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.

Benefit Program for Ms. Kajural Burns

May 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church
730 Martin Luther King Drive
Holly Springs, MS 38635

Ms. Kajural Burns, sister of Rust graduate Katrina Burns, ’95, and daughter of Rust alumna Grace Burns, ’62, has been diagnosed with severe kidney failure. Because of her illness, she needs a kidney transplant. Ms. Burns requires three days of dialysis treatments per week. Her illness prevents her from working.

You are invited to attend a fundraising drive for Ms. Burns, sponsored by Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church. Your attendance, as well as your financial support is encouraged. Donations will go directly to the care of Ms. Burns—so that she may live a healthy and normal life.

The program will feature performances by area praise dancers, praise teams, male chorals groups, soloists and choirs.

Donations can be sent to Anderson Chapel, 730 Martin Luther King Drive; Holly Springs, MS 38635. Checks may be made payable to Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church, in care of Kajural Burns.

For more information contact Ms. Katrina Burns at 662-252-7212.

Avis Budget Group Summer Internship Program 2011

Scholarship Value: up to $5000
Classifications: College Junior, College Sophomore, Graduate Student
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Eligible Majors: Accounting, Business, Business-related, Communications, Computer Science, Economics, Human Resources, Marketing
Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

How to Apply: www.UNCF.org

The 2011 Avis Budget Group Summer Internship Program will start the day after Memorial Day and will run approximately 10-12 weeks. The summer program is a paid internship that will be hosted at the corporate headquarters in Parsippany, NJ as well as Virginia Beach sites.

FOR THE VIRGINIA BEACH SITE, IT IS PREFERRED THAT THE APPLICANT IS PURSUING A DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AS THE INTERNSHIP WILL BE HOSTED BY THE PROCESSING CENTER, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

Interns will be responsible for their transportation and housing arrangements. Interns must be available to work full-time throughout the entire length of the internship program. Interns will also receive a $5,000 scholarship. During the program, interns will be provided with a challenging, educational and rewarding experience that includes but not limited to assisting in the day to day operations of the assigned department, working on department projects, attending development workshops and “lunch n learns” with senior leadership team and participating in company sponsored/team building events. Each student will be paired with a mentor to enhance his or her personal and professional development. This opportunity is ONLY available for students who are classified as a sophomore, junior or MBA.

145th Commencement Activities Held April 29-May 1, 2011

Rust College Class of 2011

Parents, friends, alumni, faculty and staff members gathered last weekend to celebrate and bid farewell to the Rust College Class of 2011. Several activities kept students and guests busy throughout the weekend: on Friday, April 29, the Rust College family celebrated the service of retirees during a retirement reception held in Shaw Cafeteria (see page 3). Saturday evening, April 30, graduating seniors and their parents gathered for the Service of Consecration, held in Morehouse Auditorium, followed by a special reception on the lawn of the President’s home.

Sunday was a day filled with excitement as graduates and their guests gathered for the annual Senior/Alumni Breakfast, where class of 1970 graduate Mrs. Fergenia Hood, served as speaker.

“You have beaten the odds,” said Mrs. Hood. “You have worked hard and are entitled to celebrate.” She continued to tell graduates that they have many challenges ahead and life will never be the same.

“Have self-confidence… Keep an open mind… Try to be as smart as, or smarter than anyone on the job… Live life with integrity… Follow your passions… Don’t let failures overcome you,” she directed the Class of 2011.

Dr. Charles Beady, Jr. Associate Director of the Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in St. Croix, V.I., served as the speaker for the 145th Commencement Convocation. He told the graduating class they are needed now more than ever.

“Class of 2011, we need you now!” Dr. Beady said. “We have much work to do. We need graduates who are prepared for the battle. We don’t need rappers in this battle, we need soldiers!”

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Rust College Trustees Rotate Off The Board

Dr. David L. Beckley presented certificates to long-time Rust College Trustees Dr. Dorothy Pennington and Dr. David Swinton, during the Trustee meeting Friday, April 29, 2011. Dr. Swinton of Perry, Iowa and Dr. Pennington, ’68, has served on the Board of Trustees for nine years. She is currently an associate professor of African and African-American Studies, and Communication Studies at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Dr. Swinton, who also served nine years on the Board, is a minister serving in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Child Abuse Prevention Seminar Attracts Diverse Group

The Department of Social Work, under the leadership of Dr. Gemma Beckley and the Division of Social Science, welcomed several people to campus April 13, 2011 to discuss and raise awareness on child abuse prevention and Cultural Diversity “The Collage of the World”.

Ms. Linda Turner and Dr. V.T. Samuel acted as panelists who discussed the practices of different cultures—a discussion which touched on race, socioeconomic status, infant mortality, as well as infanticide—the killing of infants—which, to the astonishment of the audience, is still practiced today in certain cultures. Ms. Turner presented guests with socioeconomic and racial statistics ranging from across the world, down to areas of the Mid-South.

Congratulations to Our Rust College Retirees

Rust College celebrated those who have given outstanding service as faculty and staff of the institution. Family and friends gathered Friday, April 29, 2011 to honor retirees Mrs. Lillie McNeal (44 years), Mrs. Margrett Elliott (37 years), Dr. Margaret Delashmit (14 years), and Mr. Clyde Boga (31 years). Coworkers and family members gave tributes to each of the honorees describing their dedication and commitment to excellence. Also recognized was Nurse Jacqueline Jones, who resumed her retirement after working at Rust for nearly six years. Mrs. Shirley Dillard, former Alumni Development Director was also acknowledged for her service of three years to the College.

“OUR CASUALTIES ARE MOUNTING. NOT BECAUSE THEY LACK THE BRAIN, BUT BECAUSE THEY LACK THE MOTIVATION…. WE ARE IN A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL. WE NEED YOU NOW!” Dr. Beady implored.

Other noted guests throughout the weekend were Dr. Cynthia Hopson, Associate General Secretary, Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church, and Drs. Mary N. Mosley and Kenneth Bedell, Rust College Trustees.

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