Andrews Speaks at Education Week Assembly

Dr. Wanda Andrews, superintendent of the Lee County School District, was the guest speaker at the Division of Education’s American Education Week Assembly on Thursday.

Andrews spoke admiringly as she described how a positive early childhood experience at Morris College shaped her respect and appreciation for the college and the field of education.

Speaking on the national theme for American Education Week, “Raise Your Hand for Student Success,” Andrews informed the campus community of graduates of the college’s education program who are making a positive impact in Lee County and beyond. She stated, “The students from Morris College distinguish themselves from all others. They are skilled, have a caring attitude and show professionalism in and out of the classroom.” She strongly encouraged all students to consider majoring in an area of education.

Andrews pointed out the need to reflect and thank the founding fathers of Morris College, as she explained, they had the foresight to know the value of a good education and its power to open doors for future generations.

She went on to outline action steps for embracing the national theme: “We must raise our hands for a quality education, for highly effective and qualified teachers, administrators and staff, ... for equitable funding in all schools and all districts. We must raise our hands that all students are prepared to compete in a global society. We must stand tall for public education and for institutions of higher learning. We must stand tall for every student we have the opportunity to touch.”

In closing, Andrews advised students to “Dream big and to persevere.” She said, “Education will allow you to lead while you collaborate, walk beside and learn from others.”

President Luns C. Richardson applauded the Division of Education for “a fine and classy program” and he thanked Dr. Andrews for “sharing jewels of wisdom.” Dr. Richardson also expressed his admiration and respect for public school administrators and teachers. He spoke highly of Teacher Education as a major, expressing that it is excellent preparation for life.

He recognized Dr. Lois Green, chairperson of the division, for outstanding work as well as Dr. Vanessa Lancaster, chairperson of Teacher Education, and Dr. Elaine McClure, associate professor in the division, and all of the division’s faculty and staff. He also acknowledged the presence of Dr. Dill Gamble, trustee and graduate of the teacher education program, and his wife Azalee, and Mrs. Barbara Jackson, president of the Morris College National Alumni Association.
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