PRESIDENT’S CALENDAR

March 15, 2015
10:00 a.m.
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Sumter, SC
Message: Dr. Luns C. Richardson
Music: Chorale

March 19, 2015
10:00 a.m.
PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES and WHO’s WHO CONVOCATION
Neal-Jones Auditorium
Speaker: Mr. Delvyn DesChamps, ‘09

March 21, 2015
10:00 a.m.
MORRIS COLLEGE COMMUNITY DAY

March 22, 2015
10:00 a.m.
MORRIS COLLEGE DAY
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church
Mauldin, SC
Message: Dr. Luns C. Richardson
Music: Chorale

March 28, 2015
9:00 a.m.
STATE YOUTH CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING and YOUTH PAGEANT
Neal-Jones Auditorium
Greetings, Dr. Luns C. Richardson

Diversity: How to Compete in a Global Society

“Diversity helps you build strength because it puts more than one point of view on the table.”

The Career Services Center held its 2015 Career Fest during Thursday morning’s assembly in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker, Ernest “Chip” Finney, III, is the solicitor for the South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit. His district includes Clarendon, Lee, Sumter and Williamsburg Counties. The state’s chief prosecuting officer for general sessions court spoke on the theme, “Diversity: How to Complete in a Global Society.” Illustrating diversity, Finney made reference to law enforcement officials, victims, lawyers and witnesses all present in a court of law during the trying of a case. “That is a very diverse crowd, but there is one common theme: seeking truth and justice.” Diversity is why the chief prosecutor composed his team with people of “different color and age; people who have different values and experiences. “We have an opportunity to do the best job we can, and we have a responsibility to the people we are helping.”

Witnessing a crime or accident says something about diversity since people can see the same thing differently. “It is the kind of vision, even when talking globally, that helps you to be stronger when bringing together people who are experienced in different ways.” Diversity, and seeing things differently, resulted in the election of this country’s first African-American president. The country is also on the verge of having its first female attorney general, also an African-American.

Finney, recommending Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson as a good book to read, said that “change is the one thing in life and business we all have to deal with.” Because of diversity and the willingness to change, ordinary people in Clarendon County took the opportunity in 1949 to change things. Their actions led to “Briggs vs. Elliott” and then ultimately to “Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.”

Finney concluded his message saying, “You and I have a responsibility to those parents because of the doors that have been opened to us and the opportunities we have been given to go forward and be the best we can be.”

Finney earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wofford College (1977) and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law (1980). He was elected as Solicitor for the South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit in 2010.

President Richardson, in his remarks, thanked Dr. Gloria Seabrook Wright on the planning and execution of her first Career Fest as Director of Career Planning, Cooperative Education and Placement. Referring to Solicitor Finney as one of the community’s very best and most prepared citizens and friend, he called for a round of applause for the excellent message Finney delivered. In his words of appreciation to alumni participating in activities on today and Friday, the president said, “I am very proud of them because they have done well, and they represent the institution in a grand fashion.”

$25,000 Magnificent Gift

A special presentation was made during Thursday morning’s assembly. Mrs. Fran Geddis, representing Mr. James V. “Ted” Wilson, presented to Dr. Luns C. Richardson a $25,000 gift. Alumnus Wilson, the CEO and President of Universal Benefits Marketing Firm and Capital Investments, is the owner of The Imperial Restaurant in Sumter. The gift will be used to establish the J. V. Wilson Morris College Endowed Scholarship.
The President’s Lecture Series/Who’s Who Convocation

The President’s Lecture Series/Who’s Who Convocation will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Mr. Delvyn DesChamps, Logistics Management Specialist, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and a Morris College graduate. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Prizes and Awards Night
Neal-Jones Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
A reception will follow the program.

Institutional Service day activities, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Classes canceled 12:00 noon and resume at 5:00 p.m. Residence Halls and Learning Resources Center close at 1:15 p.m. and reopen at 3:30 p.m.

Third Annual Pan-Hellenic Council Unity Day
Neal-Jones Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
Speaker, Ms. Brittany Lawrence, Quartermaster Logistics Officer, 741st Quartermaster Battalion, Barnwell, SC

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY sponsored by the Baptist Student Union in Religious Center, Room 224 behind O. R. Reuben Chapel