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The Home Depot “Retool Your School Project”: Vote to Support Rust College!

“America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities have given so much to so many. Now, The Home Depot wants to show its gratitude by giving something back.”

Vote for major and minor projects proposed by and for Rust College.

“Major” Project
Eighty percent of Rust College students and faculty members strongly agree that the improvements to the Pedagogy laboratory will enhance teaching and learning by 25%. The lasting improvements caused by the Home Depot “Retool Your School” Project has the potential to benefit the total population of students and faculty.

“Minor” Project
Eighty percent of Rust College students, faculty, staff and other stakeholders strongly agree that the landscaping improvements to the entrance to the campus will improve the aesthetics of the campus. There will be increased institution marketing benefits because of the Home Depot “Retool Your School” Project.

Vote now for Rust College! On June 15th, 11 schools will be announced, and will see their dream projects come to life.

To vote, visit http://homedepotretoolyourschool.com

Mandatory Pre-Alumni Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Brown Mass Communications Building, Room 102

Will be discussing the upcoming running of Mr. & Miss Pre-Alumni 2010—2011

The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta will host “ZHOPE”
A fundraiser for the March of Dimes

Thursday, April 15, 2010
12:00 p.m.
Brown Mass Communications Building

Rust College to Celebrate 144th Commencement Exercises April 24-25

Rust College will celebrate its 144th Commencement this month, with the graduation of approximately 150 seniors. Commencement activities will be held beginning Saturday, April 24 with the annual Rust College Presidential Run/Walk-A-Thon. The walk/run will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the intersection of Rust Avenue and Memphis Street.

On the evening of the 24th, Rust College will hold its annual Senior Consecration. The ceremony will be held in Morehouse Auditorium of the Doby Fine Arts Center and led by President David L. Beckley.

Commencement activities will reconvene Sunday morning, April 25th, with the Senior Alumni Breakfast in Shaw Cafeteria. This year’s speaker for the breakfast is Mrs. Fannie Lampley, Director of Public Relations and Information for the Institute of Community Services, Inc. (ICS). Mrs. Lampley is a 1969 graduate of Rust and is the former Dean of Students for the College.

After the breakfast, graduating seniors will participate in the annual tree planting, a tradition established by President Beckley. The 144th Commencement Exercises will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center. Rust College will welcome Bishop Sally Dyck of the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Annual Conference. Bishop Dyck, ordained as a United Methodist clergywoman in 1981, was consecrated as bishop in 2004, and assigned to lead the Minnesota area of the Church beginning in September of that year. Bishop Dyck received theological training from Boston University School of Theology, University of Geneva World Council of Churches, and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

144th Commencement Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 24, 2010
8:00 a.m. …………………… Presidential Run/Walk-A-Thon
12:00 p.m. ……………………… Alumni Luncheon Meeting
__________________________________________ Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Center
6:45 p.m. ………………………… Senior Consecration
__________________________________________ Morehouse Auditorium, Doby Fine Arts Center
Sunday, April 25, 2010
8:00 a.m. ……………………… Senior/Alumni Breakfast
__________________________________________ Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Center
9:00 a.m. ……………………… Tree Planting
2:00 p.m. ………………………… 144th Commencement Convocation
__________________________________________ McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
The Rust College Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society welcomed 28 new members during the Honors assembly held Thursday, April 8.

The purpose is to promote high scholarship, to encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service, to cultivate a high order of personal living, and to develop an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavor in others.

The newest members of the Rust College Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society are: LaTonya Burgin, Sidney Govan, Lauren Lawson, Shauntell Lindsey, Caroline Mbongo, James Ndirangu, Aldon O’Bryant, Benta Odipo, Leah Okoth, Derrick Price, Peggy Seaton-Cain, Braque Talley, Feteh Tsige, Mykaiela Washington, Michaela Cheairs, Elaine Harris, Mohammad Lette, John Mbeo, Fredrica Moody, Seth N�aranga, Jeremy O’Riley, Judith Ogolla, Bobby Owens III, Vontari Rogers, Jasmine Simmons, Amber Thrasher, Jeddy Wallerah, and Stefen White.

An undergraduate student shall be eligible to be elected as a collegiate member if the individual is registered as full-time, is in good standing with the institution at which the chapter is located.

Advisors for the Rust College Alpha Kappa Mu chapter are Mr. Sana Sise and Ms. Suprena Duncan.

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Rust Sophomore Receives $2,500 Scholarship

Written by R. Autry

Prior to 2007, Christie Walker had no intentions of pursuing a college degree. But the recession changed her plans.

Christie was managing a well-known jewelry store when she was notified that the company was going out of business. Several of her employees, including Donald Bailey, were full-time students at Rust.

“One day, Donald took my information and completed an application for admission to Rust. He asked me if I was accepted, would I attend. Jokingly, I agreed,” said Walker.

Christie Walker, scholarship recipient

Rust College welcomed Dr. Miriam DeCosta-Willis for the second annual Ida B. Wells Symposium held Thursday, April 8. The symposium was held as part of the 2009-2010 Lyceum Series and is coordinated by Mrs. Sharron Goodman-Hill.

“I want Rust College to celebrate Ida B. Wells like Ole Miss celebrates William Faulkner. That was the original idea behind the symposium,” Goodman-Hill said. The inaugural symposium was held in April 2009. Goodman-Hill wrote a proposal and was given a Mississippi Humanities Council grant to sponsor the lecture series.

Keynote speaker Dr. DeCosta-Willis is Professor Emerita of Africana Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She has also served as Commonwealth Professor of Spanish at George Mason University, Professor of English at LeMoyne-Owen College, and Professor of Spanish at Howard University, where she chaired the Department of Romance Languages.

Dr. DeCosta-Willis was the first African American faculty member at Memphis State University (now University of Memphis), serving as assistant professor of Spanish from 1966 to 1969, and associate professor from 1969 to 1970. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Spanish from Wellesley College and her master’s and doctorate degrees from Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. DeCosta-Willis spoke to the audience about historical figure and Holly Springs native, Ida B. Wells. She spoke of Wells’ education and life as a teacher. She also spoke of Wells’ rebellion which hurt her teaching career, helped her become a newspaper editor and owner in Memphis, Tennessee.

Rust Sophomore Christie Walker received a $2,500 scholarship for academic performance.

“People can take away a lot of things from you. But they can’t take your knowledge. Education is the key,” said Walker. Walker is a sophomore majoring in business administration with a minor in management and has maintained a 2.50 grade point average.

After completing her degree at Rust, she says she is looking forward to graduate school, with a career in warehouse management or possibly working with the railroad industry.