Rust College Participates in Celebration Honoring MS Independent Colleges & Universities

2014 United Negro College Fund Campaign

~Holly Springs/ Marshall County ~
~Tupelo/ Lee County ~
~Golden Triangle area ~
(West Point, Columbus, Starkville)
Hosts Annual UNCF Fundraisers

Rust College Participates as Local Host for National UNCF Leadership Conference
Mrs. Shirley A. Taylor Dillard, ’85, of Potts Camp, departed this life Sunday evening, March 16, 2014, at her home in Potts Camp, Mississippi. She served as the Director of Alumni Development for Rust College from 2008 until her retirement in December 2010.

She was a member of Baptist Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Potts Camp, Mississippi where she served as financial secretary and treasurer, choir member, and Sunday school teacher. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a former Director of Computer Consultation at First National Loans, and the Director of New Hope Village shelter.

Mrs. Dillard’s funeral was held at Morehouse Auditorium in the Doxey Alumni Fine-Arts Communication Center on March 22nd. She was buried in the Baptist Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Potts Camp.

She leaves her husband, Ralph Dillard; three sons, Jocephus Dillard (Jocelyn) of Madison, Mississippi, Julian Dillard of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jerrold Kirby Dillard of Potts Camp; two sisters, Roberta Carter of Detroit, Michigan, and Patricia Beard of Fairfield, Alabama; a brother, Mack A. Taylor of Potts Camp; her mother-in-law, Issie Dillard of Potts Camp; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and a great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Baptist Hill MB Church in Potts Camp, 4892 Bethlehem Road., Potts Camp, Mississippi 38659.
Rust College Receives Accolades

Rust Hosts Successful Accreditation Visit

Rust College hosted its ten year on-site committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) October 28-30, 2013. The team completed its review of the college for compliance with Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, and Federal Requirements as required by the United States Department of Education. The team also provided consultation regarding the college’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The on-site peer review committee will finalize the report and submit it to the full Commission on Colleges for review and official action during the June 2014 meeting. The on-site peer review committee representing educators from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and Texas are recommending full reaffirmation of accreditation without any required follow-up reports.

This is a major milestone for the college stated by President David Beckley in reacting to the team’s report, “we are eagerly awaiting the final action of the Commission on the recommendation”.

Rust College Recognized in President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge

Rust College has received recognition from President Barack Obama for its participation in the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. For its involvement, the College received a signed letter from President Obama, a Certificate of Recognition, and a profile in the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge Inaugural Report, prepared by the U.S. Department of Education.

Rust College was acknowledged for its efforts in “creating a safe space for interfaith dialogue”. Several religious student organizations worked with one another, and together they collaborated with the Bouchillon Institute for Community Planning for outreach; promoted healthy communities and healthy families, and involved students, citizens, faith-based organizations and city officials in their outreach.

“In America, we may hold different views or come from different backgrounds, but we are united as citizens by an enduring idea that we share certain obligations to each other and to future generations,” said President Obama. “For over 200 years, Americans of all faiths, along with those who practice no faith, have come together with common purpose through service, helping to tackle some of our most urgent challenges and to create the Nation we have today. By accepting the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, [Rust College has] helped to carry this tradition forward on your campus and in your community.”

Rust College to Host Luncheon During United Methodist Church Mississippi Annual Conference

Rust College will host a luncheon during the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. The luncheon will be held in Jackson, Mississippi at the Jackson Convention Complex; tickets are $30.00.

Only limited seating is available; Those who wish to attend must register and purchase their ticket by APRIL 30, 2014.

Persons interested in attending the event may reserve their ticket in advance by mailing a check, payable to Rust College to: Rev. Annie Travis Rust College Chaplain 150 Rust Avenue Holly Springs, MS 38635

If paying by credit card, you may contact Jo Ann Scott, Rust College Director of Alumni Development: 662-252-8000 ext. 4013

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Kentucky State University President to Speak at 148th Commencement Convocation

Rust College is excited to welcome Dr. Mary Evans Sias as keynote speaker for the 148th Commencement Convocation on April 27, 2014. Dr. Sias is the 13th president of Kentucky State University.

Under Dr. Sias’ leadership since April 2004, Kentucky State University has expanded its use of emerging technologies to enhance the living and learning experience of students and streamlined business operations; increased enrollment; and embraced sustainability. The University also has added new undergraduate and graduate programs and refocused its study abroad and community-service programs, acknowledging that thriving in the 21st century means being able to work with and understand a diversity of people.

Dr. Sias is currently leading KSU’s $12.5 million capital campaign: “Uniting Generations ... Securing Futures.” The five-year campaign goal will fund scholarships, endowments and improvements to the campus’ athletic infrastructure.

Prior to Kentucky State University, Dr. Sias was the associate provost and senior vice president for student affairs and external relations at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), from 1994 to 2004. She was also the chief executive officer of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas for 13 years before joining the UTD administration.

An engaged member of the Frankfort community, Dr. Sias sits on the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Woman’s Club of Frankfort and the Frankfort-Lexington Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Dr. Sias serves on several national boards dedicated to resolving issues surrounding and advocating for higher education. She currently chairs the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) where she also sits on the executive steering committee for the Millennium Leadership Institute. Dr. Sias also recently stepped down as chair of the board of directors of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) where she continues to serve as a member of the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence.

She sits on the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, chairs the Council of Presidents of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, serves on the executive committee of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, is a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture 1890 Task Force, and recently served on the Commission on Educational Attainment under the umbrella of the American Council on Education.

Her involvement at the state level includes serving as a legislatively appointed member of the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board.

Dr. Sias earned a B.A. in Sociology from Tougaloo College, where she received the college's highest academic distinction. She earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She also received an MBA from Abilene Christian College and a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship.

Dr. Sias is married to Mr. Shadrach Sias and they have one daughter, Adrienne.
148th Commencement Activities Schedule

Thursday, April 24
8:00 p.m.................................................................. Retirement Celebration

Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Building

Saturday, April 26
6:45 p.m. ........................................................................ Senior Consecration

Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Fine Arts-Communication Center

*President's Reception for Graduates will be held immediately following Senior Consecration

Sunday, April 27
8:00 a.m. ........................................................................ Senior/Alumni Breakfast

Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Building

*Planting of the Class of 2014 tree will immediately follow the Senior/Alumni Breakfast

11:30 a.m. ........................................................................ Class of 2014 Photo Session

2:00 p.m. ........................................................................ 148th Commencement Convocation of Rust College

McMillan Multi-Purpose Building

Hotel Information

America’s Best Value Inn
137 Two Steaks Road
Byhalia, Mississippi
662-838-3730

Courtyard Marriott-Collierville
4640 Merchants Park Circle
Collierville, Tennessee
901-850-9370

Days Inn
Highway 78 and Highway 7
Holly Springs, Mississippi
662-252-1120

Econolodge
100 Brooks Road
Holly Springs, Mississippi
662-252-5444

Magnolia Inn
155 Clarice Drive
Holly Springs, Mississippi
662-252-7770

Comfort Suites
6921 Parkwood Drive
Olive Branch, Mississippi
662-892-4445

Holiday Inn Express
8900 Expressway Drive
Olive Branch, Mississippi
662-893-8700

Best Western
10915 Business Center Drive
Olive Branch, Mississippi
866-577-4812

Comfort Inn
7049 Enterprise Drive
Olive Branch, Mississippi
662-895-0456

The Little Doll House Cottage Inn
220 Roberts Avenue
Holly Springs, Mississippi
662-544-0065

Hampton Inn
320 Coulter Drive
New Albany, Mississippi
662-534-7722

The Cottages at Kirkwood
National Golf Club
277 Palmer Lane
Holly Springs, Mississippi
662-252-4888
A Day at the Capitol: Recognizing MS Independent Schools

Rust College Recognized During MAICU Week
Dr. Beckley Announces Recognition of Mississippi Independent Colleges and Universities

Rust College was represented in Jackson at the Mississippi State Capitol Wednesday, January 22nd as they took part in a special presentation announcing the recognition of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU). Dr. David L. Beckley, who serves as president of MAICU, led a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda in which he thanked Governor Phil Bryant for issuing a proclamation recognizing January 20-24, 2014 as “MAICU Week”. He also stressed the importance of the seven independent schools in Mississippi.

“These colleges and universities make vital contributions to the state’s economy,” Dr. Beckley stated. “More than 15,000 students were enrolled in the seven colleges and universities in the fall of 2013, taking advantage of skills needed to compete in a knowledge driven economy, and to be prepared to contribute to the future growth of Mississippi.”

Students from Rust College joined students from Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Tougaloo College, and William Carey University. They had the opportunity to sit in and were introduced during the opening of the Mississippi House of Representatives legislative session. Students were also given the chance to speak with State Senator Bill Stone, who represents Marshall, Benton, and Tippah Counties, who gave students a tour of the Senate Gallery.

“It’s a great pleasure… to recognize our independent colleges and schools in Mississippi. I’m proud to represent two of them,” said Sen. Stone. “Rust College and Blue Mountain College are both in my district and we know firsthand in our part of the state what those institutions mean to our young people and to our local economies and the state economy. It’s great to be a part of this today and it’s great to be a part of recognizing the contributions that our independent colleges and universities make to the people of the State of Mississippi.”

PHOTOS: 1. Tarik Williams, Kylan Robinson, Noah J. Moore, State Senator Bill Stone (D-MS), Dr. David L. Beckley, Cheston Woodland, Jaylen Dean, Elijah Wilson, Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards. 2. Dr. Beckley leads the press conference. 3. Students tour the Senate Gallery with Sen. Bill Stone. 4. Dr. Beckley and students were introduced during the House of Representatives legislative session. 5. Mr. Wayne Fiddis and mass communications major Tarik Williams interview recently-elected Representative John Faulkner. 6. Sen. Stone makes remarks at the press conference. 7. HBCU Unity: Rust College students with students from Tougaloo College.
Tower of Leadership Award Presented to Famed Alumnae

Rust College president Dr. David L. Beckley, with the assistance of Dr. Paul C. Lampley, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the Rust College Tower of Leadership Award to famed alumnae Anita Ward. Ms. Ward was the guest speaker for the 147th Founders’ Convocation held on campus November 10, 2013.

“This is the country!” Ms. Ward said laughing as she described her first impression of Rust College when she arrived as a freshman in the mid-1970s. “The humble grounds of Rust College is what helped me to deal with the really crazy world of the entertainment business, and I am definitely so happy that I decided, ‘I think I could be around this country place after all.’”

Anita Ward graduated from Rust College in 1978. She received her big break when she caught the attention of the former Rust College A’Cappella Choir director Lassaye Holmes and her husband Charles. She was discovered at age 22 and went on to record the disco hit, “Ring My Bell,” which is still utilized on soundtracks today. The hit was used as recently as 2010 in “The Book of Eli” starring Denzel Washington.

Mayor, State Senator Make Special Presentation During Convocation

Mayor of Holly Springs and former Mississippi State Representative Kelvin Buck, ’97, and State Senator Bill Stone presented a shovel to Dr. David L. Beckley during the 147th Founders’ Convocation. The shovel was used during the ground-breaking of the landmark Museum of Mississippi History and the first Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Dr. Beckley serves on the board of directors for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, located in Jackson, and will work closely with other leaders in the planning and implementation of the facility.

We celebrated that with a great deal of pride, but what kind of history could we celebrate in the State of Mississippi without celebrating the contributions of institutions like Rust College and Mississippi Industrial College?” Mayor Buck said. “I can assure you that [Dr. Beckley] will be very instrumental in ensuring that Rust College and Mississippi Industrial College are represented well within the walls of that museum.”

The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, the nation’s first state-operated civil rights museum, will examine the struggle for civil rights and equality that changed the course of the state and the nation.
Congratulations to those who were recognized during the 147th Founders Celebration

Members of the Rust College Class of 1963.

Members of the Rust College Class of 1988.

Andrea D. Cooper, Miss Rust College 2013-2014

Members of the Mississippi Industrial College class of 1963.

Former theatre and drama students were recognized during the Founders’ Convocation.
The Home Depot
“Retool Your School”
Project
VOTE EVERYDAY to SUPPORT RUST!

This year, The Home Depot is excited to announce that they are awarding even MORE grant funds. The Retool Your School (RYS) Campus Improvement Grant Program will award a total of $250,000 to HBCUs for campus and facility improvements. Grant awards for the 2014 program are:

- Tier I Grant award of $50,000 (1 Winner)
- Tier II Grant awards of $10,000 (13 Winners)
- Campus Pride Grant awards of $25,000 (3 Winners)

The Campus Pride Grant will go to the top three schools with the most votes and social media activity, as assessed by The Home Depot. TWEET IT! Use #RustCollegeTHDRYS in your tweet to get the Bearcats closer to the top!

**Major Project**
Rust College proposes to upgrade the present baseball field with a dugout, grading and sodding and erecting a new fence.

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**RUST COLLEGE ALUMNI INFORMATION**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!
Alumnus Returns to Rust College as Writer-In-Residence


With this ring, I thee wed...


Sheronda Johnson, ’12, married Stetson Johnson on July 15, 2013. Sheronda, who earned a degree in Social Work, is currently working for the Marshall County Department of Human Services. The couple resides in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Sheronda is the daughter of Bobby and Beauty Johnson, ’03 and ‘08.

C. B. Ward, ‘50, was inducted into the University of West Georgia’s Living Legacy Hall of Fame. Mr. Ward is a former educator who worked for Carrollton City Schools for 43 years as an English teacher, social worker and administrator. He was honored for his role in the integration of schools in the 1960s, as well as his work as an educator. “I will be 87 years old in April, so everyone can imagine the changes I’ve seen in my life,” he told the audience at the induction ceremony. “I’m just glad to have been a small part of making some of those changes happen.”

Dr. Darrell Williams, ‘93, was presented the Principal of the Year Award—“Turn-Around Principal” during the 41st National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Annual Conference in November 2013. Dr. Williams is principal of Pulaski High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Embra K. Jackson, III, ‘05, was featured in the Clarion Ledger as “Mover of the Week” in the January 26th edition. Jackson was named Chief of Voluntary Service at the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery VA Medical Center. Jackson has been employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2008, serving in several capacities. He is also a certified Veterans Health Administration mentor.

Micaela Scott Santos, ‘09, received the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A & M University in 2013. She is currently doing her residency at the Leon County Health Department and is working as a pharmacist, specializing in HIV prevention in Quincy, Florida. Micaela was featured in Tallahassee Woman Magazine, touting her efforts to improve community health. She was also crowned first runner-up as “Mrs. Tallahassee 2013”.

Veronda Johnson, 03, received the Doctor of Pharmacy in 2012 from Xavier University. She is currently working as a pharmacist in Meridian, Mississippi.

Robert Andrews, ‘07, received the Doctor of Pharmacy from Xavier University in 2012. He is currently working as a pharmacist in Jackson, Mississippi.

Meghann Oglesby, ‘08, starred in the Hattiloo Theatre production of August Wilson’s “Seven Guitars”. From the Commercial Appeal: “Vera, played with resolve and vulnerability by Meghann Oglesby, is one of the group of friends who are constantly in motion with each other, attracting, repelling, helping and judging.” The Commercial Appeal theatre review touted “Seven Guitars” as one of Hattiloo’s best productions. Meghann is currently a Mass Communications instructor at Rust College.

Michael J. Smith, ‘77, was selected by the Tri-State Defender of Memphis, Tennessee to receive the 2013 Men of Excellence Award. He was recognized for his leadership in the Memphis and DeSoto County areas. Smith is the founder of the DeSoto County African American History Symposium (DCAAH), which recently honored Rust College Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Paul Lampley, and Social Science professor Dr. Marco Robinson. Dr. Robinson also serves on the Board of the DCAAHs.

In Memory...

Pearlie O. Delaney, November 29, 2013; Long Beach, CA
Mrs. Delaney lived 100 years.

Walter Henry Moore, Jr., MIC ’62, December 3, 2013; Memphis, TN

Essie Mae Davis Spencer, ’53, December 24, 2013; Columbus, MS

Anna M. Love, MIC ’49, January 1, 2014; Holly Springs, MS

John Allen Williams, ’74, January 9, 2014; Winona, MS

Shirley Jean Johnson, ’73, January 13, 2014; Los Angeles, CA

Willie E. Brooks, ’63, January 23, 2014; Springfield, IL

Sako Mboge, ’78, February 9, 2014; The Gambia, West Africa

Cecile Morrell Flippen, ’55, February 12, 2014; Flint, MI

Eula Mae Adams Brame, ’37, February 26, 2014; Tupelo, MS. Mrs. Brame lived 103 years.

Dianna Marie Brown, ’87, February 27, 2014; Harve de Grace, MA

Walter G. Bates, ’54, March 5, 2014; Pontotoc, MS

Dr. Thomas L. Alexander, ’58, March 4, 2014; Fairfield, AL

Shirley A. Taylor Dillard, ’85, March 16, 2014; Potts Camp, MS
Rust College, along with administrators, alumni, and staff members of Lane College, The LeMoyne-Owen College, and Philander Smith College, had the pleasure to serve as Local Hosts for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) 68th National Alumni Council/56th National Pre-Alumni Council Leadership Conference held February 12-16 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Students from UNCF-member institutions packed the Sheraton Hotel and Cook Convention Center in downtown Memphis for four days of lively workshops and luncheons, including the annual Corporate Luncheon, sponsored this year by FedEx. Ms. Regina Johnson, a sophomore from Memphis, Tennessee, represented the Bearcats as Miss Rust College UNCF. Regina graciously stepped in for Ms. Nicole Matthews, who won the title, but was unable to attend the conference.

Students were able to speak candidly with financial aid representatives, graduate and professional school recruiters, as well as some job recruiters. The young ladies received a basic self-defense class, taught by instructors with Divas in Defense, a self-defense corporation begun by two brothers who witnessed domestic violence firsthand while growing up.

Rust College was represented musically by the World Renowned Rust College A’Cappella Choir, who wowed the audience during the Corporate Luncheon, and by student Rodney Kurirai Matonga, who performed a self-composed ballad and played guitar at the Opening Reception.

Class of 2013 graduate and former Student Government Association president Chase Carr was honored for his nomination by Rust College as an Outstanding Young Alumnus. Dr. David L. Beckley was recognized with other college presidents in attendance, including Dr. Johnnie B. Watson, president of LeMoyne-Owen College, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, president of Tougaloo College, and several others.
The 23rd Annual Frances A. Hathorne United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Banquet was held Thursday, February 6 on the campus of Rust College. The Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF Committee welcomed Dr. Stacy L. Spencer, senior pastor of New Direction Christian Church. Dr. Spencer recently launched a new church in Holly Springs.

Greetings were brought forth by Dr. David L. Beckley, president of Rust College; Attorney William “Bill” Schneller, UNCF committee member, and Mayor Kelvin O. Buck.

“This is such an honorable occasion,” said Mayor Buck. “Certainly on behalf of the City of Holly Springs, we know that our community is a better place, we have a better quality of life because of some of the people who have gone through the doors of a Rust College, and the many ‘Rust Colleges’ all around this country. When you invest in the young minds and young people that are part of institutions like Rust College, you are investing in people who are really making a difference in our country and making our country a better place for all.”

A message was also given by Miss Nicole Matthews, who will represent Rust College as Miss UNCF Rust College throughout the year.

“I was convinced to compete for the title of Miss UNCF Rust College when I realized in order to receive, you must be willing to give. What better way to support the United Negro College Fund and help financially strapped students, like myself, around the world.” As Miss UNCF Rust College, Nicole has raised money to contribute to the education of other students who need financial support. “I was honored and blessed to have received this scholarship, but I am most proud of the fact that I have become a blessing to someone else,” Nicole said.

Dr. Stacy L. Spencer delivered a rousing message, encouraging growth and change.

“Holly Springs is a city with a rich history dating back to the Civil War and the days of cotton fields. It has a rich history of overcoming segregation, racism, and discrimination. You’ve had great leaders come through this city like Mayor DeBerry and now, Mayor Buck. This city is poised for greatness and that requires that more great minds be liberated from the effects of plantation legacy. There are generations of people who have not been exposed to the possibility of something beyond struggle and survival. There are young people who don’t realize that they have the ability to break cycles of poverty because their minds have been chained and not changed. A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but if we are going to free people, we must take the chains off the mind,” Dr. Spencer stated. “I am glad institutions like Rust College recognized that if we are going to liberate our young people, it is by training them to be leaders of tomorrow by making them leaders today. As one of our great civil rights leaders said, education is the passport to tomorrow, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Education is the civil rights issue of the 21st century.”

Dr. David L. Beckley presented a special gift of appreciation to Dr. Spencer, and also to local fraternities and sororities who have given to UNCF continuously over a number of years: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. A raffle drawing was held and Paula Conley was the recipient of $1,000.00.

The Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF committee, along with the Golden Triangle and Tupelo/Lee County UNCF committees, represent the north Mississippi region and are working toward a goal of $60,000.
2014 UNCF CAMPAIGN

Golden Triangle UNCF Committee Honors Memory of Mrs. Emma Miller-Beck

Members of the Golden Triangle UNCF Committee held their annual UNCF Banquet Friday, January 10 in Columbus, Mississippi. The Golden Triangle area consists of West Point, Columbus and Starkville, Mississippi (Clay, Lowndes, and Oktibbeha Counties).

During the banquet, a candlelight ceremony was held to honor the life and memory of Mrs. Emma Miller-Beck, who served as chairperson for the Golden Triangle UNCF Committee for several years. Mrs. Miller-Beck passed away in July 2013 after a long battle with cancer.

The Golden Triangle welcomed Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Leslie D. King as keynote speaker. A native of Greenville, Mississippi, Justice King began practicing law in 1973. Justice King was elected as an inaugural member of the Mississippi Court of Appeals in 1994 and began hearing cases in January 1995. He was appointed as Chief Judge of the Mississippi Court of Appeals on April 30, 2004 and served in that position until March 1, 2011.

In February 2011, he was appointed by then Governor Haley Barbour to fill an unexpired term on the Mississippi Supreme Court. He took the oath of office as a member of the Mississippi Supreme Court on March 1, 2011. In November of 2012, Justice King was elected, without opposition, to a full term as a member of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Tupelo/Lee County UNCF Committee Presents Contribution

Dr. David L. Beckley graciously accepted a check from Mr. Clarence E. Smith, chair of the Tupelo/Lee County UNCF Committee on Wednesday, February 5th. The $7,500 contribution will be added to monies raised from the Golden Triangle UNCF and the Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF, all of which represent the north Mississippi region.

The Golden Triangle UNCF Committee held their annual banquet January 8, at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. The Honorable Leslie D. King, Mississippi Supreme Court Justice, served as keynote speaker for the event. The Golden Triangle UNCF Committee has raised more than $15,000 during this year’s campaign.

The goal for the north Mississippi region is $60,000; the Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF Committee has set a goal of $40,000 to be contributed. Representatives of the north Mississippi region are working to have the total amount before March 31st.
The World Renowned Rust College A’Cappella Choir

Spring 2014 Tour Schedule

MARCH
March 9, 3:00 p.m.
St. James United Methodist Church
727 12th Street
Columbus, Mississippi

March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Greenwood CME Church
3311 Kimball Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

March 16, 3:00 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
1691 East Raines Road
Memphis, Tennessee

March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Clarksdale Civic Auditorium
506 East 2nd Street
Clarksdale, Mississippi

March 23, 3:00 p.m.
Anderson United Methodist Church
6205 Hanging Moss Road
Jackson, Mississippi

March 30, 10:00 a.m.
Asbury United Methodist Church
225 West College Avenue
Holly Springs, Mississippi

APRIL
April 5, 7:00 p.m.
St. John AME Church
3980 Steamill Road
Columbus, Georgia

April 6, 9:45 a.m.
Bethel United Methodist Church
1215 New Hope Road SW
Atlanta, Georgia

April 6, 3:00 p.m.
Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
101 North Peachtree Parkway
Peachtree City, Georgia

MAY
May 1, 7:00 p.m.
Salem United Methodist Church
1200 Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

May 2, 7:00 p.m.
Iowa City First United Methodist Church
214 East Jefferson Street
Iowa City, Iowa

May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Tabernacle Community Baptist Church
25400 West Medford Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 4, 8:00 a.m.
Solomon Community Temple United Methodist Church
3295 North Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 4, 10:00 a.m.
Tabernacle Community Baptist Church
25400 West Medford Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 4, 4:00 p.m.
St. Mark United Methodist Church
8441 St. Lawrence
Chicago, Illinois

For information about the Rust College A’Cappella Choir, or to schedule a performance, please contact Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards, 662-252-8000 ext. 4014 or email iedwards@rustcollege.edu.
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