Adams Charges, “Step Out into Excellence”

The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics held an impressive assembly Thursday morning. Dr. Howard G. Adams, educator, author, consultant, professional speaker and founder and president of H.G. Associates, Inc. of Norfolk, Va., gave a challenging and motivational address.

Adams tackled the division’s theme, “In Pursuit of Excellence and Challenging Careers,” with ease as he answered the question, “In pursuit of excellence, how do you give your very best to set yourself apart from the competition?”

He defined excellence as “A commitment to doing one’s personal best in all endeavors—going beyond.” He explained this has several requirements: “the right mindset, the courage to be different, commitment to put time on tasks” in order to be productive. He elaborated that being special is not required but special effort is. Adams charged, “Put your energy where it counts.”

Adams went on to say energy requires visualizing yourself where you want to be, creating a blueprint with a purpose, striving to go beyond the norm and having a disciplined attitude that allows you to set goals and overcome obstacles. To this he added, translate goals into actions, seek out opportunities for growth, monitor progress and keep skills up to date.

In closing he challenged, “Care more, risk more, dream more, and expect more. Step out and be exceptional.”

The program included recognition of two of the division’s exceptional graduates, Dr. Terrel Gibson, an environmental toxicologist at Expertox Laboratory, Inc. in Houston, Texas and Ms. Senovia Mays, a registered nurse at Beaufort Memorial Hospital in Beaufort, SC.

President Richardson presented the speaker, Dr. Adams with a gift of appreciation. He said, “We appreciate the very inspiring and practical address and we thank Dr. Ali for inviting you.” He also commended Dr. Ali, stating, “He is one of our most productive professors, especially as a division chair. He works hard to bring grants.”

President Richardson also commented on the knowledge gained from attending assemblies, stating, “Assemblies will long be remembered. They are going to benefit you. They are designed to help you reach the top.”

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Jackson Returns for Religious Emphasis Week

The college is pleased to announce that Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. will return to the campus for his 13th year as Religious Emphasis Week Speaker. The college is all the more pleased that he is returning as its newly elected chairman of the board of trustees. Dr. Jackson is the senior pastor of Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC.

Religious Emphasis Week will be recognized Tuesday, February 19 – Friday, February 22, 2013. Dr. Jackson will speak in the Neal-Jones Auditorium 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. He will give the closing message on Friday at 10 a.m.

Blassingame to Speak at Mid-Winter Banquet

Dr. James B. Blassingame, vice-president-at-large of the Baptist E & M Convention of South Carolina, secretary of the college’s board of trustees, senior pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, SC, and Morris College alumnus, will speak on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the college’s Mid-Winter Banquet in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center.