Rust College to Welcome Angella Current-Felder for President's 146th Annual Mid-Year Convocation

President David L. Beckley and the Rust College family is pleased to announce Mrs. Angella Current-Felder will visit the campus and speak to students during the President's 146th Annual Mid-Year Convocation, scheduled Tuesday, January 8. The President's Mid-Year Convocation will be held in the Doxey Alumni Fine Arts-Communication Center, beginning at 2:40 p.m.

Angella Patricia Current-Felder, is a graduate of Morgan State College and the University of Michigan's School of Social Work.

Mrs. Current-Felder joined the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry in December 1985 as Executive Director of the Office of Loans and Scholarships, a position that she held until her retirement on July 1, 2010. She was responsible for the administration and management of the Office of Loans and Scholarships, which awards approximately $6 million in loans and scholarships to over 3,500 students annually.

During the period of 1975 to 1985, Mrs. Current-Felder served as Executive Director for the following human service organizations: Shiloh Family Life Center, Washington, D.C.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and the Northern Virginia Urban League, Alexandria, Virginia. From 1973 to 1975, Ms. Current-Felder served as a senior planner with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Assistant Director/Instructor in the Urban Studies Program at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Current-Felder's earlier employment opportunities included: Legislative Secretary, Senator Charles Mathias, Washington, D.C.; Instructor/Administrative Assistant, North City Congress, Police Community Relations Program, Philadelphia, PA; and Program Director, Ann Arbor Community Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In 1988, the United Methodist Church voted to establish a university at Old Mutare, Zimbabwe and assigned institutional development responsibilities to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. During her tenure with the General Board, Mrs. Current-Felder served as the agency liaison for the Africa University Endowment Fund Campaign and provided technical and programmatic support to the AU Board of Directors. In March 2011, she was elected to the Africa University Board of Directors.

A member of Gordon Memorial UMC in Nashville, Tennessee, Mrs. Current-Felder chaired Phase I of Gordon's Building and Revitalization Committee which in December, 2001 consecrated a 3.5 million sanctuary, administrative offices and multipurpose room. Mrs. Current-Felder sings in the Chancel Choir, serves on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, intercessory prayer team and Disciple Bible Study leader.

Mrs. Current-Felder's numerous community service activities have included: Tennessee Conference Episcopal Committee, Trustee of Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, NC.; former member Tennessee Conference Wesley Foundation Board; Consultant for Kelly Miller Smith Institute for African American Church studies, Vanderbilt University Divinity School; "Children Having Children" Task Force; Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Teenage Pregnancy Prevention, Washington D.C.;

Office of Student Affairs
Tentative Spring Assembly Schedule 2013*

President’s Mid-Year Convocation .......................................................... January 8, 2013
Phi Beta Sigma ....................................................................................... January 10, 2013
Zeta Phi Beta .......................................................................................... January 17, 2013
Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration ...................................................... January 21, 2013
Alpha Kappa Alpha .................................................................................. January 24, 2013
Senior Class ............................................................................................. January 31, 2013
Ebone’ Fashion Club .............................................................................. February 7, 2013
Division of Humanities ........................................................................... February 14, 2013
Sophomore Class ..................................................................................... February 21, 2013
Division of Business (Phi Beta Lambda, DOBSAC) ............................... March 7, 2013
Religious Emphasis Week ..................................................................... March 11-15, 2013
International Students .......................................................................... March 21, 2013
Junior Class ............................................................................................. March 28, 2013
Academic Honors and Awards Day (Alpha Kappa Mu Induction) ....... April 9, 2013
Athletic Awards Day ............................................................................... April 10, 2013
Honors and Awards ............................................................................... April 11, 2013

*Dates and times are subject to change

Lyceum Performance to Showcase Works and Words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Rust College Lyceum Series Committee, under the leadership of Ms. Patricia Pegues, will welcome Mr. Gerald C. Rivers on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 for a one-man performance, focusing on the great works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. in Morehouse Auditorium of the Doxey Alumni Fine Arts-Communication Center.

Gerald C. Rivers grew up in Compton, California. He studied at the Sheenway Theatre Arts Repertory in Los Angeles and earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Theatre Arts from Los Angeles City College. He was at Los Angeles City College where he also served two terms as the ASO President and was a 3-time National Gold Medalist in Dramatic Interpretation with the National Forensics League. He then continued his education in Theatre & Marketing at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

After college he joined the Academy Theatre where he toured and performed for several years before going on to become the Associate Artistic Director.

He has committed to memory, verbatim over 20 of Dr. King's speeches in their entirety. However, one of Gerald's unique gifts is his ability to combine several of these speeches which flow seamlessly together to support a specific theme. As a result of years of study, Gerald was inspired to create a One Man Show called "What Do You Dream Of?" The show highlights Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech and culminates with "The American Dream" speech a lesser known version which truly speaks to world peace, unity and brotherhood. Early 2011 saw the world premiere of this show which he now performs for audiences of all ages and nationalities throughout the world.

Mr. Rivers says he considers it a privilege to bring life to the words to the late great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2011, Rivers performed at Dr. King’s National Memorial dedication celebration in Washington, D.C.

(Source: www.geraldcrivers.com)
Danielle Caradine, a senior Biology major, who hails from East Saint Louis, Illinois, had the opportunity to attend the taping the annual UNCF fundraiser, “An Evening of Stars” in Los Angeles, California. “An Evening of Stars” will air on BET on January 27, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. central time. Danielle received this opportunity as a result of her election as National Pre-Alumni Council president during the National UNCF Conference held in February 2012. As president, Danielle represents all Pre-Alumni Council of the 38 UNCF-member institutions around the country.

Danielle participates in several campus activities and organizations including the Rust College Pre-Alumni Council of which she held the office of President during the 2011-2012 academic year. Her above-average grade point average made her eligible to be inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and the Earnest A. Smith Honors Society of Rust College. She also works as an Orientation Workshop Leader, helping new students transition into college life after high school.

Danielle is a young woman who sees her future brightly. As a biology major, she plans to graduate in 2013, and then pursue a Master’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in healthcare.

“I love leadership and administrative roles, and being a biology major, I think the healthcare field is where I could really fit in and do great work,” she says.

Danielle is the first member of her family to attend college. Some in the same position may feel pressure to do well because they are the first – Danielle, however, takes it in stride. She says she draws motivation from different sources, but her biggest sources of inspiration are her faith in God and her father.

“My dad passed away last summer but I still remember things he told me. At times I have wanted to quit and just go home but I think of him and how he would motivate me by telling me ‘I know it seems hard, but you can do it. Just finish.’”

She says she is also motivated by the United Negro College Fund and her involvement in the national fundraising campaign.

“Working with UNCF has been exciting! Being elected national president has really opened my eyes and I’ve been able to do things and go places I’ve never dreamed of going. It has also allowed me to see what levels of leadership I can obtain and how I am able to handle the challenges of a leadership position,” she said. “This experience has really made me understand the mission of UNCF and how important it is to support an organization that really believes in students and what they can achieve.”

In February 2012, Danielle was part of the winning team who placed first in the 2012 Southern Conference on African American Studies (S.C.A.A.S.I.) - National Quiz Bowl in Houston, Texas. She also interned with the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) during the summer of 2012, and from that experience was nominated to be a NASA Student Ambassador. She has attended conferences at regional universities in hopes to gain more knowledge and experience in the field of biology, including traveling to Vanderbilt University to attend an open house for their graduate chemistry program in molecular biology.

When asked what her passion is, she said she just wants to be able to provide a comfortable and stable life for herself and her family.

“I just want to have peace of mind. I want to be at peace with what I’m doing in life -- not because someone else wants me to do or be a certain thing, but because I want to do it.”

Danielle is certainly a student with a strong mind and leadership ability. She always has a smile and a greeting for all who cross her path. Her passion for helping and guiding others has already pushed her to be an exceptional student at Rust College and an exceptional young woman overall.
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:

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.

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Thanks to the Rust College Family for the Christmas cards, calls, and gifts during the Holiday Season.
We appreciate your gesture of love and support.

Grazie

Dr. David L. Beckley, ‘67, President
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