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Security 662-252-8090
Health Center 662-252-8000, Ext. 4900
Financial Aid 662-252-8000, Ext. 4062
Chaplain 662-252-8094
Student Support Services 662-252-8000, Ext. 4902

Important Dates

Fall 2012
All classes begin Aug. 22
Labor Day Sept. 3
1st Module Finals Oct. 16-17
Res. Halls close for Thanksgiving Nov. 21
Res. Halls Reopen Nov. 25
2nd Module Finals Dec. 13-14
Res. Halls close for Christmas Dec. 15

Spring 2013
Housing opens for Spring Jan. 2
Registration Jan 3-4
Classes begin Jan. 7
MLK, Jr. Holiday Jan. 21
3rd Module Finals Feb. 28-Mar. 1
Module break after
last exam Mar. 1
Easter Holiday Mar. 29
Final exams Apr. 24-26
Graduation Apr. 28
Rust College Senior Has Great Plans for Community Youth

Most graduating college seniors are completely focused on receiving their degree and moving on to the “real” world. During the summer before their final year of college, they concentrate on summer school if needed, hanging out with friends and families, and partying a little before they have to join the workforce full time. Most college seniors are focused on their upcoming careers and have little time or energy to focus on anything else. Omar Cumberbatch is not your typical college senior.

A native of Brooklyn, New York - by way of Atlanta, Georgia - Cumberbatch is indeed preparing for the rest of his life. He plans to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in the spring of 2013. But instead of heading into the corporate arena, his dreams are more of a grassroots effort.

This summer, Cumberbatch, with the help of a few friends and family, started the Golden Angels Tennis Camp. The camp was available to children ages 6-18 who wanted to learn to play tennis. Utilizing the public tennis court located on West Valley Avenue, Cumberbatch showed participants the basics and beginnings of tennis. Tennis, however, is only the springboard. Cumberbatch plans to evolve from teaching only tennis to implementing an entire Healthy Living summer program for kids in the Holly Springs community.

“[This year’s] Golden Angels camp was basically a pilot program to gauge how many kids need to be worked with. This program will be geared specifically toward Holly Springs youth,” said Cumberbatch. His plan is to monitor those who participated in the summer camp as they work academically and physically during the school year. He says he wants to be a mentor; develop relationships with their parents and teachers and find out the subjects in which they may need assistance. He intends to utilize students from Rust College as tutors for these participants.

“I also want to incorporate community service projects and a weight-loss program for the kids,” he said. “I believe working with these aspects will help to make Holly Springs a better community.”

Currently, Cumberbatch is working to gain non-profit status; going through the protocols to reach 501(c)(3) status, which would make his summer camp/mentoring program an official charitable organization. From there, he says, the possibilities are endless.

“This is what I want to do for the rest of my life – help people live better,” he says. “My inspiration is my grandmother. She moved her children from Guyana, South America to the United States all by herself and took care of them.”

Cumberbatch also says he is grateful for the help of Mr. Wayne Fiddis, station manager of WURC-FM 88.1, his friends and partners James Jackson and Thaddeus Hubbard – two 2010 graduates of Rust College. However his biggest thanks goes to his nine-year-old son, Omar II.

“He was out there everyday with me when we were cleaning the courts and preparing for the camp. He also helped me learn to teach the kids – I had to learn to teach my son and make a child understand the basics of tennis in order to teach the other kids.”

Cumberbatch currently works with WURC-FM 88.1 of Rust College and is a former Bearcat basketball player. He also assists with Rust College athletics and the weekly “Bike Night” sponsored by the Holly Springs Main Street Chamber.