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A Message from the President…

For 143 years, Rust College has welcomed the fresh minds of young people and has set out to educate those minds with the best education possible. Rust College students, faculty, and staff are blessed by the generosity of our alumni, parents and friends. Our rich history as one of the first schools to educate African Americans sets it apart from other educational institutions.

“For College Mine! Mine! Mine!
Rust is Mine! Mine! Mine!
The Alumni and the students are so proud to be called thine.”

These words, taken from our Alma Mater, ring true as Rust College is held dear in the hearts of those who have walked the campus, sat in classrooms and marched across the stage to receive their degrees and head out into a new world. We aim for those who enter that new world to be armed with acute knowledge, fierce determination, and the pride of being a graduate of an esteemed HBCU.

As we continue to challenge the minds and inspire the souls of our students, Rust is committed to being among the best and most respected small colleges in America. This issue of the Sentinel will give highlights of our progress during the 2009-2010 academic year. We appreciate the support of our many supporters in this quest. We value your investment in our young people and recommit ourselves to continue to operate our program at the highest level of integrity.

Thanks, again, for your prayers and support.

David L. Beckley, ’67, President

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Rust College
“Where Tomorrow’s Leaders are Students Today”
Bishop Sally Dyck, ordained as a United Methodist clergywoman in 1981, was consecrated as bishop in 2004, and assigned to lead the Minnesota area of the Church beginning in September of that year. Her leadership priorities are based on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission: to guide people to love God with their whole selves and daily practice spiritual disciplines and to share God’s love with those who do not know God.

Bishop Dyck received theological training from Boston University School of Theology (M. Div., 1978), University of Geneva/World Council of Churches (graduate certificate, 1978), and United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio (D. Min., Black Church Studies, 1989). Her upbringing in a Mennonite home instilled in her the understanding that personal piety is inextricably woven to peace and justice advocacy.

She has been married to the Rev. Kenneth Ehrman, a United Methodist elder, since 1976. The two have traveled the globe together by plane, bicycle, and on foot.

Rust College’s 144th Commencement will be held Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the W.A. McMillan Multi-Purpose Center.

### 144th Commencement Schedule of Events

**Saturday, April 24, 2010, 8:00 a.m.**
- Presidential Alumni 5K Run

**12:00 p.m.**
- Alumni Luncheon Meeting
  - Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Center

**6:45 p.m.**
- Senior Consecration
  - Morehouse Auditorium, Doxey Fine Arts Center

**Sunday, April 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m.**
- Senior/Alumni Breakfast
  - Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communications Center

**9:00 a.m.**
- Tree Planting

**2:00 p.m.**
- 144th Commencement Convocation
  - McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
Honoring Dr. Earnest A. & Mrs. Milverta Smith
Pioneers in Rust College History

Reverend Dr. Earnest Andrew Smith was an icon to all who knew him. “Greatness” describes his character. He was a great orator, educator, leader, evangelist, and supporter.

Born in Macon, Georgia on August 25, 1913 to Tom and Pauline Smith, Earnest Smith was the middle child of seven brothers and three sisters. His family migrated to Birmingham, Alabama in 1920, where Earnest began school. After finishing high school, ten years later, he entered Rust College and graduated in 1937. He furthered his education at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio and Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut. He also took courses at Drew University in New Jersey and Gammon Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. He received honorary degrees from both Gammon Seminary and Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee.

Dr. Smith married Milverta A. Gooden of Benton, Mississippi in 1939. No children were born to this union. A few weeks before his death, the Smiths celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Smith served as pastor of three churches, was principal of two high schools, executive secretary of three different conference programs of Christian Education. Dr. Smith was appointed to Rust College as its ninth president in 1957. He served the college and the Marshall County community for ten years (1957-1967), and managed to keep the college afloat during those difficult times. During his tenure at Rust College, three major buildings were constructed: the McDonald Science Building, Gross Hall and Wiff Hall dormitories for men and women.

His experience at Rust led him to be called to the Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., where he served as Director of Human Relations for 13 years. Dr. Smith retired from the Board of Church and Society in 1978. He and his wife lived in Memphis, Tennessee for eleven years before Mrs. Smith decided they should spend their final years in her ancestral home in Benton, Mississippi.

In 1997, Dr. Smith launched the Earnest A. and Milverta G. Smith Endowed Lecture Series and in the fall of 2009, the Earnest A. and Milverta G. Smith Honors Program. He encouraged students to be high achievers so they can advance and explore the world and become tomorrow’s leaders. In 1982, Dr. Smith established the Smith—Gooden Educational Trust, a scholarship for family members who wanted to attend college.

Dr. Earnest A. Smith, Ninth president of Rust College 1957-1967

Dr. Smith, front left, pictured with his wife Milverta, Dr. William McMillan—immediate past president, Mrs. Frances Hathorne, Dr. Gemma Beckley and Dr. David L. Beckley.

Speaking at James A. Elam Chapel

Dr. Smith, sitting at his desk during his presidency at Rust College.
Honoring Dr. Earnest A. & Mrs. Milverta Smith
Pioneers in Rust College History

Former First Lady, Mrs. Milverta A. Smith, wife of former Rust College president, the late Rev. Dr. Earnest Andrew Smith (1957-67), passed away Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Mrs. Smith grew up in Benton, Mississippi. She is a 1937 graduate of Rust College, who served as a librarian and first lady during the Smith administration. During her ten years of service as first lady, she served as a role model for students with an emphasis on work with female students. She will be remembered as a warm and friendly person who always demonstrated concern for the welfare of students.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two siblings and her husband of 70 years, Dr. Earnest A. Smith. Dr. Smith passed away in November of 2009. She is survived by two sisters and three brothers. She was funeralized Tuesday, January 26 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and is buried alongside her husband at Captain Simmons Cemetery in Benton, Mississippi.
Mary “Frances” Allen Hathorne was born April 13, 1923 to the late Albert and Olivia Allen in Tupelo, MS. Her mother, Olivia, died before she was two years old. She was then raised by her maternal grandmother, the late Mattie “Big Mamma” Rodgers. She departed this life January 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at her home. Her brother, Albert Allen, Sr., sister Erintene Allen, and best friends, Marjorie B. Marshall and Rubye S. Owens, all preceded her in death.

She attended B. F. Ford High School in New Albany, MS. After graduating from high school in 1942, she earned her B. A. Degree from Rust College in Business Administration (1946). She later continued her studies at Hampton Institute in Hampton, VA.

On August 13, 1950 she married the late Johnny M. Hathorne. To this union two children, Alan and Maureen, were born uniquely on December 31st, four years apart.

She dedicated 63 years of service to Rust College. She held many positions that enriched and shaped the lives of the students, the alumni, and many others. When not working at Rust College, Frances could be found at J. F. Brittenum & Son Funeral Home as an accountant and bookkeeper. Accomplishments and achievements for Mrs. Frances Hathorne were many, some of which include being the First Black Conference and District Treasurer for the United Methodist Church, Chairperson for the Marshall County Relay for Life, American Legion Auxiliary Post 250, NAACP Member (Marshall County Chapter), Mary Kay Consultant, Chairman of the Earnest A. & Milverta G. Smith Alumni Artist Lecture Series, Chairman of the Annual Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF Campaign, Holly Springs/Marshall County Rust Club, Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce, Grand Marshal for the Holly Springs Christmas Parade (2008), DeSoto County Women of Distinction (2009), Mace Bearer for Rust College as senior employee, and the longest working employee (63 years) for Rust College.

In 1966, Frances was one of the six charter members of Zeta Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. With love for her Sorority, she became a life member and remained active and committed until her passing. She also served as the first President of Zeta Upsilon Zeta Chapter (and served in that capacity for ten years), Regional Treasurer, and National Treasurer of the Sorority.

Her Christian Faith led her to Asbury United Methodist Church in the early 1940s where she served the Lord faithfully. She held many positions including Youth Coordinator and President of the United Methodist Women.

To continue Mrs. Hathorne’s legacy, the College is establishing the Frances Allen Hathorne Endowed Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be made to the Office of Development, attention: Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards, Vice President, 150 Rust Avenue, Holly Springs, Mississippi 38635.
Celebrating 143 Years of Rust College
143rd Founders’ Celebration brings good times, old memories, and fun for everyone

Alumni and friends of Rust College joined students, faculty and staff to celebrate the 143rd anniversary of the founding of the college November 13-15, 2009. The Founders’ schedule was packed with activities for those who traveled near and far, including the Founders’ parade, band concert, and coronation.

Awards and recognition were given to alumni and friends of Rust College who have financially supported the college during the past year, including those in the Class of 1964, who have pledged to raise $100,000. Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, ‘64, who also served as speaker for the annual convocation, challenged other Rust alumni classes to raise more money for the college as well.

Ms. Cynphonie Smith, of Belzoni, Mississippi, was crowned Miss Rust 2009-2010 during a beautiful coronation, where she was joined by her high court, Miss Rust 1st alternate Adrianna Miller and 2nd alternate Terica Jackson.
Contributors to Rust College Honored at Alumni & Friends Banquet

Rust College recognized the alumni and friends who generously donated to the college during the 2008-2009 year. Members in each donor category were awarded with plaques as a “thank you” from the administration and the area of Alumni Development.

- **Bearcat Century Club**
  - $100—$249

- **Silver Circle**
  - $250—$499

- **L.M. McCoy Golden Circle**
  - $500—$999

- **President’s Circle**
  - $1,000—$2,499

- **Founders’ Society—Cum Laude**
  - $2,500—$4,999

Celebrating 143 Years of Rust College

Photos by Lawrence White
Rust College was pleased to have alumnus Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, ‘64, as its speaker for the 143rd annual Founders’ Convocation. Dr. McLemore is a noted civil rights activist and political leader. He serves on the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi and acted as interim Mayor of Jackson after the death of Mayor Frank Melton. Dr. McLemore is the chair of the Political Science Department and teaches political science at Jackson State University. He is one of the founding faculty of the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy.

Dr. McLemore gave a rousing speech and credited Rust College with his success. “Rust College is a special place, and special places should be treated as such,” he said. He talked about his connection to the institution and how much of a pivotal role it played in his life. "Rust gave me my wings to fly, and I am still flying because of Rust College," he said. Dr. McLemore also emphasized programs and classes that should be implemented and reintroduced at the college such as local community service projects and technical programs in which every student would receive a laptop computer, with its cost being included in the students’ tuition.

"We need to have our students prepared to not only compete, but exceed in the 21st century," McLemore said. "We have to instill inside our students an intellectual rigor. Let us rethink Rust College."

During the Convocation, the Tower of Leadership Award was presented to Dr. McLemore and two other Rust graduates who have excelled in their various fields and who have shown outstanding leadership qualities.

Mr. Willie B. “Wazir” Peacock, ‘62, of San Pablo, California is credited with helping register black voters in Mississippi during his days at Rust College, and continuing his activism after graduating. He is noted for his involvement with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Voter Education Project (VEP), and was part of several demonstrations and boycotts for the equal rights of African Americans. Mr. Peacock now works for Stepping Stones Growth Center in California, an organization that serves developmentally disabled children and adults.

Mr. W.J. Jones, ‘54, is the longest-running African American mayor in the history of the State of Mississippi. Elected in the late 1970s in Coahoma, Mississippi, Jones is credited with incorporating the small town of Coahoma, and revitalizing the community with the help of Habitat for Humanity and the Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE).

Dr. McLemore is the 37th recipient of the Tower of Leadership Award, with Mr. Peacock and Mayor Jones following suit, respectively, as the 38th and 39th recipients.
Recognized during the 143rd Rust College Founders’ Convocation was the 1984 Rust College Lady Bearcats Basketball team. The women, along with then-coach Dr. A.J. Stovall, were honored for the 25th anniversary of their NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball National Championship win, where they defeated Elizabethtown, with a buzzer-beating shot, making the final score 51-49. The team, Dr. Stovall, and team manager Bernard Seymour became the inaugural inductees to the Rust College Athletic Hall of Fame and were presented medals by President Beckley.

The team was also acknowledged during the homecoming game November 14, 2009 against LeMoyne-Owen College. Members of the 1984 Lady Bearcats basketball team were: Catherine Milton, Diane Buchanan, Diane Ayers, Phyllis Phillips, Sarah Young, Angela Agnew-Brazell, Sandra Ivory, Brenda Christian-Lawrence-Pree, Mittie Heidelberg, Louise Sanders-Tate, Barbara Knox-Seymour, and team captain Nancy Binion-Relliford. Also recognized was team manager Bernard Seymour.
Rustite Honored by New England Basketball Hall of Fame

Larry Anderson, ’86, was named Division III New England College Coach of the Year by the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October 2009. Anderson led MIT to its first-ever berth into the NCAA Tournament, after driving one of the “most successful campaigns in the program’s 101-year history”, according to the MIT athletic website. He was honored in October at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Uncasville, Connecticut. He was also named the 2009 New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Coach of the Year.

Rust Represented at 2010 National Alumni/Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference

The Rust College Pre-Alumni Council traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana in February for the 64th National Alumni Council/52nd National Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference, under the supervision of Alumni Development Director and Assistant Director Mrs. Shirley Dillard and Ms. Patricia Willis. Representing Rust College for the Coronation, themed Majestic Masquerade, was senior Cecelia Smith, and junior Antonio Leigh. Ms. Smith is a Mass Communications major from Jamaica, New York and Mr. Leigh is a Elementary & Math Education Major from Rock Island, Illinois.

Rust Trustee Dr. Cora Norman Tells Mississippi Story

Only a witness to the Civil Rights struggle in the then Jim Crow South can give a detailed account of events of the Mississippi past, here and now. Dr. Cora Norman, a Rust College trustee emeritus and the first executive director of Mississippi Humanities Council, did just that in her new book, Mississippi in Transition: The Role of the Mississippi Humanities Council (MHC).

The book chronicles how MHC in its early days played a significant role in the tide against the segregation practices in Mississippi. Dr. Norman tells the story well, of the unfolding changes in Mississippi during the civil rights turbulence of the sixties and seventies. She narrated the various individuals, both women and men, black and white, who contributed to the growth and nurturing of MHC in enabling the organization to achieve most of its objectives over the years.

Dr. Norman highlighted the courageous eight women she identified as “Agents of Change in Mississippi. These people from all walks of life had contributed to promoting the issues of women’s rights, voter registration, education, multiculturalism, politics and health in Mississippi. Women listed include: Nellie Nugent Somerville, Fannie Lou Hamer, Margaret Walker Alexander, Winson Hudson, Jessie Mosley, Jean Muirhead, Katharine Rea, and Frances Coleman.

At the time also when women were being rated below white men, Dr. Norman’s MHC would eventually championed activities that broke barriers and opened doors to women and people of color. MHC had by some measures helped integrate the Mississippi establishments and enhance racial and ethnic relations in the state.

Cora wants young women and men to read this book and understand the issue of how development and struggles of the past have enabled their lives and opportunities today. Perhaps, a must read for all college students in the humanities. *Mississippi in Transition* is edited by Judy Elgin, and published by the Tennessee Valley Publishing, Knoxville, Tennessee.

*Story by Dr. Debayo Moyo*
Rust “Mr. Homecoming” featured in
Black College Today Magazine

The 2009-2010 selection for Rust Mr. Homecoming, Justin Deloach, was featured among other black college kings in the March 2010 issue of Black College Today Magazine.

Justin, a senior Biology major, hails from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He made the Dean’s List for Fall 2009, with a grade point average of 3.6. Justin’s father, Eddie Deloach, is a 1972 graduate of Rust College.

Former Student Featured on Cover of “Catoosa Life”

Master chef Jernard Wells, Jr., who attended Rust from 2002-2003, was the cover story for the August-September 2009 issue of Catoosa Life Magazine.

Wells, who is originally from Michigan City, Mississippi, has had restaurants in Holly Springs, Olive Branch, Southaven, Tunica, Mississippi and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Known as the “Love Chef”, Wells wrote “88 Ways to Her Heart: Cooking for Lovers from the Kitchen to the Bedroom,” and has made appearances on Paula Deen’s show, “Paula’s Party” (Food Network) and “The Dr. Phil Show”. He has also cooked personally for entertainer Tyler Perry in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rust College Lyceum Series Presents Drama, Music and Bestsellers

The 2009-2010 Lyceum Series gave its audience good music, bestselling authors, moments in history and prominent speakers who were featured during the 12th Annual Smith Lecture Series and the 16th Annual National African American Student Leadership Conference.

“Do you recognize us?”

These gentlemen were members of the Rust College A’Capella Choir in the 1960s, and the College would like to put names with the faces. If you know any of these men, please contact the Office of Alumni Development at (662) 252-8000, ext. 4915.
**Awards and Recognition**

**Percy Bruce,** ‘59, was named to the National UNCF Hall of Fame for being an Outstanding Alumnus of a UNCF-member institution. He was presented with an award during the 64th annual UNCF Conference, which was held in New Orleans, LA in February.

**Deloris Lindsey McJunkins,** ‘57, was selected for the Cecelia E. Washington Award. The award was presented during the 64th annual UNCF Conference, which was held in New Orleans, LA in February.

**Leroy Frazier,** ’74, former instructor and past president of the Rust College International Alumni Association, authored *Journey Into My Soul*, which is now available at www.xlibris.com

**R.C. Anderson,** MIC ‘63, retired after 32 years as an educator. Anderson retired as assistant superintendent of the Marshall County School District.

**Greta Oglesby,** ’84, starred in “Caroline, or Change,” a stage production written by playwright Tony Kushner. Oglesby led the cast as “Caroline” during the show’s run at Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Dorothy Ann Smith Bingham,** MIC ‘58, and her late husband W. E. Bingham were both recognized by DeSoto County Schools for their years of service to the school system. Libraries will be named after both Smith and Bingham. Mrs. Smith has spent her professional career with the DeSoto County School District as a teacher, principal, and is currently associate superintendent of recruitment, retention, and parent relations.

**Nick Johnson,** ’01, published *Simply Bret*, a Christian-based novel that delves into the life of “everyman” Bret George Douglas who, as he tried to achieve his dreams, learns that he needs to not only step out of his comfort zone, but also out on faith. *Simply Bret* is available at iUniverse.com.

**Cleveland Payne,** ’65, recently published *A Valley Place*, the seventh book in his fictional “Slim McCall” series. Payne has published 11 books in his career.

**Jeaniene Brooks-Jones,** ’96, published the children’s book *We Can All Decorate the Same Tree.*

**Willie Fields,** MIC ‘77, wrote and published *It’s Happening in Amerika.* The book can be purchased at wasteland-press.com

**Births**


**In Memory...**

**Mrs. Jo Ann Berry Blanks,** ‘65; October 17, 2009, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Mattie Pearl Mason McClelland,** November 1, 2009, Compton, California.

**Mrs. Dorothy Jean Hobson Smith,** MIC; November 8, 2009, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**Dr. Earnest Andrew Smith,** ’37, ninth president of Rust College (1957-1967); November 13, 2009, Benton, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Rudolphia Rodgers Hall,** ‘60; November 21, 2009, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

**Mr. Theodore R. Collins,** former Rust business manager; November 24, 2009, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.


**Mr. Tillman Smith,** ‘59; buried December 5, 2009, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Ethell C. Foster,** ‘48; December 21, 2009, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Darlene Joy Falkner Jackson,** ‘MIC; December 9, 2009, Holly Springs, Mississippi

**Rev. Rufus Hill, Sr.,** MIC ‘52; December 13, 2009, New Albany, Mississippi.

**Mr. Henderson Milan,** MIC ‘53; December 14, 2009, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Ethell C. Foster,** ‘48; December 21, 2009, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**Mr. Willie Mitchell,** former Rust student-turned legendary musician; January 5, 2010, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Mrs. Mary Frances Allen Hathorne,** ‘46, former Rust bursar, chief accountant, alumni-giving coordinator; January 8, 2010, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

**Mrs. Milverta A. Gooden Smith,** ‘37, former Rust first lady and librarian; January 21, 2010, Benton, Mississippi.


**Mrs. Wardna Ellen Hawkins Polk,** February 1, 2010, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Mrs. Pennie DeBerry,** ‘73; February 4, 2010, Holly Springs, Mississippi.
Rust Hosts 20th Annual United Negro College Fund Banquet

Months of fundraising efforts came to fruition Wednesday night, February 17, for the 20th annual Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF banquet. The banquet, held in Shaw Cafeteria, was attended by a host of students, faculty, friends of Rust College and members of the community. The Rust College A’Cappella Choir provided entertainment and dinner was served by the college cafeteria staff.

The speaker for the event was Mr. Patrick Washington, superintendent of Benton County Schools. Mr. Washington is a graduate of Ashland High School; he received his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and his master’s from the University of Mississippi. He was an educator in the Memphis City School system before becoming the superintendent and first African American to win a county-wide election in Benton County.

Mr. Washington began his presentation by walking into Shaw Cafeteria—escorted by an officer—donning an orange jumpsuit, similar to those worn by prisoners. He told the audience, particularly the young men, that so many African American males were wearing the same jumpsuit at that very moment.

“You have beaten the odds already, just by being at Rust College,” he said to the male students.

Rust student Jamie Rodgers, who has been a recipient of a UNCF scholarship, reflected on how it felt to know her education would not be compromised by the lack of funds.

Two raffles were held to help with fundraising efforts: 15 gallons of gas, sponsored by Mr. Bobby Bonds of Bonds Realty/Craft & Wynne Insurance and $100 worth of groceries, sponsored by Carlisle’s Big Star. The winner of the gas raffle was Mr. Dwayne Hicks, while Mr. Javonta Moore won the groceries.

Mrs. Shirley Dillard, Alumni Development Director and coordinator of the event, says she is particularly thrilled with the support of the UNCF committee and the donors who helped raise $38,628 in scholarship funds. Dr. David L. Beckley, who presided over the event, announced the committee set a deadline of March 1 to reach the $40,000 goal.

Rust College is one of 39 UNCF-member institutions in the country, and one of two in Mississippi. The United Negro College Fund is the nation’s largest, oldest, most successful, and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF provides operating funds and technology enhancement services for its 39 member historically black colleges and universities, scholarships and internships for students at almost 1,000 institutions and faculty and administrative professional training.

This year’s UNCF banquet was bittersweet, as the event was dedicated to the late Mrs. Frances A. Hathorne. Mrs. Hathorne was the chairperson of the annual Holly Springs/Marshall County UNCF Campaign for more than 15 years.
Rust College Alumni Membership Options

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP (NEW!)**
This membership shall be granted to any person that is a graduate of Rust College. Life membership is assessed at a cost of $1,000.00. Payment may be made at one time or on an installment plan. Life member benefits are: Life membership card which grants free admission to all Rust College-sponsored events and activities, a plaque, voting privileges; reserved seating at commencement and founders’ weekends; lapel pin; window decal, Rust College shirt (to the first 50 full paid memberships), and subscription to college newsletter. Life membership dues will be used strictly for endowment.

**International Membership:**
The cost for annual membership in the Rust College International Alumni Association is $25.00 per fiscal year (July 1st- June 30th). Anyone who is a graduate or has completed a minimum of six hours is eligible for membership. Benefits include membership card; window decal, voting privileges, and subscription to college newsletter. International members are eligible to hold major offices within their local club and the association.

**Associate Membership:**
The cost for Associate Membership in the Rust College International Alumni Association is $25.00 per fiscal year (July 1st- June 30th). Associate membership shall consist of parents of Rustites and friends. Benefits include membership card, window decal, and subscription to newsletters. Associate members do not have voting privileges, may not hold major office (local/ international: president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer) in clubs or association, but may serve on committees.

**Local Club Membership:**
The cost for local membership dues in area Rust clubs is determined by the local club, and are paid in addition to the national dues. Benefits usually consist of membership card and voting privileges. The club’s fiscal year is usually based on the college’s fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th).

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**
- [ ] Lifetime
  - [ ] Single payment $1,000.00
  - [ ] Quarterly payment (4 payments) $250.00
  - [ ] Annual (4-year period) $250.00
- [ ] International (Annual) $25.00
- [ ] Associate (Annual) $25.00

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**
- [ ] Enclosed is my check payable to the Rust College Alumni Association
- [ ] Charge $_______ to my credit card: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard

**Name______________________________**
**Address____________________________**
**City_________ State_____ Zip Code________**
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**Email____________________________**