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Presenting The Voice Of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Gerald C. Rivers Actor, Voiceover Artist, Speaker

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Calendar 2012-2013
Umdabu South African Dance Company
Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Umdabu South African Dance Company – Powerful Zulus bringing the South Africa History and Cultural in song and dance.

The First Semester - Stage Production Thursday, September 20, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. Presented by The Public Awareness Theatre, Detroit, Michigan/ Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This play captures the intensity of the lives of college students. Playwright and Producer Reverend Doctor Lance Brown

Kenneth Darryl Mayfield Sr. (Native of Okolona, Mississippi) Book Review To Be Born Black In Mississippi (Why I Became A Civil Rights Lawyer) Wednesday, October 24, 2012 7:00 p.m. He was one of eight black students kicked out of Ole Miss for racial injustice.

9th Annual Mass Communications Week
Thursday, November 1, 2012– General Assembly 2:40 p.m. Ms. Sharin Harvin, General Assignment Reporter/ Weekend Anchor WLTX-TV 8 News Now, Las Vegas, Nevada - Presenter (Rust Graduate ’03) was born in Sumter, South Carolina and raised in Houston, Texas.

146th Founders Day Convocation Sunday, November 11, 2012, 11:00 a.m. Speaker, Dr. Lorenzo Esters, Rust Graduate ’98 - Currently serves as Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management at Kentucky State University. A native of Greenwood, MS.

Chef/ Entrepreneur, Jernard Wells, Book Review/ Motivational Speaker, Wednesday, November 28, 2012 - 3:00 p.m. He is a native of Michigan City, Mississippi and attended Rust College from 2002-2003. He has cooked personally for Entertainers Tyler Perry and Steve Harvey.

A’Cappella Choir Concert Sunday, December 2, 2012, 6:00 p.m. The World Famous Rust College A’Cappella Choir is one of America’s most renowned choirs which features a broad repertoire of classical, semi-classical, spiritual, operatic, contemporary and traditional gospel. The choir has captured the attention of audiences world-wide. The choir is currently under the directorship of Ms. Dorothy L. Jones, former choir directress of the Greenville, Mississippi Public School District.

One Man Performance, Wednesday, January 9, 2013 - 3:00 p.m. Actor Gerald C. Rivers considers it an honor and a privilege to bring to life the words of the late great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2011, he performed at Dr. King’s Memorial dedication Celebrations in Washington D.C.

Ida B. Wells Symposium, Lillie M. Fears, Ph.D. Presenter
Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 3:00 p.m. She is professor of Journalism at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Dr. Fears founder and host of the College of Communications annual televised panel on diversity and multicultural issues in the media.

E.P. McKnight, With Grace I Stand
Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m. A one Woman Play that chronicles the lives of seven trailblazers during the 1800’s and 1900’s who were a first in their endeavors: Bessie Coleman –Pilot, Mary Ellen Pleasant Activist, Barbara Jordan –Politician, Madame CJ Walker Self Made Millionaire, Mary Church Terrell Journalist, and Thea Bowman Black Activist Nun.

The Ida B. Wells Story, Black Genesis Theatre an Ensemble of Rust College Students Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m. The Black Genesis, founded by Mr. Donald O’Conner, is created in the image of original theatre.

Commencement – Sunday, April 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

All events are open to the general public without charge
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