Attention Campus Organizations!!

It's time to take your photos for the 2010-2011 Yearbook!

January 25-26, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please call Adrienne Phillips @ ext. 4917 to schedule an appointment.

This is your organization’s last chance to be in the 2010-2011 Rust College Bearcat, so don’t miss it!

United Water Corporate Scholars Program 2010

The United Water Corporate Scholars Program up to $5,000 to college sophomores, maintaining a grade point average of 3.0

Applicants will be selected by the United Water Foundation and UNCF.

Eligible Majors: Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science(s), Accounting, Human Resources, Communications, Marketing

Application Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2011   How to Apply: www.uncf.org/forstudents

The program is two-fold working with the United Water Foundation and United Water for profit companies. The United Water Foundation is a non-profit private foundation formed in January 2009. United Water is one of the largest environmental services companies in the United States. Headquartered in Harrington Park, New Jersey, we serve 27 million people in more than 40 states. The United Water affiliate, Utility Service Company, is the leading provider of long-term water tank management contracts with municipal and industrial clients in the nation. Our parent company, Suez Environnement, is a global water and waste water treatment company whose activities focus on provider water to those without access, the distribution of water from alternative resources, the management of industrial impacts and coastline protection.

The United Water employee culture is built on the strategic business drivers of business efficiency, customer service, employee development and managed growth, with a strong commitment to ethics, safety, diversity and environmental stewardship. We strive to provide an environment in which the best talent can grow, develop and be challenged to contribute every day. United Water begins with U.

The UNCF Scholars program will provide selected candidates a 10-week paid internship at a United Water for-profit facility and UNCF will provide a $5,000.00 scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year paid for by the United Water Foundation. The internships will be offered at the following locations: Oradell and Hackensack, New Jersey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, Indiana, Perry, Georgia and Springfield, Massachusetts. Each candidate will need to go through the United Water for-profit hiring process. This program is made possible by a grant from the United Water Foundation to provide the dollars to the UNCF and by United Water for-profit companies which will provide work opportunities.

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:
Security office: 662-252-8900
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3429

In cases of inclement weather, information on cancelled classes and school closings can be found by calling the Rust College switchboard at (662) 252-8000.

~~Remembering Octavia~~

The Rust College community gathered together Thursday, January 20 to remember and celebrate the life of Ms. Octavia Crumb. Octavia, a senior Mass Communications major, and her fiancé both departed this life on Sunday night, January 16, 2011. Dr. David L. Beckley welcomed members of Octavia’s family, Holly Springs Mayor Andre DeBerry, students, faculty and staff to honor and remember Octavia.

“We assemble this morning to pray for strength for the family of Octavia Crumb,” Dr. Beckley said.

Octavia Rae Crumb, born April 15 1986, grew up in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where she attended Holly Springs High School, graduating in 2004. Loved by so many, Octavia was often described as determined, caring, compassionate, generous, truthful, and wise. “She was beautiful inside and out,” say friends and family.

“Nothing brings us closer to life than death, because death reminds us to live,” said Mayor DeBerry. “God placed among you such a beautiful flower, and He only plucked this flower in order to place it in His magnificent garden.”

Dr. Beckley also announced Thursday that a posthumous degree from Rust College will be presented for Octavia during Commencement in May. Delivering the homily during memorial service was Rev. Frenchye Magee who first recognized members of Octavia’s family.

“Death can take our loved ones, but can never take away the memory. So hold fast to the memory of Octavia,” Dr. Beckley said as he gave condolences to the family.

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“There are times we are literally speechless… this is one of those times,” she said. “We look to the wisdom of the ages—we look beyond the hills because the help we need to get through this tragedy is the Living Word.”

“She is free to live in pure love. Thanks be to God for Octavia, who showed us the meaning of the word love,” said Rev. Magee.

Also presenting words of prayer and remembrance were Brother Bridge Muhammad of the Nation of Islam in Holly Springs, Ms. Stephanie Davis, SGA President Braque Talley, Miss Rust Ereca King, Danielle Caradine, and Mass Communications instructor Mrs. Sharron Goodman-Hill.
The women of Iota Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated held their Founders’ Assembly on Thursday, January 13, 2011 in Morehouse Auditorium of the Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center on the campus of Rust College. The speaker for the event was Mrs. Jacqueline R. Mason, a native of Chicago, IL, who moved to Greenwood, MS in the seventies. Presently, Mrs. Mason is the President of Psi Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in Southaven, Mississippi, Sorority State Public Relations chair and South Central Director of Zeta Male Network. Mason stated that we should be mindful of our ever-changing society. She also alluded to our pursuit of dignity and respect and stated that the students’ home base was their freshman year of college and they should continue to prepare themselves for the ever-changing society.

“Every student contributes in no small measure to the community we create together at Rust,” said Dr. Beckley said Tuesday during the President’s Mid-Year Opening Convocation. “The loss of any student, particularly in so tragic and senseless a manner, grievously wounds us all. I know that you join me in conveying the deepest sorrow and most sincere condolences from the entire Rust community to Octavia’s family. I ask everyone in our community to volunteer support to anyone who may need it as we turn to faith, hope, and love each other during this difficult time.”

The college has offered the Crumb family any assistance it can provide. As well, the institution is providing counseling to students, faculty and staff through the C.O.P.E. Center and the Chapel. Those in need of service may contact Dr. Juanita Seals-Jones, C.O.P.E. Center Director, or Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students; located on the 2nd floor of the McCoy Administration Building.

“The Chapel is open for prayer”, said Rev. Magee. “I am available to anyone who needs assistance during this difficult time. You do not need an appointment.”

Octavia is survived by her sons, four-year-old Karrington and two-week-old Koran; her father, Mitchell Freeman, and her brothers Nicholas (Debbie), Meshach, Jarvis, and Justin.

“I want to be happy. I want to be right—spiritually right. I want to be me.”

- Octavia R. Crumb, Class of 2011

Dr. Beckley presented awards to Mrs. Jacqueline Mason, Rust College Division of Social Science Chairperson, and to Chief Robert Pearson of the Holly Springs Police Department, during the President’s Mid-Year Opening Convocation. The Convocation was held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center.

Dr. Beckley presented both men with the Eddie L. Smith Extra-Mile Award, honoring Rust graduate and first black mayor of Holly Springs, Mr. Eddie Lee Smith, Jr. Dr. Stovall received the Extra-Mile Award for his direction of the National African American Student Leadership Conference which was held on the campus of Rust College and under Stovall’s leadership for 16 years.

Chief Pearson was presented with the Extra-Mile Award for the outstanding service the Holly Springs Police Department has given to Rust College. Joining Dr. Beckley in the presentation was City of Holly Springs Mayor Andre DeBerry.

Also helping to present was Mrs. Luberta Smith, wife of Eddie L. Smith, Jr.