

# THE PAW PRINT

A WEEKLY DIGEST OF RUST COLLEGE CAMPUS NEWS



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## VOTING HAS BEGUN!



For the 2nd year, Rust College is participating in the "Retool Your School" Campaign and every vote counts. Since 2009, Home Depot has continued to increase its investment in campus improvements for historically Black colleges and universities ensuring that students have an upgraded environment that enhances their educational experience. A total of 30 grants will be awarded this year.

HBCUs are separated into three clusters based on student population. The top ten schools with the most votes per cluster will receive grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$150,000. Rust College is in Cluster 3 and our goal is to be awarded the \$150,000 grant.

*See Page 2 for voting instructions!*

# SAVE THE DATES



MARCH 12  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

MARCH 6-10  
MIDTERMS

MARCH 30  
PREVIEW DAY

MARCH 8  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 13-17  
SPRING BREAK

# Happy Birthday



Send your name and birthday to [publicrelations@rustcollege.edu](mailto:publicrelations@rustcollege.edu) to be added to the Bearcat Birthday Calendar!

## National School Breakfast Week

### March 6 - 10, 2023

#### Cafeteria Breakfast Hours



MONDAY - FRIDAY  
7am - 9am

SATURDAY - SUNDAY  
11am - 1pm



# SPRING BREAK

## March 13 - 17, 2023





RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL

# NPHC SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

The Rust College Greek-letter organization with the most social media posts using #RYSRust WINS a prize for their chapter!

**SUNDAY**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**MARCH 5**

**MONDAY**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**MARCH 6**

**TUESDAY**

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

**MARCH 7**

**WEDNESDAY**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**MARCH 8**

**THURSDAY**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**MARCH 9**

**FRIDAY**

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

**MARCH 10**

**SATURDAY**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**MARCH 11**

Be Sure to Tag @RCBearcats1866 on Instagram & @RustCollege1866 on Twitter!

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED MARCH 12**



#RYSRust

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO VOTE:

- 1 VISIT [RETOOLYOURSCHOOL.COM/VOTE](https://retoolyourschool.com/vote) & CHOOSE RUST COLLEGE FROM CLUSTER 3
- 2 USE #RYSRUST ON YOUR INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER POSTS





**RUST COLLEGE**  
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI



Day!

**MARCH 30, 2023**  
**9AM - 2PM**  
**RUST COLLEGE**  
150 RUST AVENUE  
HOLLY SPRINGS, MS



**BEARCAT COUNTRY TOUR | LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT**  
**ORGANIZATION SHOWCASE | MEET THE PROFESSORS**  
**ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

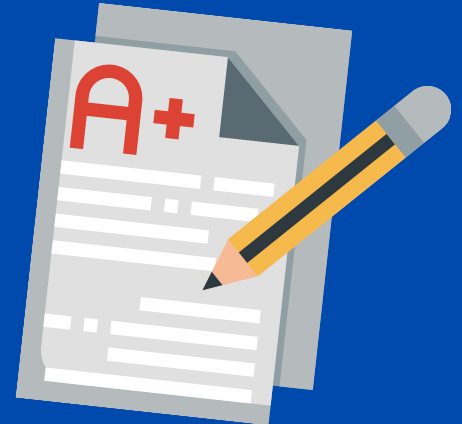
**Schools, Counselors, Family and Friends are welcome!**

RSVP at [RustCollege.edu](http://RustCollege.edu)

For more information, email [klane@rustcollege.edu](mailto:klane@rustcollege.edu) or call 662-252-8000

MIDTERM  
EXAMS

March  
6 - 10



HAPPENING ON THE HILL

March 22 is  
**World Water Day**

Let's pledge to  
drink only water  
for the full day!



# THE ATHLETIC ARENA



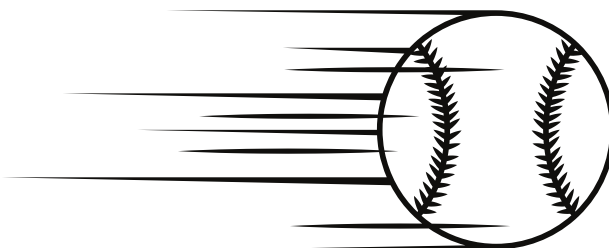
## Lady Bearcats Win GCAC Championship for the 3rd Consecutive Year in A Row

The Rust College women's basketball program is heading back to the NAIA Tournament for the third time in four seasons after defeating #3 ranked Philander Smith in dramatic fashion, 51-50, in the GCAC Championship Game Sunday, February 26, 2023. The Lady Bearcats will face off against #8 ranked Faulkner in the first round March 7th. The game will take place inside the Powell Athletic Center on the campus of top-seeded Campbellville at 7pm CST in Kentucky.



## Black College Nines: Who's Hot - Rust College

Khalil Robinson in the Doubleheader against Xavier went 4 for 8 with 5 RBI's and hit 3 Homeruns in game 2 as the Bearcats broke a 10-game skid beating Xavier University 11-9 in 12 innings.



# YOU DID THAT, BEARCAT!



Niya McGuire was selected for the GCAC All-Tournament Team

Katie Blackmon was selected for the GCAC All-Tournament Team and chosen as the GCAC Tournament MVP



Head Coach, Eric Jackson, Jr., was named 2023 GCAC Coach of the Year



RCMBB player Keshon Tabb was awarded with a banner for his accomplishments during Senior Night's game.

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## Rust College Senior Participates In White House Briefing

Kayla Foster was one of a select few students from HBCUS to participate in the White House Briefing with VP Kamala Harris and Keisha Lance Bottoms, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States on Thursday, February 23.



## Rust College Speech & Debate Team Earns Six Awards at National Championship in Virginia

Congratulations to the Rust College Speech & Debate Team on their accomplishments at the 2023 HBCU National Speech & Debate Championship at Virginia State University:

- **Roshaun Hughey** advanced to the Octofinal Round of Individual Public Debate.
- **Danyelle Scott** placed 4th in Dramatic Interpretation.
- **Roshaun & Danyelle** placed 6th Overall in Duo Interpretation.
- **Micaia Turner** placed 5th Overall in Slam Poetry.
- **Danyelle Scott** received the "Top Point Earner" medal for Rust College.
- Rust College earned **3rd Place in Overall Speaking Points** for Individual Events.

Under the advisement of Coaches Angelica Owens ('19) and Gino Peterson ('17), the team is preparing for their first virtual tournament at the end of March.



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## Rust College Campus Honda All-Star Challenge Competes in Huntsville, Alabama

Congratulations to the Rust College Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team for qualifying and participating in the National Qualifying Tournament (NQT), placing 4th in the competition. With the sprawling campus as its backdrop, the competition converged on the campus of Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, AL.

The team was accompanied by Coach/Instructor of Mass Communications, Mrs. Sharron Goodman-Hill.



(L-R) Josh Hearn, Bryson Boone, Taylor Jamison, Nelson Hooker, Cailan Neely and Amarion April

## Rust College Student Takes Advantage of Post-Graduate Professional Opportunities



Junior and business major, Brittany Peters had the opportunity to travel to Jackson State University in Jackson, MS in February to meet with over 30 professional companies such as Hope Credit Union, the IRS, Amazon, and Tate Reeves, the Governor of Mississippi. Following the event, Peters was awarded an internship in her hometown of California.

## Rust College Brings the FedEx Boardroom Experience to Campus Student Leaders and Athletes

Special thanks to FedEx for bringing the Boardroom Experience to our students today. The topics of discussion included: Personal Branding, the Value of Mentors and Sponsors, and Career & Internship Opportunities!

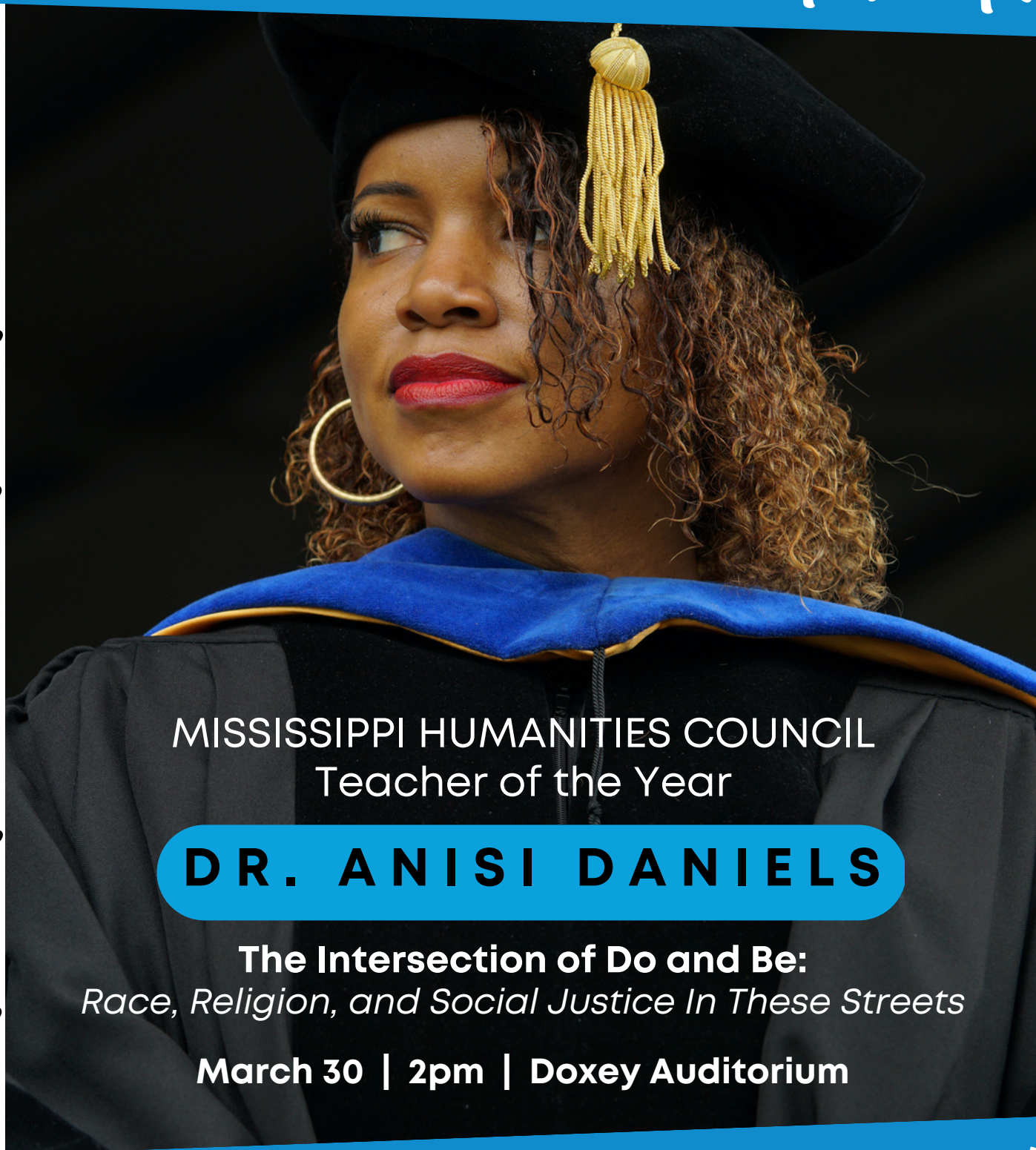
FedEx Freight donated \$5,000 to Rust College to assist in areas of opportunity.



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MISSISSIPPI HUMANITIES COUNCIL  
Teacher of the Year

**DR. ANISI DANIELS**

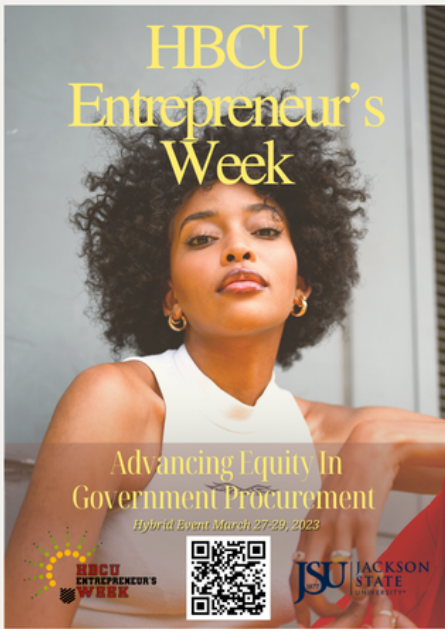
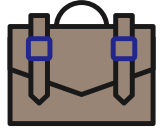
**The Intersection of Do and Be:**  
*Race, Religion, and Social Justice In These Streets*

**March 30 | 2pm | Doxey Auditorium**

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# PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



OPEN TO ALL HBCU STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY AND STAFF, HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED ENTREPRENEURS, MINORITY BUSINESS OWNERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES



HBCU Entrepreneur's Week is a biannual immersive event experience designed with and for historically underrepresented entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities. Each HBCU Entrepreneur's Week is hosted at one of the 101 Historically Black Colleges and Universities located across 19 States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These events are designed to stimulate entrepreneur development, and to

assist with mapping, building, connecting, and growing inclusive sustainable ecosystems.

The mission of HBCU Entrepreneur's Week is to make interdisciplinary entrepreneurship experiences, opportunities, resources, and support accessible to all HBCU students, alumni, faculty, and staff, and to strengthen local community relations at each host HBCU destination.

To ensure optimal access and reach, all onsite presentations are LIVE streamed and recorded and made available via this hybrid event platform.

Each day at Jackson State University includes presentations by subject matter experts, onsite and virtual exhibits, and opportunities to meet 1-1 during pre-scheduled "business speed dating" appointments.

**WHEN:** March 27-29, 2023

**WHERE:** Join in person at Jackson State University or online at HBCUEWEEK.com

**USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER**

# IN YOUR CORNER

CAMPUS RESOURCE OF THE WEEK



## RUST COLLEGE STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling services at Rust College will utilize student services that are both internal and external to the counseling center.

Everyone needs someone to talk with at times. Counseling is a growth process through which students are helped to define goals, make decisions, and solve problems related to personal, social and academic concerns.



**DR. TONY WHITSON, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR**  
TCWHITSON@RUSTCOLLEGE.EDU  
EXT. 4950

**RUST COLLEGE SGA**  
1866

# ELECTIONS

*Informational*

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, @ 7PM

**MATH & SCIENCE  
ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM**

## UNCF SCHOLARSHIPS

# WORD OF THE WEEK

## GIGANTESQUE

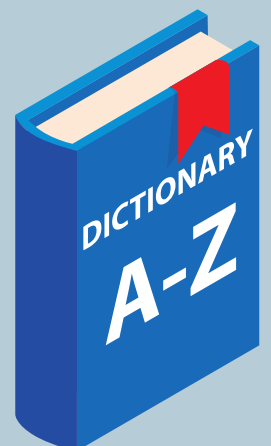
PRONOUNCED:  
[GI·GAN·TESQUE]

DEFINITION 1) OF ENORMOUS OR GROTESQUELY LARGE PROPORTIONS

DEFINITION 2) OF A HUGE OR GIGANTIC SIZE; OF OR SUITED TO A GIANT

OXFORD DICTIONARIES

PROVIDED BY THE RUST COLLEGE SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM





Mayor  
**JIM STRICKLAND**  
and  
Director  
**IKE GRIFFITH**  
present

Memphis Office of Youth Services'  
**CAREER & TECHNICAL EXPO 2023**

An **Interactive Exploration of Professional, Trade & Job Readiness Opportunities**



- HUNDREDS OF VENDORS
- TRAINING PROGRAMS
- INTERVIEWS
- INTERACTIVE CAREER DISPLAYS
- SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMS
- HIRING ON THE SPOT



**March 24, 2023**  
**Renasant Convention Center**  
*(255 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103)*

**TVA** TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
Premiere Platinum Title Sponsor

**9 am - 5 pm**  
9 am – 1 pm – High School Seniors  
1 pm – 5 pm – College Students/Opportunity Youth/Adults  
Business Attire/Bring Resumes



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Did You Know?

64% of employers think international experience is important for recruitment?\*

\*Source: World Economic Forum



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS/FACILITY REQUEST SUBMISSIONS

Requests for use of facilities, printed/digital materials, webpage edits/additions, social media posts, flyers and all other digital marketing campaigns **MUST** be submitted at least 10 days in advance to ensure adequate timing for changes and execution

[RUSTCOLLEGE.EDU/PUBLIC-RELATIONS](http://RUSTCOLLEGE.EDU/PUBLIC-RELATIONS)

**Faculty & Staff**  
**PR/Marketing Request**



**Student**  
**PR/Marketing Request**



**Facility**  
**Requests**



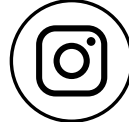
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