Announcements

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

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

NEW Rust College Loan Disbursement and Refund Policy EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Loan Disbursements

For students who have less than 30 hours, loans will be disbursed to the College in two equal payments for the fall and spring semesters on the following dates:

- 2011 Fall Semester
  - 1st payment: September 26, 2011
  - 2nd payment: November 21, 2011

- 2012 Spring Semester
  - 1st payment: January 17, 2012
  - 2nd payment: March 19, 2012

Refunds

If the student account shows a credit balance after a payment has been applied to the student's college expenses (tuition, room and board, etc.), a refund check will then be issued to the student no later than 14 days after the credit balance has been noted. Students MUST be enrolled in at least six hours each module at the time refund checks are disbursed.

Advisors, Do your students need a 200 level class?

The English Department is offering two classes in the spring:

- Introduction to Literature, English 233
  - Module 4—1:00 p.m.

- Creative Writing, English 235
  - Module 4—3:00 p.m.

Consider also the following:

- Do you have a student interested in the Diaspora?
  
  See English 438, Literature of the Diaspora
  
  Module 4, 8:00 a.m.

- Does a student want to improve their writing?
  
  See Advanced Writing, English 332
  
  Module 3, 1:00 p.m.

Advanced students who want to review research methods and APA, Chicago, or MLA can take the English Research Seminar, ENS 436.

Our Deepest Sympathy…

Rust College extends its condolences to the families of Mrs. Mildred Mitchell (Student Affairs), and Ms. Kathy Ambrose (Div. of Science & Mathematics).

Mrs. Mitchell’s mother-in-law, Martha Mitchell, was laid to rest Saturday, November 12th in Columbus, Mississippi.

Ms. Ambrose’s aunt, Belinda Barksdale, was laid to rest Saturday, November 19th in Holly Springs.

Rust College continues to keep these families in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving Bearcats!

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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Rust College Celebrates 145 Years

Rust College students, alumni, faculty and staff, along with friends of the institution and Holly Springs residents, celebrated the 145th anniversary of the founding of Rust College November 10-13. The College honored the Classes of 1961 and 1986; presenting Golden and Silver anniversary diplomas. Also recognized were students who majored in music, or who participated in the band or choir.

Mr. John Wesley Johnson, ’68, News Director of WOTK News Center 11 in Meridian, Mississippi, was the keynote speaker for the annual Founders’ Convocation. Johnson has worked as News Director since 1985. Prior to his career in broadcasting, he taught at Rust College for nine years—Speech Communication, the Humanities, and Stagecraft. Johnson also directed plays for the Rust College Theater Guild.
Scholarship Opportunities and Resources from the Financial Aid Office

America’s Best Blogging Scholarship
Amount $1,000
The America’s Best Blogging Scholarship is available to undergraduate students, graduate students, and incoming freshmen. To be considered, you must write a 500-600 word blog post that addresses the following topic: Define the single most important political issue of the approaching presidential election. A minimum 2.5 GPA is also required. For additional details see www.hbcuconnect.com.

Joshua David Gardner Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Amount $2,000
Open to United States citizens (ages 17-25) who are admitted or enrolled in an accredited four-year historically black college or university in the United States with a minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0/4.0. For additional details see www.hbcuconnect.com.

HBCUsOnline.com 2,000 Scholarship Drawing
Amount $2,000
HBCUsOnline.com Scholarship Drawing (the "Drawing") is open to legal residents of the US (50) states and the District of Columbia who are 18 years of age and older, registered users of HBCUsOnline.com and have not been previously enrolled in an online program through HBCUsOnline.com. For additional details see www.hbcuconnect.com.

VADM Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., USN (Ret.) Memorial Scholarship
Amount $5,000
ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must be U.S. citizens, currently enrolled and attending a 2 or 4 year accredited HBCU institution in the U. S at sophomore or junior status. Must be enrolled a full-time, eligible Bachelor of Science program. Eligible majors include the following (or related fields): electrical, aerospace, systems or computer engineering; computer engineering technology; computer information systems; information systems management; computer science; physics; or mathematics. Special consideration will be given to military enlisted candidates/military veterans. See website for additional information. For additional details see www.hbcuconnect.com. Deadline: May 1, 2012.

Zinch Super Student Stimulus Scholarship (Deadline: December 31, 2011)
Qualifications:
• U.S. student enrolled in college
Apply at: http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/notes/zs.jsp

Walking with an Alumnus

Every year organizations such as the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) provide students with funding towards their tuition. Unfortunately, many of the opportunities presented are not "tapped" into by college students. I encourage you all to apply for the scholarships that are made available.

After graduating from Rust, those of you with student loans will have approximately six months to obtain employment. Once the grace period is over, there will be an expectation for you to begin paying back your lender. I like to think of incurring student loan debt as optional, as you can be afforded a free education by organizations such as the UNCF. A mind, along with opportunities, is a terrible thing to waste.

Remember, the best is yet to come. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

If you would like to contact LaKendric, you can do so at lakendric_williams@yahoo.com.

Rust Welcomes “Regions Bank” Specialists for Workshop
Rust College students were granted the opportunity to meet with two Human Resource specialists to discuss the necessary skills to find a job. Ms. Beverly Hamilton, Human Resource Generalist and Ms. Diane White, Human Resource Manager for north Mississippi. The workshop focuses on resume’ writing, interviewing techniques, and proper dress for a job interview.

Ms. Diane White (left), Human Resources Manager and Ms. Beverly Hamilton, Human Resource Generalist of Regions Bank spoke to students Tuesday, November 15, for a Job Skills Presentation.