THE CAMPUS REPORT

OXYGEN OR POISON
WHAT ARE YOU BREATHING IN?

The honorable Julia Antoinette Nelson is the mayor of her native hometown Manning, South Carolina. Mayor Nelson is a graduate of Manning High School, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from South Carolina State University, a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Health Care Administration from Troy University along with doctorate studies in Human Services from Capella University. She has done further studies and gained leadership credentials as a graduate of Clemson University Leadership South Carolina, Furman University’s Riley Diversity Leadership Institute, South Carolina Municipal Association Elected Officials Institute, South Carolina Municipal Association Advanced Elected Officials Institute South Carolina Department of Commerce Economic Development Program and Retail Economic Development from Retail Strategies in Montgomery, Alabama. In July 2011, Nelson was elected Mayor of Manning, the first African American female to ever serve in this position.

Mayor Nelson is well aware that success is not an overnight happening. It takes hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Morris College students are no stranger to success. They are familiar with setting goals, completing task after task in order to stay focused on the road to graduation. While there are many people who are rooting for every student at Morris College, the reality is that not everyone that students encounter comes to help them. There are those that speak life or breathe oxygen into students’ lives, providing unwavering support, and constructive criticism in an effort to help students succeed. There are also people who tear you down, derail your success and poison your life. She warned students against the dangers of allowing poison to enter your life. She also gave students a real-world lesson about the green-eyed monster that jealousy can be, explaining that your oxygen can become your poison. She encouraged students to identify what they must have in order to succeed and to detach their emotional and mental energy from the poison that they encounter along the way. In order to be successful, one must know when to count something as a loss and move forward. “You only need 50% +1 vote to win,” she told students. While she gave the students a dose of reality, she reminded them to always be the oxygen in the lives of others, never the poison.

Dr. Jacob Butler acknowledged the faculty, staff, and students of the Division of Religion, Humanities, and Social Sciences. He explained that at Morris College, and in this division, “education transcends the classroom.”

Dr. Leroy Staggers commended the students of the sponsoring division for representing themselves, their division and Morris College well. He also recognized Dr. Jacob Butler for his consistent leadership within the division. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Nelson for providing Oxygen to Morris College and emphasized the importance of Morris College's relationships with our surrounding communities.
Freshman Extravaganza  
Thursday, April 12, 2018

Sophomore Parade of Stars  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Now is the time to register to participate. You have a Gift and Talent that we think you should share with the Morris College community. Please register with Ms. Kenely in WBSB office 114 before Monday, March 26, 2018. Auditions will begin on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Contact Ms. Terri Kenely and Ms. Charisma Floyd with any questions.

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

Everyone is welcome!

Gear Up Workshop  
It is again that time of the month when we bring special guests to facilitate an information/enrichment workshop designed especially for GEAR UP Participants. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of AMMA Residence Hall. All Gear UP students are to attend.
Sigma Tau Delta Announces: Formal Induction Ceremony

April 5, 2018
6:30 PM
Film Lecture Room

Leadership Seminar Dates:

- March 26, 2018
- April 9, 2018
- April 16, 2018

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | ROTC Class Room

Graduating Seniors!

There will be a meeting of all graduating seniors on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm, in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Important information will be shared and decisions will be made regarding the Class Night Program and Commencement.

Graduation invitations are ready for pick-up in the Office of Planning and Governmental Relations daily, 9:00am to 5:00pm, 2nd floor, Suite B, New Administration Building.

The deadline for placing an order for a stole (Greek, African-American, and Morris College) for Commencement is Friday, March 23, 2018, in the same office. All orders are prepaid.

Seniors!

The Federal Government requires that all graduating seniors who have student loan debt to complete Student Loan EXIT COUNSELING prior to graduation. The process has two parts and requires you to have your FSA username and password to access the web site. Letters pertaining to Exit Counseling have been sent to you via your campus mail box or home address. You may also contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.