ATTENTION 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

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
Make Rust College #1

Support Rust College in The Home Depot “Retool Your School” Project
To vote: www.retoolyourschool.com
Voting ends April 10th!
Vote everyday!

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 had 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 “C” or better on competency level for work accepted in a major area of study, ASP Writing, 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 anytime 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.
Rust College welcomed potential students and their parents to campus Saturday, March 24 for the 2012 Spring Visitation Day. This is an annual event that allows high school and current college students to see what Rust College has to offer. The day was filled with several activities such as campus tours, performances by the Rust College A'Cappella and Baptist Student Union Gospel Choirs, the Blue Blazing Marching Band, the Theatre Guild and a step show featuring Rust College greek organizations.

This year’s event was the first for Mr. Johnny McDonald who resumed his position as Director of Enrollment Services in January 2012. McDonald says Visitation Day garnered more than 400 visitors, and thanks the current students, faculty, staff and community organizations who participated and helped make the day successful. Mr. McDonald says he is very happy with the turnout when he considers the short time the staff of the Enrollment Services department had to pull it together.

“More than 1200 people RSVPed this year; next year we expect more,” he said. “This was an outstanding program with the intent to promote Rust College’s enrollment management and to increase new student enrollment for the fall of 2012.” Special thanks to the members of the A'Cappella Choir, the BSU choir, Theatre Guild, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Omega Psi Phi and the Rust College Band for their participation in Visitation Day.

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Social Work Students Score Big at NASW Meeting

The Rust College Social Work department was represented in tremendous fashion during the National Association of Social Workers—Mississippi Chapter Annual Meeting (NASW) held in Natchez, Mississippi.

Seniors Sharesse Mason, Rachel Parker and Marquitta Hampton represented the Bearcats and were awarded top prizes during the event.

Rachael Parker, a senior Social Work major from the Cordova area of Memphis, Tennessee was selected as the Outstanding Student of the Year 2012 MS Chapter of NASW.

Sharesse Mason, a senior Social Work major, from Chicago, Illinois, won first prize in 2012 Poster Presentation Contest at the MS Chapter of NASW Annual Meeting in Natchez, MS. Ms. Mason’s presentation was based on the research for the Senior Thesis Project on “An Evaluation of the increase of knowledge of High School and College students on dietary choices and sexual behavior as it relates to preconception.”

Dr. Richard Ekman, President of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) informed Dr. Alisea McLeod of her selection to participate in the seminar on Slave Narratives this summer at Yale University. We congratulate Dr. McLeod for being selected in this national competition. More than three times as many nominations were received as there are places according to Dr. Ekman.

We also note that Dr. Marco Robinson applied for this same program. He was not selected, but the CIC president said to Dr. Robinson, "Your nomination was very impressive to the members of the review committee and will be held for consideration as an alternate."

This office is elated to note that two young scholars from the Rust College faculty of 49 members were ranked at this level in the national competition by this long-standing educational organization. To Dr. McLeod we give a hearty "Congratulations" and to Dr. Robinson we say keep moving forward.