President’s Address: Strive for Excellence

President Luns C. Richardson addressed the campus community Thursday morning at the President’s Informational Session. He was eloquently introduced by Dr. Maggie Glover, Activities Director of Developmental Programs.

As students begin the new year and spring semester, Dr. Richardson advised, “Strive for success.” He went on to outline tools to accomplish this goal: take responsibility, use time wisely and use campus resources (advisors, admissions office, and division chairs).

Dr. Richardson spoke affectionately about the mentors and role models in his life that motivated him to achieve. He encouraged students to seek support from positive mentors who desire the best for them.

He advised seniors to be proactive in meeting graduation requirements on time. To all students he said, “Present yourselves as students who are preparing yourselves for success in the world beyond Morris College.”

President Richardson reviewed several federal and state regulations that impact students directly as well as a new campus zero tolerance policy that is in effect.

He encouraged students to demonstrate outstanding character and act as role models for those who are younger. He shared words of the late Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, who served as a president of Morehouse College as well as a mentor/role model to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Drawing the campus community’s attention to the upcoming MLK Jr. holiday, the president asked the question, “What is your dream?”

Thursday’s assembly included an update of financial aid policies given by the Director of Financial Aid, Mrs. Sandra Gibson.
City Councilman Hastie to Speak at Social Sciences Assembly

The Division of Social Sciences will hold their assembly on Thursday, January 23 at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Assembly. The Honorable Calvin Hastie, a city councilman in Sumter, will be the speaker. Hastie is a retired military officer, a practicing attorney in Sumter and past recipient of the South Carolina Public Defender of the Year award. The Division will also memorialize prominent African Americans who passed on during 2013 as well as recognize social science alumni who are excelling in graduate and professional schools.

Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The Gospel Choir will perform at the Annual Dream Walk Program at 11 a.m. at the USC, Sumter Nettles Building on Monday, January 20, 2014. Registration for the Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. The Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. The event is held in collaboration with USC, Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College.

Homecoming
January 20 - 25, 2014

Sunday, January 19th
Gospelfest at 6 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium

Monday, January 20th
Lady Hornets vs Auburn Montgomery at 6 p.m.
Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium

Wednesday, January 22nd
Institutional Service Activities
(Class canceled from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

Thursday, January 23rd
Basketball: Lady Hornets vs. Allen at 6 p.m.
Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium

Friday, January 24th
Blue and Gold Pride Day
Homecoming Concert & Dance at 8 p.m.
Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium

Saturday, January 25th
10 a.m. PARENT’S DAY 2013
President’s Brunch/ Welcome Program
Daniels Dining Hall
11:30 a.m. Alumni Basketball Game in Gymnasium
12 p.m. Cookout and Greek Display
Athletic Field
2 & 4 p.m. Homecoming Games:
(Concordia College/Life University)
Lady Hornets/ Hornets
8 p.m. Homecoming Step Show
Sumter County Civic Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 20, 2014
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Observance
(Holiday)

January 22, 2014
5 PM
Scientific Lecture/Role Model Series
Wilson-Booker Science Building
Room 107
6 PM
Bible Study & Fellowship
Sponsored by Baptist Student Union
Religious Center
Room 224

January 27, 2014
4 PM
First Co-op Meeting
for Spring Semester
(Learn about internships and job opportunities)
Wilson-Booker Building
Lecture Room, Second floor

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