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Rust, Holly Springs Schools Collaborate to Provide Classes for Holly Springs Students

Members of the Rust College faculty met with the Holly Springs School District (HSSD) January 21, via video-conference, to discuss providing distance learning classes for the students of Holly Springs High School. Involved in the conference were Drs. Paul Lampley, Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Bill Scott, and Frank Yeh, as well as Ms. Irene Walton, superintendent of Holly Springs Schools, and Mr. Joseph Selman of the Holly Springs School District Technology Department.

The use of video-conference during this meeting was essential, indicating the manner in which classes will be taught. The organizers wanted to test the equipment to make sure it was working correctly. Participants discussed if Dr. Yeh would be able to use the equipment in order to teach the classes. The goal for both Rust and HSSD is to provide personal enrichment classes and tutoring sessions to the students of Holly Springs High School through Rust College.

Scholarship Opportunity

The John Gyles Education Award

Selected students will receive up to $3,000

Requirements:
- Must be a citizen of the United States or Canada
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Criteria other than strictly academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process

To apply, go to www.johngyleseducationcenter.com

Application deadline: May 1, 2010

Best-Selling Author Visits Rust College

The Rust College Lyceum Series presented Mrs. Kimberla Lawson Roby, a New York Times bestselling author, on Friday, January 22. Mrs. Roby has published 14 novels, including her latest, Be Careful What You Pray For, which hit store shelves in January. Her debut novel, Behind Closed Doors, was self-published through her own company, Lenox Press. The author spoke to students, staff, and guests about starting her own company when she could not find a publisher and how her background in business helped her to do so. She encouraged students to figure out what they love to do and to continue their education in order to do what they love.

Mrs. Roby's 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 Bestselling book for paperback fiction in 1997.

Rust Mourns the Loss of Former First Lady

Former First Lady, Mrs. Milverta A. Smith, wife of former Rust College president, the late Rev. Dr. Earnest Andrew Smith (1957-67), passed away Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Mrs. Smith grew up in Benton, Mississippi. She is a 1937 graduate of Rust College, who served as a librarian and first lady during the Smith administration. During her ten years of service as first lady, she served as a role model for students with an emphasis on work with female students. She will be remembered as a warm and friendly person who always demonstrated concern for the welfare of students.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two siblings and her husband of 70 years, Dr. Earnest A. Smith. Dr. Smith passed away in November of 2009. She is survived by two sisters and three brothers. She was funeralized Tuesday, January 26 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and is buried alongside her husband at Captain Simmons Cemetery in Benton, Mississippi.
Pre-Alumni Club Members to Represent Rust at UNCF Conference in New Orleans

The 2009-2010 Rust College Miss UNCF, Cecelia Smith and Mr. UNCF, Antonio Leigh will represent Rust College in New Orleans, Louisiana February 3rd-7th for the 64th Annual National Alumni Council/52nd National Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference. These students along with eight other juniors and seniors will give Pre-Alumni reports and attend a career and graduate fair where invited companies will be on hand to interview on-site. Some of the companies include: Federal Express, Bank of America, Lowes and many more. Also, Dr. Kevin Melvin, former publicist for Michael Jackson will conduct a seminar on “Minding Your Music Business”. Smith will participate in the Miss UNCF Coronation Saturday, February 6th and escorting her will be Rust College President Dr. David Beckley.

Elementary Education Major To Receive Scholarship

The Division of Education has selected Candence Simon to receive the 2010 Clara Alexander Jackson Scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by the Forward Lookers Federated Club, an affiliate of the Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs, Inc., and the National Association of Colored Women’s Club, Inc.

Ms. Simon is a senior Elementary Education major with a GPA of 3.233. She was selected by the division because of her strong commitment to remain in the teaching field. Ms. Simon will be recognized during a luncheon, Saturday, February 6, at the Regency Hotel and Convention Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Division of Business January Student of the Month

The faculty of the Division of Business would like to recognize Mr. Lakendric Williams as Student of the Month for January 2010. This year has been a year of firsts for the Division of Business as Lakendric is the first non-business major to be honored as student of the month in the Division. Mr. Williams is a Biology major who has taken time away from his biology studies to complete a minor in Business Administration. While taking classes in the Division of Business, Lakendric has been an instrumental part of Business Week and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda. Mr. Williams is a student leader—SGA chaplain & Resident Assistant—who works to promote understanding among all students. Lakendric is the type of student that seldom says “no” when asked for help, and still maintains a 2.9 GPA while taking classes in both his major and minor.

Mr. Williams is from Chicago, IL and is interested in a career that will allow him to use his business knowledge in the field of Biology.

Rust College Theatre Guild Presents Run Joe, Run

Directed by Mr. John A. House

The Rust College Theatre Guild, under the direction of Mr. John House, entertained audiences with the stage play, Run Joe, Run. January 22nd - 23rd. The play, written by Glenn Alan, is the story of Joe (played by Terrell Williams), who has extremely cold feet the night before his wedding. He goes to the barber shop for a trim and a bit of barbershop banter. The characters Harrison (played by Brandon Flanagan), Uncle Remus (Randy Readus), and Major (Perry Johnson, Jr.) tease Joe about his upcoming wedding, but try their best to convince him to marry Anna Mae (played by Jasmine Luellen). While the guys talk, Anna Mae prowls the streets, looking for her fiancé.

The Rust College Theatre Guild will present Radio Golf, written by August Wilson, in March. Radio Golf, Wilson’s last play, is also the last play chronologically in his famous Pittsburgh Cycle, a series of ten dramas chronicling African-American life in twentieth-century America.