



The Campus Report

Dr. Leroy Staggers, College President



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Campus Community Challenged to Give

On Thursday, September 26th the campus community assembled in the Neal-Jones Auditorium for its Fall Harvest Rally Kick-off Assembly. The purpose is so faculty, staff, and students can participate in the college's major fundraising event: the Fall Harvest Rally. Monies raised will go to UNCF. Every UNCF-member institution is required to participate in its annual campaign drive.

Following a spirited and hearty singing of the alma mater, Dr. Charles M. Pee, college minister and assistant professor in the Division of Religion, Humanities, and Social Sciences, gave the prayer. "Inspire and empower us," he prayed "with a spirit of giving and sharing that we may be a blessing to others."

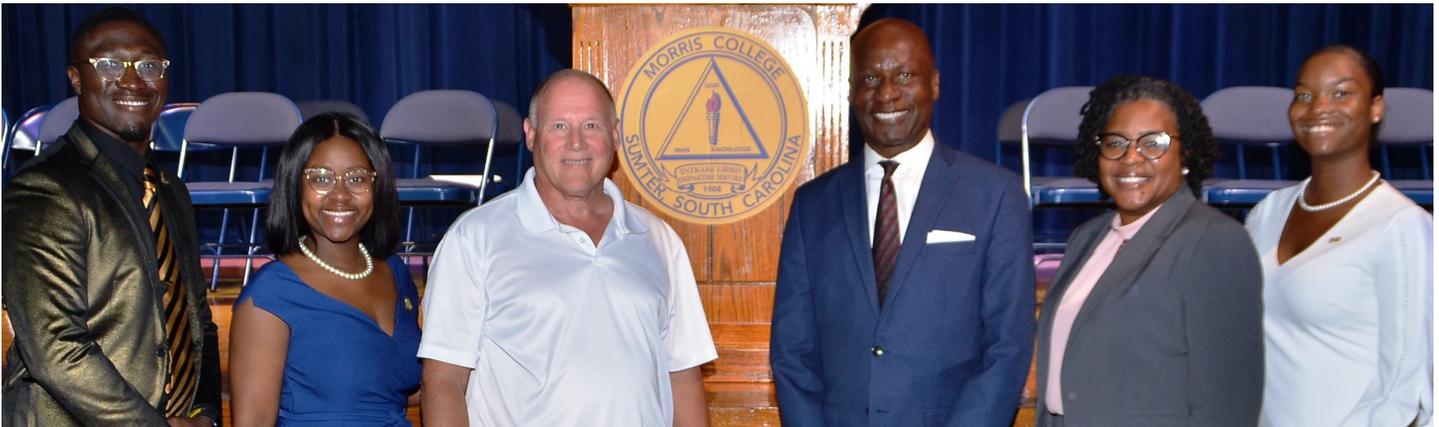
This year Dr. David Magnin, a professor in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Ms. Dinasia Nathan, the 2019-2020 SGA president and senior majoring in Criminal Justice, gave the challenges.

Dr. Magnin, whom his students call Dr. Mag, reminded everyone of an idea God deposited in the hearts of men: Morris College. He believes that one of the ways to step into the destiny God calls us to is to give. "God works in us," he said, "but we have to work it out what God works in us." He went on to say, "To work it out, we must work together." All were challenged to step into their destiny and be a part of God's dream for Morris College. "We get to do that when we give."

Ms. Nathan dove straight into her challenge. "The bottom line is simple. The money we raise in support of the Fall Harvest Rally will be used to help UNCF help us, as well as other students coming to Morris College behind us.

Keenly aware of how far our small contribution goes toward increasing the capacity of UNCF to continue impacting the lives of students, President Staggers encouraged everyone to give to this campaign drive. As one of the 37 member institutions, approximately \$258,000 is available in scholarships for Morris College students. However, students must complete both the profile and general application. Additionally, the college receives several thousands of dollars for unrestricted purposes. The president even commented on the different levels of spirit and enthusiasm for the college. He will be attending the UNCF Fall Meeting this week at Talladega College in Talladega, AL.

President Staggers thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and support in helping the institution reach its goal of \$37,000. He reminded everyone that it was during the presidency of his predecessor, the late Dr. Luns C. Richardson, that Morris College became a UNCF member institution in 1982 after achieving regional accreditation in 1978.



(l to r) Mr. **Deangelo Adams**, Mister Morris College; Ms. **Aun'ye Y. Wilson**, Miss Morris College; **Dr. David Magnin**, Professor in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Dr. Leroy Staggers, College President; **Dr. Juana Davis-Freeman**, Dean of Student Affairs; and **Ms. Dinasia Nathan**, SGA President

Kick-off Rally Pledges Reported

As of Thursday, September 26th, the institution received pledges totaling \$21,197.48. The faculty and staff reported \$14,600. The student body reported \$6,597.48. Of the amount pledged, thus far, \$5,212 has been received in cash. This amount includes a \$1,000 cash contribution from President Staggers.

This year's UNCF drive started July 1, 2019 instead of September. The reason is because the deadline for submitting financial reports to UNCF is March 15, 2020 while the spring semester is still in session. This will give the college ample time for processing and submitting the college's proceeds to UNCF before March 15th.

The Pre-Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. A report will be given of all monies raised by faculty, staff, and students at that time.

For additional information, please contact the Reverend Melvin Mack in the Office of Institutional Advancement at ext. 3401.

Images From Fall Harvest Rally Kick-off



Students Attend Bethune Height Recognition Program

Four students, along with their advisor, attended the Bethune Height Recognition Program on September 21st at the Brookland Banquet and Convention Center in West Columbia South Carolina. The Bethune Height Recognition Program honors Bethune Achievers, Life Members, and Legacy Life Members who contribute or join the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). It allows individuals to live the legacy of NCNW's Founder, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune by contributing to the work for which she dedicated her life. Students who attended were Courtney Budden, Nigeria Myers, Da'Lisa Izzard, and Nasania Nelson. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole (Center), National Chair of NCNW.



Photo/story submitted by Ms. Deloris Y. McBride

(l-r) Morris College alumnae, Rev. Rita Briggs, Nasania Nelson, Courtney Budden, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, Nigeria Myers, Da'Lisa Izzard, and Ms. Deloris Y. McBride, advisor

Sigma Tau Delta Observes "Banned Books Week"

"Banned Books Week" is observed annually around the world—typically during the last week in September. On Monday, September 23, 2019, between 5:30 and 7 p.m., the Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society sponsored an event entitled, "Let's Get Literature: Open-Mic Night" at the Morris College Hornet's Nest. The purpose of this event was to commemorate and kick-off "Banned Books Week" to celebrate the right to read. Students were encouraged to share their spoken-word poetry, soulful song lyrics, and persuasive prose.

"One of the best things about this event was how several students came together and contributed to building a banned book display and discussing the implications of banning books," said Ms. Priscilla Patten, chapter advisor. The display table featured a decorative tri-fold board, various novels wrapped in yellow caution tape, a vertical banner displaying facts about the Society and the benefits of membership, and a fact sheet detailing the most frequently banned books in the world.

The event was designed to engage students in conversation about intellectual freedom and open access to information,

Ms. Tanisha C. Williams, a graduating senior and member of Sigma Tau Delta, and Marquise Watkins took photos and arranged for students to pose with banned books. Some of the books were *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Animal Farm*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, *Beloved*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Color Purple*, *Harry Potter*, and *the Sorcerer's Stone*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *The Hate You Give*, and *Lord of the Flies*.

Other students used their creativity and initiated artistic poses while each of them stood in front of a mug-shot backdrop holding their favorite book in one hand and a sign which read, "Caught reading banned books!"

The following Morris College students participated in reading poetry written by Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, and Robert Frost as well as their poetry: Jasmine Abraham, Jeremiah Adkins, Imani Alston, ShaQuasia Burroughs, Tiara Garrett, Je'Von Harris, Anihya Mitchell, Fanosha Myers, and Rosa White. When asked about her thoughts about banned books, sophomore, Alika Oakman stated, "I have learned a great deal during 'Banned Books Week' about the impact that bans can have on students like me. This open-mic event was a chance for people to express themselves genuinely." During a brief intermission, a student and part-time disc-jockey, Justin Hart, played spoken-word poetry by Nelson Mandela and Tupac Shakur as well as several musical selections, which captivated the audience.

Sigma concluded the occasion by providing free cupcakes to each of the presenters and free back-to-school supplies, which included ink pens and notebooks as well as miniature journals and planners to all attendees. Ms. Karen Hebert, Chairperson of the Division of Religion, Humanities, and Social Sciences, attended the event and stated, "I thoroughly enjoyed this event and observed how serious the students were about their poetry recitations. We have immense talent at Morris College. I hope we will have more open-mic nights in the future where students can showcase their unique talents!" When asked her opinion about the event, Mrs. Thoma Williams, chapter advisor stated, "This occasion was so successful that we vow to make 'Let's Get Literature: Open-Mic Night' an annual event!"



Photo/story submitted by Ms. Priscilla Patten

Remember! We get to step into our destiny and be a part of God's dream for Morris College when we Give." Thank you!

FALL HARVEST RALLY PLEDGES RECEIVED

Faculty/Staff Pledges	\$ 14,600.00	39%
Student Body Pledges	\$ 6,597.48	18%
Pledges Needed	\$ 15,802.52	43%
Total Goal Amount	\$ 37,000.00	100%

FALL HARVEST RALLY GIFTS RECEIVED

Faculty/Staff Gifts	\$ 4,462.00	12%
Student Body Gifts	\$ 750.00	2%
Gifts Needed	\$ 31,788.00	86%
Total Goal Amount	\$ 37,000.00	100%

UNCF Scholarships Available



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

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.

The Career Services Center will sponsor its 38th Annual Graduate and Professional College Fair on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**. All students, especially juniors and seniors, are strongly urged to attend.

This fair provides an excellent opportunity for students interested in advancing their studies through graduate or professional schools. Representatives from participating colleges and schools will be available to answer questions regarding their graduate programs. Interested students will be able to receive information on admissions, financial aid, and housing, as well as applications.

The event will take place in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Smith at esmith@morris.edu or ext. 3191.

**Save
the Date**

Urgent Notice to Seniors

All seniors who plan to complete graduation requirements in December 2019 or May 2020 **MUST** complete an **Application for Graduation** as soon as possible. Applications can be picked up in the Office of Enrollment Management and Records located on the first floor of the Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. Administration 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.



"Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2, 2019

Bible Study and Fellowship
Baptist Student Union
O. R. Reuben Chapel
6:00 PM

October 3, 2019

**Senior Class
Assembly**
Neal-Jones Auditorium
10:00 a.m.

October 4, 2019

Social
(sponsored by Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity, Inc.)
Human Development Center
9:00 p.m.

October 5, 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.

October 6, 2019

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

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Attention!

Students interested in competing for the titles of Miss Homecoming, Mister or Miss Co-Ed may pick up solicitation letters in the Office of Student Affairs. The deadline for reporting funds for the competition is Friday, November 8, 2019.

Winners will be declared during the Pre-Fall Harvest Rally Assembly on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.