HUMBLE BEGINNINGS CAN LAUNCH YOU TO SUCCESS

Honors Convocation, a respected tradition at Morris College, took place on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The college gathered to recognize students who have excelled academically during the immediate past academic semester. Students recognized on the President’s List earned a 4.0 GPA and students listed on the Dean’s List earned a 3.0-3.9 GPA. Also, recognized during the event were O.R. Reuben Scholars, Honors Program students, and members of the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society.

No stranger to academic excellence, the keynote speaker, Dr. Howard Conyers holds a bachelor’s from North Carolina A&T State University and a doctorate from Duke University. He graduated as the top engineering student in both programs while being actively involved on campus, including being a student leader and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. A Paxville native, Dr. Conyers is relatable to students due to the large population of students hailing from rural South Carolina. Dr. Conyers acknowledged his village and how great people including the newest addition to the Morris College faculty, Dr. Rose Wilder, impacted his life and his success.

As Dr. Conyers took students on a journey from the rural south all the way to Trinidad and Tobago, he encouraged students to rely on the strength of their village, their ancestors, and themselves to reach their goals. He impressed upon them to never settle for less, but to use their foundation as a launching pad to where they want to go.

He explained to students that everyone has a gift and a contribution, and not every gift looks the same. We as natives of rural South Carolina, grew up on land where our forefathers were slaves, eating a southern staple, rice, that was a gift cultivated by our ancestors. Science proves that we Africans held the key to successful rice crops when Asian rice crops failed. He spoke to students about how our ancestors are responsible for so much more than they receive credit for. He recalled a time where he solved a 40-year-old problem at NASA and watched as his colleague received the credit. Being candid, Dr. Conyers reminded students that they have to work harder and be better than others to get the recognition they deserve. “We are the best of the best, the strongest of the strong.” he impressed upon students, reminding them that education makes anything possible. He left students by saying that while he appreciates the opportunity to speak at Morris College, he believes it will be better for students to succeed beyond his success and come back and speak to their fellow Hornets.

Dr. Staggers heartfelt words closed the convocation by telling students, “You are not where you come from, it’s where you’re going that is important. We cherish you. Education is the foundation to success.” Dr. Staggers also took a moment to remind students of the resources available to them at Morris College, emphasizing the Professional Lecture Series that brings accomplished community members in a plethora of fields, onto the campus to speak to students in an intimate setting about their careers and experiences.
PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
SC Divine Nine Legislative Day
Brookland Baptist Church | West Columbia, SC

Sunday, February 18, 2018
10:00 AM
Morris College Day | Sumter, SC
Speaker: Rev. James A. Jamison
Music: Morris College Chorale
Mulberry Baptist Church

Friday, February 23, 2018
7:00 PM
Mid-Winter Banquet and Rally
Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center

MID-SEMESTER EXAMS ARE COMING!
February 26, 2018- March 1, 2018

Don't worry. You Can Do It!

There's still time to study.
Let the Counseling Center help you!

Stop by the second floor of the Mabel K. Howard building to schedule an appointment.

USE THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER FOR A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY WITH ABUNDANT RESOURCES!
Religious Emphasis Week
Dr. Charles M. Pee
Speaker

Dates: February 20-23, 2018
Place: Neal-Jones Auditorium
(located on campus)

Service Times:
10:00 AM - Morning Worship Service (Tuesday-Friday)
7:00 PM - Evening Worship Service (Tuesday-Thursday)

Dr. Charles M. Pee has been a member of the Morris College faculty since August 1987, the College Minister since July 2002 and the Assistant Professor of Religion since 2012. He currently teaches in the Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences and in the Morris College Ministerial Certificate Extension Center in Horry County. He is a graduate of Francis Marion University, Bachelor of Science (1979), Duke Divinity School at Duke University, Master of Divinity (1983) and United Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry (2011). He has also completed extensive graduate work at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Pee has pastored the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Conway, South Carolina, since 1983 and is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. He also serves as moderator of the Little Pee Dee Educational and Missionary Baptist Association.

Mid-Winter Banquet/Rally
Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes, III
Speaker

Date: February 23, 2018
Place: Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center
(located on campus)

Time:
7:00 PM

Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes, III, has served as a visionary and innovative senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, since 1983. He is a graduate of Bishop College, Bachelor of Arts, 1982 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Masters of Divinity, 2005. He earned his Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Dr. Haynes, the author of “Healing Our Broken Village, has received numerous awards and honors for his ministry and activism.

MANDATORY MEETING!

EDUCATION MAJORS
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
4:00 PM
H.H. BUTLER BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE STUDENT SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS.

2018-2019 FAFSA
BEGAN OCTOBER 1, 2018

Students who have not completed their FAFSA should report to the Financial Aid Office immediately for assistance. Dependents students must have parents’ 2016 income information, or their parents’ Federal Student Aid ID.

- Financial Aid Applications for Summer School 2018 are now available in the Office of Financial Aid for students who plan to attend Summer School.
- Students who were awarded Federal College Work-Study and have not received a job assignment need to report to Financial Aid immediately.

We now have year-round Pell Grants! You can use it to attend Summer School 2018! Applications are now being accepted for Summer School. Apply no later than Friday, March 31, 2018. Check with the Office of Financial Aid for details.

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Bible Study
Every Wednesday
6:00 PM
Room 224, Religious Center

Everyone is Invited to Attend!