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The Acronym of the Four “P’s”

Morris College’s 2018 Fall Convocation was held Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. A 2007 graduate of Morris College, Mr. Mandrake T. Miller was the keynote speaker. Rev. Jerome McCray, Assistant Professor of Recreation Administration in the Division of Education, presented the speaker of the hour as a seasoned professional who excelled academically while pursuing his bachelor’s degree in Recreation Administration and a minor in Christian Education.

Mr. Miller precluded his message by recognizing Dr. Leroy Staggers, the president of Morris College, as a consistent model of excellence. The 35-year old and recently elected vice president of Student Success and Engagement at Edward Waters College proudly proclaims that attending Morris College is the greatest thing he has done academically.

Passion: Gently drawing the audience into his talk, Miller explained how his passion for his work is powered by the late Dr. Luns C. Richardson who told him that, as a pastor and president, he realized his passion was working with people. Miller urged students to find their passion. This way, work becomes an enjoyment because of the passion with which it is done. Passion changes our lives because it expresses a deep love for someone or something.

Preparation: Morris College gave him what he needed by helping him to learn how to prepare. Mr. Miller defines preparation as always being ready for the task at hand. Recalling an incident while a student at Morris College, he shared how scoring a “54” on a world history test given by Dr. Patricia M. Ali, Professor of History in the Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences, taught him how to prepare. Also, before a mock interview with Mr. King David Singleton, retired Director of Upward Bound, Mr. Singleton informed he was unprepared. This pressed upon him even more the necessity of being prepared.

Process: Engaging students in a dialogue, Miller asked students, “Why are you here?” to which students retorted: “To earn a degree.” To help them understand the difference between getting a degree and earning one, he quickly informed students that there is a process to be endured. Everything is about earning a degree and the process involves moving toward graduation. Students must embrace their own process and be molded by it in order to be made into what God wants them to be. What makes the process worth everything is when students walk across the stage at graduation. Students can endure the process because they are strong and mighty; they are Morris College.



Miller & Dr. Ali

Pride: There is a familiar Morris College chant resonates within Miller and he keeps it in his heart at all times. “Do those Hornets rock; (hey, hey) we don’t stop,” the chant goes. He confessed that when he has had a long day, he reflects on his undergraduate experiences and this chant makes him proud to be a Morris College graduate.

Mr. Miller strongly believes Morris College prepared him to follow his passion, make the necessary preparations, endure the process and to have pride in his alma mater. He assured students that if they follow the acronym of the four P’s, Morris College will change their lives. His professional career in higher education has always been “student affairs” focused. His invaluable experiences at Livingstone College, Bethune-Cookman University, Chowan University and Virginia Union University ranged from residence life and housing, campus ministry and student life and development, to name a few. Before taking on his new task at Edward Waters College, he was the dean of students at Tuskegee University.

A native of Manning, SC, Mr. Miller is an ordained minister and Army veteran. He is completing the Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Christian Ministry from Grand Canyon University where he earned a Master’s in Organizational Leadership.

Also, shown in the photo above with Mr. Miller are the Rev. Jerome McCray (1), Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Jr. (2), Interim Academic Dean and Dr. Leroy Staggers (4), the President of Morris College. Dr. Butler presided over the program, and Dr. Staggers closed out the convocation with a challenge to faculty, staff and students.



Dr. Staggers

Dr. Staggers Challenges Faculty, Staff and Students

Reminding the audience of the convocation's theme: "Excellence is Achievable: Let's Start, Let's Stay, Let's Finish," Dr. Leroy Staggers gave the closing remarks during Thursday morning's official ceremonial opening of the 2018-2019 academic year. He stated this will be a new, great year for Morris College.

Dr. Staggers asked everyone teaching a course this semester to stand and be applauded for the great work they are doing as members of the college's faculty. He charged them with being in the driver's seat of making the "four P's" Miller talked about happen. Faculty members are to be models of excellence because they are being closely observed by students. Their lectures and class discussions should be done with excellence, so students can move closer to the level of excellence Miller spoke about.

Staff members were asked to stand next. They are supportive of the teaching-learning process. Nothing is more important on campus than the interaction between faculty and classroom. He charged the staff with doing their job every single day with excellence, as they too should model excellence. If students see staff members reporting to work late and not being where they are supposed to be, then they will emulate that and not respect us. Faculty and staff were reminded that their job is to help students think intensively so they can represent the college with confidence and competence. "Excellence is achievable," he said.

Calling students' attention to page 12 of the program, Dr. Staggers commented on the Statement of Purpose. "I have entered Morris College to learn and I will be an active Life-Long Learner," he charged. Being an active life-long learner, he insisted, does not happen by not going to classes, or sitting out on the stoop every evening between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. "And serve when I depart" like Mr. Miller. "I accept full responsibility." He told students it is their responsibility. Faculty and students were charged with doing their jobs with a high degree of excellence, but students have a responsibility since it is their life and their education. "I will respect myself at all times," he continued reading, "and I will show respect to all others." Emphatic with the last statement, he read, "I will study to learn and fully engage in personal and professional development." The president concluded by telling students they have to study. In order to do, be and achieve the acronyms of the four "Ps", they have got to study and fulfill their responsibilities. Excellence is achievable: let's go on and get started; let's stay with it; let's finish it.

Campus Reminded of Mandated Policies



Dr. Davis-Freeman

Dr. Juana Davis-Freeman, Dean of Student Affairs, reminded faculty, staff and students during Thursday's Fall Convocation that Morris College is an institution that receives federal financial assistance. Therefore, the college is mandated by law to comply with these mandates, according to Dean Davis-Freeman, and to make the entire campus (faculty, staff and students) aware of policies regarding illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, sexual harassment and sexual assault.

First, the possession, use, sale, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs on campus is strictly prohibited. Anyone caught with illegal drugs will be dismissed from the campus.

Second, alcohol is strictly prohibited on campus. The use, possession, sale of alcohol is strictly prohibited on this campus. The college has an absolutely zero tolerance policy.

Third, the college prohibits weapons which include, but are not limited to, firearms, explosives, knives of any kind, stun guns, brass knuckles, to name a few. Anyone found with a weapon on campus will face serious disciplinary action. Anyone found with a firearm or an explosive device on campus will be dismissed.

Fourth, urging everyone to be careful of what they say, Dean stated that Morris College prohibits sexual harassment on its campus. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, soliciting persons for sexual favors, saying inappropriate things about people's body parts, the excessive telling of stories and jokes that are sexual in nature could be deemed sexual harassment. Anyone found guilty of sexual harassment will face serious disciplinary actions which could include dismissal.

Also, sexual assault is strictly prohibited on the campus of Morris College. Any-

one found guilty of sexual assault will be dismissed. Examples of sexual assault include rape, attempted rape, forcing someone into sexual acts and non-consensual physical contact. She advised everyone to keep their hands to themselves. Anyone found guilty of sexual assault will be dismissed from the campus.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



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Dr. Davis-Freeman concluded by reminding students that Morris College reserves the right to search a student's room at its discretion if the institution suspects a student may be violating these federally mandated policies.

It's FAFSA Time!

Mrs. Sandra Gibson, Director of Financial Aid, addressed students during the college's opening fall convocation. She informed them that the FAFSA website opens Monday, October 1, 2018. FAFSA is the acronym for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. She encouraged students to apply and complete their FAFSA application for financial aid early this year. Doing so will enable the Office of Financial Aid to better assist students with receiving their awards earlier.

Be Proactive and Apply Early. Students will need to use the 2017 income information to complete the FAFSA. They will need to know their FAFSA-ID, which includes their username and password, in order to complete the application. Students are also asked to use the IRS Retrieval Tool. This tool will help process the application quicker and eliminate the need to be selected for verification. Also, students are to use the Morris College School Code which is 003439.

Currently enrolled students. Students who are currently enrolled should apply by Friday, November 30, 2018. Why??? Current students who enroll by November 30, and are residents of South Carolina, will be eligible to receive the South Carolina Tuition Grant. In addition to that, students can avoid long lines at registration, have their award letters prior to coming to college, know how much aid they will receive and if they qualify for a bookstore credit slip, and they could get their refund check earlier.

All students need to do this as soon as possible. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at (803) 934-3238, or go by the office located on the first floor of the Mabel K. Howard Building.



Mrs. Sandra S. Gibson

Sunday Morning Worship Service



Lt. Jerrell Wesley

Worship services will be held in the O. R. Reuben Chapel this Sunday morning, September 23, 2018, at 9:00. The speaker for this Sunday's one hour service is Lt. Jerrell Wesley, a native of Rembert, SC, and a 2014 graduate of Morris College where he majored in Sociology. He is currently completing his last year of seminary at Columbia International University where he will earn his Masters of Divinity degree with a concentration on Chaplaincy and a Master of Leadership. Also, he plans to complete the Chaplain Officer Basic Course this year.

Lt. Wesley enlisted in the SC Army National Guard as a field automated tactical specialist in the fall of 2012. He was commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate in November 2015. His military education consist of Ft. Sill Field Artillery School in Oklahoma.

He is currently employed with Wateree Community Action. Among his many responsibilities, he is the Youth Leadership Coordinator for Richland County, Lee County, Kershaw County, Clarendon County, and Sumter.

Students, along with faculty and staff are invited to attend.

UNCF Reminders

September Scholarships Offered

Wm. Wrigley Foundation Scholarship:

Candidates for this scholarship should be majoring in engineering, business, finance, accounting, chemistry, economics, computer science or marketing, and attending a UNCF-member institution. Closes 9/21.

Minneapolis MLK Legacy Scholarship Program:

This need-based scholarship will provide a renewable award of up to \$4,812 for four years to students who are permanent residents of the city of Minneapolis, MN. Closes 9/28.

Catherine W. Pierce Scholarship:

The scholarship was established to support students who are majoring in disciplines within the Arts—Art or Art History (excluding performing arts), in any four-year institution. The award amount is up to \$4,500. Closes 9/28.

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship:

Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College students in STEM fields are eligible for this scholarship, which awards up to \$4,400. Closes 9/28.

June and Wylie Seldon Memorial Endowment:

This need-based scholarship is available to current undergraduate students who are enrolled at a UNCF-member institution. Closes 9/28.

Also: The [UNCF General Application](#) is now available for students attending a [UNCF-member institution](#). **Apply now!**

Have You Completed Your UNCF Profile and General Application?

Students who have not done so should go to the UNCF website and complete the student profile and the general application. The two-step process is very important in order to become eligible for UNCF scholarships.

Also, students have to apply every year.

McFadden to Deliver SGA Address



Raekwon K. McFadden, the college's 2018-2019 Student Government Association (SGA) President, will be the featured speaker during the annual SGA assembly. A native of Mt. Pleasant, SC, the health science major has been nominated to receive the distinguished Historically Black Colleges and Universities 2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholarship.

Sponsored by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU), the scholarship recognizes and honors current HBCU students.

McFadden will deliver his SGA address to the campus community in the Neal-Jones Auditorium at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Come out and support our SGA President.

Fall Harvest Rally Kick-off Assembly



Mrs. Rosalind D. McGinnis

Morris College will sponsor its campus-wide Fall Harvest Rally Kickoff on next Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The dual purposes of the assembly will be to officially kick-off the college's major fundraiser, the Fall Harvest Rally, and to comply with UNCF's requirement that each member institution conduct an annual UNCF drive.

Appearing on the program will be Mrs. Rosalind D.

McGinnis. Mrs. McGinnis, an UNCF Area Development Director, covers South Carolina and Tennessee, as well as Macon and Savannah, GA. In this role, she continues her passion for ensuring that all students have knowledge about how to achieve, and have access to, a high quality education.

During the assembly, the faculty, staff and students will make financial pledges to support the campaign drive. Faculty and staff pledge forms will be distributed through administrative areas and division chairs. Please complete them and return to the Office of Institutional Advancement, located on the second floor of the Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. Administration Building, Suite D, Room D-204.

Student classes, clubs and organizations will also give their pledges during the assembly. This year's goal is \$40,000. Please give generously.

For more information, contact Melvin Mack at ext. 3401.



Coach Frances Fields

Ms. Frances Fields is the new basketball coach for the Lady Hornets. She earned her bachelor of science from High Point University, High Point, NC, and her MBA from South University, Savannah, GA.

Coach Fields served as head basketball coach, including track and field for Lakewood High School from 2011 to 2015; head basketball coach and assistant track and field coach for Darlington High School from 2015 to 2016 and head basketball coach and strength coach for Sumter High School from 2016 to 2017.

A certified referee with over seven years of experience and a sports trainer since 2011, Coach Fields comes to Morris College with an array of experiences to help enhance and develop the athletic program.

Morris College will commemorate the 231st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

The event, coordinated by Dr. Patricia M. Ali, a professor in the Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences, will be held on the front lawn of Academic Hall. The Constitution will be read from its Preamble to the 27th amendment. Everyone is invited to come out and help celebrate Constitution Day.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 22, 2018
Health and Wellness Center
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Recreation
Human Development Center
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

September 26, 2018
Bible Study and Fellowship
Baptist Student Union
Religious Center
Room 224, 6:00 PM

September 27, 2018
Miss Black & Gold Pageant
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Neal-Jones Auditorium
7:00 PM

Social, Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc.
Human Development Center
9:00 PM

**Next Sunday's
Morning Worship Speaker
September 30, 2018**
Rev. George P. Windley, Jr.
O. R. Reuben Chapel
9:00 AM

Constitution Day Observed



Dr. Ali