

11:00 AM

Morris College Day

New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist Church

Charleston, SC

Speaker: Rev. Melvin Mack

Music: Chorale

## **April 19, 2012**

Alumni Weekend

Morris College

National Alumni Association

**Greetings: Dr. Lunc C. Richardson**

**Saturday, April 21st at 10:00 AM**

## **April 22, 2012**

10:00 AM

Morris College Day

Eutawville Area Churches

Liberty Hill Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Roy Durant

Vance, SC

Music: Gospel Choir

## **11:00 AM**

Education Day

Thankful Baptist Church

Bamberg, SC

Music: Chorale

## **April 28, 2012**

10:30 AM

Community Guest Day

Berea Adventist Church, Sumter, SC

**Honoree: Dr. Luns C. Richardson**

## **Yeargin-Allsopp Motivates Students to Aim High**



*Left, freshmen, Sylvia Ndeto presenting a token of appreciation to Yeargin-Allsopp. Right, program participants and Dr. Reginald Bess, center.*

Dr. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp, medical epidemiologist and chief of the Developmental Disabilities Branch of the National Centers for Disease Control, was the featured speaker at Thursday's Freshman Class Assembly.

Sharing the obstacles she overcame to achieve victories in academic and career pursuits, Yeargin-Allsopp spoke on the theme, "Victory or defeat, it's up to you to decide." She encouraged students to look within themselves and strive for their dreams. Quoting her uncle, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, who inspired her to achieve, she stated, "It isn't a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Low aim, not failure, is sin."

Pursuing her dream to be a physician, Yeargin-Allsopp found herself to be the first and only African-American student at Sweetbriar College in Virginia. To her surprise, she was admitted in the midst of the college's legal battle to integrate the school. She credits her family and the Black community for giving her a strong foundation of values, perseverance, and integrity; which assisted her to graduate with honors and go on to medical school.

At Emory University School of Medicine, she was one of four African-Americans in her class, the only African-American female in the class, and one of only eight females. In addition to achieving the milestone of graduating from medical school, she made history by becoming the first African-American female to graduate from Emory University's School of Medicine. She candidly shared that throughout her time in medical school she always felt as though she was, "on the verge of failure," but she persevered. She later went on to become trained as an epidemiologist and a specialist in the study of developmental disabilities.

Encouraging students to pursue their dreams, Yeargin-Allsopp advised, "Don't let defeats hinder you and don't let victories define you."

President Richardson was absent due to fundraising efforts. In his absence, Dean Staggers, gave closing remarks. Staggers described Yeargin-Allsopp as a wonderful speaker and thanked her for sharing her story. He stated, "She is the personification and living embodiment of success; a great inspiration that teaches us that race and gender are not barriers to achieving success." Staggers thanked Dr. Joseph Jones for being instrumental in bringing Dr. Yeargin-Allsopp to the campus. He also thanked Dr. Reginald Bess and the freshman program participants for an outstanding program.

## Dr. Bess to Present at Sophomore Assembly

Dr. Reginald Bess, chairperson of the Division of General Studies, will be the featured speaker at the Sophomore Class Assembly on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. He will speak on the theme, "It's an Inside Job," and discuss the life of the first African-American to earn a doctorate degree. Attend, and discover who achieved this outstanding feat in 1921.

## Fantastic SGA Weekend

**Friday, April 20 – Saturday, April 21, 2012**

SGA is hosting their annual SGA Weekend. The activities will include a game night in the Student Center, a campus cook-out, social, and other exciting activities. Everyone is invited to come out and join SGA for a weekend of exciting fellowship. For details, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 3264.

## Morris College Chorale Spring Concert

April 27, 2012 at 8:15 PM  
Neal- Jones Auditorium

## Attention Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors need to complete the **Loan 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.

The Office of Financial Aid will contact each prospective graduate regarding the process. Please check your campus mailbox for this information and establish your personal identification number (PIN). A PIN is required to complete the exit counseling quiz. For additional information, call ext. 3245.

## Capstone Presentations

Graduating seniors enrolled in capstone courses, will present their final research projects on **Saturday, April 14th** and **Monday, April 16th**. The presentations will begin at **9 a.m.** in the respective divisions. Faculty, staff, students, and friends of Morris College are invited to attend.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 18, 2012**

6:00 PM

Service Learning Forum

Neal-Jones

Fine Arts Music Studio

**April 18, 2012**

6:00 PM

BSU

Bible Study and  
Fellowship

Religious Center  
Room 224

**April 19-20, 2012**

7:30 pm

Morris College Players  
perform

"A Lesson Before Dying"  
Neal-Jones Auditorium

**April 19-22, 2012**

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National Alumni Weekend  
Hilton Myrtle Beach  
Myrtle Beach, SC