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4 YEAR**

Rust College may very well be the Magnolia State's best-kept secret. Located in Holly Springs in North Mississippi, the four-year, private institution sits on one of the highest points in the state, and has two distinctions that set it apart — it is Mississippi's oldest historically-black college and the state's oldest United Methodist college.

In addition to the history and tradition, students find a warm and caring faculty and staff willing to help them pursue their careers. Rust College offers five academic areas. They are business, education, humanities, social science and science and mathematics.

There are untold stories of those who, through personal tragedies and triumphs, have gone on to earn great achievements. Among the successful alumnae are: Raffael Crockett, president and CEO of BrightStar Credit Union, one of the largest credit unions in South Florida; Dr. Lorenzo Esters, formerly of Greenwood, now a management and program analyst with the U.S. Department of Education (Office of Elementary and Secondary Education) and a member of the board of trustees of Northern Virginia Community College; Kimberly Avery Wright, an electrical engineer at NASA; Keith A. Glass, an analytical chemist at WM Wrigley Jr. Co. Innovation Center in Chicago; Tommiea Jackson, manager of public relations at Jackson State University; and, KaTina Kitchens-Lloyd, First Congressional District and finalist for Mississippi Teacher of the Year in 2008.

When prospective students visit Rust College for annual visitation day in the spring and orientation in the fall, Dr. David L. Beckley, president of Rust, can-

didly tells them — and their parents — that Rust is a small, liberal arts college that might not be the right fit for some, but those who do stay and commit to receiving an education at Rust are successful in their endeavors.

Beckley points out that students are required to complete service learning projects that reinforce the curriculum-based academics while meeting the needs of the community. He emphasizes that Rust College professors are highly educated and play a key role in the school's strong mentoring programs. He says that before graduation, students must complete an internship program, student teaching or field placement. (This field placement can be exciting — one student completed her work at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.)

The college offers a diversified program of cultural activities including music, book reviews, plays and lectures. Rust College has a student activities department that provides extracurricular activities for students — swimming,



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The administration building at Rust College is the focal point for the entire Holly Springs campus.

basketball, board games, billiards and various intramural events — plus a movie theatre in the recreation center. Students can also get involved with campus life through the Student Government Association, various class, special service groups, major area clubs, religious and fraternal organizations and athletics.

And, to help students Rust College provides the Counseling, Outreach Problem-Solving for Excellence Center, or COPE. COPE's counselors help students develop a plan addressing student life and academic success.

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Financial Aid: Academic scholarships, federal

and state grants and loans, work study, scholarships

Popular Majors: Biology, accounting, social work, chemistry, computer science

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Director of Admissions: Joann Scott