Announcements

HBCU BASH!

Community Information Session about Mississippi’s Historically Black College and Universities

Saturday, August 27, 2011
1 P.M. till 3 P.M.
St. Paul United Methodist Church Christian Life Center
475 N. Front Street
 Tupelo, MS 38801

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This program will mentor and cultivate young leaders of today and tomorrow and I’m proud that they will have this opportunity to serve...I want to commend all who apply for their desire to help through public service to forge a brighter future for our country. - President Barack Obama

SPRING 2012 WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP

The White House Internship Program is a reflection of President Obama’s commitment to provide young leaders an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office, develop their leadership skills and actively engage in public service.

How to Apply
www.whitehouse.gov/internships

A completed application includes:
• Two essays:
  • Three letters of recommendation:
  • Resume

Deadline for the Spring Internship Program
September 11, 2011

Questions or concerns? Email: smun_applications@whitehouse.gov

Dr. David L. Beckley, ’67, President
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Campus NewsBriefs
A Weekly Update of Activities at Rust College
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"Destination: Graduation 2015"

Rust College began its 145th academic year August 13-14, welcoming more than 250 freshmen to the campus.

Orientation 2011 began early Saturday morning with students arriving with their parents and family members.

Orientation will continue until August 23 and during the ten-day program, students will finalize their schedules, registration, financial aid and housing. Dr. David L. Beckley hosted a parents’ workshop Sunday to discuss several aspects of Rust College and to introduce key faculty and staff members.

New students will attend several concurrent workshops during Orientation on a range of topics from Community Service to Health Education. Each night, students will attend a Rites of Passage ceremony, having already attended the first ceremony Sunday morning.

“The Rites of Passage is an entrustment service where parents and guardians turn their child over to the faculty and staff of Rust College,” said Dr. David L. Beckley, President. “We give you, this first year class of 2011 – graduating class of 2015 – a commitment that if you meet us halfway, we will do our part and you will be successful when you receive your baccalaureate degree from Rust College,” he told students.

“Few things are more significant in the life of a young person than the day they leave home to come to college,” said Mrs. Carolyn V. Hymon, Dean of Students. “Today, students begin to understand that although they may be leaving their parents, they aren’t alone. They are now part of the Rust College family.”

Classes officially begin on August 24, 2011.

D’Andre Lofton (second from right), a freshman from Houston, Mississippi, participates in the first Rites of Passage ceremony, along with his father, Chris Lofton, Dr. David L. Beckley, President; Rev. Annie L. Travis, Chaplain; and Marcus Bradley, SGA President.
Rust College Awarded Grant from NASA to Improve STEM Programs

Rust College was named as one of four institutions awarded a grant sponsored by NASA, to strengthen programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The proposal, written by Dr. Frank Yeh of the Division of Science and Mathematics, was reviewed and approved by the National Science Foundation, NASA, private industry, and other scientists and educators from the academic community. The grants were awarded to schools that serve large numbers of minority and underrepresented students.

The grant will be used over a period of three years.

2011 Rites of Passage ~ Schedule of Activities

Sunday, August 14
Step I: Parents Lunch/ROP Introduction
11:00 a.m., McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
Speaker: Dr. David L. Beckley

Monday, August 15:
Step II: Assembly, Core Value—TRADITION
7:00 p.m., Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Bldg.
Presiding: Dr. Juanita Seals-Jones
Speaker: Dr. William Scott II

Tuesday, August 16:
Step III: Assembly, Core Value—ACCOUNTABILITY
7:00 p.m., Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Bldg.
Presiding: Ms. Carolyn V. Hymon
Speaker: Dr. Marco Robinson

Wednesday, August 17
Step IV: Assembly, Core Value—LEARNING
7:00 p.m., Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Bldg.
Presiding: Ms. Carolyn V. Hymon
Speaker: Dr. Marco Robinson

Thursday, August 18
Step V: Assembly, Core Value—FAITH, Part 1
7:00 p.m., Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Bldg.
Speaker: Dr. David L. Beckley