Rust College Class to Honor Breast Cancer Survivors

The Human Growth and Development Class at Rust College is currently seeking participants for the annual Breast Cancer Program scheduled October 5-6. Proceeds from the program will benefit the Memphis Chapter of Sisters Network. Sisters Network, Inc. is an African American breast cancer survivorship organization which promotes the importance of support, breast health education, advocacy, and research.

This year’s program includes two exciting days of breast cancer educational outreach initiatives for the college and the community. A silent auction will be held Friday, October 5 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Donations for auction are still being accepted; auction donations will be tax deductible.

Program organizers say they are also still seeking breast cancer survivors for the special Survivors program scheduled immediately following the auction on Friday.

The Breast Cancer Walk will be Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m. at the Eddie L. Smith Multi-Purpose Center, 235 North Memphis Street, Holly Springs, Mississippi. A $1.00 donation would be appreciated.

If you are a survivor or would simply like to participate in this year’s Breast Cancer Awareness program, please contact Mrs. Martha Stovall or Mrs. Monique Lewis at 662-252-8000, ext. 4404 or 4352.

Silent Auction sneak peek: Three of the items that are up for auction on October 5: “Hibiscus Flower” by Marisa Taylor Zimmerman, “Psalms 31:24” by Monique Lewis, and “Out of the Woods” by Linda Hennessey.
New Beginnings: Freshman Class Boosts Enrollment Numbers
By: Hope Green, Contributor

This year, Rust College welcomed the class of 2016. The Office of Enrollment Services, under the direction of Mr. Johnny McDonald, along with Student Support Services staff member Shelley Jackson, worked tirelessly to not only encourage potential students to make Rust their choice of higher education, but to assure them their choice was one of much consideration and one they will not regret. Mr. McDonald has twenty years’ experience working with recruitment. When asked if there are any significant differences in recruitment this year than in previous years, he said, “I think so. By using the minimum cumulative grade point average, the new students coming in so far have shown positive results.

“There are not a lot of students going home; people seem to be satisfied customers, and not a lot of discipline problems,” McDonald added. “I am knocking on wood but so far this seems like it is one of the best starts we have had since 1999.”

The geographical distribution of incoming freshmen to Rust College usually consists of the states Mississippi, Tennessee, and the city of Chicago, Illinois. However, admissions and orientation staff are beginning to see more individuals from Milwaukee. Ms. Jackson says she and the school is working hard to keep the current retention rate.

“First, everyone needs to realize that they need to take part in retention; from custodians to faculty. We are continuing to reach out to students, to encourage their engagement with faculty, staff, and organizations. We are trying to get them more involved. We believe that an engaged student is a retained student.”

Up and Coming Scholars Travel to Jackson for Emancipation Lecture
By: Dr. Alisea McLeod, Contributor

Ten honors freshmen, soon to be initiated into The Earnest A. Smith Honor Society, traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, Tuesday, September 11 with their English professors, Dr. Alisea W. McLeod and Dr. Sharron Sarthou, to hear a lecture and panel discussion on the Emancipation Proclamation.

The students were able to listen to Dr. Edna Green Medford of Howard University, co-author of The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views, who spoke of the complexities of freedom, both rewards and difficulties faced by African Americans in transition during and following the Civil War. They also heard three panelists, former Mississippi Governor William Winter, Derrick Johnson, State President of the NAACP, and Dr. Michael Williams, Assistant Professor of History at Mississippi State University. The panel made it clear that much work on America’s social ills remains to be done in the state and throughout the country. Gov. Winters admitted, “We are still fighting for the full acceptance of the Emancipation Proclamation,” and added that as long as there is racism anywhere the full realization of the proclamation has not yet been achieved.
HOW TO ENTER:

- The submission period of the Contest begins at 8:00 a.m. CDT on September 24, 2012, and ends at midnight CDT on October 24, 2012 (“Contest Submission Period”).

STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE ALL VIDEOS SUBMITTED TO MR. JOHNSON BY OCTOBER 10, 2012.

- During the Contest Submission Period, students or teams of students submit a video (“the Video”) that conveys why your school’s connection to the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH matters (collectively, with entry form, “Entry”).
- To enter the Contest, you must fully complete the submission form at http://www.umcyes.com and submit a link to your Video following the instructions on the website.
- Entries cannot exceed 3 minutes in length.
- All Entries must be received by October 24, 2012, to be considered eligible.
- Limit two (2) Entries per student.
- Entries received from any student in excess of the limitation will be void.
- Entries will be rejected if:
  (a) the entry form is not fully completed and submitted along with your Video during the Contest Submission Period; or
  (b) if the Entry does not conform to the specific requirements listed herein.
- The Sponsors are not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, delayed, incomplete or incompatible Entries.

JUDGING PHASE:
Beginning on or about October 24, 2012, all eligible Entries received by Sponsors during the Contest Submission Period will be judged to select a number of finalists by a panel of qualified judges based on the following criteria:

- conveying the message of why Rust College’s connection to the United Methodist Church matters;
- creativity;
- level of entertainment; and
- production quality.

For more information visit http://www.umcyes.com or call Bobby Johnson at 662-252-8000 ext. 4550
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:
Security office: 662-252-8090
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3429

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

2012 Fall Semester
1st Payment September 24, 2012
2nd Payment October 19, 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.

Second Module Online Courses Available

Rust College is expanding its online learning opportunities to include the educational needs of all students. This initiative is specifically targeting non-traditional, off-campus adult learners. Registration is open for online courses at Rust College in each of its major divisions: Education, Business, Humanities, Science & Mathematics and Social Science. These classes are available for the second module of the fall 2012 semester.

Students have the opportunity to take several different core classes, such as, General Economics, and College Algebra, as well as other more in-depth courses including Theories of Learning, Introduction to Biblical Studies, and Educational Technology.

Registered students can study 24 hours, seven days a week from home, the office, or anywhere an internet connection can be found. A $50 technology fee is required per credit hour for all online courses. Orientations will be held Thursday, October 18, 2012, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be provided. To see the entire module course list, visit www.rustcollege.edu, and you can call 662-252-8000 ext. 4041 for more information.

Classes begin October 22 and will end December 14.

COURSES: CREDITS: PROFESSOR:
Division of Business
Intro to Online Learning 1 Mr. R. Frederick
Basic Computer Concepts 3 Dr. M. Sheikh
General Economics 3 TBA

Division of Education
Classroom Management 3 Dr. H. Oliver
Educational Technology 3 Drs. Howard, Moyo
Theories of Learning 3 Mrs. M. Stovall

Division of Humanities
Composition I 3 Ms. J. Slater
Composition II 3 Mr. C. Chisholm
Intro to Biblical Studies 3 Rev. A. Travis

Division of Science & Mathematics
Biological Science & lab 3 Dr. J. Zhu
Intro to Personal Computers 3 Mr. S. Sise
College Algebra 3 Dr. W. Pan

Division of Social Science
African Diaspora I 3 Dr. M. Robinson

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