Dr. Marla Frederick Challenges Honor Students

Dr. Marla F. Frederick, associate professor in the Department of African and African-American Studies at Harvard University, anthropologist, noted author and native of Sumter, gave the Honors Convocation address on Thursday morning.

The honor students and the campus community heard a rich message with a challenge delivered by an articulate woman of faith. Frederick presented the challenge, “Pen your own story.”

Contrasting the work of an anthropologist who frames a historical story based on his/her vantage point, Frederick asked, “Who will tell your story? When you die, will it matter that you ever lived? How will you make your mark in the world?”

Frederick shared, “It is important that people tell their own story.” Quoting from Revelation 12:11, “…the people overcame by the word of their testimony…”

She went on to outline the essential components of a good story: a main character with depth and integrity, broad context, a crisis and a conclusion. She explained that broad context means looking beyond one's personal limits and surroundings to “A cloud of witnesses that will support your biggest dreams.”

Frederick explained a crisis is something that will test one's faith. She advised, “When you get to your crisis, look to local, regional, national and international great men and women who overcame tremendous strides and circumstances worse than your own. This is the turning point in your story.” She added, “It clarifies who we profess to be from who we are.”

Closing, Frederick stated, “God is the author and finisher of your faith. Pen a good rough draft but trust him for the conclusion.”

Dr. Leroy Staggers, academic dean of the college, acknowledged all honor students for their outstanding work. Addressing the honor students, President Luns C. Richardson said, “I commend you for going beyond the minimum.”

President Richardson presented Dr. Frederick with a gift of appreciation and commended her for “a very inspiring address.” He also applauded the Morris College Chorale for an outstanding rendition of “Soon I Will Be Done.”
Social Sciences Division Holds Black History Month Assembly

On Tuesday, February 5, 2013, the Division of Social Sciences held a Black History Month assembly. The theme of the program was, “At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality.” The speaker for the program was alumnus, Mr. Napoleon Bradford, president and CEO of Project Excellence in Sumter, SC. Mr. Bradford awakened the campus community as he spoke on, “Conquering the challenges of your crossroads.” He provided three elements for success: the courage to choose a path, confidence to continue on that path, and staying connected to God.

The program included a memorial tribute to outstanding African-Americans who passed away in 2012. Dr. Jacob Butler is the chairperson of the division.

The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Announces

Science in Action Week

February 12-15, 2013

Wednesday, 2-13-2013
Stellar graduates Ms. Senovia Mays and Dr. Terrel Gibson, and representatives from the Medical University of SC and the University of SC visit classrooms from 10 AM-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, 2-14-2013
Dr. Howard G Adams, educator, consultant, author and president of HG Adams & Associates of Norfolk, Va., speaks at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Topic: “In Pursuit of Academic Excellence and Challenging Careers”

Mini-Health Fair: Blood Pressure Determination, Eyesight check, Cholesterol/Glucose Sickle Cell Anemia Screening - All Day Event

For a complete schedule of events, please call the division at ext.3266

High School Visitation Day

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Garrick-Boykin Gymnasium

Morris College Presents
A Cultural Performance from “Mystic Vibrations”
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

A delightful evening of Reggae music at 7 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium