Rust College Celebrates 146th Founders’ Day

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of Rust College filled the campus for the 146th Founders’ Celebration this weekend. The annual Parade, Coronation of Miss Rust College and the Founders’ Convocation were just part of the three-day celebration which brought in hundreds of guests to Rust College.

On Friday, November 9, the Classes of 1962 and 1987, as well as donors of the College were honored during the Alumni & Friends Awards Banquet. Special diplomas were given to members of each anniversary class and donors were honored with plaques depicting their donor class for the fiscal year (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012). Following the banquet, President David L. Beckley crowned the 2012-2013 Miss Rust College, Shakaree Monique Hale, amid her family, friends, and Royal Court. Miss Rust College also held the spotlight during the annual Founders’ Day Parade on Saturday, November 10, along with organizations, schools and churches from the community and region.

The weekend concluded with the 146th Founders’ Convocation, Sunday, November 11. Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Class of 1998, served as the keynote speaker during the event. Dr. Beckley introduced the former Student Government Association president saying, “he always had a yearning for education”.

“Life is truly a great teacher,” said Esters. “Experience is the best teacher. I thank God for Rust College; there were many here who had a part in my development. There were many who made a difference in my life and continue to make a difference.”
Members of the High Court: Raven Ransom, Illysse Daniels, and Britney Murphy.

Freshmen Class Officers show their freshmen pride in the Founders’ Day parade.

The DeSoto County/Metro Rust College Alumni Club won first place in the float competition.

A.J. Thurman salutes the grave marker of Rust College Founder Rev. A.C. McDonald during the Memorial Service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Holly Springs.

Rust College Men’s and Women’s Volleyball teams with Coach Brandon Reeves (far left).

L-R: Alexandria Jones, Ralph L. Thomas, Jr., Samona Jones assisted the Office of Alumni Development during the Alumni & Friends Awards Banquet.
Division of Social Sciences Hosts Civil Rights Educator

The Division of Social Sciences welcomed Dr. Daphne Chamberlain, Director of Jackson State University’s Civil Rights Education Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Chamberlain addressed a group of Rust College students regarding her research on perceptions of African American women.

Daphne Chamberlain received the B.A. in History from Tougaloo College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Chamberlain’s area of specialization is 20th-century U.S. History, with emphasis on the African American experience and the Civil Rights era. In the spirit of giving a voice to marginalized grassroots activists and telling the civil rights narrative from the bottom-up, her works in progress include a co-authored biography on a civil rights heroine in Jackson, Mississippi, and a movement study on the confluence of local politics and the local economy in rural Hinds County, Mississippi, and how relations among the community’s black residents were strained by economic protest.

The Ford Black College Quiz Show Launches 7th Season at Spelman College With New Host, New Format

Actor RonReaco Lee of BET’s “Let's Stay Together” Joins Twelve Students from HBCUs to Test Their African American History Facts and Compete for Cash Prizes

Atlanta, GA - November 9, 2012 - On Saturday, November 3, the 7th Annual Ford Black College Quiz Show brought together some of our nation's brightest minds for two days of fun and competition on the campus of Atlanta University Center's prestigious Spelman College. The "Jeopardy-style" televised competition offers a dozen gifted student players the chance to represent their schools and test their knowledge of African-American history. In addition to earning bragging rights for their performance, students compete for thousands of dollars for their studies.

Debuting as host this year is charismatic actor and Atlanta native RonReaco Lee, star of the BET hit series "Let's Stay Together."

"Participating in this year's Ford Black College Quiz has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my career to date," said Lee. "Being able to interact with the students and witness first hand their enthusiasm, competitive nature and sheer brain power is something I know I'll never forget!"

In a twist to the show's format, every participant has an opportunity to win - each student is awarded cash prizes based on their ranking in four rounds of competitive play. Four first-place winners, one from each show, earn a prize of $5,000. In addition, $1,000 and $500 in scholarship money is awarded to second and third place contestants in each half-hour episode.

The competition includes 12 students, accompanied by their coaches, from across the nation attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Rust College will be represented by Mr. Noah Moore, a junior from Jackson, Mississippi.

Viewers will have to tune-in each week to find out who took home top honors when the series of four shows airs in syndication in various markets around the country from January 26, 2013 - March 3, 2013. For local airdate information, please visit www.blackcollegequiz.com where the most recent list of airdates will be posted as they become available. Viewers can also consult local TV listings to get programming information for their area.
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:

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Rust College Loan Disbursement and Refund Policy

Loan disbursement and refunds will be issued after authorized charges have been deducted (tuition, room & board, etc). Student must be enrolled in at least six (6) hours each module at the time refunds are disbursed.

Loan Disbursements (2nd Module)

All Students with “30” hours or less will have their loans disbursed to the college in (2) equal payments each semester:

2012 Fall Semester
1st Payment November 22, 2012
2nd Payment December 7, 2012

2013 Spring Semester
1st Payment January 16, 2013
2nd Payment February 28, 2013

If the student account shows a credit balance after payments have 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 Tour Historic Holly Springs

Dr. Alisea McLeod’s Composition II classes toured the City of Holly Springs in early November. Students visited several historic places in the city, including the Ida B. Wells Museum and Rust at Airliewood. The tour was led by Mrs. LaKisha Mitchell-Buffington of the Holly Springs Tourism and Recreation Bureau.

Rust College to Host Master Chef for Lyceum Series Event

The Rust College Lyceum Series committee will welcome Chef and Entrepreneur Jernard A. Wells, Sr. back to campus November 28.

Wells, who attended Rust College from 2002-2003, is originally from Michigan City, Mississippi. He has operated restaurants in Holy Springs, Olive Branch, Southaven, Tunica and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Memphis Culinary Academy and he has served as personal chef for actors Steve Harvey and Tyler Perry. Known as the “Love Chef” Wells authored 88 Ways to Her Heart: Cooking for Lovers From the Kitchen to the Bedroom in 2007.

The book review will begin at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 28 in Heard Auditorium of the McCarty-Varnell B.C.S. Building. This event is free and the public is welcome to attend.