Reese and Visiting BEEP Professors Encourage Students to Aim High

Mr. Isiah Reese, third row, far right with visiting professors and their student guides.

Career Services held their annual Black Executive Exchange Program Career Fest Assembly on Thursday morning. Mr. Isiah Reese, Sumter native and head director of World Wide Marketing for Microsoft Corporation, was the featured speaker.

Mr. Reese shared lessons for launching career success from his internationally published speech, “Ready, Aim, Shoot.” He described “Ready” as building a basic foundation that includes STEM, reading, writing and listening skills, being firm in what you want to accomplish, pursuing it and creating a career and a personal mission statement. Reese advised, “Only align yourself with those who are in agreement with your mission statement.”

Reese explained that “Aim” is a matter of looking at a target and asking the necessary question, “What is required to get to the goal?” This means aiming for high grades during college, building on the undergraduate degree and being a life-long learner.

The last component, “Shoot” involves visualizing yourself where you want to be taking the necessary steps to get there and give back to the community.

The program included an informative question and answer session with visiting professionals from business, education, and the corporate world. The visiting professionals emphasized the need for students to prepare for a global world.

The visiting professors included Dr. Constance Lane, Mr. Charles Kearse, II, Mr. Kenneth Smith, Sr., Mr. Samuel Myers, Mr. Joe Funchess, Dr. Annette West, Ms. Von Grethen Nelson, Ms. Maria Newton-Ta’ Bon and Ms. Aviva Seabrook.

Academic Dean Dr. Leroy Staggers gave closing remarks in the absence of President Richardson, who was away from the college on official business. Staggers thanked Mr. Reese for an outstanding presentation and encouraged the students to take advantage of the great opportunity to engage and gain wisdom and knowledge from the visiting professors.

On behalf of the college, Dean Staggers presented Mr. Kearse with the Distinguished Visiting Professor Award.
**Patterson to Speak at President’s Lecture Series**

The President’s Lecture Series and Who’s Who Convocation will feature Mrs. Patty Jaye Garrett Patterson, director of Public Safety and Welfare for the city of Sumter, SC on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Mrs. Patterson is the former chief of police for the city. She was the first female and first African-American to serve in that capacity.

**“The Big Read” Presents Pulling in the Horizon: An analysis of works by Zora Neal Hurston and Morris College alumna, Arthenia J. Bates Millican**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013, 6-7:30 p.m., Neal-Jones Auditorium**

**Prizes and Awards Night**

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. the college will award prizes for accomplishments for the 2012 academic year. The scholarship recipients will be announced for the 2013-2014 academic year. A reception will follow the program. The campus community is encouraged to attend.

**Experience the Sights, Sounds and Taste of Finer Things**

**Morris College 2013 Fine Arts Festival Week**

**March 25-29**

Various events will take place throughout the week, including the Morris College Gospel Choir’s Annual Spring Concert on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium.

**Students Make a Difference through Elections!**

Candidates will be presenting campaign speeches for Student Government Association positions on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Come out to hear them so you can make an informed decision and elect your next SGA leaders. Voting takes place on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m in the student center’s conference room.

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