



# Announcing!



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### Emergency Numbers:

Security office: 662-252-8090  
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### A Word of Thanks...

It's during a time like this that we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Rust College Family, we (the Fisher & Gillom family) so appreciate your prayers, sympathy, kind words, generous gifts, pretty cards, beautiful flowers and encouraging phone calls. What ever you gave or did for us, words can never express how gracious we are. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we make it through this difficult time.

Thank you all,  
May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Priscilla Gillom Fisher & the Gillom Family  
**II Corinthians 1:3**  
He is "the God of all comfort."

## RUST COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Mrs. Georgia Williams, '50, celebrated her 80th birthday with more than 100 of her friends and family members. She received a plethora of gifts, including a certificate, signed by President David L. Beckley. Her family also put together a slideshow of various pictures from her life and from her time at Rust College.



Mrs. Georgia Williams (front left), pictured with her husband Wayne, and children Carl and Eva.



Mr. & Mrs. Williams, pictured with their grandchildren—standing, left to right: Jamaal, and wife Yazmin, Leanna, Rasul, and wife Ashshanae.

### Rust Alumni to Hold Book-Signings for Recently Published Works



Zondra Hughes, '94, will launch the release of her highly acclaimed memoir "Living The Ebony Life: E-Mails from the Plantation". Zondra Hughes will be hosting a special signing event at Azizi Books in Lincoln Mall in Matteson, Illinois on Saturday, March 13. Hughes was a Mass Communications/Print Journalism major while at Rust College.



Nicholas Johnson, '01, will host a book signing for his release of "Simply Bret" on April 10, 2010 at True Vine Baptist Church in Inglewood, California. Johnson also majored in Mass Communications/Print Journalism while at Rust.

### Phonathon Time!!

**If any students would like to assist the Alumni Development Office with calling alumni for our Phonathon Scholarship Fund, please contact Mrs. Shirley Dillard at ext. 4915 or go to Oakview Mansion. You MUST be able to volunteer after 5:00 p.m., speak clearly and have a friendly voice.**

-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



# Where Tomorrow's Leaders are Students Today

## Campus NewsBriefs

A Weekly Update of Activities at Rust College



## Marshall/Benton Area Job Fair Brings Hundreds of Job Seekers

Rust College co-sponsors fair for second year



The Marshall/Benton Area Job Fair, hosted by Rust College and the Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi, welcomed more than 800 people to find new careers and ideas for the future. The job fair provided several companies from throughout the region including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Holly Springs School District, Trinity Mission Rehabilitation Center, FedEx and many more. Recruiters informed visitors of the benefits of working for their companies and members of the U.S. Armed Forces were on hand for those interested in serving their country.

Lanita Pugh, Admissions Coordinator of Trinity Mission Rehabilitation Center in Holly Springs, said job fairs like the one held at Rust are quite beneficial when looking for quality workers.

"You can usually weed out the people who really want to work," she said. Pugh and Billy Logan, who is the activities director at Trinity Mission, were available to recruit workers, volunteers and patients.

On-site interviews were held for those who gave good first impressions to recruiters. The WIN Job Center was also available with their mobile job center, which was stationed outside the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center. For information on upcoming job fairs, go to <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>.



## *Be a Mentor! The Families First Resource Center Wants YOU!*

Rust College Families First Resource Center is looking for educational mentors to work with a new and exciting youth leadership program. *Healthy Bodies for a Healthy Future* will select 20 students to serve as educational mentors to high school students.

Mentors will be trained to help youth ages 13-17 develop their leadership skills and talk to other teens in their local community about teen health issues to include self-esteem, nutrition and exercise, sexually transmitted diseases and healthy decision-making.

If you enjoy working with youth, want to have a healthy community, are available four hours per week, and are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Synethia Walker at 662-551-2229 or come by to complete an application today.

## 2010 “Business Week”: Alumni Return to Enlighten Students

Rust College Business Week, sponsored by the Division of Business, gave students the opportunity to attend workshops, lectures on various business-related topics, a panel discussion during the weekly AEP assembly and a chance to attend the Marshall/Benton Area Job Fair which was held March 4.

This year’s theme was “Business Ethics in the World Today”. Several alumni returned to Rust College to pass their knowledge on to business students. The alumni speakers were Melanie Bonner, ‘03, Foreign Service Officer in Juarez, Mexico; Edgar Perdue, ‘08, IRS agent, Carl Robinson, ‘03, Southern Compliance Officer at California Regional Railway Authority, and Keena Wells, ‘98, business owner and Blue Cross Blue Shield Talent Acquisition Consultant.

“If the examples of our alumni are any indication of the type of students we provide within the Division of Business at Rust College, we are in fine shape,” said Mr. Richard Frederick, division chairperson.

Changes made to the Division of Business Student Handbook, resume writing, and getting hired were just some of the topics presented during Business Week. Students were also able to network with several companies throughout the region during the Marshall/Benton Area Job Fair held in the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center. This is the second year that Rust College has co-hosted the event with the Governor’s Job Fair Network of Mississippi.

“I believe it was inspirational for current students to see how successful some of our past students are,” said economics instructor Dr. Sujata Sinha.

Accounting instructor Mrs. Sheela Bhagat agreed on the triumph of Business Week.

“It was a success. I think students got to see how past students who worked hard at Rust College became successful because they are driven and continue to work hard to further their career.”

Certificates of appreciation were presented to all the speakers who helped make Business Week 2010 possible.



Standing left to right: Jennifer Plantin, Mr. Richard Frederick, Dr. Nellie Smith, Dr. Mahmudul Sheikh, Mrs. Sheela Bhagat, and Dr. Sujata Sinha. Seated left to right: Carl Robinson, Edgar Perdue, Keena Wells, and Melanie Bonner.



Mr. Frederick presented the Business Week guest speakers with Certificates of Appreciation during a banquet held at the Beckley Center.



## Rust College Haiti Relief Fund Nets Generous Donations

The Haiti Relief Fund Campaign raised \$2,165 through faculty, staff, and student contributions. Those donations were provided to the families of Jennifer Plantin of the Division of Business, and student Sophia Phanord. The funds for the Plantin family assisted in the cost of air travel for Plantin’s grandmother and youngest brother from Haiti to Dallas, Texas.



Residents of Haiti, along with rescue and recovery workers from around the world, continue to rebuild the nation. Source: The United Way

The funds to the Phanord family were wired directly to Sophia’s brother in Petionville, Haiti, to help with basic necessities for approximately thirty people—twenty of whom were children.

“We applaud the generosity of the Rust College family in this time of need for these families,” said Dr. Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Plantin—who along with Phanord—had no contact with her family immediately following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit Haiti in January, expressed her thanks for the support she and her family received.

*“I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Rust College family for the compassion and support they have shown me and my family during a very difficult time. The kind words, prayers, hugs, and your donations to the Haiti Fund have been a tremendous help to me and my family.”*

*I would also like to recognize Dr. Flemming-Hunter, Dean Hyman, the faculty and students of the Division of Business, and all of you who have left me kind voicemails and emails. Thank you!*

*Many of you have asked me how my family is doing. By the grace of God, everyone is fine. Both of my parents are still in Haiti. My father has been going back and forth between Port-au-Prince and his hometown (Jacmel) to volunteer his services and my mother has been helping in a friend’s orphanage in Port-au-Prince; she has resumed working. My younger brother and my grandmother were flown out to the U.S. to stay with my aunt temporarily in Dallas, TX. They are both doing fine.”*

More than 200,000 people—including 79 Americans— were killed during the earthquake that struck the Caribbean nation on January 12. Aftershocks of almost 6.0 magnitude continued to devastate the area weeks after the quake hit. Nearly 500,000 people were evacuated from Haiti, including orphans and Americans. The outpouring of aid from around the world was tremendous, including the billions of dollars raised to assist the area, donations of food and supplies, as well as the 11,000 U.S. military personnel in and around the region.



American Red Cross workers distribute blankets, tarps, hygiene and kitchen kits in Haiti. Talia Frenkel/American Red Cross

(Sources: CNN.com, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the Red Cross, the United Nations, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. State Department and the World Food Programme, Pan American Health Organization, World Health Organization, the Civil Protection Agency of the Government of Haiti)

**Blood Drive**  
**Friday, March 12, 2010**  
**9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**  
**Student Rec Center**



*Sponsored by Ms. Jacqueline Slater and the Student Health Center*