Dr. Kimbrough to Deliver Commencement Address

*Morris College Class of 2014 to hear from the 7th president of Dillard University*

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough will address the Class of 2014 during the college’s 103rd Annual Baccalaureate Commencement Convocation on May 3, 2014 at the Sumter County Civic Center in Sumter. The event will start at 10 AM.

A native of Atlanta, GA, Dr. Kimbrough was his high school salutatorian and student body president in 1985. He earned degrees from the University of Georgia, Miami University in Ohio and a doctorate in higher education from Georgia State University. He has enjoyed a fulfilling career in student affairs, serving at Emory University, Georgia State University, Old Dominion University, and finally Albany State University in 2000 where he became the Vice President for Student Affairs at the age of 32. In October of 2004, at the age of 37, he was named the 12th president of Philander Smith College. In 2012 he became the 7th president of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Kimbrough has been recognized for his research and writings on HBCUs and African American men in college. He also has been noted for his active use of social media to engage students in articles by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *CASE Currents*, and *Arkansas Life*. He was cited in 2010 by BachelorsDegree.com as one of 25 college presidents you should follow on Twitter (@HipHopPrez).

A 1986 initiate of the Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at the University of Georgia, Dr. Kimbrough was the Alpha Phi Alpha College Brother of the Year for the Southern Region and served as the Southern Region Assistant Vice President. He has forged a national reputation as an expert on fraternities and sororities, with specific expertise regarding historically Black, Latin and Asian groups. He is the author of the book, *Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities*.

Dr. Kimbrough was named the 1994 New Professional of the Year for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, and selected as a 2001 Nissan-ETS HBCU Fellow. In 2009, he was named by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* as one of 25 To Watch. In 2010, he made the coveted *Ebony Magazine* Power 100 list of the doers and influencers in the African American community, joining the likes of President and Mrs. Obama, Jay-Z, Richard Parsons, Tyler Perry, Debra Lee, and Tom Joyner. Finally, in February of 2013 he was named to NBC News/TheGrio.com’s 100 African Americans making history today, joining another impressive group including Kerry Washington, Ambassador Susan Rice, Kendrick Lamar, Mellody Hobson, and RG III.

Dr. Kimbrough and his wife Adria Nobles Kimbrough, attorney with the Kullman firm in New Orleans, are the proud parents of two children: Lydia Nicole, 7, and Benjamin Barack, 5.
President Installs 2014-2015 SGA Officers

“As the officers of the Student Government Association, you are Morris College’s hope for student leadership.”

President Luns C. Richardson officially installed the 2014-2015 Student Government Association officers during Thursday morning’s assembly. His theme was “Understanding: Our Hope for Tomorrow.”

Highlighting two of the many facets of understanding, he charged the incoming officers saying, “First, there is need for understanding of ourselves.” Having elaborated on the significance of this facet of understanding, the officers promised to do their best in understanding themselves. “As officers, you must try to understand the purpose and philosophy of Morris College,” the president stated as the second facet of understanding. “Study all the patterns that have been used in building this institution,” he charges, “and learn its history.” Again, the incoming officers promised to do their best “to understand the purpose of the college and to be committed to its fulfillment.” Dr. Richardson concluded the ceremony stating, “We look to you for friendliness, loyalty and dependability.”

The newly elected SGA Officers are: Adonis Valdez, President; Derwin Platt, First Vice President; Tavares Scott, Second Vice President; Tereika Groom, Secretary; Aryan Sparks, Assistant Secretary; Lance Toney, Treasurer; Ashley Vinston, Business Manager, and Sam McMahand, Chaplain.

Interim Dean Eliza E. Black, of Student Affairs, acknowledged and installed all other elected student leaders of classes, clubs and organizations.

Khanisha Moore will reign as Miss Morris College. Her attendants are Eniya Edwards, First Attendant; and Imani Gibson, Second Attendant.

Yesterday’s morning also included the President’s End of the Year Information Assembly. Dr. Richardson presented Dr. Maggie W. Glover to give a summary of the thought provoking message she delivered during the Sophomore Class Assembly on April 3.

Presentations Made During Assembly:

2013-2014 Most Outstanding Capstone Presentations

Call Me-MISTER Proclamation

“Now, therefore the Call Me MISTER Program . . . proclaim April 5, 2014 as Dr. Luns C. Richardson Day on the occasion of its spring summit in Sumter, SC.”

Everyone is being asked to visit EBONY Magazine’s website at www.ebony.com/campusequeens and vote for Miss Morris College, Shanaka L. Hayward. The ten HBCU Campus Queens with the highest votes will be featured inside EBONY’s September 2014 issue. Online voting has officially started and will end at midnight on May 15, 2014.

Attention: Vote for Miss Morris College!