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Rust College Vice-President for College Relations Selected 2021 Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals' Administrator of the Year

HOLLY SPRINGS, MS – Dr. Ishmell Edwards, Vice-President for College Relations and Athletic Director at Rust College, has been named the Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals' "Administrator of the Year". Edwards was selected by the nomination committee of the Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals.

June 1, Edwards completed what marks a stellar higher education career spanning five(5) decades, including leadership in a variety of positions which include Director of Athletics, Director of Student Activities, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Student Affairs, and Director of Development.

He has played a key role in formulating and administering college policies and developing long-range goals and objectives. Prior to his role as Vice-President for College Relations, Edwards served as Director of Development and College Vice-President where he cultivated relationships throughout Mississippi and the United States. He assisted in raising over \$30 million for Rust College which continues to have an impact on the students we serve.

“We congratulate Dr. Edwards on his selection as the 2021 MAEOP Educational Administrator of the Year. His outstanding professionalism, leadership as a College Administrator and unique personality has provided administrative support and encouragement to the Rust College Association of Educational Office Professionals (RCAEOP) for more than 40 years,” said Mrs. Naomi Taylor, President, RCAEOP.

Edwards was honored at the 72nd MAEOP Annual Conference Award/Membership and Installation Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Trustmark Park Hotel in Pearl, Mississippi on June 4, 2021.

About Rust College

Rust College is a historically black, co-educational, senior liberal arts college founded in 1866 by the Freedmen’s Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to offer quality programs in business, education, humanities, science and math, and social science to prepare students for leadership and service in the global society.

Located in Holly Springs, MS, Rust College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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