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

ATTRACTION BEARCATS!

Campus Organizations Photos for the 2011-2012 Rust College Bearcat Yearbook are underway!

If you would like your organization to appear in the yearbook, please contact Adrienne Phillips, Oakview Mansion 662-252-8000 ext. 4917

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2012:

Commencement Invitations Available
Public Relations Office, Oakview Mansion
Invitations are $.50 each
Questions? Contact Adrienne Phillips, 662-252-8000 x 4917

THE HOME DEPOT

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
Make Rust College #1
Support Rust College in The Home Depot "Retool Your School" Project
To vote: www.retooyourschool.com
Voting ends April 10th!
Vote everyday!

ATTN: ALL STUDENTS

Class of 2012
Speaker Named for 146th Commencement ~ April 22, 2012

Rust College is pleased to announce the 146th Commencement Convocation speaker is Bishop Teresa Snorton of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), 5th District, in Alabama. Rev. Snorton was the first female to be elected Bishop for the CME Church.

Bishop Teresa Snorton is the Executive Director of the national Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE). She is the former Executive Director of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services in Atlanta, Georgia and former Director of Pastoral Services at Crawford Long Hospital. She has been adjunct instructor in Pastoral Care at Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Bishop Snorton has a B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology in Pastoral Care from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Post-Graduate Certificate in Patient Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Bishop Snorton is active on several boards and committees of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, including the Commission on the Concerns of Women in Ministry and immediate past President of the Chaplains Commission. She has been a delegate to six CME General Conferences, is a former National Youth Conference officer, and a member of several committees in her regional/annual conference, including the Joint Board of Finance, the Committee on Ministry, and the Leadership Training School faculty. She is currently the Coordinator of the Renewal Plan for the Second Episcopal District. She is a member of the International Congress of Pastoral Care and Counseling, a member of the Society for Pastoral Theology, and Business Manager of the Journal of Pastoral Care.

She has been a member of several boards and advisory committees related to interfaith dialogue, religion and health, and pastoral education. She is the 2001 recipient of the Wayne Gates Pastoral Care Award from the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville, Kentucky, a recipient of the B. Julian Smith Award from the Board of the Christian Education in the CME Church and a recipient of the Legacy Award of the CME Women's Missionary Council.

Bishop Snorton is the author of several articles, chapters and book reviews on topics related to pastoral care and ministry.

A co-edited work with Dr. Jeane Stevenson-Moession, Women Out of Order: Risking Change and Creating Care in a Multi-Cultural World was published by Fortress Press in fall 2009.

Commencement Schedule ~ April 19-22, 2012

Thursday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.
Trustee/Community Choir Concert
James A. Elam Chapel

Saturday, April 21, 6:45 p.m.
Senior Convocation
Morehouse Auditorium, Dossy Building

Sunday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.
Senior/Alumni Breakfast
Shaw Cafeteria
Michael J. Smith, 77, Speaker

Class of 2012 Tree Planting immediately following breakfast

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.
146th Commencement Convocation
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
Ms. Danielle Washington was selected to be included in the 2012 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She was among more than 40 students who were nominated from Rust College.

The Who’s Who program is a nationally recognized institution of the American academic community. Over the past 70 years, more than 20,000 colleges have adopted this program as part of their annual campus honors. The program was designed to recognize outstanding academic achievement and student leadership, regardless of one’s financial ability to participate.

Danielle is a senior from East St. Louis/St. Louis. She plans to receive her Bachelor of Science in Sociology in April, and was recently named as one of the Ed Reform Champions Under 40 by the Mississippi chapter of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO).

Wal-Mart/NAFEO Student Success Collaboration with Wiley College

Rust College is the recipient of the Wal-Mart/NAFEO (National Association for Equal Opportunity), award of $100,000 over the next two years. The award was granted in August 2011. The Wal-Mart/NAFEO Student Success Collaborative is a program that will positively impact student retention at Rust College and at Wiley College of Marshall, Texas.

The Wal-Mart/NAFEO Student Success Collaborative has initiated a high level of concern and involvement from the full campus community. This program will help faculty and staff members increase retention and recognize that student retention is a multi-variable involvement including a student’s hometown, high school interaction, family environment and financial status. It is the goal of the program to increase retention between the freshman and sophomore years to 70%

Rust College recently held a workshop for faculty and staff members on the importance of customer service and what it means to our students and student retention. Participants made suggestions on how to improve student customer service and those suggestions will be reviewed and compiled into a Customer Service Policy and Procedures Manual. Conducting the training session was Ms. Marita Corley, who works as a business consultant and training facilitator in San Antonio, Texas; and Dr. Joseph Morale, Vice President of Student Affairs at Wiley College.

The Wal-Mart/NAFEO Student Success Collaborative affects all full-time freshmen entering college for the first time, and any student who seeks special assistance from the COPE (Counseling, Outreach and Problem-Solving for Excellence) Center.

ATTENTION!
IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Repeat Course Policy for Financial Aid

Effective July 1, 2011, due to changes in federal regulations, the Financial Aid office is required to monitor and adjust a student’s enrollment level for Title IV Federal aid if or when the repeat course work for credit that they have already earned. Students can retake courses and receive federal aid if they have previously failed a course, but can only receive financial aid twice for a course that has been previously passed. A passing grade is defined as a “C” or better on competency level for work accepted in a major area of study, ASP Writing, ASP Math, ASP Reading, ENGL 134, and ENGL 136. For all other courses, a passing grade is defined as a “D” or better.

The policy allows a student to receive Title IV financial aid under the following situations:
To repeat any failed course until a passing grade is received.
To repeat one time any course in which you previously received a passing grade.
Please note: Regardless of the outcome, courses are not eligible to be covered by financial aid after a 2nd attempt has been made for a course that has at any time earned a passing grade.

RUST COLLEGE NEW POLICY  EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2011-2012

Loan disbursement and refunds will be issued after authorized charges have been deducted (tuition, room and board, etc.). Students must be enrolled in at least six hours each module at the time refunds are disbursed.

LOAN DISBURSEMENTS:
All students with 30 hours or less will have their loans disbursed in two equal payments each semester:
2012 Spring Semester — 4th Module Students Only
1st payment — March 29, 2012
2nd payment — April 13, 2012

Refunds will be issued on or before 14 days after your account shows a credit balance.

Foot Locker Foundation, Inc—UNCF Scholarship 2012

Scholarship Value: up to $5000
Classifications: College Freshman, College Sophomore, College Junior, College Senior, High School Senior, High School Graduate
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Eligible Majors: Open
APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
How to Apply: UNCF.org/forstudents

Founded in 2001, Foot Locker Foundation, Inc. provides support for educational and sports programs across the country that equip children and young adults with the necessary tools to achieve their goals and be successful in life. Continuing in its efforts to serve in the community, Foot Locker Foundation, Inc. has partnered with UNCF to fund this scholarship program for high school seniors or students attending or planning to attend a UNCF member college or university during the fall of 2012. A $5,000 scholarship will be awarded to selected students.

The following are excluded from the eligible class: (a) officers and directors of the Foundation and of Foot Locker, Inc. and its affiliates and (b) family members of these officers and directors.

Current UNCF-Foot Locker Scholarship recipients must reapply to be considered for renewal during the 2012-13 academic year. Recipients may only participate for renewal and renewal if they continue to meet all requirements listed below and satisfactorily complete the application process.