



# The Campus Report

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## 2019 Fall Convocation Observed

The Morris College community assembled in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for the Annual Fall Convocation. With faculty, cabinet members, and administrative heads looking royal and regal in their academic regalia, the convocation is a long-standing tradition that marks the formal opening of a new academic year. More importantly, it seeks to encourage students to have faith in their abilities and assure them that Morris College believes in their potential.

The speaker, Mr. Frederick Prince, a Morris College graduate, was born and raised in Sumter, SC. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Prince remembered pondering over three things while being in college: What was he doing, what was he going to do, and what he was going to do after graduation. He used these to tie into the theme for this year's convocation: "Excellence is Achievable: Let's Start, Let's Stay, Let's Finish."

Assuring students that they are where they are supposed to be, Prince praised them for seeing education as being essential to the opportunities for the success they are seeking. Though they will experience some of the "best of times" and some of the "worst of times," their educational journey started when they came through the gates onto the campus of Morris College. "You came through these gates to look up, stand up, and show up." Students were told never to give up.

Referencing the story told about the Chinese Bamboo Tree, Prince talked about the cultivating and nourishing that was needed for it to grow. The uniqueness of the tree is that it does not break ground until the first five years. Afterward, it begins to grow at an astonishing rate and can grow to a height of ninety feet within five weeks. Urging students to "stay" put, he advised them not to give up on their dreams because they do not see immediate results. "Staying here is like planting your feet here."

Keenly aware of how easy it is to start a race and the challenges involved in finishing it, Prince reminded students of the perseverance of those who survived the Middle Passage. Losing much of their language and traditions, they endured hardships and the hostilities of racism, injustice, and segregation. "Someone in your family line," he said, "endured every era to make sure that you could be here today." He noted how quick students give up. "You receive one rejection, face one obstacle, lose one friend, and you want to quit!" Speaking of those who have sacrificed and suffered so students can be successful, Prince demanded ever so softly, yet sternly, "Don't you dare let them down!"

"After you start, after you stay, it is time to finish." Thinking about what lies ahead when students leave Morris College, they should realize that the college intends to prepare them for the next stages of their life.

Prince, a 1988 honors graduate, is the President and Founder of Omega Financial and Insurance Services. Omega Insurance brokerage was established in 2000 and specializes in providing community insurance solutions for home, auto, life, property, and business insurance needs. He is also proud that his mother, father, sister and brother are graduates of Morris College. The former Student Government Association President and three-year starter for the Hornet Basketball Team currently resides in Bakersfield, CA.

During this momentous occasion, new students, along with new faculty and staff, were recognized and congratulated for choosing to become a part of our community and for allowing Morris College to be a part of their journey.

Dr. Leroy Staggers concluded the convocation with remarks. He thanked Mr. Prince for being a living example of what Morris College produces. Having assured students that everything they need to be successful is right here, right now, he declared the 2019-2020 school year officially opened. "Let us have a great year!"



Frederick Prince



*"Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve."*

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## Constitution Day



Morris College will commemorate the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Constitution with a public reading on Tuesday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by members of the campus community.

This great American document will be read in its entirety from the Preamble to the 27th Amendment on the lawn of the Academic Hall Building. Red, white and blue will be in fashion for the event.

Contact Dr. Patricia M. Ali at extension 3250 for further details. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Nathan to Deliver SGA Address



**Dinasia Christine Marie Nathan**

The Morris College Student Government Association (SGA) will host its assembly program at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker will be the 2019-2020 SGA President, Ms. Dinasia Christine Marie Nathan.

Nathan, a senior majoring in Criminal Justice, was elected president during the spring semester. Throughout her collegiate and academic pursuits, she has demonstrated her leadership capabilities with active involvement in various campus organizations and activities.

Nathan is native of Blythewood, SC.

## Students Attend Professional Development Workshop



Last Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, three SGA officials represented Morris College at a professional development workshop at Benedict College. Conference Alert: **Aspiring Leaders Emerging Ready for Tomorrow** is designed to prepare college students for their current leadership roles and chosen professions through engagement in career development sessions. They were Ms. Dinasia Nathan, SGA President; Ms. Auriye Y. Wilson, Miss Morris College; and Mr. Deangelo C. Adams, Mr. Morris College.

In addition to having professional headshots taken of themselves, they participated in mock interviews and had their resumes reviewed.

Representatives from companies such as Amazon, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Colonial Life, Dominion Energy, UPS, and others were in attendance.

## UNCF Scholarships Available



UNCF Scholarships are available for all students to apply. Students who have not already done so are encouraged to register for UNCF scholarships at

[www.scholarships.uncf.org](http://www.scholarships.uncf.org). The two-step process includes completing both the student profile and the general application. Completing both are very important for students to become eligible for UNCF scholarships. Also, students have to apply every year.

Why is it essential to complete the profile and the application? When UNCF looks for students to award scholarships, it pulls from the general applications that are in its database. Don't miss out on an opportunity to be selected, so please apply today.

Also, the UNCF Campus Tour will visit Morris College on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. All students interested in UNCF scholarships are required to attend.

For further information, contact Mrs. Sandra Gibson, the Director of Financial Aid at (803) 934-3238. The Office of Financial Aid is housed on the first floor of the Mabel K. Howard Building.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**I have entered Morris College to learn and I will be an active Life-Long Learner and serve when I depart.**

**I accept full responsibility for my life and for my education.**

**I will respect myself at all times and I will show respect to all others.**

**I will study to learn and fully engage in personal and professional development.**



## Urgent UNCF Communications Alert

Morris College faculty, staff, students and alumni are being urged by UNCF's Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Mr. Lodriguez Murray, to assist with a very important matter. UNCF is working urgently to save a source of funding (\$85 million/year) for HBCUs. The funding expires at the end of the month unless Congress acts.

**Everyone is asked to get involved in contacting Congress to save this important funding.**

There are just a few days remaining in September before HBCUs will lose \$85 million a year to educate our students. The program we are trying to protect and get funded is the Mandatory Title III / SAFRA funding—expiring on September 30, 2019.

To save this money for HBCUs:

1. Go to [www.uncf.org/protectingourfuture](http://www.uncf.org/protectingourfuture)
2. Click "Write your Member of Congress"
3. Fill out the blank fields & click "Next"
4. Click "Submit."

The pre-written letter will be sent to your Member of the House of Representatives and both U.S. Senators. You will get an email from the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) confirming your letters were sent. It is that easy to protect \$85 million per year for HBCUs. Let Congress know HBCUs matter...and to protect our FUTURE!

**We also ask that you like and repost the following social media links:**

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/uncf/status/1171872399798747138?s=21>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B2Sl6J6JRAn/?igshid=16rgq3km3yl2e>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/147103752119636/posts/1361562957340370?sfns=mo>

Please, take action and help us spread the word!

## Volleyball Games

The Lady Hornets Volleyball Team will take on Benedict College on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the team will participate in a Tri-Match with Johnson C. Smith University and Columbia International. The game will start at 12 noon.

Let's show them our support by attending the games.



# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**  
9:00 A.M.

**O.R. REUBEN CHAPEL**

**Lt. Jerell Wesley, Speaker**  
Rear Detachment Chaplain for HHC 1-  
151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion  
Class of 2014

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 17, 2019**

**Constitution Day**

Academic Hall Front Lawn  
11:00 a.m.

Volleyball Game

Human Development Center  
6:30 p.m.

**September 18, 2019**

**UNCF Campus Tour**

Neal-Jones Auditorium  
11:00 a.m. - 12 noon &  
1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m.

**Bible Study and Fellowship**

Baptist Student Union  
Religious Center, Room 224  
6:00 PM

**Zeta Movie Night**

Wilson Booker Science Bldg.  
Lecture Room  
6:00 p.m.

**September 19, 2019**

**SGA Assembly**

Neal-Jones Auditorium  
10:00 A.M.

**September 21, 2019**

**Health and Wellness Center**

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Recreation**

Human Development Center  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**September 21, 2019**

**Volleyball Game**

Human Development Center  
10: a.m.

**September 22, 2019**

**Worship Service**

O. R. Reuben Chapel  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## The Morris College Dance Team

A group of nine ladies reinstated the Dancing Hornets during the 2016 fall semester. Today, the Hornets consist of 18 members who will surely electrify the school's spirit and pride. The 2019-2020 dancers are: Eboni Childs (Captain); Asia McCoy (Co-Captain); TaJona McPherson (Co-Captain); Sierra Choice; Alana Crawford; Zyasia Campbell; Mariel Brown; Tre'vionna Horne; Kyerra Stewart; Ayanna Mungin; Amauria Truell; Shanna Moore; Shania Morrison; Gabrielle Mitchell; Tyasia Drayton; Kahlia Wilson; Sapphire Swinton. (Not pictured are Shania Ladson and Diamond Lowery)



## New Students Images From Orientation

