Join us in recognizing and celebrating our new Hornet Basketball Recruits who have committed to attend Morris College for the 2020-2021 academic year. #MOCOBOUND

Morris College received $740,606 from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to directly assist eligible students who are facing financial challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal of the college was to distribute the funds to 525 qualifying students as quickly as possible, which can be used for expenses directly related to coronavirus disruptions, such as food, housing, healthcare, technology, course materials, and childcare.

In order to receive funding, students must be Title IV-aid-eligible, and enrolled as of March 16, 2020. Each eligible student was awarded a total of $1,410.68. There were 92 students from Sumter, SC that received these funds.

One of our fellow Sumter students wrote an email expressing his gratitude for the funds. “I want to thank you personally for the assistance check that was unexpected but very well needed in these horrific days during this COVID-19,” Davon Canty sent in an email to President Staggers. “I thank God for allowing me to have such an amazing experience at Morris College. I look forward to returning.” He wrote.

This has been an exceedingly difficult time for everyone, and the college understands how important this assistance is to our students. We are grateful to be able to provide this financial assistance to our students, along with the other student support services that we offer as a campus community.
Despite the upheaval that the Coronavirus pandemic has created in our lives in recent months, Morris College is arranging for students to continue their studies through offering an all on-line program of instruction for the Summer 2020 session. During this time, all courses as well as teaching and learning activities will take place utilizing the college’s Learning Management System (LMS).

The Summer 2020 session will consist of four (4) weeks, beginning with a deadline for completing registration on June 8, 2020 and the start of classes on June 9, 2020. Students will be able to take a maximum of six (6) credit hours during this year’s Summer session. Dates for completing final examinations are July 6 and 7, 2020. The schedule of courses to be offered this summer is available at the link: https://www.morris.edu/morris-college-pre-registration-form.

To officially enroll for the Summer 2020, students are advised to take the following steps:

1. Review a paper or electronic copy of your current transcript and confer with your faculty academic advisor to determine your academic status as well as outstanding course needs to complete your degree program. If you have never attended Morris College before or were not enrolled this past school year, please start your process by contacting the Office of Enrollment Management and Records at 1-866-853-1345.

2. Review the Summer 2020 Course Schedule in order to make course selections from the menu of available classes. Remember, you can take up to six credit hours this summer.

3. Contact the college’s Financial Aid Office (803) 934-3238 to determine your eligibility for financial aid. Complete whatever forms or outstanding information required for you to receive the financial assistance you need to attend the Summer 2020 session.

4. Complete the on-line fillable Course Registration form indicating the courses that you intend to take for the Summer 2020 session which is available at https://www.morris.edu/morris-college-pre-registration-form.

5. Contact the college’s Business Office (803) 934-3411 in order to determine fees owed and make payment arrangements. Payment of fees can be made by cash, cashier’s check, certified check, money order or major credit card. Students with course-related questions or concerns should contact their individual faculty advisor, major Division Chair, or the Office of the Academic Dean (803) 934-3213, in that order. Registration-related questions should be directed to the Office of Enrollment Management and Records. Representatives from these offices are also available on campus should students need to conduct any business matters in person.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and productive summer.
Morris, our college dear . . .

The predicament Morris College found itself in because of the coronavirus did not falter our commitment to the education of our students in any way. The dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of our faculty, staff, and our students showed their commitment to achieving academic success. This pandemic has enflamed our passion and desire to become even stronger as a student-centered institution. Even now, we are accepting new students for the 2020 fall semester and communicating with returning students. Providing services and programs to assist students in their academic, social, professional, and personal development is our heart’s desire.

To our amazing and remarkable class of 2020! You have worked so hard, only to have your commencement exercises rescheduled for a later date. Thank you for your understanding and patience. We cannot wait to see you in August to celebrate with you and congratulate you for a job well done. God bless you!

The unprecedented uncertainty caused by this pandemic sent all levels of education into a tailspin. Schools had to move quickly beyond campus classrooms to continue providing students structured and quality academic instructions.

Our efforts to continue fulfilling the college’s mission and objectives does not diminish the unfortunate reality and possibility that some 729 small colleges throughout the country may have to close due to the financial impact caused by this pandemic which has changed the landscape of higher education everywhere. When the institution decided that students would not return to campus following their spring break, a substantial amount of funds, pertaining to students’ room and board were returned to the federal government.

In the light of all that is happening, in the midst of uncertainty, Morris College still needs the financial support of our Baptist family, alumni, and our friends. We want to thank President Ruth M. Pendergrass and the Morris College National Alumni Association for a recent gift of $35,000. They have a goal of $300,000, in which $185,817.00 has been achieved . Contributions continue to come in from the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, under the leadership of President Donald E. Greene, Jr. Their goal is to raise $1 million dollars.

The enthusiasm of our faculty, staff, and students is not enough. To remain sustainable and stable requires all of us working together. Though this pandemic has changed everything, our ability to continue as a beacon of hope for students who are yet to come remains the same.

You, our Morris College donors, are more than our supporters and friends. You are our heroes, and we look forward to you doing whatever you can to help us successfully close out the fiscal year on June 30, 2020. Thank you and God bless you!

In Loving Memory

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DR. GERALD POLINSKY

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Attention graduates there is a new job opportunity on the horizon. With increased COVID-19 testing the number of confirmed cases will increase, and the need for more contact tracing will also. Contact tracers track down people with a potentially contagious disease. The contact tracer can alert that person, who may not know they’ve been in contact with a corona virus patient, that they should self-quarantine and get tested. Currently, SCDHEC states that there are 230 contact tracers in South Carolina, and they’re in the process of identifying another 770, for a total of 1,000 contact tracers in the state. For more information, visit www.scdhec.gov/form/tracer.