5:00 p.m.
Faculty/Staff/Students Picnic
(Employee and Families/Peer Leaders, RAs, First Year Students)
Shaw Cafeteria Lawn

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7, 2015 - Labor Day
September 8, 2015 - Opening Convocation
November 5-6, 2015 - Board of Trustees Meeting
November 6-8, 2015 - 149th Founders’ Weekend
November 25, 2015 - Thanksgiving Break Begins
December 9, 2015 - Campus Christmas Dinner
December 15, 2015 - Christmas Vacation begins for Students
December 19, 2015 - Christmas Vacation begins for Faculty
January 4, 2016 - Second Semester Registration
January 12, 2016 - Mid-Year Opening Convocation

Theme:
“Empowering Future Teachers”
Rust College
Holly Springs, MS 38635

Monday, August 10, 2015
Morehouse Auditorium
Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center
Dr. David L. Beckley, President
RUST COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Rust College is a historically Black, co-educational, senior liberal arts college founded in 1866 by the Freedman’s Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to offer quality programs in business, education, humanities, science and math, and social science to prepare students for leadership and service in a global society.

WE ARE

♦ A college related to the United Methodist Church
♦ A college with sound programs designed to serve students who have a variety of academic preparations
♦ A college that recognizes the threefold functions of education as teaching, research, and community service, with its primary mission as teaching
♦ A college with programs designed to acquaint students with cultural, moral, and spiritual values both in theory and in practice
♦ A college that provides an opportunity for education to all, regardless of race, religion, gender, national origin, or ethnic background.

VISION

Our vision for the future reflects an institution of teaching and learning, internal and external to the classroom. Students will come to prepare for careers while living and studying in an environment that nurtures academic and personal development.

Strategic Initiatives – 2014-2019

1. To operate programs and activities that are firmly based in the institutional mission;
2. To utilize an institutional model for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of College operations as they relate to its mission;
3. To maintain a strong academic program in teaching, research, and community service in preparing students for the global society;
4. To institutionalize an enrollment management system aimed at the recruitment, retention, and graduation of top quality students with the necessary skills for success in their chosen field;
5. To stabilize enrollment at 1,000 FTE students;
6. To improve the system for acquiring and managing the College’s fiscal resources to include a projected increase in permanent endowment to $35 million; and
7. To continue to upgrade the College’s technologies to meet the challenges of our students.

Monday, August 10, 2015

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

New Employees Orientation .................................... Ms. Patricia Pegues
President’s Conference Room, McCoy Administration Building

1:00-5:00 p.m.

President David L. Beckley, Presiding
Morehouse Auditorium

Opening Statement

Opening Prayer .......................................................... Rev. Annie Travis
College Chaplain

General Overview and Introductions .................... Dr. David L. Beckley

2015-16 Academic Overview .............................. Dr. Sandra C. Vaughn
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Annual Title IX Update ........................................... Ms. Patricia Pegues
Coordinator of Personnel

Financial Aid Default Program ......................... Mr. Robert Williams
Default Prevention Counselor

Update on First Year Class Numbers ................... Mr. Braque Talley
Dean of Enrollment Services

Major Area Plans & Goals for 2015-16

Fiscal Affairs.................................................... Mr. Don Manning-Miller
Vice President for Finance

Student Affairs .................................................... Mr. Carllos Lassiter
Vice President for Student Affairs

College Relations/Development ........................ Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards
Vice President for College Relations