

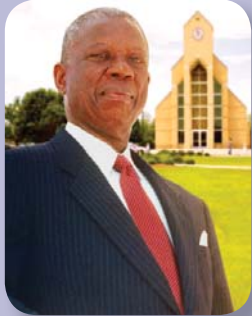


# Morris College CAMPUS REPORT

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## PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

### **JANUARY 16, 2010**

9:00 AM

Baptist Ushers Planning Meeting  
Neal-Jones Auditorium

Wateree Association Lower Division  
Board Meeting  
O. R. Reuben Chapel

9:30 AM

Campus Connections BCT, Inc.  
Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

### **JANUARY 17, 2010**

10:45 AM

Morris College Day  
Mulberry Baptist Church  
Sumter, SC

Speaker: Reverend James A. Jamison  
Note: Music will be rendered by the  
Morris College Chorale

### **JANUARY 24, 2010**

10:00 AM

Morris College Day  
Grant Hill Baptist Church  
Dalzell, SC

Speaker: Reverend Melvin Mack  
Note: Music will be rendered by the  
Morris College Gospel Choir

## **Morris College Receives \$10M Contribution**

*Philanthropist makes history with largest individual gift to institution*

Morris College recently penned another milestone in its noble journey when the largest individual gift in the institution's history was presented in a check for \$10 million by the Reverend Solomon Jackson, Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina.

As shared by Dr. Luns C. Richardson, who has served as college president since 1974, "The first milestone being the establishment of the institution by the founding fathers in 1908." "The second milestone is the accreditation of the college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December 1978. Of course, in January 1982, the college was accepted into membership by the United Negro College Fund, the third milestone. And the fourth milestone is the giving to the college of the largest, most generous, and unprecedented gift by an individual — this day, January 7, 2010."

The momentous announcement was made in the college's Neal-Jones Auditorium to a standing room only crowd of students, faculty, staff, members of the Morris College Board of Trustees, alumni, other supporters, and individuals from the Sumter community.

Jackson had the "good fortune" of winning the August 2009 lottery. I. S. Leevy Johnson, Jackson's attorney, during his presentation shared with the audience that before it was confirmed he won, he said, "... if I am the winner, I want to do something special for Morris College." Johnson went on to say of his lifelong friend, "... because of his love, admiration, and support of this institution, the priority with paramount concern has been to do something to benefit the students of Morris College."

When Jackson stood to deliver his remarks, he talked about the influence of his then pastor and mentor, the late Reverend Dr. William McKinley Bowman, Sr. He fondly recalled Bowman telling him, "You have got to attend Morris College." Jackson later in the 1970s attended the college's then School of Religion. "When I was aspiring to be a minister, I studied here at Morris College," Jackson said. "The experience helped mold me. I thank God for the training I received here."

In keeping with his first priority, the students, portions of Jackson's gift will be used to provide student scholarships, construct a new dormitory, and aid in the construction of a new Student Health Services Center, which will be an extension of the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. Other designated projects include construction of a new administration building, the purchase of a new coach bus, the roof replacement of an existing dorm, landscaping and beautification of the campus; and adding to the college's endowment.

Plans also include the construction of a new maintenance building with vehicular shed. Jackson stated, "My father, Solomon, Sr., worked as a custodian and that's how we ate. I was a personal witness to how hard he worked and how well he did his job." "As I consider the work he did, I would like this facility to be constructed in my father's memory and named in his honor."



*Reverend Jackson (center) presents President Richardson with a check for his historical contribution.*

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Describing Reverend Jackson as a "caring and sharing philanthropist," President Richardson stated, "The entire Morris College Family expresses its most sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to you for giving to Morris College the sum of \$10 million." "We assure you the money will be used as announced and every dollar will be accounted for in a timely fashion. You have lavished your gifts upon Morris College and your benevolence will stand forever."

### Important Notices from the Office of Financial Aid

- The financial aid application process the 2010-2011 academic year has begun. Students applying for aid are required to complete the Morris College Application for Financial Aid and the FAFSA on the Web. Also, students who plan to attend Summer School 2010 should complete the Morris College Application for Financial Aid. **All forms should be completed by March 31, 2010.**
- Students who need assistance completing their 2010-2011 FAFSA on the Web should bring to the Office of Financial Aid copies of 2009 income tax returns for students and parents, and/or documentation of all untaxed income received during 2009. The priority deadline for applying for aid for the fall semester is March 31, 2010.
- Students who have not been awarded aid for the 2010 spring semester should report to the Office of Financial Aid immediately to check on the status of their awards.
- If you were awarded work-study and have not been placed in a job assignment, you need to report to the Office of Financial Aid immediately. If you do not know if you have work-study, you should go to the Office of Financial Aid to find out.

### Student Forum and LMS Training - January 20

The Student Government Association will host a Student Forum on Wednesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Topics to be discussed include wireless Internet access information, financial aid procedures, and Homecoming Week activities.

Additionally, training for the Learning Management System (LMS) will take place. In order to obtain a username and password, it is very important that all students attend the LMS training.

### Morris College Wireless Network is Now Available

Morris College announces the availability of its wireless network. All students, faculty, and staff who wish to receive access to the services must submit their request in writing. Boarding students should make their request by obtaining a Student Request for Internet Services form and return the completed form to their respective Residence Hall Director. Day students should make the request to the Computer Center located on the second floor of the Pinson Administration Building. Faculty and staff must submit an individual written request to the Computer Center.

The Morris College Wireless Network is a private network so each person must have a username and password to use the system. A public wireless network is available for one minute to two or three hours and the use is for Internet access only. A private wireless network allows users to have access to other secured resources and this secure access protects the system from abusive use from inside and outside networks.

**King Day Observance - Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Monday, January 18, 2010**

**Annual Dream Walk at 9:30 a.m. - USC-Sumter Nettles Building  
MLK Day Program sponsored by SGA at 3 p.m. - Neal-Jones Auditorium**



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### JANUARY 15, 2010

7 p.m.

Welcome Back Fashion Show and Social sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

#### JANUARY 16, 2010

2 and 4 p.m.

Basketball: Both Talladega College Talladega, AL

#### JANUARY 18, 2010

6 and 8 p.m.

Basketball: Both

Southern Polytechnic State Univ. Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

#### JANUARY 19, 2010

6 p.m.

Founders' Day Program sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Neal-Jones Auditorium

#### JANUARY 20, 2010

6 p.m.

Bible Study and Fellowship sponsored by Baptist Student Union Religious Center Room 224

#### JANUARY 21, 2010

10 a.m.

Founders Day Program sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Neal-Jones Auditorium

6 and 8 p.m.

Basketball: Both

North Greenville University Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center