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RUST COLLEGE SOPHOMORE JOSEPH MUSENGE RECEIVES GOOGLE TRAVEL GRANT

HOLLY SPRINGS, MS - Rust College is proud to announce that Sophomore Joseph Musenge, a dedicated computer science major, has been awarded a Google travel grant to attend two major tech events: the annual National HBCU Week Conference and the 2023 GDSC North America HBCU Summit, both taking place from September 25th to September 29th in Washington D.C. This was an all-expense-paid journey, and Joseph Musenge's journey to these events is entirely funded by Google.

Joseph Musenge is a standout computer science major at Rust College who has consistently shown his commitment to academic excellence. His passion for technology and dedication have earned him this remarkable recognition from Google. The National HBCU Week Conference and the GDSC North America HBCU Summit are prominent gatherings in the tech and education fields. These events provide a platform for students, professionals, and educators to exchange ideas, foster collaboration, and celebrate diversity in the tech industry.

The National HBCU Week Conference, held annually in Washington D.C., focuses on promoting educational excellence, equity, and economic development among Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). It brings together leaders and visionaries in the field. Running concurrently with the National HBCU Week Conference, the GDSC North America HBCU Summit explores technology, innovation, and the role of HBCUs in shaping the future of the tech industry.

This achievement is remarkable because it is a Google Travel and Conference Grant, which is awarded to selected conferences in Computer Science and related fields. The grant is available in North America for all traditionally underrepresented groups in technology, including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, persons with disabilities, women, and veterans. The grant aims to break down the barriers that prevent underrepresented groups in computer science from attending leading tech conferences.

Joseph Musenge's all-expense-paid trip enabled him to participate fully in the week-long activities, gaining knowledge, expanding his network, and representing Rust College on a national stage.

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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