Morris College

The Update

2013 Winter-Spring Edition

President Luns C. Richardson and the 2012-2013 ROTC Cadets
Dear Baptist Family, Alumni, Friends and Supporters:

In spite of today’s unstable economic times, obtaining a college degree remains a very important and valuable necessity for so many students and their families. The first half of the current 2013-2014 academic year was a very fruitful one with a fall semester enrollment of 900 students. With a steady and substantial spring enrollment, the college continues its mission of preparing students to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and technological world.

The reaffirmation of our accreditation at the December annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges has resulted in the implementation of our Quality Enhancement Project. This project, an academic requirement mandated by the accrediting agency, is part of the college’s efforts to strengthen advanced reading comprehension and vocabulary development among students. It begins with our current Junior Class and will include ensuing classes as they reach the junior level. This cycle will continue to 2016-2017. At that time a Fifth Year Interim Report will be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges which will include the impact of QEP. We want to ensure that every Morris College student succeeds as this project will benefit the college’s entire student body, resulting in an increased retention rate, increased graduation rate and more graduates attending graduate and professional colleges and universities.

The college continues to make progress with its expansion of physical facilities and improvements. We are pleased to announce that our new Student Health and Wellness Center is complete and operational. Already our students are enjoying this new addition. Between this new center, the new maintenance building and dining hall is an additional paved parking lot. The new residence hall, funded by the $10 million gift received from Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. is currently under construction and will be ready to receive students by the next fall semester. Plans are currently underway to initiate construction of a new administrative center. Funded also by Dr. Jackson’s gift, construction will begin sometime during this semester.

I trust that you will continue supporting the college with your noble and generous acts of giving. The return on your investment is measured in the more productive and meaningful lives our students will experience.

Luns C. Richardson

President
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Fall Harvest 2012
Reverend Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy, president of the Baptist E & M Convention of SC and senior pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg, gave the keynote address at the Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally on Saturday, November 17, 2012.

Dr. Snoddy delivered a timely message on “The Compassion that Matters.” His subject was taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37.

Having observed a culture that has become increasingly self-focused and insensitive to those in need, Snoddy was prompted to ask, “Who is my neighbor?”

He elaborated that this disconnect even exists in our churches, yet, “Christian means compassion.” Snoddy called for compassion in the home, the community and the church.

“We need compassion in our families and our homes. We need to prioritize the home before we show it out in the world,” Snoddy said.

“In our communities we need the connectedness we use to have. We need to remember those who do not have. In our churches we need genuine love that binds us together. This love will let us mimic the presence of Christ in a war torn world.”

Snoddy concluded that demonstrating a compassion that matters requires focusing on the need at hand and relying on God to empower us to do what we cannot do of ourselves.

Contributions to the college from private sources reported during the rally were $280,381. This included SC Baptist Family – $264,038; Alumni – $10,225 and Trustees – $4,250. Unrestricted and restricted contributions from private sources from July 1, 2012 – November 16, 2012 totaled $177,794. The overall total reported at the rally was $485,175.
Fall Harvest 2012
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Bringing in the Harvest!
The Fall Harvest Parade

Dr. Margaret W. Davis
The Marshall
and Festivities
Mayor Challenges Students at Honors Convocation

Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. delivered an inspiring Honors Day Convocation address on Thursday, October 11, 2012.

The mayor assured the honor students that their academic achievement is a reason to celebrate. He said, “Your achievement marks you as a serious student and you have earned the recognition. “ He went on to say, “In earning recognition, you’ve earned responsibility. Excellence is not self-sustaining.”

He advised the honor students to balance their celebration of achievement with a humble spirit and to remember the importance of role models and their contribution to the attainment of success.

The mayor challenged students who had not attained honors by asking, “Why not? It is not too late. Do the best you can.”

He also challenged all students to come back to Sumter to invest their time and talents after completing their studies.

He shared that many Morris College graduates have gone on to accomplish great things in Sumter and elsewhere.

Mayor McElveen spoke of his treasured relationship with Morris College through the years and his admiration of President Richardson who transformed the college, gained community support in doing so and always put students first.”

He stated, “Dr. Richardson comes close to being irreplaceable.” He presented President Richardson with Sumter’s highest recognition, the Gamecock City Society Award. He shared that the President is the 16th recipient.
Morris College is pleased to have the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. return to the campus for his 13th year as Religious Emphasis Week Speaker. The college is all the more pleased that he is returning as its newly elected chairman of the board of trustees. The honor was bestowed upon him by his peers during the fall board meeting in October 2012.

Dr. Jackson, a native of West Columbia, SC, graduated from Brookland Cayce High School with honors. He is a 1974 honor graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, SC. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., with honors.

Today, Dr. Jackson’s gift of preaching and pastoring, along with his ability and faithfulness, inspires excellence at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia.

The Brookland congregation has experienced growth and vitalization during Dr. Jackson’s 42 years of ministry and pastoral leadership. Among his many accomplishments, God has used him to build a 68,000 square feet Community Resource Center which consists of an Academy Child Development Center, a Health and Wellness Center and a Banquet and Conference Center in 2005. In addition to its impressive, West Columbia campus, the Brookland Baptist Church Northeast opened in 2008 as an additional worship site. Dr. Jackson strives to continue “equipping saints” to better serve God and people.

Dr. Jackson holds membership in numerous religious and civic organizations and is the recipient of countless awards and recognitions. He is married to the former Robin Hoefer, and they are the proud parents of two adult children and four grandchildren.

Jackson Returns For Religious Emphasis Week

Dr. Jackson will preach Tuesday, February 19 through Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. He will deliver the closing message on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Services will take place in the Neal-Jones Auditorium and are open to the public.

Blassingame to Speak at Mid-Winter Winter Banquet

Vice-President at Large, Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, Dr. James B. Blassingame, is this year’s mid-winter banquet speaker. The event will be held on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center.

Dr. Blassingame, a native of Seneca, SC, is one of the college’s outstanding graduates and ardent supporters. A 1981 graduate, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the former Morris School of Religion. He has participated in continuing education studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, and a nine month internship in clinical pastoral education with the SC Department of Corrections. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, SC.

A living testament of the college’s motto: “Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve,” Dr. Blassingame serves as the senior pastor at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, SC.

Dr. Blassingame is a member of several boards and organizations, such as secretary of the Morris College Board of Trustees and first assistant secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated. He is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity bestowed upon him by his alma mater.

Dr. Blassingame is married to the former Shirley L. McFadden and is the father of three children, six grandchildren and a daughter-in-law.
Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., a West Columbia, SC native, was recently elected chairperson of the Morris College Board of Trustees during its 2012 fall meeting in October. Dr. Jackson graduated Magna Cum Laude from Benedict College in 1974 with a BS degree and graduated with honors from the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA in 1977 where he received his M.Div. degree. He also completed one year of certification of residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at the South Carolina Academy for Pastoral Education in 1978.

The outstanding senior pastor at the Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC, Dr. Jackson encourages and inspires people of all ages. Under his leadership, the church has experienced tremendous growth and expansion in an effort to better serve the needs of its congregation and surrounding communities. In addition to their great works, the Brookland Church established a second place of worship in October 2008 known as the Brookland Baptist Church Northeast.

Dr. Jackson, a past president of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education and a past moderator of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, is affiliated with numerous civic, fraternal and religious organizations. He serves on various boards throughout the Columbia metropolitan area and is very involved in the life of the city, county and state.

The recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, Dr. Jackson is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. He was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (2011) and awarded the Order of the Palmetto, by Governor Jim Hodges, which is the highest civilian honor conferred by the State of South Carolina. In recognition of his outstanding work in the church, the community and as a supporter of higher education, Morris College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on May 12, 1985.

Dr. Jackson is married to the former Robin Hoefer, and the father of two children, the Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr. and Attorney Candance Jackson; a daughter-in-law, the former Iva Gaymon; and four grandchildren Kayla, Charles III, Caleb and Carter.

Dr. Jackson succeeds Dr. Willie E. Givens, Jr. Morris College expresses its profound appreciation to Dr. Givens for his outstanding service, leadership and successful fundraising abilities as the immediate past chairperson of the board.
The Morris College Service Learning Program launched the Project Support, Help, and Relief Exchange on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Project S.H.A.R.E. is a community service project designed to financially assist the needs of the Sihlekisi Primary School in Acornhoek, South Africa.

Morris College Study Abroad students and professors visiting the school in the spring of 2012 witnessed first-hand the eagerness of the students, the dedication of staff, and the determination of the parents in this underfunded rural community. The Study Abroad participants knew the school could benefit from the college’s assistance.

Thus the kick-off event for the project was organized by Mrs. Kathleen Roy’s speech class. Students prepared and presented speeches and brochures to inform the campus community about the project and how to get involved.

The Sihlekisi Primary School serves approximately 350 young children with a student teacher ratio of 30:1. Since 1944, Sihlekisi has served as the only school for children ages 5-13 in the Sigagule Village. Although the government funds teacher salaries and textbooks, the community must provide everything else. Parents cook lunch for the students over an open fire and volunteers paint classrooms and repair broken windows. They are committed to the school’s motto: “Knowledge is Strength.”

This project seeks to support the school in two ways: raise funds to address urgent needs and to encourage learning through direct communication with students.

Since January 2005, the Service Learning Program has engaged hundreds of students in numerous service learning projects with various agencies. Ms. Deloris Y. McBride serves as service learning coordinator.

Make a difference in this cause by contributing funds.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to:

Morris College
Project S.H.A.R.E.,
100 West College St.
Sumter, SC 29150.
Construction update

The Student Health and Wellness Center
The new Student Health and Wellness Center is open. The 8,153-square-feet facility houses an office and classroom space for Health Science and Recreation Administration, the ROTC program, an office for the director of the student health and wellness center and a fitness area. One or more classes will be held in the facility. The fitness area includes a weight room, aerobics room, lockers, and showers. It is fully equipped with state of the art Nautilus exercise equipment.

The Twin Towers Residence Hall is 65 percent complete. It is anticipated to open for the fall semester of 2013. The 43,500-square-feet facility stands at three stories. Each side will house 74 students and have a separate entrance and a lobby. A computer room and a laundry room will be on each floor.
On October 18, 2012 Morris College took a historic step as it signed a formal agreement with the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office for the Morris College Forensic Center. Morris College President, Dr. Luns C. Richardson, said, “The agreement met with unanimous approval by the Morris College Board of Trustees.”

Dr. Leroy Staggers, academic dean of the college, said, “The benefit will be to our students. It will vastly enhance the curriculum offering.”

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis, who also serves as an adjunct instructor at the college, sees the agreement as beneficial to students and the community. “Students will be able to further advance and serve the agencies they will work for,” Dennis said.

According to Dr. Jacob Butler, fewer than 20% of colleges located in the United States provide specialized training in criminal forensics on the undergraduate level. Butler also said Morris College is one of only a few undergraduate institutions with the facilities, equipment and trained personnel to provide forensic laboratory services to help local law enforcement agencies in their crime-fighting efforts.

The center is directed by Ms. Carlotta Stackhouse, a retired South Carolina Law Enforcement Division director.
DesChamps Addresses Co-Op Program

Mr. Delvyn DesChamps, Class of 2008, spoke to students, faculty and staff at the second Co-operative Education meeting held on October 29, 2012.

DesChamps spoke about his decision to embrace challenges during college life and how Morris College and the business administration degree prepared him for a career in the federal government.

DesChamps informed students, "Morris College provides the foundation. I challenge you to build on that foundation."

DesChamps currently serves as a logistics management specialist within the Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

Williams Family Establishes Scholarship

Through the generosity of Williams Funeral Home, Inc. of Sumter, Mrs. Magnolia R. Williams and her children, Frank Williams, Jr., J. Elbert Williams and Sandra Williams-Brailsford, presented a $10,000 check to Dr. Luns C. Richardson to establish the Reverend Frank Williams, Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Dr. Richardson, expressed his appreciation for the family’s honoring the late Reverend Frank Williams, Sr. in such an appropriate manner. He stated that the institution is “proud of the strong relationship he had with the college.”

The Williams family has been involved with the college for many years. The late Reverend Williams graduated from the former Morris College School of Religion. Mrs. Sandra Williams-Brailsford, ’99 and the Reverend J. Elbert Williams, ’04 are also graduates.

Dr. Richardson thanked Mrs. Williams, president of the family’s business, for being a cornerstone of the Sumter community and the Rafting Creek Baptist Church, Rembert, SC. He addressed her as a person of “strong will and determination.”

The check was presented to Dr. Richardson during a meeting in the Archives Room. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year. Criteria will be listed in the 2013-2014 catalog.
On October 30, 2012 the college played host to Lancaster School District’s GEAR UP Program. GEAR UP Coordinator, Reggie Lowery and his students were on campus to film areas of college life for the Learn TV channel.

The program gave the college an opportunity to inform potential students and viewers of the college’s history and provided an in-depth view of the mass communication program and the Morris College Forensic Center.

The taping featured President Luns C. Richardson; Academic Dean, Dr. Leroy Staggers; and Director of the Learning Resource Center, Ms. Janet Clayton.

GEAR UP is a Department of Education discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students prepared for post-secondary education.
Morris College has won the Champions of Character Institution Five Star Champions of Character Institution Award for the 11th consecutive year. National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character Coordinator, Kathy Busch, reports that Morris College is one of only 24 NAIA Institutions to have earned this designation.

Five core values must be met by NAIA institutions to receive the award: integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership. Colleges are evaluated based on a scorecard. The scorecard measures each NAIA institution’s commitment to Champions of Character in five key areas: character training: developing programs on campus and through community outreach; conduct in competition: demonstrating character on the field as evaluated by the number of ejections; academic focus: earning points for overall student-athlete GPA; character recognition: points earned for nominating deserving individuals for awards and presidential participation in character functions; and character promotion: points earned for displaying the Champions of Character logo on the institution’s athletic home page and displaying the Champions of Character banners.

Morris College athletics include baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, men’s track and field, women’s track and field, softball, and volleyball.
Morris College’s Commissioned Officers

DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY, HONOR, COURAGE, AND LEADERSHIP

Fall 1985 marked the start of the Morris College Army Reserves Officer Training Corps. Known as ROTC, the program was developed as a cross enrollment agreement with the University of South Carolina. ROTC develops leaders who are equipped with a degree, an officer’s title and the ability to make a difference in the Army, Army Reserves, or the National Guard and the world. To date, Morris College has graduated 51 officers. Below is a list of the college’s commissioned officers.

1987

Anthony L. Hall
Captain Jeffrey W. Jackson

Captain, Sumter Police Department
Sumter, SC

Angelo McBride

1988

Dr. Vanessa Burrison-Meade
Criminal Justice Professor
MS, University of Phoenix, PhD,
Walden University

Darryl W. Scott
Jimmie Lee Suber
Diane Stevenson
Sarah Tiller-Ford
Manager, Sykes
Sumter, SC

1989

Rita Burton
Steven Gaither
Derrick Hayes

Lt Col. Heyward R. Inabinett, II
Retired, US Army
Air Force Defense Artillery Officer
Working for Northrop Grumman,
Afghanistan

1990

Lisa Chandler
Frederick Freeman
Kenneth Fulton
Lee McCray

Major Larry Odom
Guidance Counselor
Georgetown HS
Georgetown, SC
MA, MEd., SC State University

1993

Lt. Col. Joseph D. Blanding

Branch Chief of Supply and Services
Commander of 330th Transportation Battalion,
Ft. Bragg, NC
MS, Troy University; MS, Old Dominion;
PHD, University of Missouri,
several military awards including
the Bronze Star

Terrance D. Brown

1995

Anton Davis
Tonya Green

1996

Major Laura I. Byrd

Operational Research Analyst
Third Army, Shaw Air Force Base,
Sumter, SC

1997

Chataqua Denean Ellison
Lt. Major Frazier Epperson
Planner, Second Infantry, Korea

1991

James Walker
Diane Richardson
Dorothy Singleton

1992

Dexter Darryl Canty
Ricky Franklin
Barbara Lewis
Cynthia Heyward
Traci H. Singleton

1995

John Henry Shepherd
Retired US Army
Mortgage Sales, Morgan Stanley
Bannockburn, ILL.
Morris College’s Commissioned Officers
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1997 continued

Major Eric Graham
Informational Services Engineer
US Army, Heidelberg, Germany
Masters, Information Technology,
University of Maryland, several military awards including Bronze Stars
and Global War on Terrorism

1998
Keith O. Baylor
Eric B. Green
Larry A. Swinton

1999
Rudy E. Crumpton

2001
Lee. E. McKnight

Deputy G2, Military Intelligence
Ft. Hood, Texas

2003
Shaunarey Amos
Johnny Earl Brown, Jr.
Michael Emmanuel Green

* Major Kiryenshki Jones

Sustainment Automation Support Office, OIC Regimental Support Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
Ft. Irwin, CA

*Commissioned through Early Commissioning Program at Georgia Military College

Captain Robert Richards, Jr.

Trans Officer/SPO, 82nd Brigade
Ft. Bragg, NC

2004
Toran Le’Roy Goings
Victor A. Collier

2006
Captain Brooks “A.J.” Milbauer
Company Commander
US Army, 558th Transportation Unit
Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
Recreation Administration Graduates

The Recreation Administration Program at Morris College began in the late 1980’s under the leadership of the late Dr. Bobby Leroy Brisbon. As chair of the division of education and director of the teacher education program, Dr. Brisbon perceived a growing need in the field of recreation as a potential area for academic preparation at the undergraduate level. The program was subsequently initiated and in 1990 David Caldwell was the first graduate. Caldwell works as recreation program coordinator for the city of Florence, SC.

The program focuses on administrative skill development, programming and facilities maintenance. Internships provide students an opportunity to work with children and adults in a variety of settings. Below is a list of the recreation administration graduates from 2000 –2012.

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Nathaniel Deverteuil
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Carlos J. Gore-Ashton
Recreation Coordinator, Clemson University, Aiken, SC

Clareessa Hinton
Devika Linen
Raymond Nelson, III
Chico Salley
Evoney D. Shaw
Cum Laude
Venyke A. Smith
Cum Laude
Gracie Ward

Francot R. Pack
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2009
Stanford Adams
Activities Instructor, Parks and Recreation, Florence, SC

Justin Beaufort
April Boyd
Christen Cooper
Roncey L. Cummings
Gregory L. Dotson
April Drakeford
Quentin T. Jackson
US Army, Lugoff, SC
Dominic A. Kahee
Rashida S. Loyd
Chiquita Y. Roberson

2010
Erica Butler
Juanquin J. Butler
O’Brian L. Colbert
Cum Laude
Corrections Officer, Kershaw Correctional Institute, Kershaw, SC

Tiffany Johnson
Meghan S. Jones
Deondra McCoy
Tamika Myers
Reshrond E. Tucker

2011
Nykiesha Baulkman
Cum Laude
D’Var Sinclair Cockrum
Damien K. Harris

Charles R. McLeod
Asst. Mgr. Aldi’s, Grad student,
University of Phoenix, Gadsden, AL.

Melvin L. Vaughn
Justin T. West

2012
Joe L. Camp
Randall K. Lynch
Kimberly L. Johnson
Jamecia E. Ready
Jason A. Smart

Mandrake Miller
Associate Director Residence Life,
Chowan University,
Murfreesboro, NC, Owner/CEO Impact Fitness, M.S. in Leadership, Grand Canyon University
The Morris College Teacher Education Program was accredited by SACS in 1978 and received its initial NCATE Accreditation March 30, 2006 and its NCATE Continuing accreditation April 19, 2011. The Early Childhood Program was established in 1982. It was recognized by NAEC in the spring of 2006 and again in the spring of 2012. The Call Me Mister Program began in the fall of 2000 and was one of the original partners with Clemson University.

The first degrees in the field of education were awarded at Morris College in 1915. Below is a listing of teacher education graduates from 2000–2012.

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Graduates of Teacher Education Program continued

Continued 2007

Ladoria Robertson  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
M.Ed., Fourth-grade teacher, Mathews Elementary, Greenwood, SC

2008

Cynthia Bellinger  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Special education teacher, North Vista Elementary, Florence, SC

2009

Tonya Durant  
Valerie Henry  
Fourth-grade teacher, Cornerstone Leadership Academy, Lithonia, Ga.

Portia Williams  
*Cum Laude*

2010

Joy Dunson  
*Cum Laude*, Elementary teacher, Lee County School District  
Master’s in special education, Cambridge College

Char’l Joiner  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kyle Braxton Smalls  
*Cum Laude*

2011

Andrew Little  
*Cum Laude*  
Clarendon School District 1, Summerton, SC

2012

Allen Alston  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Sixth-grade teacher, Furman Middle School, Sumter, SC

Natasha Burns  
*Fifth-grade teacher,*  
Fifth-grade English teacher, Hartsville Middle, Hartsville, SC

Marquice Clark  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Second-grade teacher, Cleveland Elementary, Spartanburg, SC

Stacey Wilson  
*Cum Laude*
Chariti Crum Crowned 59th Miss Morris College

Miss Chariti F. Crum, a senior from Lexington, SC, was crowned Miss Morris College by President Luns. C. Richardson on Friday, October 19, 2012.

Chariti is a UNCF/Mellon Fellow, majoring in sociology. She plans to pursue a doctorate in administrative social work. She is very active at Morris College. She is on the Dean's List, a member of the Honors Program, Xi Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Morris College Cheerleaders. In fall of 2011, Chariti served as the first attendant to Miss Morris College.

Chariti was accompanied by First Attendant, Miss Ebonie A. Harris, a senior from Augusta, Ga.; Second Attendant, Miss Yolanda J. Stiphenson, a senior from Stone Mountain, Ga. and a full court representing the various student organizations of the college. A reception and ball in the queen's honor immediately followed the coronation.
Campus Royals Crowned During Pre-Fall Harvest

Dr. Charles M. Pee, the college's minister and an associate professor in the Division of Religion and Humanities, gave a moving message at the Pre-Fall Harvest Worship and Rally on Thursday, November 13, 2012.

Dr. Pee spoke on the theme, “The Art of Peaceful Living,” referencing Romans 12:18, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” During the Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally much appreciation was shown through the contributions and gifts of faculty, staff and students and our esteemed President, Dr. Luns C. Richardson.

At the time of the rally faculty and staff had contributed $11,597.78, while students contributed $4,694.11. As promised at the Fall Harvest Kick-off Rally, President Richardson matched the total contributions to date with a gift of $16,291.89. This brought the combined total to $32,583.78.

A special highlight of the rally was the crowning of Miss Homecoming and Miss Co-ed as well as the announcement of Mr. Co-Ed. President Richardson crowned Raenita Clark, a senior from Holly Hill, SC as Miss Homecoming. Shatiqa Gandy, a freshman from Fayetteville, NC was crowned Miss Co-Ed. Adonis Valdez, a sophomore from North Brunswick, NJ was named Mr. Co-Ed. Valdez was away from the campus on official business. These three students were successful in raising the most funds for the Fall Harvest. All funds raised will help the college fulfill its obligation toward the UNCF’s campaign drive.
Honor Students Visit Graduate Program at CSU

Darrell Byas, senior, sociology major, Baltimore, Md; Nicole Jeffcoat, junior, organizational management major, Sumter, SC; and Patricia Holman, junior, mass communication major, Holly Hill, SC, joined scholars from Bethune-Cookman College from Daytona, Fla. and Claflin University of Orangeburg, SC for the Columbus State University’s Graduate School Diversity Day Program held in Columbus, Ga. on November 5, 2012. Ms. Margaret A. Bailey, director of the Career Services Center, accompanied the students.

The program consisted of a tour of the university's facilities, meetings with the president, vice provost, graduate program directors, financial aid, graduate assistants and residence life coordinators. The event provided an excellent opportunity for students pursuing graduate school to gain insight on graduate school admission and enrollment. The event was held for students attending HBCUs.

Morris College Students Advance through New Internship

The 20th Force Support Squadron and Spratt Education Center at Shaw Air Force Base recently developed an internship program for college students. Students learn leadership, mentoring and customer service.

Kwadashea Cummings, senior; Patricia Holman, junior; and Whitney Nelson, senior, are the first Morris College students to participate in this structured internship program.

Upon completion of the program, interns will have 120 hours in their degree fields ranging from education services, information technology and marketing. This in-depth program provides each intern with an activity manager to oversee their progress.
ACT Recognizes Students

Two Morris College students were awarded certificates of achievement from ACT, the national testing service based in Iowa City, Iowa. Norman Brown, a junior from Society Hill, SC majoring in political science, and Patricia Holman, a junior from Holly Hill, SC majoring in mass communications, scored at or above the national mean on the reading portion of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency Test.

Both students are participants in the Morris College Quality Enhancement Plan Project. The project’s focus is on promoting improved reading comprehension and vocabulary development for juniors.

The students indicated that they have a love of reading and they go beyond the assigned readings in their classes to broaden and deepen their understanding of the subjects that they are studying. Their certificates of achievement were presented at the Junior Class Assembly on Thursday, October 25, 2012.

Honor Students Attend Conference

On October 18, 2012, members of the Morris College Honors Program attended the 21st Annual National Association of African American Honors Program Conference hosted by Claflin University and South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC.

Maranda Greene, senior; Whitney Nelson, senior; Oliver Holmes, senior; Demetrius Small, senior; Joseph Abrahams, junior; Randy Whipple, junior; Adonis Valdez, sophomore; and Dommini Guein, sophomore, attended the conference. They were accompanied by Dr. Joseph K. Popoola, director of the Honors Program and Ms. Lavon Simpson, advisor for Honors Program/RARE, the social organization of the Honors Program.
UNCF “A mind is a terrible thing to waste” 20th Anniversary Florence/Pee Dee Gala was held Friday, December 7, 2012 at the Florence Civic Center. Miss Catherine Joy Evans, a UNCF scholarship recipient, was honored as the representative for Morris College. Miss Evans is a sophomore, criminal justice major from Florence, SC.

She was recognized along with UNCF-member institution student scholarship recipients from Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, and Voorhees College. The recipients gave testimonials of the tremendous impact UNCF has made on their college education. Each recipient was also privileged to be photographed with renowned actress and guest speaker, Ms. Lynn Whitfield.

Ms. Tonya Brown, a 1996 graduate of Morris College, served as the mistress of ceremonies. Brown is a general assignment reporter at WPDE, Channel 15 in Florence, SC. Mrs. Altoya Felder-Deas, alumni affairs officer, accompanied Miss Evans to the event.
Dr. Patricia Ali, professor of history and coordinator of social studies secondary education and Dr. William H. Salyer, associate professor of organizational management, attended the 19th Annual HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference in Orlando, Fla. held October 17-20, 2012. They presented on “Establishing a Study Abroad Program at an HBCU.”

Dr. Patricia Ali also attended the National Council of Social Studies Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash from November 13-17, 2012. She participated in Specialized Professional Association training to prepare and evaluate reports on teacher education. Sessions included talks by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and travel authority Rick Steves, as well as a program on Arctic Regional Issues, hosted by the Canadian Consulate.

Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Jr., chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences, Ms. Margaret A. Bailey, director of Career Services, and Mrs. Delois Woodward, Cooperative Education coordinator, attended an education and workforce summit titled, “Power Up! Our Students’ Future.” The summit was sponsored by the Santee-Lynches Workforce Investment Board on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Central Carolina Technical College. The summit brought together more than 150 individuals from business and industry, K-12 education, higher education and community leaders from Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties in South Carolina.

Deborah Calhoun, director of admissions and records, attended the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admissions Officers held on Hilton Head Island on December 2, 2012. She was accompanied by admission counselors Tiffany McCants and Lorenzo Rivers. They attended workshops in the areas of self-development, admissions, records and registration and technology. A workshop of high interest was offered by LeRoy Rooker, an expert on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Dorothy S. Cheagle, director of Planning and Governmental Relations, and Dr. Leroy Staggers, academic dean, attended the SACS Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas during December 8-11, 2012. The meeting was sponsored by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and featured sessions on various aspects of regional accreditation including, the Fifth Year Report, Substantive Change, Distance Learning, Assessment, Compliance Certification, and Institutional Effectiveness.

Margaret Mukooza, assistant director of the Richardson-Johnson Learning Resources Center, attended the 2012 South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference from October 24 – 26, 2012 in Columbia, SC. The conference theme, “Common Ground: A Conversation about Library Service in South Carolina,” allowed Mukooza to attend sessions focusing on research strategies and information literacy instruction in academic libraries. The sessions sponsored by the Information Literacy Round Table of the South Carolina Library Association, provided an opportunity for attendees to gain insight on what their colleagues are doing to engender effective library research skills in their students.

Kathleen Roy, assistant professor of speech and theater, attended The New York Film Academy in Hollywood Calif. for the Film Acting Intensive Workshop in Oct. Her attendance was funded by the 2012 Professor of the Year.
FACULTY & STAFF

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Ms. Tiffany Burns
Secretary, Division of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Ms. Patrice Cooper
Reading Center Assistant, QEP

Mrs. Monisha Thomas
Math Teacher, Upward Bound

Ms. Subira N. K. Whipper
Director of Student Health & Wellness Center

Not Pictured

Ms. JoAnn Anderson,
Data Entry Clerk
MCMI-Advance Program

FACULTY PROMOTION

Dr. Deborah Ruby Crawford has been promoted from associate professor to professor of biological sciences.
# Financial Report Summary

**July 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012**

Unrestricted and restricted contributions to the college from Private Sources total $593,096.34.

Restricted Federal and State Grants total $5,146,656.00.

Total received from Private Sources, Federal and State Grants is $5,739,752.34

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**Total Unrestricted Contributions (Private Sources)** $\text{549,114.45}$

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**Total Federal Grants (Restricted)** $\text{4,646,656.00}$

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**Total State Grants (Restricted)** $\text{500,000.00}$

## Total Restricted Federal and State Grants

**Total Gifts and Grants From July 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012** $\text{5,739,752.34}$

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**Note:**

NATIONAL ALUMNI WEEKEND: Myrtle Beach, SC, April 19-22, 2012

.... Classes not included in Fall edition

Class of 1942

Class of 1947

Class of 1982

Class of 1987
The Atlanta Alumni Chapter held its Third Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Stonecrest in Lithonia, Ga. The major fund-raiser supports Morris College. President Luns C. Richardson gave greetings to the attendees via video. Greetings were also provided by Mrs. Barbara R. Jackson, president of the Morris College National Alumni Association and Mrs. Altoya Felder-Deas, alumni affairs officer.

Mrs. Colleen Heyward,’61, was recognized at the event for her dedicated service and loyal support to the college and the chapter. She was instrumental in reactivating the chapter a few years ago. Mrs. Heyward has been selected as the Morris College Outstanding Alumnus. She will be honored at the 2013 UNCF/National Alumni Council/National Pre-Alumni Council Leadership Conference. Mr. Willie Grate,’66, was also recognized at the event for increasing attendance. His supporters included attendees from Texas and Florida. The chapter is under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Pendergrass,’71.
Richland County Alumni Chapter held “Christmas Gala in the Vista” on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Chelsea’s Seafood Restaurant in Columbia, SC. The chapter is under the leadership of Mr. James “Frankie” Moore,’85.
The Morris College Sumter Alumni Chapter sponsored its Annual Little Miss/Master Pageant on October 27, 2012 in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The chapter’s major fundraiser, the event raised $13,374.00, which was donated to the college for the Fall Harvest Rally.

The pageant winner was Janya Simone House. She is the daughter of Mr. Jason House and Ms. Ingrid Tennille Galloway and the granddaughter of Reverend & Mrs. Robert E. Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac House. A 10-year-old, fourth-grader in the public schools of Orangeburg, SC, Janya enjoys reading, playing basketball and liturgical dance. She attends Saint Paul AME Church. Janya reported the evening of the pageant $6,289.00.

First-runner-up was Kamarii Queen-Else Walters. She is the daughter of Ms. Elisha Walters and Mr. Marcus Green and the granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Walters and the late Mr. James Walters. A fourth-grader at Wilder Elementary School, she maintains A/B Honor Roll status and enjoys reading, math, science, riding her bike, swimming, interacting with friends and meeting new family members. Kamarii is a member of the Jewels Praise Ministry and the junior Girl Scouts at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. Her career ambition is to become a nurse, teacher and a dancer. Kamarii reported the evening of the pageant $3,388.00.

Second runner-up was Danielle Asha Sims. She is the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. David & Mrs. Quanda Sims, and the granddaughter of Ms. Earnestine Durant and the late Mr. Henry Rembert, and Mrs. Jacqueline Sims and the Reverend Eugene Sims. A second-grader at Alice Drive Elementary School, Danielle enjoys art class, visiting the library, and participating in the annual Spring Fling. She attends Joshua Baptist Church in Dalzell, SC, and Bethel Worship Center in Camden, SC. Danielle’s academic ambition is to one day attend Morris College. She likes helping and taking care of people, which fits well with her aspiration to one day become a nurse. Danielle reported the evening of the pageant $2,497.00.

Third runner-up was E. Marshall Young. He is the son of Mr. Everett Johnson and Mrs. Marcell Johnson and the grandson of Mr. Isaac Williams and Mrs. Rebecca Hall. A fourth-grader at Mililani Waena in Hawaii, he enjoys riding a bike, reading Magic Tree House books and fishing with his grandfather and uncle. He is interested in cars, traveling and visiting national monuments and state parks. His career ambition is to become a pediatrician in the Army. Marshall reported the evening of the pageant $1,200.00.

The 2011 winner Master Jusiah M. Oaks was presented and assisted in the crowning ceremony. Ms. Bevlin A. Y. Collier served as chairperson for the program and Mr. Stanley Scrivens is the president of the chapter.
ALUMNI NEWS

FALL TELETHON

The Fall 2012 Telethon, held November 8 – 10, 2012, was chaired by Dr. & Mrs. Dill Gamble under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara R. Jackson, MCNAA president. The Telethon expanded its reach by using the resources of chapter presidents and members to reach out to alumni in their respective areas. This was in addition to alumni and pre-alumni volunteers that called from the campus. It was a great success; $21,361.10 was solicited in pledges. Alumni have until June 30, 2013, to honor their pledge(s).

Spring 2013 Telethon
March 14 – 16, 2013 (on campus).

Chapter presidents and members will conduct telephone outreach in their areas from March 4 – 16, 2013. Representatives will reach out to the alumni that were not contacted during the Fall 2012 telethon. Thank you to all the alumni and pre-alumni volunteers who helped make this project a success and for the continued growth of Morris College.
Earline Williams Boles, ’62, and Edward Boles celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 24, 2012. The rededication ceremony was performed by Dr. Luns C. Richardson who joined them in holy matrimony 50 years ago in Denmark, SC. He was serving as Dean of Men, chaplain and instructor at the South Carolina Area Trade School (now Denmark Technical College). Mr. Boles was attending South Carolina State College at the time. The Boles reside in Greenwood, SC. and they are parents of two adult daughters and five grandchildren.

Joy Dunson, ’10, received a master’s degree in special education in May 2012 from Cambridge College University in Massachusetts. She is an elementary teacher in the Lee County School District.

Charles Davis, Jr., ’00 has been named interim principal at Brushy Creek Elementary School in Greenville, SC. Davis was also recently recognized by Greenville Business Magazine and Greenville First National Bank as one of the “Best and Brightest under Age 35 for the City of Greenville.”

Kiryenski Jones, ’03 and his beautiful wife Nakesha Graham Jones, ’06, had adorable Kaitlyn on 12/12/12. Kaitlyn has a slightly older big brother, John.

Rosie Clifford Kearson, ’66, was inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fall on October 25, 2012 in Newark N.J. at the city’s 24th Annual Awards Dinner. Kearson is a retired educator with more than 33 years of experience.

Dr. Marion H. Newton, ’75, and his wife, Mrs. Corine Newton, were honored by the Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, SC during their 30th Anniversary Celebration. President Richardson joined the Jehovah Church family in honoring Dr. Newton. Dr. Newton’s noble acts of service have resulted in ministries that are helping the congregation and community experience growth. Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. presented Dr. Newton with Sumter’s highest recognition, the Gamecock City Society Award.

Wilveria Sanders, ’12, has been hired as contract specialist with the U.S. Army. She is assigned to Contacting Command in Rock Island, Illinois.
Rep. J. David Weeks, '75, has been appointed to serve as chairman of the state’s Judiciary's Criminal Laws Subcommittee. The Criminal Laws Subcommittee reviews every change to the criminal statues proposed by legislators. The committee conducts public hearings and receives testimony from proponents and opponents of proposed changes and determines if the proposals should be passed upward to the full Judiciary Committee for consideration.

Weeks was also elected vice-chairman of the House Ethics Committee and Parliamentarian of the House Democratic Caucus.

Weeks is founder and senior partner of the law firm of Weeks Law Office LLC of Sumter. He currently serves on the Morris College Board of Trustees.

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Your Recent Achievements, Celebrations, Marriages, Births, and Other News are Important to Us. Let us hear from You!

Send your updates to Mrs Altoya Felder Deas by email at afdeas@morris.edu and see yourself in the news.
A Man of Honor and Philanthropy

A momentous announcement was made in the college’s Neal-Jones Auditorium to a standing room only crowd on Thursday, January 7, 2010. It was there that alumnus, Reverend Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. presented to the president of Morris College a check for $10 million.

Dr. Jackson’s magnanimous gift represents the first and largest ever given in the college’s history by a living donor. It also reflects the value he places on higher education and his determination to help Morris College students succeed. The college has been able to expand and meet long-term objectives, including increasing scholarships to help students further their education, thanks to Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Richardson describing our great and noble philanthropist as “caring and sharing” said: “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.”

Thank you, Dr. Jackson, for making such a tremendous difference and for being a wonderful example of generosity. Morris College will reap the benefits of your incredible and remarkable generosity for decades to come.

Designated Capital Development Projects:

- Administration Building, $2,500,000
- Maintenance Building with Vehicular Shed, $747,000 (Completed)
- AMMA Hall Roof Replacement, $435,000 (Completed)
- Endowed Freshman Scholarships, $500,000
- Endowed Athletic Scholarships, $1,000,000
- Student Health and Wellness Center, $170,000 (Matching funds; Completed)
- Coach Bus, $450,000 (Purchased)
- Campus Landscape and Beautification, $150,000
- Twin Towers Residence Hall $3,500,000 (Under construction.)

Dr. Soloman Jackson presenting check in 2010, top right. Jackson at groundbreaking ceremony in 2011, center. Dr. Benjamin Snoddy, Dr. Luns C. Richardson and Jackson at Fall Harvest 2011, bottom.
Grads of the College

Marie Bradley, a graduate of Morris College, earned the master’s degree in early childhood development from Columbia University, New York and taught in Sumter School District 17. Following her retirement in 1976, she remained active in several church and community organizations.

Miss Bradley passed away on December 27, 2012 and is survived by her sister, the Reverend Carolyn Bradley Jones of New York and other relatives.

Dr. Gary passed away on October 8, 2012 and is survived by her daughter, Ms. Tanya E. Gary, two grandsons and other relatives and friends.

Wheler Matthews, Sr. received the B.A. degree from Morris College (1950) and the masters degree from South Carolina State University. He studied further at Columbia University, the University of Maryland and Peabody College in Tennessee.

Throughout his stellar career as an educator, Mr. Matthews served as a teacher and a principal. He strongly supported the college through the Sumter Alumni Chapter and the Morris College National Alumni Association.

Mr. Matthews, a veteran of the United States Army who served during World War II, passed away on November 26, 2012 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lottie Carol Lucas Matthews, their three sons and other relatives and friends.

Arthenia Jackson Bates Millican received the B.A. degree from Morris College (1941), the masters degree from Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, and the Ph.D. degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (1972).

A noted poet, author and distinguished educator, Dr. Millican’s teaching career spanned 48 years. She taught at high schools in South Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi. She also taught English at Morris College; Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS; Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA; and Norfork State College, Norfork, VA.

Dr. Millican’s prominent publications include: “Seeds Beneath the Snow,” “The Deity Nodded,” and “Such Things From the Valley.”

Dr. Millican passed away on December 13, 2012 and is survived by a son, Mr. Willie Louis Lee, other relatives and friends.

Alberta Simmons Richardson received the B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Morris College (1955) and the MA degree from Pepperdine University...
in Los Angeles, CA. She studied further studies at South Carolina State University and the College of Charleston.

A retired educator, Mrs. Richardson taught at public schools throughout the Lowcountry and was involved in several church and community organizations.

President Richardson attending her homecoming celebration, reflected on Mrs. Richardson’s years of dedicated service and great support as president of the Charleston County Alumni Chapter and through the Morris College National Alumni Association. Because of her dedication, she was awarded in 2009 the MCNAA Distinguished Service Award and a Presidential Citation.

Mrs. Richardson passed away on December 30, 2012 and is survived by her husband, Dr. Clarence C. Richardson, their three sons, and other relatives and friends.

**Henry Marshall Sims** received the BS degree from Morris College (1949) and the M. Ed. degree from North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC. He studied further at the University of South Carolina, Winthrop University and the University of Florida.

Mr. Sims was an active church, community and business leader. An outstanding educator and administrator who devoted 34 years of his life educating children. He also served as Interim Superintendent of the Fairfield County School System.

Mr. Sims passed away on November 24, 2012 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Esther Ruth Butler Sims, three daughters and other relatives and friends.

**Minnie Priscilla Bell Williams** received the BA degree from Morris College (1955) and pursued additional studies at South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC; Francis Marion University, Florence, SC; and the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

A retired educator, Dr. Williams taught in the public schools of Florence and Clarendon counties and was involved in numerous civic, community and spiritual endeavors where she lovingly reached out, with inexhaustible energy, to the least fortunate and those in need. Because of her zeal to help others have a better life, the college bestowed upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Luns C. Richardson attended the funeral services for Dr. Williams and delivered words of comfort. He spoke of her great spirit and commitment to education. Her support of the college as president of the Florence Alumni Chapter and as coordinator of the Morris College Pee Dee Region Annual Banquet for the Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship Fund, among other things, were very encouraging.

Dr. Williams passed away on October 31, 2012 and is survived by her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

**Friends of the College**

**Jearldine Carson** passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2012. She was the wife of Mr. Richard B. Carson, past president of the Baptist Brotherhood Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina and a former member of the Morris College Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Carson is also survived by their daughters and other relatives and friends.

**Thomas Cobb, Sr.** was the retired pastor of First Zion Baptist Church, Yonges Island, SC. He enjoyed preaching, farming, family and discussing biblical topics.

The widower of Mrs. Sarah Freeman-Cobb, Reverend Cobb passed away on November 28, 2012 and is survived by his children, step-children and other relatives and friends.

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**Katie Ruth Floyd Daniels** passed away on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. She was the widow of Dr. Rufus J. Daniels and the daughter-in-law of Dr. G. Goings Daniels, Sr., a past president of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina (1948-1961) and a former chairman of the Morris College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Luns C. Richardson attended Mrs. Daniels homegoing celebration and gave remarks.

Mrs. Daniels is survived by her children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends.
Donald R. Durham pastored Monks Grove Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC and received the BA degree in Religion from Fruitland Bible Institute, Hendersonville, NC and the Masters of Ministry degree from Mid-Atlantic Bible College. He also attended Converse College and Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity.

Reverend Durham was also a past president of the Tyger River Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Reverend Durham passed away on November 10, 2012 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Donna Thomas Durham, his children, other relatives and friends.

Bessie B. Harris Fox passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Ms. Fox was a consistent supporter of Morris College through the Antioch Baptist Church of Columbia, SC where she attended and served faithfully.

Mrs. Fox is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Fox Johnson, her grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Roy C. Jeffcoat pastored St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Winnsboro, SC.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, where he retired after 20 years of service, Reverend Jeffcoat studied at the University of Maryland, Mercer University School of Religion and Columbia Bible College. He earned the D.Div. degree from Eastern Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA.

Dr. Jeffcoat was affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He passed away November 6, 2012 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melva J. Duffy Jeffcoat, his children, other relatives and friends.

Wesley Mack passed away on Friday, November 23, 2012.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant Mack served his country with distinction and was honorably discharged. He was admired and respected among his neighbors and peers.

SSG Mack was eulogized by his brother, Dr. Luns C. Richardson. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Inez V. Mack, his children and other relatives and friends.

Willette Miriam Johnson Moore passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.

Ms. Moore, affiliated with Ideal Funeral Parlor, Incorporated of Florence, SC, was the sister to three of Florence County’s distinguished sons: Dr. Westcott A. Johnson, former president of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina and former chairman of the Morris College Board of Trustees; Attorney Mordecai C. Johnson; and the Reverend Jesse E. Johnson (all deceased). She was the sister to Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, a past president of the Pee Dee Baptist Association Woman’s Department and Mrs. Frances Perkins.

Ms. Moore is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Bernita Stephens, her sisters, other relatives and friends.

Laura Peeples-Murdaugh was ordained in 1995 and later called to pastor the Savannah Creek Baptist Church, Ehrhardt, SC and Lemon Swamp Baptist Church, Bamberg, SC.

Reverend Murdaugh passed away on January 6, 2013 and is survived by her husband, their children and other relatives and friends.

H. H. Singleton II was the retired pastor of Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church and the former president of the Conway branch of the NAACP.

A longtime civil rights activist, Reverend Singleton was committed to justice and equality. He passed away on December 31, 2012 and is survived by his son, the Reverend Dr. Hank Singleton III and other relatives and friends.
Mr. Rockwood was a talented and soulful individual whose distinctive style was framed by his humor and personality. He worked in the college’s graphics center until his sudden passing on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Rockwood was funeralized on Friday, January 25, 2013 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Sumter. His contributions to the college were tremendous and greatly appreciated.

“Dean of Graphics”

was his customary way of answering the phone whenever you called, and Morris College will surely miss him.

Mr. Rockwood resided in Sumter and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Diana Rockwood, children, parents, other relatives and friends.
Alumni Weekend Activities

MARRIOTT HOTEL
1200 HAMPTON STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, April 18, 2013
4:30 pm- 5:30 pm, 8:00 pm ..................................Check In/Pick Up Registration Package
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.................................................Hall of Fame VIP Reception (Formal)
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm..................................................Hall of Fame Scholarship Gala (Formal)
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm...............................................MCNAA Hospitality Richland Chapter

FRIDAY, April 19, 2013
9:00 am - 12:00 noon ..............................................Check In/Pick Up Registration Package
9:00 am - 10:00 am.................................................Fitness Hour
9:00 am - 10:30 am.................................Workshop I - MCNAA Leadership/Local Chapter Officers
9:00 am -10:00 am.................................Workshop II – Social Media/MCNAA Slide Show
11:00 am – 1:30 pm..............................All Star Brunch/Class Reunions (No Athletic Attire)
Special Recognition for Classes ending in ’3 & ’8 Group Photos
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm.............................. Workshop II (REPEAT) – Social Media/MCNAA Slide Show
Workshop III—Leadership Committee Collaboration
6:30 pm – Until ..............................................Reunion Dinner/Dance – Richland Chapter
Theme: “A Night of Elegance in the Vista” - All Black Affair

SATURDAY, April 20, 2013
7:30 am - 8:30 am......................................................Fitness Hour
9:30 am – 11:30 am...............................................MCNAA Executive Board Meeting
11:45 am– 2:30 pm ............................................Reunion Luncheon - Ministers & MCNAA Leadership
College Highlights – Dr. Luns C. Richardson, President
(No Athletic Attire)
6:30 pm – 12:00 Midnight.............Blue and Gold Gala/MCNAA Awards and Recognitions
~ A FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA and Music ~

SUNDAY, April 21, 2013
9:00 am – 10:30 am.................................................Worship Service
10:30 am .................................................................Checkout and Farewell

Reservations should be made directly with the Marriott Hotel by calling 1-800-593-6465 and reference Morris College National Alumni Association to receive the special rate.

Room rates are $109.00 (Double or King) per night (tax not included)
Rates increase after March 17, 2013

NOTE: You must be registered for the Alumni Weekend Activities to receive the special hotel rates. If you do not register you will be charged the regular rates.
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Join Us for the Hall of Fame VIP Reception and the Scholarship Gala on Thursday