Mr. Melvin Wallace, minority outreach advisor for the South Carolina Small Business Development Centers, spoke at the Business/FBLA Assembly on Thursday morning. Wallace advised students to consider the process of excellence as they move to achieve success, indicating that it does not come quickly. “Excellence is a process.” Wallace said, “Don’t despise the process.” He said it is unrealistic to expect success to be immediate. Supporting his point with scripture, Wallace quoted Zechariah 4:10, “Don’t despise small beginnings.”

As an executive, he has advised individuals from diverse professional backgrounds, nationally and internationally. Yet, he began small working for a collection agency at $6.25 an hour. Reflecting, he said, “I am not supposed to be here. As a minority, looking at the numbers, I am not supposed to be here.” Wallace shared that he has always been motivated to work harder than those around him in the workplace even though he often had less knowledge and experience. This work ethic involved commitment, drive and “working in a spirit of excellence.” He added that he has always been motivated to find a better way of doing things.

Wallace suggested students utilize the principles of business to achieve excellence. He said an idea needs to be analyzed as it would be in a feasibility study. An individual needs to think about a decision and consider the resulting consequences before taking action. After doing so, gather feedback from individuals who have knowledge, take responsibility and move forward, striving for excellence.

In his closing, Wallace mentioned notable Morris College alumni and challenged students to add to this legacy.

Academic Dean Leroy Staggers gave closing remarks in the absence of President Luns C. Richardson. He applauded the student program participants for excellence in executing the program. On behalf of the president, he commended the faculty and staff of the Division of Business Administration, the Organizational Management Program and Phi Beta Lambda for a wonderful program and week of activities. He also thanked Mr. Wallace for an inspirational message. He recognized Mr. Jim Giffin, state director of the SC Small Business Centers and a former professor at the college. He cautioned students that the semester is coming to a close and encouraged them to implement excellence as they move forward.
Omega Psi Phi to hold Founder’s Day Celebration

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will hold their Founder’s Day program on Thursday, November 14 at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Lt. Col. C. N. Williamson, deputy commander South Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina Department of Public Safety, will be the guest speaker. The campus community is encouraged to attend.

Career Center Available for Assistance

The Career Services Center is seeking resumes of graduating seniors who are interested in participating in the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Career Connections Career Fair & Interview Event. The event will take place on January 28 in Columbia SC. Resumes must be submitted by Thursday, November 21. For additional information, please contact their office at ext. 3191. The Career Services Center is located in Room 209 in the Brawley-Starks Building.

Butler to Speak on Bethune at Sumter County Museum

The Sumter County Museum presents an opening reception for the exhibit Mary McLeod Bethune: From Mayesville to National Hero. Attend the exhibit's opening reception on Friday, November 15 from 6 – 7 p.m. in the reception hall of the Heritage Education Center at the Sumter County Museum. Our very own Dr. Jacob E. Butler, chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences, will speak on Bethune at 6:15 p.m. If you attend, you will probably see Brandon Brown, a senior majoring in history. Brown is enjoying interning as a docent at the museum. For further information, please call (803) 775-0908 or email info@sumtercountymuseum.org.

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.

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November 8, 2013
6 PM
Lady Hornets Classic Begins
Columbia University vs
Point University

8 PM
Lady Hornets Classic Continues
Webber International University vs
Morris College

November 9, 2013
2 PM
Lady Hornets Classic Continues
Point University vs
Webber International University

4 PM
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Columbia International University vs
Morris College

* All games in the Classic will be played in the Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium.