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

Congratulations to Nakiya Elliott, who was the winner of a $50 American Express gift card, raffled by the members of MAE.

Trustee/Community Choir Concert

featuring

The World Renowned

Rust College A’Cappella Choir

Thursday, April 19, 2012
7:15 p.m.
James A. Elam Chapel
Rust College
Holly Springs, MS

Rust Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE) Raffles Gift Card

Class of 2012! Welcome to the Rust College International Alumni Association

Now that you are graduating from Rust College, you have automatically become a member of the Rust College International Alumni Association. The International Alumni Association is a network of Rustites who meet and plan for the betterment of the institution. It is also a way to keep up with your classmates!

If you did not receive a Rust College International Alumni Association card, please contact Ms. Hope Moore, Director of Alumni Development, at 662-252-8000 ext. 4915.

Congratulations Class of 2012! You have reached your Destination: Graduation!

Dr. David L. Beckley, ’67, President
Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards, ’71, Vice President for College Relations
Ms. Adrienne Phillips, Public Relations Specialist

Rust College Celebrates the Class of 2012

Rust College will celebrate the Class of 2012 during the 146th Commencement Convocation, scheduled April 22, at 2:00 p.m. 118 seniors will cross the stage to receive their Bachelor’s degrees in the fields of Education, Social Science, Science and Mathematics, Business, Social Work and the Humanities.

The 2012 Student Marshals are Mr. Ga’Ray Bobo and Ms. Fanta Suwaneh. Each year, Rust College selects a male and female student to lead the graduating class. These students each have the highest grade point average. Mr. Bobo is a Mass Communications major from Holly Springs. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and will graduate Summa Cum Laude on Sunday, April 22. Ms. Suwaneh is a Biology major from The Gambia, West Africa. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. Congratulations Ga’Ray and Fanta!

Several students have already been accepted into graduate and professional programs at schools around the country:

- Habi Cisse – Baptist School of Nursing, Memphis, TN
- James Davis, Jr. – Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA
- Destini Jones – Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
- Natasha Lee – Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR
- Aldon Terry O’Bryant – University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT
- Regina Rogers – John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, IL

146th Commencement Schedule of Activities

Thursday, April 19, 2012
Trustee/Community Choir Concert

featuring

The Rust College A’Cappella Choir
James A. Elam Chapel
7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 2012
Alumni Luncheon
Faculty Dining Room, Shaw Cafeteria
12:00 p.m.

Senior Consecration
Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Building
6:45 p.m.

President’s Reception will be held at the President’s home immediately following Senior Consecration

Sunday, April 22, 2012
Senior/Alumni Breakfast
Shaw Cafeteria
Michael Smith, ’77, Speaker
8:00 a.m.

Class of 2012 Tree Planting immediately following Senior Breakfast

146th Commencement Convocation
W.A. McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
Bishop Teresa E. Snorton, Speaker
2:00 p.m.
The College will honor two special guests during Commencement, with the distinguished Tower of Leadership Award. The Tower of Leadership Award is a crystal vase, featuring an etched impression of the Rust College Tower. The award is given to those affiliated with the College, who have shown outstanding leadership and support of the institution.

Receiving the Tower of Leadership award will be Dr. Nathaniel R. Goldston III, and Bishop Teresa E. Snorton, who will serve as speaker during the 146th Commencement Convocation of Rust College. Rev. Snorton was elected 59th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (C.M.E.) in July 2010, making her the first female bishop of the C.M.E. Church.

Dr. Nathaniel R. Goldston III is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gourmet Services, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest wholly owned and operated African-American foodservice management company in the contract feeding sector. Following graduation from Omaha Central High School, Dr. Goldston accepted an athletic scholarship, to play football and golf, at Doan College in Crete, Nebraska. In his sophomore year, he transferred to the University of Denver where he completed his studies in 1962, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. In 1975 Dr. Goldston founded Gourmet Services, Inc. Since starting Gourmet Services, the company has maintained a 33-year continuous ranking in the top 100-ranked African American owned businesses, as named by Black Enterprise magazine. Throughout the years, Dr. Goldston has mentored, trained or counseled over 50% of all African American senior managers currently working in the contract-feeding sector. He contributed to the industry, at large, and served as advisor to numerous elected and public officials and leaders of industry at the local, state and national levels which have resulted in accolades in publications such as Fortune, the Atlanta Business Chronicle and Food Management Magazine. He was featured on local and national television shows such as Good Morning America, CNN, and Good Day Atlanta.

Dr. Goldston is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated and an honorary member of the Black Culinary Association, Honorary chair of the Charles Drew Health Clinic in Omaha, Nebraska. He established the Mary E. Goldston Foundation, in honor of his mother, to recognize and honor her dedication to education and commitment to helping others. Through the Gourmet Companies and the Foundation, he has pledged or contributed over $50 million, primarily to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, for scholarships and general support. Dr. Goldston is a native of Byhalia, Mississippi. She is a Biology major, a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and will graduate Summa Cum Laude on April 22.

Bishop Teresa E. Snorton and Dr. Goldston were chosen as recipients for the Tower of Leadership Award because of their support of higher education and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.