Announcements

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

Emergency notifications for students, faculty and staff will be handled by mass email, Channel 19, WURC 88.1 FM, RC-TV 2, and campus loud speakers. If you would like to receive emergency notifications by text message, please submit your cell phone number to Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students. The numbers will be used for emergencies ONLY and will not be distributed.

Emergency Numbers:
Security office: 662-252-8900
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3429

In cases of inclement weather, information on cancelled classes and school closings can be found by calling the Rust College switchboard at (662) 252-8000.

Looking for a Good Job?

Attend the Marshall-Benton Area Job Fair
Wednesday, March 2, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
McMillan Gym at Rust College
Holly Springs, Mississippi
Open to the public—No Admission Fee
For additional information contact the Holly Springs WIN Job Center, at 662-252-7893 or the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce at 662-252-2943 or Byhalia Chamber of Commerce at 662-838-8127.

African American Inventors from Mississippi Did you know?

Pine Sol
Harry A. Cole of Jackson, Mississippi invented the household cleaning product world known as Pine Sol. He sold the pine-scented cleaning product in 1929 (now owned by Clorox Company). Pine Sol is one of the biggest selling household cleaner in the world. Pine Sol is now manufactured for the world in Pearl, Mississippi.

Gamma-Electric Cell
Henry Thomas Sampson, Jr. was born in Jackson, Mississippi in 1934. On July 6, 1971, Sampson, along with George H. Miley, was awarded a patent for the “gamma-electric cell”. The gamma-electric cell is a device that produces a high voltage from radiation sources, primarily gamma radiation, with proposed goals of generating auxiliary power from the shielding of a nuclear reactor. Additionally, the patent cites the cell's function as a detector with self-power and construction cost advantages over previous detectors. He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering in the United States. His patents included a binder system for propellants and explosives and a case bonding system for cast composite propellants.

Nystatin
Elizabeth Lee Hazen was born in Coahoma County, MS on August 24, 1885. In 1950, Elizabeth Lee Hazen, along with Rachel Fuller Brown, created the world’s first useful anti-fungal antibiotic, Nystatin. They developed the drug for the New York Department of Health. Nystatin was first introduced in practical form in 1954, following approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Not only did it cure many disfiguring and disabling fungal infections of the mouth, skin, throat, and intestinal tract, but it could be combined with antibacterial drugs to balance their effects. Hazen died on June 24, 1975.

Kelvin O. Buck, ’97, UNCF Banquet Speaker

City of Holly Springs Mayor Andre DeBerry was an honored guest at the UNCF banquet.

Where Tomorrow’s Leaders are Students Today
RCCDC Kicks Off Its 2011 Home Investors Program

The Rust College Community Development Corporation (RCCDC) was recently approved to receive funding by the Mississippi Development Authority for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Homebuyer Assistance funds through the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in the amount of $255,000 and $50,000 for operation expense.

The RCCDC was commended by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour for its local commitment in addressing the housing improvement needs of Mississippi.

“I commend you for this initiative and for helping to improve the quality of life in your community, especially as it relates to the low and very low-income citizens,” Gov. Barbour said.

For more information about this program and how to apply please contact Clencie L. Cotton Esq., Executive Director of the Rust College Community Development Corporation at 662-252-4590.

Edwards Awarded “Official of the Year” Honor

Dr. Ishmell Edwards, Rust College Vice President, will be honored by the Mississippi High School Activities Association as “Official of the Year” for the Northwest Mississippi Basketball Officials Association, on February 26, 2011.

He will be presented with this honor during the Mississippi High School Basketball State Championships in Jackson, Mississippi.

Civil Rights Moves in the MS Legislature

Rep. Kelvin O. Buck (D-MS), made a number of announcements concerning Black History and its future on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

- The Mississippi House of Representatives’ passed House Bill 1463, which will allow a state-funded National Civil Rights Museum to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi. This will be the first state-sponsored/supported Civil Rights Museum in Mississippi. Rust College President Dr. David L. Beckley will sit on the advisory board, which will concentrate on the management and operations of the facility.

- For the first time in Mississippi history, on February 17, 2011, the Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) held a state-sponsored Black History program at the State Capitol in Jackson, Mississippi. “This ‘New South’ we’ve been hearing about, there are signs it is alive and well,” said Rep. Buck.

- The 50th Anniversary celebration of the Freedom Riders will be held May 22-26th, 2011 in Jackson, Mississippi. “The Freedom Riders worked on behalf of African Americans to ensure equal rights.”

As of February 17th, The Holly Springs/ Marshall County area was successful in raising $36,798 for its 2011 campaign. Contributions, however, continue to pour in and officials are confident the $40,000 goal will be reached.

Awards were given to local churches and individuals for their continuous support to Rust College and the UNCF: Greater Payne MB Church-Memphis, TN; Hopewell #1 MB Church-Holly Springs, MS; Ashbury United Methodist Church-Holly Springs, MS; Anderson Chapel CME Church-Holly Springs, MS; Shirley Dillard, Former Alumni Development Director and Angel Williams of the Pre-Alumni Council of Rust College.