Colclough Commands Freshmen, “Get the ball to the finish line”

Reverend Doctor Franklin Delano Colclough, Sr., part-time instructor in the MCMI-Advance Program, gave an uplifting and motivating speech as he addressed the Class of 2015 and the campus community on “Failure is not an Option” during the Freshman Class Assembly on Thursday morning.

Colclough encouraged the freshman to look back at the many challenges they overcame as they transitioned from high school to college in the presence of “new found freedom.” He stated, “You’ve learned self-discipline and hopefully how to balance academic life with social life.”

As he gave examples of the many accomplishments the students have achieved, he gave an analogy, “The freshman year is like laying a foundation for a new house. You’ve come too far to be turned around the next three years. Failure is not an option.”

Colclough encouraged students to do more than merely perform their tasks but to strive for academic excellence and visualize this as their reality. He advised, “Prepare yourself for service to a global village.” Imparting insight to transition to this reality, Colclough said, “Seek to discern the unique gift that is in you. Reach out and take hold of God’s hand and see what God will do with your hand.”

Colcough emphasized that each person, each student, has an individual purpose ordained by God that only he/she can fulfill. He advised, “You must cross the finish line. ‘Get the ball, carry the ball.’”

Dr. Luns C. Richardson gave closing remarks. He commended Mr. Joseph Jones, freshman class advisor, for the excellent program and the Morris College Gospel Choir for their performance. He applauded the freshman class for “a very well-planned and well-presented program. President Richardson complimented Dr. Colclough for “always being articulate, excellent and full of wisdom.”

The president emphasized the importance of next Thursday’s assembly as two important changes that will be effective August 2013 will be announced. All students, faculty and staff should be in attendance. The president is also encouraging parents to attend.
**SGA Assembly**

The SGA Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium. Please be present to witness the induction of the SGA officers and other student leaders. This is the final assembly for the 2012-2013 year and a great opportunity to show encouragement and support for the newly elected leaders.

In addition, President Richardson will make two very important announcements at the assembly. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to be present. Be sure to mark the date of this event on your calendar.

**Rich to Speak at Ministerial Extension Ceremony**

Reverend Dr. James O. Rich, pastor emeritus of the St. Paul Baptist Church, of Anderson, SC, Morris College alumnus and past president of the Baptist Convention of SC, will be the guest speaker for the closing exercise of the Ministerial Certificate Completion program on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 8 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium.

Dr. Rich earned the Master of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Morehouse School of Religion. He was honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree from Morris College in May of 1975.

**Morris College Chorale Presents Spring Concert**

**April 26, 2013 at 8:15 PM**

Neal-Jones Auditorium

Join us for a wonderful evening of uplifting spirituals and hymns.

**Summer Internship Opportunity**

An internship is available in the Columbia area at W.A. Perry Middle School. Interns will provide support for a five-week literacy program, The Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School. The stipend is $2,250. If interested, call (803) 256-6347 for an interview to be scheduled 4-19 - 4-25, 2013. Please call Career Services at ext. 3191 for additional information.

**Important News for Graduating Seniors**

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. Graduating students should check their campus mailboxes. A Personal Identification number(PIN) must be established. The PIN is needed to complete exit counseling. For additional information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at ext. 3245.