

# FACT SHEET

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*"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them"*

## RUST COLLEGE...



Rust College graduates and President, Dr. David L. Beckley

**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.

**Vision Statement:** 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.

**Goal :** To make Rust College the premier private liberal arts college in North Mississippi, serving young people from throughout the world.

## Number of Degree Completions

Associate's Degree	
	Number of Students
Male	0
Female	5
Black or African American	5
Ages 18-24	1
Ages 25-39	3
Ages 40 and Above	1

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Tuition	\$9,286	\$9,500
Books and supplies	\$ 250	\$ 250
On-campus room and board	\$4,000	\$4,100
On-campus other expenses	\$2,250	\$2,400
Off-campus room and board	\$4,400	\$4,400
Off-campus other expenses	\$2,650	\$2,850
Off-campus family & other expenses	\$4,250	\$4,500

**Retention Rate** **71%**  
**Student to Faculty Ratio** **19:1**  
**Alumni Chapters** **20**

	Percentage of Full-Time/First Time students receiving grant aid by type	Average amount of grand aid received by type
Total	99%	\$5,489
Federal Government	98%	\$4,885
Pell	93%	\$4,510
Other Federal	73%	\$ 802
State/Local Government	1%	\$ 325
Institutional	30%	\$2,202

### Student Enrollment Data

Year	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
2014	908	55	963
2013	865	71	936
2012	860	74	934
2011	810	112	922
2010	795	165	960

### \*STUDENT AGE

Under 18	4
18-24	828
25-44	106
45-64	22

### STUDENT LEVELS

Freshmen	472
Sophomores	168
Juniors	150
Seniors	173

\*DOB not provided for two males and one female

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants: 813
- ◆ Total amount of aid received by all undergraduate: \$11,046,298
- ◆ Percentage of full-time/first time students receiving any financial aid: 99%



## History

**RUST COLLEGE** was established in 1866 by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its founders were missionaries from the North who opened a school in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, accepting adults of all ages, as well as children, for instruction in elementary subjects. A year later the first building on the present campus was erected. In 1870, the school was chartered as Shaw University, honoring the Reverend S.O. Shaw, who made a gift of \$10,000 to the new institution. In 1892, the name was changed to Rust University to avoid confusion with another Shaw University. The name was a tribute to Richard S. Rust of Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society. In 1915, the title was changed to the more realistic name, Rust College.

## Accreditation

Rust College is accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges** to award Associate and Baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Rust College.

## Student Housing

### MEN

Gross Hall	90
Davage-Smith Hall	274

### WOMEN

Wiff Hall	90
E.L. Rust	194
Elzy Hall	208

Residence of Students	
State of Residence	Number of Students
Alabama	8
Arkansas	13
California	7
Florida	3
Georgia	17
Illinois	90
Indiana	3
Louisiana	1
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	8
Minnesota	1
Missouri	9
Mississippi	449
New York	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	3
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	266
Texas	1
Washington	2
Wisconsin	20
Foreign Countries	2

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Athletics

School Mascot	Bearcats
School Colors	Royal Blue & White
Conference	NCAA Division III

### Campus Buildings

McDonald Science Hall  
 Leontyne Price Library  
 McCoy Building  
 Shaw Hall  
 Frances Hathorne Alumni and Public Relations Center  
 S.L. Griffin Warehouse & Bookstore  
 Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center  
 McMillan Multi-Purpose Center  
 R.A. and Ruth M. Brown Mass Communication Center  
 McCarty/Varnell Business, Computer and Social Science Center  
 David L. Beckley Conference Center  
 James A. Elam Chapel  
 Hamilton Science Center



### ACADEMIC DIVISIONS:

Division of Business  
 Division of Education  
 Division of Humanities  
 Division of Science and Mathematics  
 Division of Social Science

### DEGREES OFFERED:

Bachelor of Science  
 Bachelor of Arts  
 Associate of Science  
 Bachelor of Social Work

### MAJORS:

Business Administration (Areas of Concentration: Accounting, Management, Computer Information Systems); Secondary Education (Business, English, Biology, Mathematics, Social Science), Child Care Management, Early Childhood Education; Mass Communication/Broadcast Journalism, Mass Communication/Print Journalism, English; Biology, Computer Science, Chemistry, Mathematics; Political Science, Social Science, Social Science Education, Social Work and Sociology.

### Student Organizations

Student Government Association (SGA)	
Class Organizations	4
Special Service Groups	4
Major Area Clubs	8
Religious Organizations	6
Greek Letter Organizations	9
Honor Societies	5
Athletic Groups	7

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