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Financial Aid/Scholarship Opportunity

College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) is offering two \$500 scholarships at two/four year schools in Mississippi

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be majoring in one of the following fields of study: **public relations, communications, journalism, advertising, mass communications, political communications, crisis management, graphic design, or other communication-oriented major.**
- Must be a full-time student.
- Must be in good standing and present three letters of recommendation from individuals connected to his/her academic institution. This includes college advisors, high school teacher/official, home-school teacher, etc. Students may be recommended by an active CPRAM member.

The applicants must complete in full the scholarship application and have it returned to the scholarship committee no later than Feb. 26, 2010. Applicants also must include a 500-word essay entitled, "What I Hope To Offer The Field of Communication."

Students receiving the scholarship can be awarded the scholarship for more than one year, but they must re-apply every year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to make its decision based on need, merit and the number of applicants each year.

CPRAM reserves the right to withdraw this scholarship if a student withdraws from school during the award year, changes his/her major, fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA or other grave instances of misconduct.

The committee will announce the winners) during its annual conference held in May 2010. The scholarship will then be awarded for the 2010 fall term.

For more information, contact CPRAM scholarship chairman Steve Diffey at (662) 472-9068 or sdiffee@holmescc.edu. The scholarship application can be found at cpram.org.

Internship Opportunity

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Scholarships and Summer Internships Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Faculty

DHS Summer Research Team Program for Minority-Serving Institutions

- Early career faculty teamed with undergrad and grad students
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Funding available for summer 2010
- 10-week summer research experiences at DHS Centers of Excellence
- Stipends plus transportation expenses to and from the internship location for faculty and students

Those interested can apply at www.orau.gov/dhseducationprograms

Application deadline: February 1, 2010

Rust College Theatre Guild Presents **Run Joe, Run** By Glenn Alan



Directed by **John Arthur House**

**Friday, January 22, 2010
Curtain: 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 23, 2010
Curtain: 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

**Morehouse Auditorium
FREE**

-Dr. David L. Beckley, '67, President -Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards, '71, Vice President -Mr. Ray V. Autry, PR Director
-Ms. Adrienne Phillips, Public Information & Publications Specialist



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The Homegoing Celebration of Mrs. Mary Frances Allen Hathorne

Family, friends and alumni gathered together Saturday, January 16 to say goodbye and to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mary Frances Allen Hathorne. Mrs. Hathorne, who gave more than 60 years of service to Rust College and a lifetime of service to Holly Springs, passed away Friday afternoon, January 8 at her home after a brief illness.

Speakers during the service included President David Beckley, Mayor Andre' DeBerry, Mrs. Fannie Lampley, Mrs. Margrett Elliott, Mrs. Fergenia Hood, Mr. Mark Young and Mrs. Hathorne's nieces, Ms. Carolyn Pugh and Ms. Debra Curley. Her goddaughter, Mrs. Stacey Richmond, and Mr. Zebedee Jones sang beautiful tributes to honor her life and Rev. Edward C. Moses gave the eulogy.



The family of Mrs. Hathorne, who was funeralized Saturday, January 16 at Rust College.



Mrs. Hathorne was one of six charter members of the Zeta Upsilon Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., an organization in which she held several positions and continued to stay active in until her passing. During the service, the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity paid tribute to their fallen sister.

Mrs. Hathorne is survived by her two children, Alan and Maureen, nine grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, ten special godchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and an entire community who loved her dearly.

Freshmen Honor Students Present Senior Citizen Research

(Submitted by Mrs. Sharron Goodman-Hill, Director of Rust College Honors Program)

The Eddie L. Smith Multi-Purpose Center in Holly Springs was the site of Service Learning presentations by Rust College Freshman Honor students who presented the results of research on activities for senior citizens recently.

The presentations were in partial fulfillment for the 30 hours of Service Learning required for honor students.

A total of eight groups presented information on an array of activities for senior citizens in Holly Springs. The students were judged on the quality of their presentations and for the feasibility of implementation of the activities.

Judges for the event were Holly Springs Mayor Andre' DeBerry, Lemon Phelps and Yolanda Jeffries. Ex Officio judge was Kenneth McMullen, Director of Holly Springs Parks and Recreation.

The following is the list of the winners and topics.

- 1st place: "Protecting Our Seniors" - Allen Thompson, Ahmaad Adesola, Tenika Barber and Louisha Robinson
- 2nd place: "The Elderly (Exercise) and Scams" - Andrea Coleman, Danielle Caradine Brittany Murphy, Demetrius Moore, Cherlinca Boyd and Latia Gray.
- 3rd place: "Seniors and Healthcare Concerns" - Andrea Cooper, Milya Moore, Imani Nunley and Tree'tenia Williams



Winners left to right: Tenika Barber, Ahmaad Adesola and Allen Thompson. Not pictured: Louisa Robinson (Photo by Sharron Goodman-Hill)



Haiti Devastation Continues: 6.1 Magnitude Aftershock Strikes

Rescue and recovery efforts in Haiti, following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake which hit Wednesday, January 13, were halted by an aftershock which registered at a magnitude of 6.1. The tremor occurred around 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 20 and officials say it was the largest of more than 40 significant aftershocks that have followed the earthquake. The extent of additional damage or injuries was not immediately clear.



U.S. troops march through the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, January 12, 2010. (Photo source: Chris Hondros / Getty Images & MSNBC)

More than 250,000 people are estimated to be dead and the injured and homeless are believed to be in the millions. Several survivors are still looking for their family members, hoping to find them alive. Many Haitians are desperate for food and water, despite the substantial international aid effort for the Caribbean country. According to MSNBC, authorities said close to 100 people had been pulled from wrecked buildings by international search-and-rescue teams. Efforts continued, with dozens of teams hunting through Port-au-Prince's crumbled homes and buildings for signs of life. American military helicopters landed in Port-au-Prince on Tuesday to help with relief efforts.

Jennifer Plantin of the Rust College Division of Business says her family is okay. Her brother and grandmother are making arrangements to fly into the United States. She says although her home in Port-au-Prince was badly damaged, she is thankful no one in her family was killed. Plantin says she has spoken with Rust senior Sophia Phanord, whose family, as of Tuesday, was okay.

Dr. Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Rust College Dean of Academic Affairs says almost \$800 was contributed to the Rust College Haitian Relief Fund. The fund was established to help the families of Haitian students and employees of Rust College. Relief and aid groups are telling the media that Haitians need donations of cash; not clothes, food, medicine, or other relief supplies. Representatives say such donations, although well-intended, take up valuable space in cargo shipments and waste aid workers' time in sorting through the items.

Students Fill Campus for National African American Student Leadership Conference Wright, Sanchez Among Keynote Speakers

Rust College welcomed more than 500 participants to campus January 15-16 for the 16th annual National African American Student Leadership Conference (NAASLC), themed “**Progressive Leadership: Taking the Chains Off Your Brain**”. Conference workshops and presentations addressed problems, causes, solutions, and implementation strategies relative to political, social, educational, religious, physical/mental health issues and other struggles of the Black community. Scholars from across the country led students in discussions on male/female relationships, the culture of hip-hop, African American leadership, and the struggles of black students on predominantly white college campuses, among other topics.



Conference leaders assist students in exercises dealing with male/female relationships. (Photo by Ray Autry)

Students were given the opportunity to have dinner with each of keynote speakers which included Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr., former pastor of President Obama, and renowned professor and writer Sonia Sanchez. Professors Dr. David A. Padgett and Dr. Gregory Carr of Tennessee State and Howard University, respectively, also spoke to students and shared their knowledge with participants.



Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr. with Dr. David Beckley (Photo by John Peaches)



Rust Welcomes *New York Times* Bestselling Author Kimberla Lawson Roby

The Rust College Lyceum Series will welcome author Kimberla Lawson Roby on the campus for a book signing and book review on January 22, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the Shaw Cafeteria.

Roby has published twelve novels which include, *The Best of Everything*, *One in a million* (a novella), *Sin No More*, *Love & Lies*, *Changing Faces*, *The Best-Kept Secret*, *Too Much of a Good Thing*, *A Taste of Reality*, *It's a Thin Line*, *Casting the First Stone*, *Here and Now* and her debut title, *Behind Closed Doors*, which was originally self-published through her own company, Lenox Press. Her novels have frequented numerous bestseller lists, including The New York Times and those in The Washington Post, Publishers Weekly, Essence Magazine, Upscale Magazine, Emerge Magazine, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, Wal-Mart, The Dallas Morning News, and The Austin Chronicle to name a few and both *Behind Closed Doors* and *Casting The First Stone* were #1 Blackboard bestsellers for four consecutive months in both 1997 and 2000. *Behind Closed Doors* was the #1 Blackboard Best-selling book for paperback fiction in 1997.



Best-selling author Kimberla Lawson Roby will visit Rust College Friday, January, 22 for a book review and signing.

In addition, Ms. Roby's first novel was nominated for Blackboard's 1998 and 1999 Fiction Book of the Year Award, and she received the Blackboard Fiction Book of the Year Award in 2001 for *Casting the First Stone*. She is also the 2006, 2007 and 2009 recipient of the Author of the Year – Female award presented by the African-American Literary Award Show in New York, the recipient of the 1998 First-Time Author Award from Chicago's Black History Month Book Fair and Conference, and her fifth novel, *A Taste of Reality*, was a 2004 finalist for the Atlanta Choice Awards sponsored by the Atlanta Daily World. Additionally, *Too Much of a Good Thing* received a 2004 Patron Choice Award from the Central Mississippi Regional Library System.

Each of Ms. Roby's novels have dealt with very real issues, including social status, gambling addiction, infidelity, single motherhood, infertility, sibling rivalry, corruption within the church, domestic violence, sexual abuse, caregiving of a parent, racial and gender discrimination in the workplace, sexual harassment, overweight issues, and female illnesses to name a few.

Ms. Roby resides in Illinois with her husband, Will. Her thirteenth title, *A Deep Dark Secret*, was released on September 29, 2009 and her fourteenth, *Be Careful What You Pray For*, on January 19, 2010.

Upcoming Lyceum Events

- **Tuesday, February 2:** Mr. Mike Wiley presents *The Emmitt Till Story*—chronicling the 1955 Mississippi murder of 14-year-old Emmitt Till. Doxey Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 17:** Frederick Douglass IV Presentation—presented by the great-great grandson of former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Doxey Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 10:** *Who Will Sing For Lena*—a stage production featuring Mrs. Vanessa Adams-Harris. A dramatization of the life of the only woman to be executed by the state of Georgia, Lena Baker. Doxey Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 14:** *Loosed to Love Again*—a gospel music play presented by Changing Path Theatrical Ministries, will feature the Rust College BSU Choir. Doxey Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.