IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

Emergency notifications for students, faculty and staff will be handled by mass email, Channel 19, WURC 88.1 FM, RC-TV 2, and campus loud speakers. If you would like to receive emergency notifications by text message, please submit your cell phone number to Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students. The numbers will be used for emergencies ONLY and will not be distributed.

Emergency Numbers:
Security office: 662-252-8090
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3429

Alumni’s “Open Mic Nite” Growing Week by Week

There is music, spoken word and an all-around good time waiting for you on Tuesday nights. Yakisha Thompson-Harris, ’07, says she had been wanting to start an open mic event in the area for about three years.

“I love poetry and have been writing poetry since I was in the seventh or eighth grade... so I’ve always had the desire to find a way to hear what other people had to say through writing,” Harris said. “I know poetry is a way people with a lot on their minds can vent on paper, instead of holding it in.”

Harris, along with Soulful Poetry Productions, welcomes all poets, singers, and entertainers to share their art with the community. Harris says participation is steadily growing, as well as the audience. Miss Rust-Elect, Ereece King, is one of the Open Mic Nite participants.

If you would like to participate, you can sign in at the door, or be put on program by calling 901-279-2641. Open Mic Nite is held at 198 North Memphis Street in Holly Springs. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and admission is $5.00. National poet and spoken word artist Michael Guinn of Fort Worth, Texas will return to emcee the program on May 11, 2010.

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 last 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

Dr. Marco Robinson, Assistant Professor of History

Rust College and the Community Development Corporation Presents Keys to New Homeowner

Mrs. Fannie Warren says she is blessed and grateful. She was given the keys to her brand new home, located at 130 Martin Street, on April 13, 2010.

“I am really enjoying this,” she said, after giving a tour of her new home.

The home was built as part of the Martin Street Development project being completed through Rust College and the Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Mrs. Warren says, at first, she was hesitant to enter the First Time Homeowners Assistance Program. She says with the encouragement of family and Mr. Clencie Cotton, Director of the CDC, she was convinced to give it a chance.

“They were so patient with me,” Mrs. Warren said.

“Anything I needed, any questions I had – they were there to answer.” Mrs. Warren attended Money Smart classes and First Time Home Buyers classes for four weeks before she was able to purchase her three bedroom, two bathroom house. Now that she has moved in, she is all about decorating.

“I can’t wait to get my new furniture in here!” she said.

With the help of a grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Seldon Construction – Custom Home Builders, the CDC is working to finish five new homes. Mrs. Warren’s home is the first to be completed as part of the Building Green Initiative Development Project, as part of the Martin Street Revitalization Project.

Professor Receives Doctorate Degree

Rust College congratulates Marco Robinson on his recent completion of his doctorate degree in History. Dr. Robinson received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. Dr. David L. Beckley announced Monday, May 3 that Dr. Robinson has been promoted from instructor to Assistant Professor of History.

Dr. Robinson hails from Hernando, Mississippi. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in History from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Robinson has taught at Rust College for the past seven years.
Internships... Scholarships... Study Abroad Opportunities

Ayn Rand Essay Contests
Ayn Rand’s novels can financially reward high and college students. The Ayn Rand Institute sponsors an essay contest that offers $211,000 in prize money every year. For more information visit, http://www.aynrandnovels.com/essay-contests.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund
Named after the first black Justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) was established in 1987. Throughout his career, Thurgood Marshall worked within the legal system to make his vision of equal access to education a reality through precedent-setting court cases. To apply for a scholarship through TMCF, visit http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net.

International Financial Aid and College Scholarship Search
IEFA is the premier resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for US and international students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings plus international student loan programs and other information to promote study abroad. For more information, visit http://www.iefa.org.

World Learning/SIT Study Abroad
World Learning began in 1932 with a simple idea: that people could build friendships across cultures and learn to walk across their differences. Those students who left the US for Germany 75 years ago on the first Experiment in International Living program were trailblazers for tens of thousands of young people who have since had the chance to view the world through different eyes. For more information about the study abroad program, visit http://www.worldlearning.org/index.html.

ScienceNET Undergraduate and Minority Scholarships
The Center for Science Education (CSE) promotes access, interest and participation in science careers. Our programs bolster science literacy and provide hands-on research experiences for students and teachers at the precollege, college and postgraduate levels. Through our student and curriculum development activities, we integrate research and education and help students explore the vast array of careers open to individuals with a solid background in science. For more information, visit http://www.cse.emory.edu/sciencenet/undergrad/scholarships.html.

More opportunities:
- Presidential Freedom Scholarships: http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: http://www.coca-colascholars.org
- Black Excel Scholarships: http://www.blackexcel.org
- IES Abroad: https://www.iesabroad.org
- National Academy of American Scholars: http://www.naas.org
- American Political Science Association: http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm

Rust College Alumnus Inducted into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame
R. Autry

“‘By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them’ is the motto of Rust College. Dr. Hogan has distinguished himself by his remarkable civic contributions and career achievements,” said Dr. David L. Beckley, president of Rust College.

Dr. Marvin Hogan, ’62, was inducted into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame on April 27 in Jackson, Mississippi. A native of Waynesboro, Dr. Hogan played guard and linebacker for the Coahoma Community College Tigers in 1959 and 1960 and served as Coahoma’s head football coach from 1964 to 1968. He was a teammate of Dr. McKinley Martin, who became president of Coahoma Community College.

For 43 years Dr. Hogan has served as executive director of the award-winning Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. — the first Human Services Agency providing Early Head Start and Head Start services to receive national accreditation. Directing FCM’s 945 employees in a 15-county area that has transitioned over 136,000 children into Mississippi Public Schools, Dr. Hogan has been honored for his focus on Breaking the Cycle of Generational Poverty. He served as a high school football and basketball official in the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA), and was the first African-American to become a member of the Mississippi Junior College Association.

For 30 years he was a football and basketball official (referee) in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC); a basketball official in the Gulf South Coast Basketball Association 1968-1980; and was a supervisor for the Officials of the Middle Mississippi High School Officials Association (MMHSAA) for three years.

Dr. Hogan received a B. S. degree in economics and social studies from Rust College in 1962 and completed graduate work in management from John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA and Texas Tech University. He is married to Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, president of Tougaloo College, and they are the parents of two sons and grandparents of two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Back in Time…

1928 Newspaper Article Recognizes Rust Commencement

Rust College recently held its 144th Commencement April 25, 2010. The South Reporter (on the right) highlights this same celebration from 82 years ago — announcing the 62nd Annual Commencement of Rust College. Dr. Lee Marcus McCoy — for whom the Administration building is named — was president, having held the office from 1924-1957.

The article was found by Mrs. Mary Hicks, Administrative Assistant for the areas of Public Relations and Alumni Development.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

The Fifty-Second Annual Commencement Exercise at Rust College. Master of Ceremonies was Dr. F. W. Baker. The President of the graduating class delivered the oration. The first graduate turned out at the time since the school was established. There were a total of four colored graduates then. One of the graduates was by now, J. W. B. Elkins, Ph. D., Assistant Director of Library, School of Public Administration, City of Atlanta. Rust will open summer school Monday June 19th.