The Nu Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held their Founders’ Day celebration on Thursday morning. They presented a dynamic speaker, Mrs. Delcia Harper-Baxter, principal of Lemira Elementary School in Sumter, SC and member of Eta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

An accomplished educator, Harper-Baxter motivated the campus community to make a difference in the world, the country, and the local community. She pointed to the sorority’s national theme, “Global Leadership through Timeless Service,” and presented the question, “What will your story be?”

She emphasized three areas of focus: reflecting, rediscovering, and rejoicing. Harper-Baxter explained that reflecting involves knowing that our lives tell a story, whether we intend for them to or not. It also involves knowing what you want to accomplish. Through a great illustration, she conveyed the importance of following a dream and stated, “Don’t let anyone hinder you from following your dream.”

Second, Harper-Baxter said, “Rediscover your passion, rekindle your purpose. Being a leader involves having a passion for what you want to do.” She went on to say, “Our actions are determined by our thoughts. What we think determines who we are.”

Third, she said, “Rejoice, celebrate you and know that you are spiritually and wonderfully made. You are a leader.” She added, “Realize the importance of working with each other and working as a team. Consider the connectedness of life. All things are possible.” She concluded with the question, “What will
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your story be?”

In the absence of President Luns C. Richardson, who was attending a funeral in Columbia, SC, Academic Dean Leroy Staggers gave closing remarks. He applauded and expressed appreciation to the members of the sorority for the program and “a magnificent theme.” He described Mrs. Harper-Baxter as, “A great speaker and eductor and powerful and skillfull in her ability to get things done.”

Dr. Staggers recognized the advisors for Nu Gamma Chapter, Mrs. Altoya Felder-Deas, campus advisor and Mrs. Sandra Williams-Brailsford, graduate advisor. He also recognized Secretary of the Morris College Board of Trustees and Vice-President of the Baptist E & M Convention of SC, Dr. James Blassingame, who was in attendance.

**Division of Social Sciences Assembly**

The Division of Social Sciences invites you to attend their assembly on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker will be Mr. Napoleon Bradford, president and CEO of Project Excellence, an educational program for youth in Sumter, SC.

**Middle School Visitation Day**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

**High School Visitation Day**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Both events will be held in Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium

**Frederick to Speak for Honors Convocation**

The college is pleased to announce that Dr. Marla F. Frederick will be the guest speaker for Honors Convocation on **Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 10 a.m.** in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Dr. Frederick is currently an associate professor at Harvard University in the Department of African and African-American Studies. She earned an undergraduate degree from Spelman College and her Ph.D. from Duke University.

**Morris College Prizes/Awards Scholarships**

Applications are currently available to students interested in applying for all prizes, awards and scholarships listed in the college catalog and the student handbook. Applications can be found in the Office of Admissions and Records, the Office of Financial Aid, the Office of Student Affairs and all academic division offices. The deadline to apply is **February 8, 2013**.