Announcing!

Mandatory Pre-Alumni Council Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Brown Mass Comm. Bldg Room 102
New officers will be elected during this time
Refreshments will be served

Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society
Informational Meeting
March 24, 2010—9:30 a.m.
McDonald Science Building Room 11B
MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND!
If you cannot attend or have questions, contact Briana Davis at 773-580-2684.

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(Daughter of Elder Joe & Linda Wilson)

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High School Seniors, Parents Participate in Rust College Spring 2010 Visitation Day

Hundreds of high school seniors, parents, and school representatives traveled to Rust College to participate in Visitation Day 2010, held Saturday, March 13. Seniors from Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, and as far away as Los Angeles, California toured the campus to see what Rust has to offer.

Guests were able to have small group discussions on the many facets of college life: financial aid, the first-year experience, academics, athletics, and residence/campus life. Led by Rust’s Royal Ambassadors—a sizable group of Rust students who were recruited for this event—students and parents got a first look at the residence halls and other buildings in which Rust students frequent.

Visitors were also treated to the music of the Rust College Blue Blazin’ Marching Band, BSU Choir and the A’Cappella Choir. Those interested in joining the A’Cappella Choir—and receiving a scholarship—got the opportunity to audition on the spot for director Zebedee Reynolds Jones. A greek show and a performance by the Code Blue Dance Team also gave visitors a treat.

According to Ms. Jo Ann Scott, Director of Enrollment Services, the turnout for visitation day was excellent. There were approximately 500 high school students, parents, alumni, and friends who attended the event. Ms. Scott says she has received feedback that everyone enjoyed the tours and overall sessions.

“The tours, led by students, were very thorough and I am impressed with the number of faculty and staff who participated,” Ms. Scott said. “I believe the true story of Rust College was revealed on Saturday.”

On March 15, The Lambda Educational Institute of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, under its sponsorship of the 14th Annual Spring College Tour, visited Rust College, bringing 97 sophomores, juniors and seniors.
Rust College’s annual Religious Emphasis Week began Sunday, March 14, 2010 with worship service in James A. Elam Chapel. This year’s theme, “Lord, Teach Us the Secret to Loving God” is accompanied by Luke 10:27, “He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with your entire mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’”

Led by chaplain Rev. Brenda McCaskill, the Religious Life Committee arranged several worship services and discussions on God’s works and His will. Pastors and evangelists from around the region were invited to participate, including Rust graduate Evangelist Miley Jenkins of Mt. Meriah Missionary Baptist Church in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Other spiritual leaders included Pastor Johniel Henry, Jr., of Amory, Mississippi, keynote speaker of the weekly AEP assembly; Pastor Michael Williamson of Lawton, Oklahoma; Evangelist Sharon White of Holly Springs; Evangelist Mary Jones and Rev. Lavern Hampton of Bentonia, Mississippi; and Rev. Iva Dixon of Lexington, Mississippi.

Pastor Michael Williamson of Lawton, Oklahoma spoke about sharing one’s faith. Students and faculty members listen during one of the panel discussion held at James A. Elam Chapel.

Invited speakers discussed various topics including: “Pre-Marital Sex from a Christian Perspective”, “Spiritual Formation”, “The Meaning of the Call”, and “How to Share Your Faith”.

Members of the Religious Life committee are: Rev. Brenda McCaskill, College Chaplain, Mrs. Lillie McNeal, chairperson, Dr. Nellie Smith, co-chair, Mrs. Sharron Goodman-Hill, Mr. John A. House, Mrs. Martha Howard, Ms. Emma Miller, Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, Mrs. Naesha Taylor, Dr. Sandra Vaughn, Ms. Stephanie Davis and Mr. Arion James.

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Graduating Senior To Continue Education

Congratulations to Ms. Anam J. Mian, who was recently accepted to the University of Tennessee Health and Science Center. Ms. Mian is a senior biology major from Byhalia, Mississippi. Her 3.8 grade point average enabled her to continue her studies in the health and biology field, as well as placed her on the President’s List for the fall 2009 semester.

Ms. Mian will attend the Memphis campus of UT for six semesters to earn her Master of Science in Nursing—Clinical Nurse Leader. She will begin classes June 1, 2010. Ms. Mian is the daughter of Dr. Muhammad Mian, an associate professor of biology.

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