Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Motivational Speaker Mr. Mark Tabron - Mr. Mark Tabron is a distinctive and exciting speaker, author, musician and entrepreneur. He worked for what was formerly called the Washington Bullets basketball team (now the Washington Wizards) as a sales representative. Additionally, he served on the board of directors of the Washington D.C. Sports Commission. Mr. Tabron is the founder and CEO of In Season Enterprises and Tabron & Associates Financial Services. His latest accomplishment is a new book entitled You Are a Winner.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Classical Musical Piano Concert - Dr. Theresa Walters
In recent years, Dr. Walters has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist on six continents and in most of the 50 United States at venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, Wigmore Hall in London, the Salle Cortot in Paris, Moscow’s Great Hall, Australia’s International Conservatorium and Jerusalem’s Concert Hall. She has also performed at Vienna’s Beethoven Festival and at Spanish music festivals in Barcelona and Madrid. She earned her Doctorate from Peabody Conservatory and was awarded an international fellowship for a year of study abroad at the Paris Conservatoire.

Thursday, October 1, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Smith Lecture Series—Two Mississippi Writers - Mr. John Campbell invented what is now known as “Smooth! Skin Therapy,” a product marketed internationally. In 2007, he published his life story in a book called, Day Dreaming on my Cotton Sack.


Thursday, October 22, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Maurice Henderson and Kween present a Katrina Drama - Hush Harbors: Speaking the Names from Katrina - Hush Harbors explores the trials and tribulations of those who suffered and survived the Katrina Storm and Gulf Coast tragedy.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
An evening with Mr. Galen Abdur-Razzaq
Galen is a talented and extraordinary flutist from Montclair, New Jersey who has performed both domestically and internationally. He is an arranger, composer, director, educator, and writer. He was given his first flute at age 10. Galen holds a master’s degree from Rutgers University.

Sunday, November 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
143rd Founder’s Day Speaker - Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore - Dr. McLemore, Rust College alum-nus, ’64 will be the 143rd Founder’s Convocation speaker. He is a Professor of Political Science at Jackson State University in Jackson Mississippi.

Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
An Evening with Mr. Zebedee R. Jones and the World Renown Rust College A`Cappella Choir along with the Byhalia High School Chorus, Holly Springs High School Chorus, and H.W. Byers High School Chorus presenting a Musical Variety Extravaganza - The A’Cappella Choir, under the directorship of Mr. Jones, performs a broad reper-toire of classical, spiritual, operatic and both contemporary and traditional gospel that has captured the attention of prestigious audiences world wide.
Ida B. Wells was an African American journalist, was an active crusader, and also served as an associate editor of *The Phillips Diary of Ida B. Wells*. Dr. DeCosta-Willis is the great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass, IV, a famed orator, author, statesman, and editor. She earned her B.A. from Wellesley College in Massachusetts and later went on to earn a Ph.D. Her work in the field of journalism and activism included the creation and teaching of courses based on Black Women and Dramatic Portrayal of Pivotal Events to Unveil a Richer Understanding of Our Past. She was a personal tutor, attending city colleges, going to Hoover the relative of the Slaves in Confederate States. Lena Baker, a black woman, was sentenced to the electric chair in 1942 after she shot and killed her employer, a white man. Who Will Sing for Lena? is a presentation about the struggles of one young woman.}

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.**

**The Steve Harvey National Book and Film Festival**

**Friday-Saturday, January 15-16, 2010**

The National African American Student Leadership Conference

**Theme - Progressive Leadership: Taking the Chains Off Your Brain**

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright - Prof. Sonia Sanchez - Dr. Gregg Carr - Dr. David Padgett

Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr., president for more than 20 years, is a man of faith, a homiletic genius, a theological scholar and a pastor's pastor. As Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois, he made Trinity a model for the Black Church. He served as the School District of Philadelphia's Program Director of the Geographic Information Sciences (GIS) Laboratory at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is currently in the process of building a Geography/Environmental Justice curriculum with a strong emphasis upon Service Learning. Dr. Padgett's most recent publication, "Top Cities for African Americans," is in the July 2004 issue of *Black Enterprise Magazine*. He has conducted GIS workshops at several colleges and universities including Howard University, and the Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine.