Clayton Speaks at Sophomore Assembly

Ms. Janet Clayton, director of the Learning Resource Center and 26 year employee of the college, spoke at the Sophomore Assembly on Thursday morning. Mrs. Clayton spoke on the theme, “Our Moment is Now: Promote the Positive Image.”

Beginning with the quote, “We must know where we’ve been to know where we are going,” Clayton shared the rich start of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including the beginnings of Morris College.

She provided a gift of knowledge to the campus community when she shared that today, April 12, 2013 marks the 102nd anniversary of the college’s incorporation. She said, “The college continues to be a family environment that nurtures students: a place of respect and pride.” Clayton spoke of President Luns C. Richardson’s dynamic leadership in the last 39 years and how it has transitioned the college to the strong quality accredited institution it is today.

She described the students of the past as “conservatively proper in their grammar, speech, and style and their behavior was secretly emulated by others.” She asked, “What is the picture the world will see when you step out as Morris College students?”

Giving guidance for promoting a positive image, she advised knowing history, using it as a positive foundation to shape the future, and having self-respect and pride. She gave specifics for building intellectual power through research, reading, writing and engaging in the classroom. She also shared the value of having a positive attitude and looking up to positive role models. She charged students, “Free yourself from whatever holds you back for your moment is now.”

President Richardson gave closing remarks, stating, “This is one of the best presentations that I’ve heard in this auditorium since my time here.” He commended the officers and class advisors for selecting Ms. Clayton as their speaker. He encouraged students to participate in all that they can before the academic year comes to an end and to prioritize academics. He cautioned seniors to be academically ready for graduation. Dr. Richardson shared that two very important announcements pertaining to financial aid and an academic policy change will be made at the SGA Assembly on April 25.
**Freshman Class Assembly**

On **Thursday, April 18, 2013** the freshman class will hold their assembly at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker for the program will be Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, part-time instructor for the MCMI-Advance Program.

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**SGA Weekend**

The Student Government Association will hold its annual SGA Weekend Friday, April 19 - Saturday, April 20, 2013. Activities include a game night in the student center, a campus cook-out and a social.

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**Celebrate at MCNA Alumini Weekend**

The Morris College National Alumni Association invites you to Alumni Weekend, April 18-21, 2013 at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia, SC. To register go to www.morris.edu and click on Alumni events under the Alumni tab on the toolbar.

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**Important News for Graduating Seniors**

**Financial**: Graduating seniors need to complete the Loan Exit Counseling On-line Quiz for Federal Direct Student Loans prior to graduation. The exit counseling is required by the federal government for all students who have received student loans.

The Office of Financial Aid will contact prospective graduates regarding this process. Please check your campus mailbox. You must establish a Personal Identification number (PIN). The PIN is needed to complete exit counseling. For additional information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at ext. 3245.

**Invitations**: Graduating seniors may pick up their invitations from the Office of Planning and Governmental Relations, Room 216, 2nd Floor, Pinson Administration Building. Out-of-town graduating seniors may have their invitations mailed to them by calling (803) 934-3220.

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