Graham urges, “Seize the Moment Now!”

Dr. Jamey Graham, center, with the members of Xi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at their 2013 Founder’s Day Assembly.

Xi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held their Founder’s Day Assembly on Thursday morning. Dr. Jamey O. Graham, pastor of Saint John Baptist Church in Columbia, SC, Morris College alumnus, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was the speaker.

Addressing the Alpha’s Founder’s Day theme, “Reclaiming the Dream,” Graham urged Morris College students to “Seize the Moment.” His words of wisdom were taken from King Solomon in Proverbs 4:1, 5, and 7. Graham explained the scriptures show the importance of time and opportunity and that both are fleeting. To be assured of future success, an individual must possess the wisdom to know the value of being prepared for opportunity before it comes. “Now is the time to be prepared for the opportunity. Seize the moment.” He asked, “Will you seize the opportunity to get a quality education at Morris College?”

Graham paralleled King Solomon’s words, “Hear my son, the instruction of your father…,” with hearing the instructions given by parents and professors. He paralleled getting wisdom—with getting skills, getting understanding—with getting knowledge from classroom instruction and study. He clarified, “To get, is to pursue, to take hold off, and to obtain.”

He cautioned, “The choices you make today will determine how well you do tomorrow. The sky is the limit if you seize the moment.” Graham stressed education as the key to opening doors to success. He said many are “stopping at a green light” when they make poor choices. “Live for God now! Make right choices now! God will elevate you in due season.”

Dr. Luns C. Richardson shared how he met Graham on the Morris College campus years ago and how Graham seized the moment to pursue his education. He said, “Dr. Graham lives what he preaches and teaches.” He praised his speech, saying it was one the campus community will remember. President Richardson applauded the Alpha’s for a well-planned and well-executed program. He also recognized special guest, Dr. James Blassingame, president of the Baptist E & M Convention of South Carolina, Morris College alumnus, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Wallace to Speak at Business/FBLA Assembly

Mr. Melvin Wallace, the minority outreach advisor for the SC Small Business Development Centers, will speak at the Business/Phi Beta Lambda Assembly at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Neal-Jones Auditorium.

The assembly is a part of the Division of Business Administration’s Business Week activities from November 4 – 8.

Business Week Activities

Excellence In Action

Tuesday: Mr. Jordan White, adjunct professor in the Organizational Management Program will conduct “Business Ethics” at 6 p.m. in Academic Hall, Room 203.

Wednesday: the Business Advisory Council will have a luncheon at noon in the H. H. Butler Conference Room. This event will be immediately followed by a roundtable discussion of the Morris College Business Administration Alumni at 1 p.m.

Thursday: Mr. Jim Griffin, state director of the SC Small Business Development Centers will speak at 11 a.m. on “Starting Your Business.”

Mrs. Delois Woodward, Cooperative Education Coordinator for Career Services, will present “Preparing for Your Career” at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

Friday: Dr. Mathew Guah, associate professor of business at Claflin University, will conduct the workshop “Graduate School Preparation” at 2 p.m. in Room 104, Academic Hall.

Seeking Morris College Royalty

Would you like to join the Morris College Royal Family? The competition for the titles of Miss Homecoming, Mr. Co-Ed and Miss Co-Ed is underway. Please pick up solicitation letters in the Office of Student Affairs. Friday, November 16 is the deadline for reporting funds for the competition. Winners will be announced at the Pre-Fall Harvest Rally Assembly on Tuesday, November 19.

Career Center Available for Assistance

The Career Services Center Staff is available to help you transition from college to the world of work. Get started now! The Career Services Center is located in the Brawley-Starks Academic Success Center, Room 209. They can be contacted at (803) 934-3191/3192. Rèsumè assistance is available.