Affiliation
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Location
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Accreditation
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ON THE COVER:
No stranger to Morris College, Judge Glenda Hatchett will address the Class of 2011 during the college's Centennial Year Commencement Convocation. For over a decade, the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. has preached for the Religious Emphasis Week worship services and, this year, the Reverend Dr. William R. Boone, Sr. will be the featured speaker during the Annual Mid-Winter Banquet on February 25.

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CORRECTIONS
We extend an apology for two name errors which were found on page 54 of the 2010 Fall Edition of The Update. The correct names should have been listed as Dr. Ayo Awosanya and Ms. Pamela Smalls-Tolbert.
Speaking before the 112th Congress, President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union address, “The education race doesn’t end with a high school diploma. To compete, higher education must be within the reach of every American.” Morris College, as a “liberal arts and career-focused” institution, has always taken this seriously. We understand fully that success is no accident. That is why we do all we can to ensure that every one of our students has an opportunity to succeed.

Our campus is buzzing with activity. As soon as one capital development project is completed, another is beginning, and others are waiting to begin. These new facilities will help strengthen our position as an academic center of higher learning. More so, they will help improve the quality of our educational programs. The now completed Forensics Center, for instance, will greatly impact our Criminal Justice Program. This $1.3 million facility, thanks to a grant from the Justice Department, will be operational during the current spring semester. Students will be instructed and trained in the most current investigative techniques. A grant from the U. S. Department of Energy will be used to construct a new wing on the Wilson-Booker Science Building. An added classroom and laboratory space will enhance and improve instruction for our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs. A grant from the U. S. Department of Education will be used to construct a student health and wellness center. It will be of great benefit to our students studying in the health science and recreation administration programs. Matching funds from the $10 million, the college received from Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. will be used to support its construction.

Morris College takes its hat off to our federal, state, county, and city officials for all they do to offer students the intellectual advantages and opportunities they need to be successful, productive citizens. Their creativity, energy, innovation, and passion are needed more than ever before. Education is an investment, and President Obama is right. Education is an investment that “will make America a better place to do business and create jobs.”

Finally, I want to thank our dedicated faculty and staff for providing support and encouragement to our students and creating within them the belief that they can do well in anything they pursue. With your ongoing support, they can do just that. Thanks to our students for all you are doing through your study and hard work. In doing so, you are portraying Morris College as a great place to learn and grow. I extend my sincere appreciation to our many Baptist family, alumni, and friends for the crucial support we receive from you. Without it, many students would be unable to receive a quality education that is affordable. Rest assured, we will continue improving the caliber of academic programs offered to students and giving them lots of confidence in their abilities. Working together our students will be challenged to take advantage of every opportunity provided by the institution to help ensure their completion toward an undergraduate degree, continued by pursuit of their dreams.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Luns C. Richardson
President
Morris College Creates Retention Pond

By JADE ANDERSON - Item Staff Writer
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There are several ways to manage storm water runoff when a property is being developed, and Morris College has chosen to create a retention pond that will later add to the attractiveness of the growing campus.

“Right now, it’s a big muddy mess,” said Helen Roodman, senior planner for the city of Sumter. “When it is finished and the ground cover has reestablished itself in the area, it will have much of the charm and environmental features you see at Swan Lake.”

Roy Graham, director of business support services and personnel, said the architect and engineers for some of the current construction on the campus recommended building one large pond instead of a small pond for each new building. He said this pond and its overflow area will accommodate the new physical plant, the new health and wellness center, a parking lot, the new dormitory and the administration building.

“It can (also) support further construction,” Graham said. “It’s good for the next 50 years, for all future work on Brown Street.”

He said the pond project should be complete in late March. It was started in December, but the snow and ice affected the construction.

“It probably delayed it a week to seven working days,” Graham said.

The pond is not yet tied into the lines for the campus, and he is working with the city to finalize what kind of fence to put around the pond.

“There will always be some type of barrier in place until it is completed,” Graham said.

It won’t be just a retention pond, though. Graham said the college plans to put up lighting and add a walking trail.

The total cost of the project, landscaping and all, will be approximately $400,000, Graham said. It is not being paid for by the $10 million donation from the Rev. Solomon Jackson Jr. Jackson, a 1981 graduate of the college, donated the money in January 2010 after he won the $260 million Powerball lottery in August 2009.

Roodman said once the vegetation has returned, it will have a “park-like atmosphere.” Roodman said most businesses in the area choose to fence off and make their ponds something nobody sees.

“Instead of an ugly hole in the ground, they have chosen to turn it into something that will be an amenity to the campus,” she said.

During the development of the retention pond, the campus made an effort to save a large number of trees, Roodman said. She also said they will probably do some sodding and apply hydroseed or grass seed.

Roodman said several catch basins will be installed about the campus to help conduct the water to the retention pond. She said it will gather water for about a 30-acre area.

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2011 “DREAMWALK”

Mr. Alston Freeman, Coordinator of Student Activities, waves as walkers make their way down Miller Road on the DreamWalk route.

In honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Morris College collaborated with Central Carolina Technical College and USC-Sumter to sponsor the annual Dream Walk. Each year, the event begins with the walk and ends with a commemorative program, which is hosted in the Nettles Building on the campus of USC-Sumter.
Over $300,000 Reported During 2010 Fall Harvest

The Fall Harvest Rally and Worship Service is one of the college’s major fund-raising events. Sponsored by the Baptist Educational and Missionary (E&M) Convention of SC, alumni and members of the Baptist family gather on the campus to raise funds for the college’s operating budget. On November 20, 2010, a total of $342,303 was raised.

Annually, the rally along with the Morris College Homecoming Parade takes place on the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. From July 1, 2010 to November 20, 2010, a total of $564,237.82 was reported.

2010 Fall Harvest Rally Guest Preacher
Reverend Dr. Ronald Leon Bobo, Sr.
Senior Pastor, West Side Missionary Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO

President, Baptist E&M Convention of SC
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Dr. Willie E. Givens, Jr.

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Ms. De’Siree C. Edwards

Miss Morris College 2010-2011
Ms. Sentoria Felder
Morris College Expands to Offer Students More

By JADE ANDERSON - Item Staff Writer
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Morris College has become quite popular with students seeking a college education, and the campus is expanding accordingly.

NiCole Williams, director of public relations, said this year's enrollment is the highest she's seen in the six years she's been at the school, with 1,033 students registered for the spring semester.

“We’re having a good year at Morris College,” she said.

Williams said the average is about 1,000 students registering each semester, but the college has seen a growth trend during the past five years.

With more students comes the need for more labs, more parking spaces and more housing.

“I’m very excited to see the growth of the college,” said Roy Graham, director of business support services and personnel.

He said the college has recently completed three projects.

The first was a 67-space, paved parking lot near the Garrick Boykin Human Development Center. Graham said this is part of the college's objective to create more paved parking lots and to replace gravel lots. He said the work included trees, shrubs, lighting and an irrigation system at a total cost of $96,000.

The college also put a new A-frame, asphalt-shingle roof on AMMA Hall, named after supporters Anna D. Reuben, Mamie Coker, Magnolia Lewis and Albertha Simons. The 17,370-square-foot job's total cost was $767,000, and it replaced a flat top roof from 1979.

“The advantage of an A-frame is leaks are 100 percent less likely unless you lose a lot of shingles,” Graham said.

Unlike the parking lot, the roofing job was paid for with part of the $10 million donation the Rev. Solomon Jackson Jr. gave to the school in January 2010 after he won the $260 million Powerball lottery in August 2009. Jackson is a 1981 graduate of Morris College.

The $1.3 million forensic center, the third completed project, was funded by several sources, not including Jackson’s donation. The 6,302-square-foot, one-story building houses a ballistics lab, a fingerprint lab, a DNA lab and a fire and debris lab. It also offers office space, a conference room, a large classroom that can be divided into two, a teacher work room and a faculty lounge.

Currently under way is the 10,500-square-foot physical plant. The $967,000 project is being funded by Jackson and will be named in honor of the donor’s late father, Solomon Jackson Sr., the late Rev. William McKinley Bowman Sr. and the Rev. Raymond Carolina. The groundbreaking was in September, and despite some delays because of the weather, the project is slated to be completed by May.

Graham said the one-story building will feature office and storage space as well as a break room. There will be two work areas, one for woodworking and one for technical work such as with heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units. The plant will also feature a lawn maintenance equipment area and a four-bay garage to house the college’s largest vehicles, five buses. Graham said the two smaller buses will fit in one bay.

Once the physical plant is completed, the college will tear down the current physical plant and build a 6,800-square-foot health and wellness center. Jackson’s donation will pay $170,000 toward the project. Graham said it will have a weight room, an aerobics room, lockers, showers and office space.

Once that building is complete, the campus plans to expand to 90 spaces and upgrade the parking lot that will be between the new
physical plant, the new health and wellness center and the Daniels Dining Hall to 90. It, too, will have appropriate lighting, trees, shrubbery and irrigation, Graham said.

In late spring, the college will begin building a new dormitory and administration building. Graham said the dates have not been finalized, but the two will probably be started 30 to 45 days apart. Both projects are being funded in part by Jackson’s donation, $2.5 million toward the new administration building and $3 million toward the dorm.

“The administration building ... has been on the drawing board a year or two now,” Graham said. “(Jackson’s donation) is helping it come to reality. We’re able to move faster with the project because of funding.”

The administration building will be 14,600 square feet and two-stories. Graham said it will have offices and supporting areas.

Graham said the new three-story dorm will be 43,500 square feet and will be built next to the Dobbins-Keith-Whitner Hall. It will accommodate 75 male and 75 female students, but he was clear the two will be housed on opposite sides of the building. Male students would have to exit the building and go around to the other side’s outside entrance to visit the female portion of the dorm and vice versa.

As soon as plans are completed, the college also plans to expand the Wilson-Booker Science Building. The addition will be 8,320 square feet and two stories, and Graham said it will have two classrooms, two science labs and two research labs. It will not be funded by Jackson’s donation and is estimated to cost $1.4 million. Behind this building, the campus plans to expand a current 30-space parking lot to 60 spaces. It will be paved and landscaped to match the other updated lots.

Graham said all this work reflects an increase in enrollment.

“Most of today’s students prefer to stay on campus,” he said. “They receive a good college learning atmosphere here.”

Morris College was founded by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina in 1908. According to their website, www.morris.edu, “under the continued ownership of its founding body, the College opens its doors to a culturally and geographically diverse student body, typically from the Southeast and Northeast regions. Morris College is an accredited, four-year, coeducational, residential, liberal arts institution awarding baccalaureate degrees in the arts and sciences.”

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**Morris Receives Federal Grant to Improve Education**

By JADE ANDERSON - Item Staff Writer

Morris College is one of 96 Historically Black Colleges and Universities to receive federal grants to strengthen their facilities and academic programs to improve education for their students.

Dorothy Cheagle, the director of planning and governmental relations, said the $765,826 award will be used for library resources, upgrading six academic computer laboratories with new computers and to support the construction of a student health and wellness center.

“(The center) will provide laboratory experiences for students enrolled in the health science and recreation administrations programs,” she said. “It’s always a boost when we can get additional funds to do what we need to.”

Cheagle said the excitement usually comes with the implementation of the project.

Arne Duncan, the U.S. secretary of education, announced Friday that the department was awarding $84.775 million to HBCUs across the country.

“HBCUs play an essential role in helping our nation boost college completion rates and achieve the President’s goal for America to again have the highest percentage of college graduates in the world by 2020,” Duncan said in a press release. “These grants provide HBCUs with needed resources to enhance their programs and services that will enable their students to graduate and succeed in the workplace.”

Grants awarded under the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program support a variety of activities that improve and expand course offerings, student services, campus facilities and faculty and staff development.

Funds may also be used to establish teacher education programs designed to qualify students to teach in public schools and financial and economic literacy programs for students.

The money may be used for family and community outreach programs that encourage elementary and secondary school students to develop high-level academic skills and interest in post secondary education as well.

The awards are formula grants based on data provided by eligible institutions. To be eligible for funding, institutions must have been established prior to 1964 and have as a principal mission the education of African Americans.

The U.S. Department of Education contributed to this report.

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Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. will be the guest preacher for the morning and evening worship services in observance of the Morris College Religious Emphasis Week. Dr. Jackson is the senior pastor of West Columbia’s Brookland Baptist Church.

Worship services will take place in the college’s Neal-Jones Auditorium at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. The final message will be delivered on Friday morning at 10 a.m.

A graduate of Benedict College, Dr. Jackson has a Master of Divinity degree from the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Morris College.

Dr. Jackson’s capability as a preacher, pastor, administrator and leader is known throughout the state and nation. A past president of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education and past moderator of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, he holds membership in numerous denominational, civic and community organizations.

For now the eleventh consecutive year, Morris College is honored to have Dr. Jackson return to the campus. His timely and relevant sermons help the entire campus community, as well as other attendees, reflect on the meaning of our lives and our connection with God.

Dr. Jackson is a member of the college’s Board of Trustees of which he serves as the Vice-Chairman. He is married to the former Robin Hoefer and they have two adult children and three grandchildren.

In honor of his pastoral leadership to the Brookland Baptist Church, the congregation and many others will be “Celebrating Four Decades of Leadership, Loyalty, and Love” on February 27.
The Baptist E&M Convention of South Carolina, along with Morris College, will sponsor the Annual Mid-Winter Banquet on Friday, February 25 in the college's Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. This year's sermon will be delivered by the Reverend Dr. William R. Boone, Sr.

Dr. Boone was born January 28, 1948 to Willie and Ernestine Bingham in Stuttgart, Arkansas. He received his secondary education at Holman Elementary/Junior High and Pine Street High School in Stuttgart and Conway, Arkansas respectively.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of nine under the leadership of Reverend Miller at the First Baptist Church in Stuttgart, Arkansas. He served the Lord faithfully in a variety of capacities locally, at the district and state levels throughout school and college. In 1968, he was licensed to preach by Reverend Robert Crawford and the Union Baptist Church. He was later ordained by Reverend Otis C. Jones and the Mt Pleasant Baptist Church Congregation in August of 1970 prior to departing for Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia. While in Atlanta, he assisted Pastor R. B. Hawk and the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Inc. for two and one half years in a variety of capacities.

His educational accomplishments include a diploma from Pine Street High School in 1966 and an undergraduate degree from Arkansas Tech University in 1970 with a major in political science and a minor in sociology. He graduated from the Morehouse School of Religion in 1973 with a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Christian education and pastoral psychology. He also received a Master of Arts degree from the Azusa Pacific College, while attending the California Family Study Center, with an emphasis in pastoral psychology in 1980. Finally, he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University in 1987 with an emphasis in Pastoral Psychology. He has attended numerous short courses and conferences dealing with various counseling modalities, resource management, leadership development church growth and Christian education.

After graduating from Arkansas Tech in 1970, he was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corp Program as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He later received a direct commission as a Captain in the Chaplain's Corp in 1973 after the completion of Seminary. He served our nation faithfully for twenty years as a Battalion, Brigade, Family life, Resource Manager and Community Chaplain. He honorably retired in August 1993 as a Chaplain (LTC).

He is the founder of the Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church, People Helping People of Pulaski County, Missouri, Inc.; and Pulaski Family Activity Coalition, Inc. Each entity is located in Waynesville and Saint Robert, Missouri. He has served as pastor of the Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church for the past eighteen years. He has preached and lectured, both a civilian and military chaplain, in Germany, Holland, Belgium, Korea, Japan and across the nation. He has a heart for mission and his congregation supports mission work in Africa and Panama.

An active church leader, he serves the Southwest District Association as First Moderator; the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri as its Fifth Vice President; the National Baptist Convention (NBC) USA, Inc. as the Home Mission Board Midwest Regional Coordinator; and works closely with the NBC, USA, Inc. Ecclesiastical Endorser.

In 1979, he was listed among the Outstanding Young Men in America and is the recipient of numerous medals and awards from the military and the civic community. In 2008, the Missouri House of Representatives honored him with a Congressional Commendation for his services to the communities of Waynesville and St. Robert.

Dr. Boone authored “The Integration of a System Eclecticism and Liberation Theology in Marriage Counseling;” “The Legacy of African-Americans in Pulaski County Missouri;” and This is our Story: A Historical Portrait of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri.

For the past forty-two years, he has been married to the former Helen L. Parker and they are the blessed parents of William T., Freddie, William R., II; and Kimberly. They also have been blessed with five grandchildren.

He loves people and is a saved, sanctified, serving saint, standing in the power and provisions of Christ. He seeks to allow the Holy Spirit to dynamically achieve, through him, Christ like results in his Christian living and service.
HARTSVILLE MLK holiday events bring messages of unity, equality

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Keynote speaker for the People to People Commemorative Service held Monday at First Baptist Church in Hartsville, Dr. Luns C. Richardson, president of Morris College in Sumter, receives applause from the audience.

HARTSVILLE - While the words may have been different, the message was still the same.

Three events were held in Hartsville Monday in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. A People to People-sponsored event was held at First Baptist Church with The Rev. Dr. Luns C. Richardson serving as the keynote speaker. At the Center Theater, a Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Fundraiser took place, with Bishop B.L. James serving as guest speaker. On Monday evening, Associate Professor John Foster shared remarks as part of Coker College’s King celebration.

“No one should be left out”

If just the black community is observing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, then we have missed the point, said The Rev. Dr. Luns C. Richardson, president of Morris College in Sumter. The Hartsville native and Butler High School graduate served as the keynote speaker for the People to People Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service Monday at First Baptist Church Hartsville.

Richardson said Americans have missed the point entirely if they look at this holiday as just a day for the black community to celebrate.

As he took the podium, Richardson jokingly said he had been reminded to keep his comments to 15 minutes. He thanked Reginald Alford, assistant principal at Hartsville High School, who preceded him on stage with a poignant narrative and song, for “stealing the thunder from me.”

Alford performed “Midnight Cry” and a narrative from part of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the National Black Anthem, and the Book of Revelation from The Bible.

Richardson said the theme for the hour was “The Dream Lives On.” Speaking of the life and legacy of King, Richardson said King’s circle included all of humanity – blacks, whites and Asians. He sought to liberate all people who have been oppressed, not just blacks. He said wherever people suffer King’s truth keeps marching on and his dream lives on.

“No one should be left out,” Richardson said. “This is a national holiday.”

How we celebrate the holiday will determine his success, Richardson said. He said Martin Luther King Jr. never wanted to be idolized.

“He wanted to be heard and understood,” Richardson said.

Considerable progress has been made, Richardson noted.

As he looked around at the diverse group of young and old, black and white gathered to honor the life of King, he said no longer is it just a holiday for the black community.

Richardson said King was a profound yet simple man, a man who stood for peace and justice for all. He said King stood for dignity, equality and jobs for all. He said King sought to liberate all of humanity.

How the dream lives on is what is important, Richardson told the audience. He said Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day for prayer, reflection, study, planning and peace making.

He said we should celebrate with joy and penance.

Richardson said, “The world is yours. It is up to you to change it. Education is yours. Get all of it you can.”

In conclusion, Richardson said success is yours. Achieve it and share it with others. Martin Luther King is yours, emulate him.

The dream is yours. Dream it. God is yours. Accept Him and follow Him. Richardson ended by saying, “Heaven is yours. Meet me there.”

Also taking part in the program were Jannie Harriot, vice chairman of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, mistress of ceremony; Rev. Charles Roberts, minister of music at First Baptist Church, prelude; Taquan Coe, violin solo; the Rev. Ryan Goodroe, minister of First Baptist Church, welcome; Mel Pennington, Mayor of Hartsville, greetings; Dr. Ernest Nicholson, executive director of Darlington County Community Action Agency, Building a Better Community; Avery Bate man, solo; Shequalla S. McElveen, Hartsville High School, and Wesley Abraham, Coker College, Youth View of the Future; Reginald Alford, solo; Mrs. Thomasena Peterson, president of Morris College Alumni Chapter in Hartsville, introduction of speaker; Bhakti Larry Hough, general manager, Radio Bahai and president of New World Communications Group in Henningsway, musical chant; Clayton Richardson, program coordinator of People to People in Hartsville, closing remarks, and Pastor G. T. Jackson, Household of Faith Church in Hartsville, benediction and grace.

At the conclusion of the service, everyone was invited to a lunch of soup and cornbread provided by members of Chi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and First Baptist.
President Welcomes Parents to Brunch

For the past seven years, Morris College has hosted a President’s Brunch/Welcome Program during the celebration of its annual Homecoming Week. The overall purpose of the brunch/program, is to carry out President Richardson’s intent to provide parents, as well as other relatives and friends, with an opportunity to visit the campus and participate in the week’s activities.

“Parents are always welcome to visit the campus,” states President Richardson. “We want you (the parents) to be an active part of your sons and daughters Morris College experience.”

In addition to President Richardson, attendees were welcomed/greeted by Mrs. Mary Jo Walker, First Vice President, Morris College National Alumni Association; Ms. Janiece A. Richardson, 2010-2011 Student Representative, Morris College Board of Trustees; Ms. DeSiree’ C. Edwards, 2010-2011 SGA President; and Amber S. McCoy, Miss Homecoming 2010-2011.

Other program participants included Dr. Lula Gary, Director of the Counseling and Testing Center; and Ms. Sentoria Felder, Miss Morris College 2010-2011.

Never Too Young to Give

The Youth Ministry of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church located in Starr, SC recently proved you’re never too young to give when they presented a gift of $1,000 to Morris College. The presentation was made on Saturday, January 29, 2011 during the half-time portion of the men’s Homecoming basketball game.

The Youth Ministry is led by Reverend Ron Moss who, along with others, travelled with the group for the special occasion. In addition to attending the basketball game, the group were led on a campus tour by the Morris College Ambassadors.

Mt. Moriah is under the pastoral leadership of the Reverend Dr. Rufus H. Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell, an avid supporter of the institution, is a member of the Morris College Board of Trustees.
Morris College will be putting the “Hatchett” in its Centennial Year Commencement Convocation when the Honorable Judge Glenda Hatchett addresses the Class of 2011 on Saturday, May 7.

After graduating from Emory University School of Law and completing a coveted clerkship in the U.S. Federal Courts, Glenda Hatchett accepted a position at Delta Air Lines, as the company’s highest-ranking African-American woman. She served in dual roles as a senior attorney for Delta, litigating cases in federal courts throughout the country, and Manager of Public Relations, supervising global crisis management, and media relations for all of Europe, Asia and the United States. In fact, her outstanding contributions were recognized by Ebony Magazine, which named Glenda Hatchett one of the “100 Best and Brightest Women in Corporate America.” She made the difficult decision to leave Delta Air Lines in order to accept an appointment as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County, Georgia Juvenile Court. Upon accepting the position, Glenda Hatchett became Georgia’s first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court and the department head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country. Glenda Hatchett is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and has been recognized as a distinguished alumni and awarded an honorary degree by the college. She also attended Emory University School of Law and because of her commitment to excellence and service within the community, Glenda was awarded the Emory Medal, the highest award given to an alum by the university. Currently, Glenda Hatchett presides over the syndicated show, “Judge Hatchett” currently in its 10th season (Sony Pictures Television), and is the founder of Parent Power Now, the premiere online parenting network. Judge Hatchett is also the author of the national best-sellers “Dare to Take Charge” (Center Street) which was recently released on September 20, 2010 and “Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say” (HarperCollins). She has previously served on the Board of Directors of Gap, Inc. the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), The Service Master Company, and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Presently, Glenda Hatchett is on the Board of Advisors for the Atlanta Falcons Football Organization and Play Pumps International. Hatchett resides in Atlanta, Georgia with her two sons.

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The campus community had an opportunity during the college’s 2010 fall semester Honors Convocation, to hear from “…one of the movers and shakers of our era” as described during an introduction of the speaker by President Richardson. Further described as one of South Carolina’s “most outstanding young leaders and an outstanding civil rights leader,” the speaker was Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr., President of Voorhees College in Denmark, SC.

Before becoming president of Voorhees College, Dr. Sellers, a distinguished educator, was director of the African-American Studies Program at the University of South Carolina. He also taught in the Department of History and the African-American Studies Program. A life-long Episcopalian, he is a warden at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Denmark and has served on the board of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

“For many of you the transition and the transformation as it continues to evolve is getting you to wrap your minds, your heads, and your hearts around those concepts – education, faith, and service,” he stated. Throughout his convocation address, Dr. Sellers continued to share the importance of embracing these core values (concepts) and undergirding them with discipline.

“I want you to understand that life will be filled with trials and tribulations and one of the things that you need to learn is how to navigate and negotiate. When obstacles knock you down, don’t wallow in the pity and the sorrow - get yourself up, dust yourself off, and move yourself on,” he declared. He went on to discuss in great depth each core value and issued a challenge to each student to commit themselves to move forward. In making the connection for applying the core values he said, “…being here (at Morris College) is important in terms of your future.”

As he concluded, Dr. Sellers shared how determination, focus, and the ability to accept constructive criticism are equally pivotal to everyone’s growth, development, and ultimate levels of success.

In addition to the convocation address, students who academically excelled during the 2010 spring semester were recognized. President Richardson praised the honor students for their achievements, but expressed to the student-body that, “…if you’ve done your very best, then you all are honor students.”

Morris College Upward Bound Program Receives 2010 Census Recognition

The Morris College Upward Bound Program received a certificate from the United States Department of Commerce in recognition of its participation to assist the United States Census Bureau achieve “a complete and accurate count” for the 2010 Census.

According to program director, Mr. K. D. Singleton, “This experience was another way for students enrolled in our program to learn the importance of the census and we were honored to have this opportunity to collaborate with the Census Bureau.”
Felder Crowned Miss Morris College

The Morris College Student Government Association sponsored its annual Coronation on Friday, October 22, 2010 in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. At this affair, President Richardson formally crowned Sentoria-Latavia Michelle Felder as Miss Morris College 2010-2011.

Felder, a native of Dillon, SC, is the daughter of Amanda Felder and the granddaughter of Leroy and Lucille Felder. A 2006 graduate of Dillon High School, she entered Morris College in the spring semester of 2007 and is currently a senior majoring in biology with minors in mathematics and religion. With her goal set to graduate in May 2011, she is making plans for attending medical school. As a part of her graduate studies, the honor student and student-leader wants to specialize in forensic pathology.

During coronation, several classes, clubs, and organizational queens and escorts, along with the Ladies-In-Waiting, and the attendants to Miss Morris College, Rhonda Bush and Jamila Williams, were a part of the royal court.

Alpha Kappa Mu Update

During the latter part of the 2010 fall semester, the Mu Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, here at Morris College, expanded its ranks through the addition of three new members. Ms. Cynthia Dixon is a senior political science major from Conway, SC. Ms. Twillow R. Rhodes is a senior biology major who resides in Sumter, SC. Ms. Wilveria Sanders is a senior business administration major hailing from Rembert, SC.

Established in 1937 at the Tennessee State University, Alpha Kappa Mu stands as the largest African American scholastic honor society that is recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies. In order to qualify for membership in this most prestigious society of scholars, students must be of junior or senior status with at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Over the past decade, nearly sixty Morris College scholars have been inducted into the ranks of Alpha Kappa Mu.

Service Learning Update

During the 2010 fall semester, 10 faculty members and 145 students participated in Service Learning projects in the Sumter community and on campus. The projects included: reading to young children at Wateree Community Actions Head Start; Outreach to the Elderly Project with Carriage House Residential Care; Project “At Risk” Plan to address youth concerns; and the Morris College Campus “Go Green” Recycling Project; a health fair; a health workshop at Community Residential Care; and Bridging the Technology Gap with Carriage House Residential Care.

On November 30, 2010, a forum was held in the Music Studio of the Neal-Jones Fine Arts Center to celebrate the service learning experiences.
Morris College THE UPDATE

On December 3, 2010 the 18th Annual United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Salute to Educational Excellence was held at the Florence Civic Center in Florence, SC. Each year, this event serves as a signature black-tie fund raising event hosted by the UNCF Florence Pee Dee Area.

This year’s Morris College honoree was Grashawn M. Coleman, a senior criminal justice major from Timmonsville, SC.

Scholarships Awarded

Two Morris College students, Sylvia Samuel, organizational management major; and Jalisa M. Singleton, business administration major, were among 19 students awarded scholarships by the SC Bankers Association. The awarded scholarship amounts were $3,000 and $2,000, respectively. All students were interviewed by the Young Bankers Association Committee and selected based on their academic performance, leadership skills, and expressed interest or experience in banking or financial services as recipients of this year’s awards.

Each year the Young Bankers Division raises funds to establish scholarships for deserving students enrolled in the school or department of business administration and one who possesses a strong interest in the financial industry. This year, through the Young Bankers Division Golf Tournament and the South Carolina Bankers School student raffle, we awarded $35,750 in scholarship money to nineteen students.

The SC Bankers Association Banquet took place February 2, 2011 in Columbia, SC.

Students Participate In USC Research Project

Throughout the 2010 month of October, eleven Morris College students actively participated in a community-based participatory research project as “data collectors” with the University of South Carolina’s Prevention Research Center. The students were Darelle Bentley, Zina Diaz, Tiombe Fulton, Sammie Harry, Ashley Humes, Britaney McCray, Jayla McDaniel, Omar Simmons, Raquel Robinson, Veronica Rolon, and Isaac Wilson.

As a part of their commitment, each student conducted research for a total of 20 hours per week. In addition to a $12 per hour honorarium, each student received a Certificate of Participation.

These students were afforded this research opportunity through the assistance and recruitment efforts of Dr. Joshua O. Oyekan, Professor of Psychology in the Division of Social Sciences.

King and Queens Crowned

On November 16, 2010 the college sponsored its Pre-Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally. During the program, the campus community was spiritually uplifted by the message, “The Power Within,” delivered by college minister, Reverend Charles M. Pee.

After Rev. Pee’s message, the winners of the 2010-2011 Mr. and Miss Coed and Miss Homecoming titles were announced and crowned. The winners were student-leaders, Alexander X. Cannon, Mr. Coed; Corrie R. Smith, Miss Coed, and Amber S. McCoy, Miss Homecoming.

They participated the Annual Homecoming/Fall Harvest Parade which took place on November 20.

UNCF Pee Dee Gala

President Richardson with (from left to right) Amber S. McCoy, Corrie R. Smith, and Alexander X. Cannon after the announcement and crowning of their 2010-2011 titles.

Grashawn Coleman (right) has an opportunity to meet Alumna Tonya Brown, reporter, WPDE Channel 15, during the UNCF Gala.
NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Martin Greenberg  
Associate Professor  
Division of Social Sciences

Mrs. Bernice Lewers Irby  
Chief Accountant  
Division of Business Affairs

Mr. Permon D. Mitchell  
Director of Residential Life  
Division of Student Affairs

Maj. (Ret.) Carlotta C. Stackhouse  
Director of Forensics Center  
Division of Social Sciences

Mrs. Kyeeniah Hickmon  
From: Evening Switchboard Operator, Office of Business Support Services  
To: Data Entry Clerk, Office of Admissions and Records

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

Dr. Patricia Ali, Professor of History, attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Social Studies in Denver, Colorado, November 11-14, 2010. Sessions covered standards, curriculum, technology, and specialized areas.

Dr. Ayo Awosanya, associate professor of mathematics, attended the 2010 South Carolina Association of Developmental Education (SCADE) in Columbia, SC, on October 29, 2010. The theme of the conference was, “Equipping Students for College Success.” Three concurrent sessions were conducted. The first session examined how to improve study skills in the curriculum of developmental mathematics and how the Internet can be utilized to energize the classroom, thus providing a different technique to motivate students. The second session examined why algebraic expressions should be factored by grouping and the recipe for a successful developmental math student. The final session examined the importance of embedding study skills into the mathematics class and posed the relevant question, “Developmental educators, are they born, made, or made over?”

Last year, Dr. Reginald A. Bess, chairperson of the Division of General Studies and professor of Modern Languages, attended the 70th Annual Convention of the College Language Association in Brooklyn, New York. At that convention he moderated two Afro-German panels: “Afro-German Landscapes and Identity Constructs” and “Race, Colonialism, and Pedagogy in the German Space.” He was also elected to the Executive Committee as Secretary of the organization. Previously he served on the Executive Committee as Foreign Language Representative (2002-2004) and Assistant Secretary (2008-2010).

Dr. Bess has published two review essays. In the Fall edition of Choice Magazine, a division of the American Library Association, he published a review of John C. Shields’s Phillis Wheatley and the Romantics. Professor Shields challenges the convention wisdom and debunks the long-held notion that Wheatley was greatly influenced by the European Romantics. According to Professor Shields, the converse is true, namely, that Wheatley greatly influenced the European Romantics. Dr. Bess also published John Lowe’s Approaches to Teaching Hurston’s Their Eyes Were Watching God and Other Works. He notes that the volume is laden with a wealth of sources for the work general reader, teaching professionals, and students who have been assigned a Hurston work as a research essay project.

Dr. Bess was recently inducted into the West Virginia All Sports and Academic Hall of Fame as a “Legend.” He was previously inducted as a “Greatest of the Great” for the following achievements in high school: in the 8th grade he won the state West Virginia history contest, and in the 9th grade he won the state College Algebra contest. He was also cited for being the editor of his high school newspaper and yearbook and for being the valedictorian of his graduating class. His “Legend” status derives from the following: he was the first African American graduate from West Virginia State College (now University) to be awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for study at a German University, the first African American in the United States to be awarded a Ph.D. degree in Medieval German Studies, and the first African American to direct a program of German Studies in German at a German University - The University of Rostock.
Mrs. Janet Smith Clayton, Director of the Richardson-Johnson Learning Resources Center (LRC) attended the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance Fourth Biennial Membership Meeting, October 23-26, 2010, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Conference Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

The objective of this event was to promote excellence in library and resource center services at HBCUs and foster collaboration with members of other HBCU library staff. Over 100 meeting attendees participated in a broad range of presentations and programs, including new models for information literacy, archival best practices and technologies, and a session on using HBCU archives to trace family history. Two familiar SC schools presenting was SC State University and Claflin University.

The 2010 Biennial Membership Meeting and the Pre-Conference provided a venue for HBCU directors and librarians to discuss issues facing their libraries, and the communities they serve. It was also a great opportunity for professionals at HBCUs to contribute toward the preservation of their institutions. Mrs. Clayton said, “Morris College has a wealth of history to preserve which is the library's goal to preserve the documents.

Dr. Paul Ezeji, associate professor in the Division of Education, attended the 2010 annual convention and exposition of the South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SCAHPERD) in Myrtle Beach, SC, November 12-14, 2010.

SCAHPERD conventions generally are always billed not only for the articulation of current issues about disease prevention and the enhancement of public health but also to improve the skills of the conferees especially Health educators in their various fields of endeavor. In addition, such conferences afford attending faculty the opportunity to rub minds with faculty from other institutions on the latest research relation to health enhancing behavior and lifestyles among other issues of public interest.

The information garnered during the convention aimed to enlighten classroom discussions thus making a significant impact on the teaching and learning experiences.

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**Private Gifts and Contributions**

*July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010*

Private gifts and contributions from July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 totaled $682,907.30. This amount includes $635,397.32 in unrestricted funds.

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The Morris College Sumter Alumni Chapter sponsored its annual Little Miss/Master Pageant on October 30, 2010 in the college’s Neal-Jones Auditorium. This event serves as the chapter’s major fundraiser from which the proceeds for the year’s pageant in the amount of $24,309.00 were donated to the college for the Fall Harvest Rally.

The pageant winner was Kennedi Simonne Wilson, the daughter of Dr. McKinley, Jr. and Mrs. LaKisha Wilson. She is the granddaughter of Mr. McKinley Wilson, Sr., Mr. Willie and Mrs. Barbara Wilson Jackson, and Mrs. Rose Pertell. She is a fifth grader at Western Branch Intermediate in Chesapeake, Virginia. She enjoys gymnastics, music, reading, skating, playing the piano, and computers. She attends Silver Mount Baptist Church and plans to become a veterinarian. Kennedi reported the evening of the pageant $18,784.00 and has reported an additional $360.00 which brings her total to $19,144.00. Team #4 Captains: Ms. Bevlin Y. Collier, Mrs. Felicia B. Graham and Mrs. Barbara Wilson Jackson.

First Runner-up was Payton Olivia Reese, the daughter of Mr. Derek and Mrs. Sabrina Reese and granddaughter of Pastor Velda Rucker and the late Ms. Nellie Rucker. She is a fifth grader at Lemira Elementary School where she has played for the Lemira Percussion Ensemble for four years. At school she is currently the president of the student council and her class representative to the council. She enjoys to praise and worship at church, dancing at Miss Libby School of Dance, making jewelry and teaching it to others in the community. In the summer of 2010, she placed 2nd in the 2010 Biz Camp Entrepreneurship Program. She attends Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church and plans to become a pediatrician. Payton reported the evening of the pageant $1,745.00. Team Captains: Mrs. Amanda Dudley, Mrs. Alberta Davis, Ms. Audrey Lane Perkins, Ms. Erma Dwyer and Mrs. Maggie Ellison.

Second Runner-up was Najah Briana Blassingame, the daughter of Ms. Anita Blassingame and Mr. James Goodwin and granddaughter of Reverend Dr. James B. (Shirley) Blassingame and Ms. Eva Blassingame. She is a seventh grader at Chestnut Oaks Middle School. She likes singing, dancing, writing poetry and fashion designing. She attends Mt. Zion Baptist Church and plans to become a veterinarian. Najah reported the evening of the pageant $1,600.00. Team Captains: Dr. James B. Blassingame and Mrs. Blanche Thomas.

Third Runner-up was Devin Billie, the son of Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Stephanie Billie. He is a second grader at Crosswell Drive Elementary. He enjoys drawing, working on the computer, going to the movies and listening to music. He attends Bethel AME Church and plans to become an artist. Devin reported the evening of the pageant $600.00. Team Captains: Mrs. Lillie Wilson and Reverend Eliza E. Black.

Fourth Runner-up was Iyanla Tierra An’Trell Wilson, the daughter of Mr. Mackie, Sr. and Mrs. Rosemary Wilson and granddaughter of Mrs. Mattie B. Burroughs and the late Mr. Kenly Burroughs, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wilson, Jr.; and the late Mrs. Ruby J. Wilson. She is a third grader at Pocalla Springs Elementary. She enjoys gymnastics, singing, reading and cooking. She attends Greater St. Paul and plans to become a doctor. Iyanla reported the evening of the pageant $70.00. Team Captain: Mrs. Denise Witherspoon.

The following teams didn’t have a contestant but made a financial report: Team #3 Captain: Mrs. Barbara Dease - $625.00 and Team #5 Captains: Mrs. Peggy Sanders, Dr. Margaret Davis and Dr. Beatrice Sanders - $425.00.

Bevlin A. Y. Collier served as Chairperson for the program and Lorenzo Rivers is the chapter president.
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Minnie Samuel, Class of 1971, according to a Press Release, was recognized for “Outstanding Contributions to Education.” The award was given by the South Carolina Association of School Psychologist at their fall conference on October 8, 2010. She currently serves as the Program Coordinator for the Florence County First Steps Program. In addition to her current position, she provides technical assistance to local child care facilities and is a certified trainer. Prior to employment with First Steps, she worked for thirty-six years in an array of areas with Florence School District Four.

Steven Belk, Class of 1987, has been appointed as the Center Director of the Potomac Job Corps Center in our nation’s capitol of Washington, DC. According to Belk, “My intention is sustain the growth and development of those the Center serves.” In this position, he also plans to implement new vision for outcome measure standards. According to the Potomac Job Corps Center’s web site, “…we support the Job Corps program mission of teaching eligible young people the skills they need to become employable and independent and placing them in meaningful jobs or further education.”

Courtney June Wilson, Class of 2005, graduated with honors from Strayer University on September 25, 2010 with a Masters Degree in Health Services Administration. She is currently employed as the Direct Service Provider with the United Way Diamonds Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. She instructs sex education to middle school students at Furman Middle School in Sumter, SC. Additionally, she is also the Program Coordinator for the United Way Diamonds Team DP Service Learning Program. Mrs. Wilson and her husband are relocating and will reside in southern California.

Stay connected with and learn about what your classmates are currently doing or have done since graduation... Class Notes are based on a variety of submissions and available space. We want to know what you’ve been doing too. Send your news to the Morris College Office of Alumni Affairs via email to AFDeas@morris.edu or call 803-934-3268 for more information.
Pearl Prince Brown (1908-2010) Born the same year Morris College was founded, Mrs. Pearl Prince Brown of Sumter, SC, passed away on December 15th. Mrs. Brown entered Morris College in the fifth grade, receiving her high school education and her Bachelor of Arts degree. She later earned her Masters degree from South Carolina State University. A dedicated educator and teacher, Mrs. Brown worked in the public schools for over 40 years and was a long standing and dedicated member of the First Missionary Baptist Church. She was also affiliated with the Woman’s Baptist E&M Convention of South Carolina and the Wateree Baptist Association, L. D. of which she was honored as “A Living Legend.” She was a charter member of the Beta Pi Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. It was always her sincere hope to improve the quality of life in the Sumter community and her numerous awards and citations depict her life of service to mankind.

Salley Burgess (1919-2011) The faithful pastor of First Baptist Church, Sardinia, SC, the Rev. Burgess passed away January 15th. She was very committed and dedicated in her witness of Christ and helped others wherever she saw a need. She served in various capacities as a minister and pastor. Rev. Burgess was a member of the executive board of the Christian Fellowship Missionary Association.

Francine Abrams Davis (1953-2010) A graduate of Morris College with a B.A. degree in Sociology, Mrs. Francine Abrams Davis passed away on December 14th. Mrs. Davis, a dedicated church woman, was a teacher’s assistant at Sumter High School and taught at the Ruby J. Johnson Head Start. After following her husband, Dr. Charles H. Davis, to Greenville, SC, where he currently is the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mrs. Davis taught at Gateway Academy, the YWCA, and was a counselor at Alston-Wilkes Society.

Dr. Richardson, speaking on behalf of the college, spoke appreciatively of her and her family’s support of the institution. Mrs. Davis also was working toward a masters degree at South Carolina State University.

David L. Hellams (1922-2011) The pastor emeritus of Mt. Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, the Rev. Hellams passed away on January 7th. Working “within the system,” he was a committed and outstanding individual who did whatever he could to help others. The recreation center in the city of Greenville carries Rev. Hellams name as a “testimony to his life.”

Benjamin Franklin Loney (1920-2010) A graduate of Morris College with a B.S. degree in education, Mr. Benjamin Franklin Loney, of Dalzell, SC, passed away on December 25th. A civic-minded individual, Mr. Loney began his teaching career at Catchall Span School (a Rosenwald School). He would go on to teach English, mathematics, and wood shop at various schools throughout Sumter County. Patriarch of the Loney family, Mr. Loney possessed a sense of community and was well respected. He tutored adults who wanted to learn to read and rendered advice and assistance to local farmers when needed. He exemplified the college’s motto: “Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve.”

Reverend Samuel Niles Madden, senior pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Fountain Inn for 46 years, passed away December 13, 2010. After graduating from Benedict College, he continued his education at Lander University, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. Rev. Madden was a veteran teacher for 28 years at Laurens District 55 High School. Being heavily involved, he touched the lives of many people in both his ministry and educational profession. He was involved in the Tumbling Shoals Association as a former Assistant Dean and Moderator Emeritus. He was also a member of the Local and State Congress of Christian Education and the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc, and an Army veteran.

Allen Braxton Nichols (1924-2010) The pastor emeritus of Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church, Loris, SC, Dr. Nichols passed away on December 20th. An enthusiastic supporter of Morris College, he was a distinguished educator whose emphasis on preparation was constantly drilled into the minds of young ministers and pastors he taught. Dr. Nichols was an icon throughout the Baptist denomination and a highly respected citizen of Horry County and South Carolina. Dr. Richardson, representing the college, spoke appreciatively of Dr. Nichols’ friendship and loyalty to the institution throughout his years as a pastor, educator, and moderator.

Viola Williams Pressley (1945-2010) A graduate of Morris College, Mrs. Viola Williams Pressley of Nesmith, SC, passed away on February 16th. Affiliated with numerous civic and religious organizations, Mrs. Pressley was a distinguished educator and taught at Brown High School and Battery Park Elementary School. She was an active member of the Friendship United Methodist Church.

Saraphine Dozier Shaw (1923-2010) A graduate of Morris College where she earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Mrs. Saraphine Dozier Shaw of Salters, SC, passed away on February 18th. She was a cherished educator and elementary school teacher with the Williamsburg County School District where she rendered 48 years of dedicated and faithful service. She was dutifully affiliated with the Morris College Williamsburg Alumni Association.
Tanaishia LaShawn Singletary, Class of 2010, entered into eternal rest on December 17, 2010. A 1994 graduate of Kingstree Senior High School, she pursued higher education at Morris College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management. Additionally, she graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy and was a certified nursing assistant.

Julian Clyde Weston (1924-2010) A graduate of Morris College, Mr. Julian Clyde Weston passed away on June 10th. Mr. Weston earned a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and a Master’s degree from Temple University. He taught in Loris, SC, and in the Chesterfield County School System. He was a member of Pee Dee Union Baptist Church.

Theodore “Ted” Johnas York (1955-2010) A 1977 graduate of Morris College, Mr. Theodore Johnas York, of Columbia, SC, passed away on October 16th. Following his graduation, Mr. York spent his career as a building contractor. He was the owner of Ace Contracting.

The 2010-2011 academic year has been a “groundbreaking” year for Morris College. In addition to record enrollment numbers for both semesters, the College is also expanding to enhance many of the institution’s current programs and facilities, and making strides toward the many advancements ahead. In nearly every corner of the campus, construction is currently underway or preparations are being made for projects to begin. In the following photos, we provide you with a glimpse of the work being done on the physical plant and the developing stages of a storm water retention pond.
Create your memories...

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APRIL 14-17, 2011
Myrtle Beach, SC
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Morrison College

Mid-Winter Banquet

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Reverend Dr. William R. Boone, Sr.
Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church
Saint Robert, MO