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**RUST COLLEGE CELEBRATES 157<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS' WEEK**

**HOLLY SPRINGS, MS** – Rust College is excited to announce the schedule of events for their 157th Founders' Week celebration, taking place from November 5-12, 2023. This annual celebration honors the legacy of the college's founders and their commitment to providing education to students. The week-long event will feature a variety of activities:

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Bell Ringing Ceremony - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Asbury U. M. Church - Holly Springs, MS

SGA Inauguration - 5:00 p.m.  
Doxey Morehouse Auditorium

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Legacy Luncheon - 12:00 noon (INVITATION ONLY)  
Talent Show - 8:00 p.m. - \$5.00

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Hump Day on The Plaza - 11:00 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

High Noon Tea Reception – Miss Rust College - 12:00 noon (INVITATION ONLY)

The Royal Court Coronation – 7:00 p.m. – Doxey Morehouse Auditorium

The Royal Ball - (After Coronation) - Shaw Cafeteria

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

RCIAA Membership Drive – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Brown Mass Comm Building

Corporate Career Mentoring Panel – 10:30 am. – BCS Building (Auditorium)

1964 Football Team Recognition Luncheon – 12:00 noon (INVITATION ONLY)

Alumni Baseball Game – 12:00 noon - Bearcat Baseball Field

Alumni Basketball Game – 8:00 p.m. - Kinzell Lawson Gymnasium - \$5.00

Young Alumni Mixer (2013-2023) – Student Rec Center – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Alumni & Friends Awards Banquet – E. L. Smith Multipurpose Building - 6:00 p.m. (\$30.00)

Step Show - 7:00 p.m. - Doxey Morehouse Auditorium - \$10.00

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Alumni Tailgate – 8:00 a.m.

Parade Lineup begins – 8:30 a.m.

Alumni Clubs Meetings - 9:00 a.m. - Doxey Fine Arts Building Classrooms

Founders' Parade – 10:30 a.m.

RCIAA Fall Meeting – Doxey Morehouse Auditorium- 1:00 p.m.

Battle of the Bands – Gymnasium - 2:00 p.m. - \$5.00

Dr. Ishmell Edwards Founders' Day Classic Basketball Game - Kinzell Lawson Gymnasium - \$20.00 - (Bearcats vs Arkansas Baptist - 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Alumni & Friends Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. (Informal)

Gravesite Pilgrimage - Hillcrest Cemetery - 10:00 a.m.

Founders' Convocation - Doxey Morehouse Auditorium- 11:00 a.m.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the 157th Founders' Week at Rust College," said Dr. Robert M. Dixon, Interim President of Rust College. "This event is a testament to the enduring legacy of our founders and the impact that Rust College has had on generations of students. We look forward to welcoming alumni, students, and friends of the college to this year's celebration." For more information about Rust College's 157th Founders' Week schedule, please visit our website at [www.rustcollege.edu](http://www.rustcollege.edu).

### **About Rust College**

Rust College is the oldest most prestigious historically black college in Mississippi founded in 1866 by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Offering degree programs in business, education, humanities, science and mathematics, and social science. Rust College equips and inspires students for excellence and service in their communities and throughout the world. Located in Holly Springs, MS, just 35 miles southeast of Memphis,

Tennessee, Rust College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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