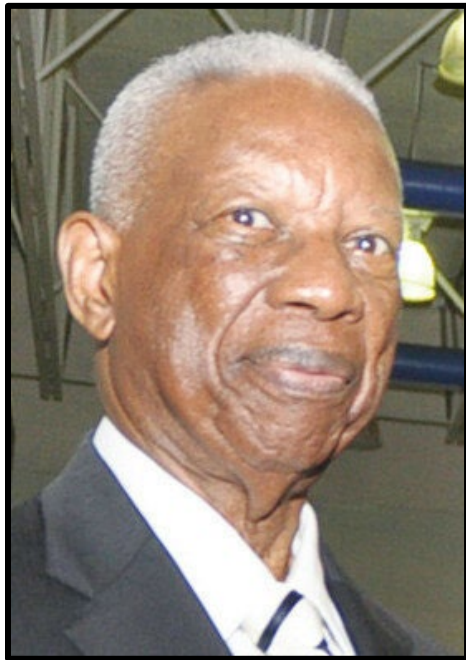


Morris College names street after longest-serving college president

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Morris College held a street name changing ceremony Friday, Nov. 1, changing the name of West College Street to Dr. Luns C. Richardson Boulevard to honor the university's ninth president.

Richardson was the longest-sitting HBCU (historically Black colleges and universities) president, not just at Morris College, but also in South Carolina, and he served the college for 43 years, becoming the school's president in 1974 and retiring in 2017.

Richardson passed away in 2018 at the age of 89, but the good he has done for Morris will remain honored. During his tenure, Richardson presided over the construction of 17 buildings on the college's campus.

West College Street, now Dr. Luns C. Richardson Boulevard, is the main road coming into Morris' campus, meaning every person who drives onto campus will be met with the name of the former president.

The campus also has a statue of Richardson that was unveiled in 2021.

"On several occasions, Dr. Richardson has been named a monumental element of Morris College's rich history. Richardson served as president of Morris for over 40 years breaking barriers and changing lives for the better," Morris College wrote in a news release. "Many alumni often pay homage to Richardson for the way he led the college during his tenure. This street name change is one thing Morris College plans to do to honor and forever remember the legacy of Dr. Richardson."

The unveiling began at 9:30 a.m., just ahead of the school's 2024 homecoming season that began Friday evening. Once the official street sign is put into place, Morris will hold another ceremony in Richardson's honor.

To keep up with further happenings at the college, follow Morris College on social media.