

# THE PAW PRINT

A WEEKLY DIGEST OF RUST COLLEGE CAMPUS NEWS



Meet our new  
Mental Health Counselor

## TASHA S. BURNETT

Burnett is a daughter, sister, counselor, educator, minister, and self-proclaimed comedian who was born in Chicago Illinois. She graduated from Lewis University in Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Capella University with a Master of Science degree in School Counseling. She is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Liberal Studies Program at the University of Memphis.

With over 12 years working with at-risk youth, Tasha began working in the school system in 2013 and has been endeared to the students she has the privilege of serving. She recently has served as a college counselor to high school students preparing for college life. In 2020 Tasha founded the BCCAF nonprofit organization to provide free college advising and resources to students of color. She has also authored her first book, *A Black Girl's Journey, The College Years to Help Students of Color Have a Template for College Success*. She is intentional in helping students navigate young adulthood and the college experience with grace and purpose.

### Academic Stewardship: A New Ranking Of College And University Effectiveness

AcademicInfluence.com, an up-and-coming college rankings company, in response to a challenge to traditional college rankings from a recent Malcom Gladwell podcast, has introduced a new metric to measure and rank colleges based on how effectively they use their financial resources to produce academic impact. The results are sure to turn some heads. Academic Stewardship is the new measure. It's a ratio calculated with a formula that quantifies how much academic impact a college achieves, given its overall resources. Think of it as comparing a school's academic bang to its institutional bucks. Find out how it works and where Rust College ranks by scanning the QR code here



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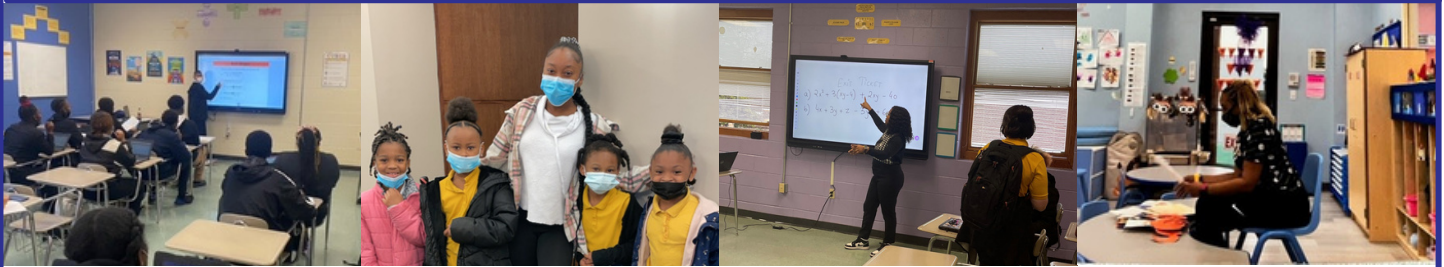
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# YOU DID THAT, BEARCAT!



**Congratulations to Ezenwa Lampkins for being awarded the Enterprise Holdings ROAD Forward Scholarship in the amount of \$12,222.22 for the 2021-2022 academic year.**



**Congratulations to all Division of Education graduating seniors on completing their internships! All education majors, faculty and staff are invited to the Senior Recognition Reception!**

*More details on page 10*



**Congratulations to Rakiya Boone for being accepted into the Thurgood Marshall Teacher Quality Retention Program. TQRP is a five-year fellowship supporting new and aspiring teachers.**

# YOU DID THAT, BEARCAT!

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Awards and Honors Assembly President's Recognition Reception

April 25

4:00 p.m.

Doxey Auditorium

William Edward Burkhardt Du Bois, the first African American to earn the Ph.D. degree from Harvard, wrote "There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise." We will pause at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, to celebrate 150 Rust College students who have shown their determination to rise as evidenced by their impressive accomplishments in the classroom. Each student is eligible to receive one of the following awards based on their cumulative grade point averages: President's List, Vice President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention.

President's List 3.78-4.0	Vice President's List 3.60-3.77	Dean's List 3.46-3.59
Justin Martin	Zachary Wilson	Jamila Branch
Quento Odongo	Joshua Wright	Ayanna Williams
Ja'Kory Thompson	Trinity Daniels	Irene Njenga
Ty'Asia Thompson	Cristina Calhoun	Amber Smith
Miriah Medina	James Onyango	Tamaya Campbell
N L Transou	Lakeshia Powell	Alia Scott
Shawn Hannah	Latisha Stinson	Dontavious McGill
Genesa Williams	Jasmine Harris	Albert Lancaster
Kayla Foster	Mardisty Williams	Keaturah Wright
Mya McDaniels	Miah Bertrand	Rakiya Boone
Roderick Gaines	Lakevis Chandler	Alexus Jones Howard
Ashanti Houston	Ezenwa Lampkins	Rosalyn Penamon
Sa'kinah Williams	James Slaughter	Darius Hall
Dennis Madara	Maya Desmond	Kristopher Huntsman
Terrance Brown	Lia Jackson	Aaliyah Sharp
Jennifer Enyeribe	Alisia Houston	Ari Fitzgerald
Shia Moore	Delila Nakaidinae	Oneri Houston
Kamryn Chaney	Jada Patterson	Amber Fonville
Jackson Bryant	Brianna Cathey	Imani Lewis
Jaikyeron Dukes	Quincy McGraw	Jalin Thomas
	Peres Owalla	Kaylayla Haywood
	Lansing Champion	Dantasia Carter
		Terrence Brown

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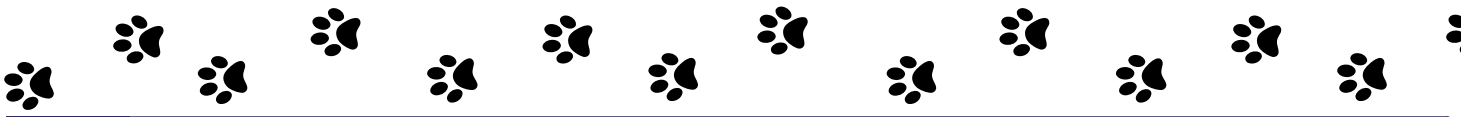


# YOU DID THAT, BEARCAT!

## Honorable Mention 3.0 - 3.45

Jade Hill Aliyah Smith Brent Jackson Raveen Johnson Destinee Thomas Franchessica Hankins Antoinette George Laquita Brown Carlasha Woods Malik Barksdale Destiny Falkner Tony Grandberry Asia Darby Marlana Taylor Carlos Green Jacquisha Todd Iesha Thomas Divine Ellington Johnathan Finch Amera Laboard Marcus Hunt	Jabria Jackson Trakayla Williams Kaveyon Lewis Dashari Fowler Shatyra Reynolds Keimeshia Walker Aleshiyah Townsend Mayanity Alridge Mikayla Dotson Artra Garmon Latrell Sellers Kennedi Milliner Wilisha Sales Tianna Smith Fredrica Clark Dvouzier Davis Ericka Woodson Kolaiah Miller Domari Simmons Britney Johnson Shantaesha Adams Micah Gholson	Destini Williams Kasinda Doe Kristille Sanders Kyndal Davis Keshawn Waters Karlyn Wilson Makaylah Sanders Dhamonique Sanders Alieu Sheriff Lacherlyn Jeffries Manaysia Johnson Alyssa Julien Colby Hunter Jessica Patterson Takhira Alexander Damani Cooper Willie Teague Khadajah Kimbrough Jakaylah Jones Jalick Demar	Danyelle Scott Maryon Mosby Destyni Taylor Kelsey Johnson Nykela Johnson Alexis Daniels Con'brianna Evans Jekendra Milliner Cody Moore Fredrick Parker Jazmine Riley Roshawn Hughey Madison Williams Khaya Foxx Elexus Carr Wesley Anderson Javian Bogan Jada Brooks Allen Williams Amari Norphlet Kyra Cox Aamiyah Seals
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# YOU DID THAT, BEARCAT!



HAPPENING ON THE HILL

# RUST COLLEGE RESIDENCE LIFE SUMMER MOVE-OUT SCHEDULE



**APRIL 30, 2022**

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE TO BE COMPLETELY MOVED OUT OF THEIR RESIDENCE HALL BY 12:00 NOON CST

**MAY 9, 2022**

GRADUATING SENIORS ARE TO BE COMPLETELY MOVED OUT OF THEIR RESIDENCE HALL BY 12:00 NOON CST

SUMMER SCHOOL RESIDENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETELY MOVED OUT OF THEIR RESIDENCE HALL BY 5:00 PM CST

WOMEN WILL BE HOUSED IN EL RUST HALL

MEN WILL BE HOUSED IN GROSS HALL

SCHEDULE YOUR MOVE-OUT APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR HALL DIRECTOR

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RUST COLLEGE  
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL  
THE HOME DEPOT

**Join us for the  
RYS Awards  
Reveal**

**April 26, 2022  
6pm  
Location TBD**

Join the  
**COMMENCEMENT  
COMMUNITY  
CHOIR**  
AT RUST COLLEGE

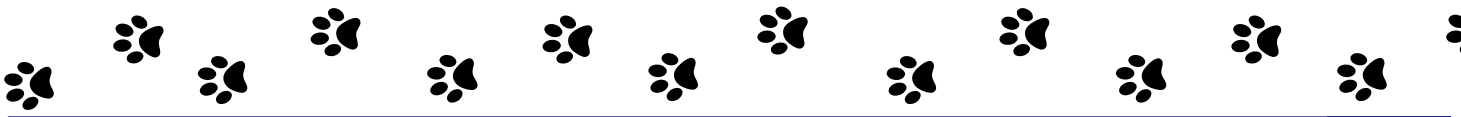
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**SAT  
MAY 7  
@ 11 AM**

**DR. ARLANDRA HARVEY**  
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ASST. PROFESSOR, MUSIC & BAND DIRECTOR  
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HAPPENING ON THE HILL

# The Holly Springs-Marshall County Alumnae and the Theta Pi Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated donated \$5,000 for student scholarships!

Experience Opera Memphis



## 30 DAYS OF OPERA

### RUST COLLEGE

## James A. Elam Chapel

## April 21 at 3 pm



ArtsMemphis



## LEAVE A SENIOR CLASS Legacy



**Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!**

As you prepare to say farewell to Rust College, you have a special opportunity to be apart of the Senior Class Legacy. It's a new tradition of giving that connects you, our newest alumni, to the next generation of students who will follow in your footsteps.

Members of the senior class who support "THE CLASS OF 2022 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP" will be recognized for their generosity at Commencement! By making a gift of \$20.22, you will receive a special giving cord to wear at Commencement and to symbolize your gift to future Rustites. The two color intertwined cord in royal blue and white represents COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND NEW BEGINNINGS.

Don't Miss Your Opportunity. **MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!**



SCAN TO PURCHASE

**\$20.22**  
Class of 2022  
Giving Cord



Bring your receipt to the Alumni Center to pick-up your Giving Cord. Or, stop by the Alumni Center to purchase your giving cord in-person. For more information call 662.252.8000 ext. 4912 or email [rhicks@rustcollege.edu](mailto:rhicks@rustcollege.edu)





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

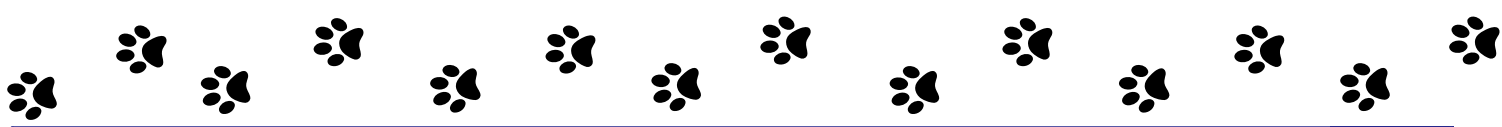


## APRIL - MAY, 2022

1	Faculty & Staff Townhall Meeting - ZOOM
4	Student Townhall Meeting - Shaw Cafeteria - 5:00 p.m.
6-10	SPRINGFEST
11	SACSCOC Kickoff Workshop - 8:30 a.m. - Doxey Auditorium
13	Child Welfare Seminar - Social Work Department - ZOOM
15	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
18	WKRA 92.7 FM - <i>Rust Spotlight</i> - 9:00 a.m. - Featuring President Ivy R. Taylor, Assistant Professor Danielle Littlefield and Manager of Multicultural Outreach Talia Palacio. Athletics Awards Banquet - Shaw Cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.
19	Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society Induction - Doxey Auditorium - 2:40 p.m.
21	Division of Education Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Beckley Conference Center 30 Days of Opera - Elam Chapel - 3:00 p.m.
22	Earth Day Celebration - <i>S.O.A.R.!</i> - Performances by: Viver Brasil, The Rust College Blues Band and other guests!
25	President's Recognition Ceremony/Reception - 4:00 p.m. - Doxey Auditorium
26	Retool Your School Watch Party - 6:00 p.m.
27	CHIRO Place Midtown - Free Spinal Wellness Screenings - Brown Mass Communications Building (1st floor - hallway) - 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. No appointment needed. Open to faculty, staff and students
29	Senior Exit Interview with President Taylor - 9:30 a.m. - Doxey Auditorium
30	MOVE-OUT BEGINS
<b>MAY</b>	
6	SENIOR SERVICE OF BLESSING AND CONSECRATION - 5:30 p.m.. - Doxey Auditorium GRADUATION RECEPTION - Immediately following
7	CLASS PHOTOGRAPH WITH PRESIDENT - 9:30 a.m. - Near the stage in front of the McCoy Administration building COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY - 11:00 a.m. - The Lawn - front of the McCoy Administration building
17-18	SACS Workshops







**ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY**  
**APRIL 19, 2022**  
**2:40PM**  
**DOXEY AUDITORIUM**

**H A P P E N I N G O N T H E H I L L**

**Join Mrs. Sharon White's class for their  
 Public Relations Campaign Presentations**



**April 20, 2022**  
**3:00pm**  
**BMC Upstairs Lab**



**Earth Day Celebration**

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**Honors and Awards Assembly and  
 President's Recognition Reception**

**April 25, 2022**  
**4:00pm**  
**Doxey Auditorium**



**THE CHIRO  
 PLACE**

**FREE SCREENINGS!**  
**APRIL 27, 2022**  
**BMC Hallway**  
**10am - 3pm**



THE

# ATHLETES' CORNER



*Congratulations!*

# SENIOR RECOGNITION GAME

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 | 12PM | RC BASEBALL FIELD



*Athletics Awards Banquet  
April 18, 2022*

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER INVITE YOU TO:

# SOAR!

## SAVE OUR AVIAN RESIDENTS

### RUST COLLEGE'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

LEARN HOW YOU CAN SAVE THE BIRDS!

APRIL 22 2022

3 PM TO 9 PM

LIVE MUSIC



DJ AJ ACE



FOOD TRUCKS



**FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY: VIVER BRASIL, THE RUST COLLEGE BLUES BAND AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS!**



A PERFORMANCE SERIES BY RUST COLLEGE

Sponsored by Audubon and The National Endowment for the Arts, Rust College Lyceum





#RCSPRINGFEST22 | APRIL 7-10





#RCSPPRINGFEST22 | APRIL 7-10



FROM THE DIVISION OF

# Education

Senior Recognition Reception

Thursday, April 21

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Beckley Center

Senior Education Majors who plan to student  
teach Fall 2022 must attend the  
Teacher Internship Orientation and  
Educator Preparation Program Orientation

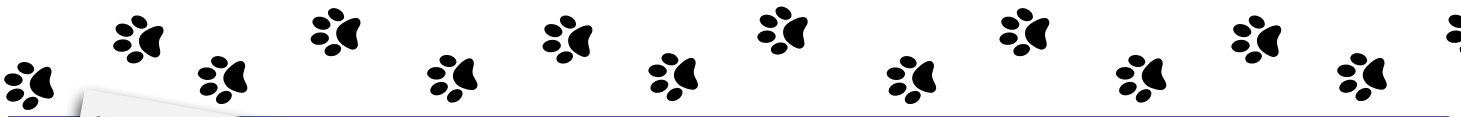
April 30, 2022

6:00 PM

Zoom link will be sent via email



Contact Ashleigh Pirtle at [apirtle@rustcollege.edu](mailto:apirtle@rustcollege.edu) for more information



# Class of 2022!

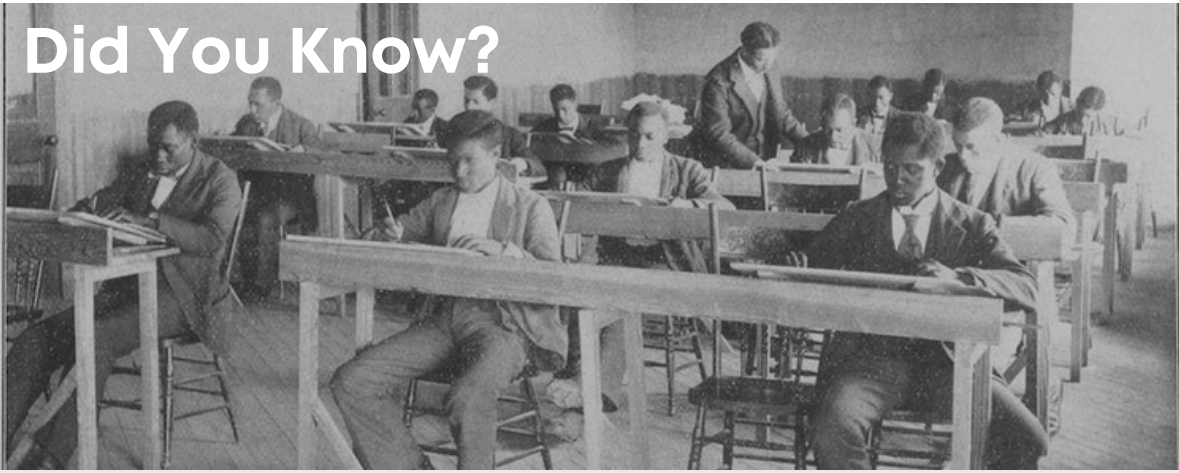
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## Did You Know?



In 1915, the institution was changed from Rust University to Rust College. As students progressed, high school and college courses were added to the curriculum, and in 1878 two students were graduated from the college department. As public schools for African Americans became more widespread, the need for private schools decreased, and in 1930 the grade school was discontinued. The high school continued to function until 1953.

# FROM THE IT HELP DESK

Please be reminded that **ALL requests for IT assistance** must be submitted to the Helpdesk at **helpdesk@rustcollege.edu**. Requests should be as **specific** as possible.

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*(i.e. scholarships, awards, events, announcements, career/volunteer opportunities, highlights, etc.)*

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