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The Neal-Jones Auditorium was a buzz of all things Science on Thursday morning, Feb. 6, as the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics lead by Dr. Radman M. Ali, continued its celebration of Science in Action Week. The speaker was Colonel William Oden, South Carolina Military Department’s Deputy Chief of Staff for Cybersecurity.

Speaking on the Theme, “The Blueprint for Life”, Colonel Oden shared with the assembly that just as a house under construction has various individuals, i.e. carpenters, electricians, plumbers etc., that play a role in the completion of the project, thus is the plan God has for each of us. He referenced Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Colonel Oden encouraged the audience by sharing stories of overcomers like Robert Smalls from Buford, SC a former slave who went on to become the first black Congressman from SC, Martin Luther King, and Rosa Parks. He also shared his personal journey, of overcoming the obstacles he faced as a young boy with the assistance of others who poured into his life, which assisted him in developing a firm foundation that lead to his current success. His address ended with the thought-provoking question, “What is God’s blueprint for your life?”

Colonel Oden, alongside Morris College alumnus Rhonda Hook a Pharmacy Technician, and ShaMeka Carter a nurse, were presented with plaques for their participation in Science Action in Week.

SCIENCE IN ACTION WEEK ASSEMBLY



(L-R): Rhonda Hook - Stellar Graduate, Dr. Radman M. Ali - Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Estiny Vogt - STEM Club President, Colonel William L. Oden - Guest Speaker, State Guard Deputy Chief of Staff for Cybersecurity and Intel, ShaMeka Carter - Stellar Graduate.



STEM CLUB



THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

- New, transfer and readmitted students who have not received a financial aid award letter for the 2020 spring semester need to report to the Financial Aid Office today to check on their status.
- Students who have been awarded College Work Study for the spring semester and have not been placed in a job assignment need to report to the Financial Aid Office today to receive job assignments. Please check the roster in your Residence Hall to see if your name is listed.
- The financial aid application process has begun for the 2020-2021 academic year. Students who need assistance in completing their FAFSA may report to the Financial Aid Office for help.
- Students are reminded to register with UNCF scholarships at www.scholarship.uncf.org. You must complete the Student Profile and the General Scholarship Application. If You have already registered, you should check the website periodically for new scholarships.



MLK ESSAY CONTEST

The Morris College Cultural Arts Committee announces The MLK Essay Contest, "Discovering Your Authentic Purpose of Pursing Higher Learning." Students may request an application and guidelines from Mr. Darnell J. Holland in the Brawley-Starks Building – Room 103, Ms. Priscilla Patten in Academic Hall – Room 208, or Mrs. Henrietta M. Temoney in the Brawley–Starks Academic Success Center – Room 103. The deadline for the final paper submissions is Friday, February 21, 2020 by 5 p.m. Winners will be announced on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The papers will be awarded:

- First Place—\$500 Cash Prize**
- Second Place—\$200 Cash Prize**
- Third Place—\$100 Cash Prize**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JOIN US

In an effort to improve the quality of life through art and entertainment the Sumter County Cultural Commission and Morris College have partnered to host a screening of “While I Breathe, I Hope.” A documentary about South Carolina politician and CNN commentator Bakari Sellers, on February 11 at 6 p.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium.

Directed by Orangeburg, S.C. native Emily Harrold and titled after the South Carolina state motto, “While I Breathe, I Hope” explores the history and legacy of racism in American politics through the experiences of South Carolina politician Bakari Sellers. The film follows Sellers on his 2014 campaign for lieutenant governor, a position that hasn’t been held by an African American since the 1870s. The film also traces Sellers through the Charleston Massacre and the removal of the Confederate Flag.

The screening will feature a special post-film discussion with Bakari Sellers.



You are cordially invited to the first cultural enrichment program for the Spring Semester on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The event will feature Soweto Street Beat, a South African world dance theater company based in Atlanta, Georgia, and Soweto, South Africa. Everyone is Encouraged to attend.



HONORS DAY CONVOCATION

Please join us for our Honors Day Convocation program on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Neal – Jones Auditorium. This formal campus-wide program is held twice annually to recognize students for outstanding academic achievement in the previous semester.

The featured speaker for this program is Dr. Stephen Middleton, a graduate of Morris College and currently a Professor of History and Director of African American Studies, Mississippi State University

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Bible Study



The Baptist Student Union cordially invites all students to attend Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Religious Center.



All students who are interested in running for the following Student Government Association positions for the upcoming year should come by the Office of Student Affairs to pick up applications as soon as possible. Candidates must have a cumulative gpa of 2.50 and be in good social standing with the college. The deadline to file applications is Friday, February 14, 2020. The positions available include: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, Miss Morris College, Mister Morris College, 1st Attendant, 2nd Attendant.

Criteria

- Must have a minimum cumulative grade points average of 2.5.
- Must be in good social standing with the College.
- For most offices, must be a rising junior or senior (please refer to *Student Handbook*).
- Must be a full-time student currently and throughout the term of office.



Career and Job Fair on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Garrick- Boykin Human Development Center. The Job Fair provides an opportunity for students and others to meet with employers, and gather information concerning careers and job opportunities with various companies and agencies. Students are strongly urged to participate. If you have questions. Please contact Ms. Smith at ext. 3191, or careerservices@morris.edu

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 16, 2020

9:00 a.m.

O. R. Reuben Chapel

Speaker:

Minister Patrick Outler

