The 26th Annual Benedict Black History Teleconference

by K. Easley

On Feb. 13th, the 2013 Benedict College Black History Teleconference brought an inspiring assortment of distinguished guests to the campus.

The distinguished panel included Ms. Robin Beaman, President of Beaman, Inc., Mr. Jacob Gillison, Office Manager, Benedict Alumnus and Office Manager of the Office of Congressmen John Lewis, Mr. Jonathani Green, Professional Artist, Mr. Jesse E. Rissell, Sr., Shondia McFadden-Sabari, Professional Artist, Mr. Joe D. Briggs, Public Policy Council of the NFL Players Association.

This annual event started at 8:30 in the morning with workshops with the distinguished panel. During the workshops, students had an opportunity to meet the guests and ask questions during the one-hour sessions.

The Plenary Session followed and convened in the Antidel Chapel where attendees enjoyed breath-taking performances from the Benedict College Concert Band, the Concert Choir and the Gospel Choir.

Later that afternoon, the Teleconference event was filmed in the Little Theatre. During this recorded session, student panelists joined the distinguished guests on stage and were each given an opportunity to present questions to the guests.

The student panel consisted of Benedict College students and students at various colleges and high school students.

The student panel included Tiana Cox, (Sophomore) Accounting Major, Martin Epps, Jr. (Junior) Biology Major, Durrem Jones, (Senior) Mass Communications Major, Jasmin T. Norwood, (Senior) Lower Richland High School, Tammy Weeden, (Senior) A.C. Flora High School, and Moriah S. West (Senior) W. J. Keenan High School.

Ms. Mary Lee Hendrix: Walking History

by Kelsi Paden

Everybody knows Ms. Mary Lee Hendrix. Most people know her for her magnetic personality - she greets everyone with love and enthusiasm! What many people don’t know is that this proud Benedict alumna was born and raised in a small town of Fairfield County in Blair, SC with her parents and three sisters.

In 1957, she enrolled in Benedict College and graduated in 1961. During her time here, she had the opportunity of staying in Calley Hall where the former president, J. Alon Baccus, needed her to cook, clean, etc. In Morgan Hall, “Morgan Hall used to be a dormitory and is now the oldest building that still exists on campus,” Ms. Hendrix said.

Growing up, she was the first African American to integrate the Oconee County School System.

Later, she and Charlayne Hunter-Gault integrated the University of Georgia during the bloodiest of Civil Rights years. She earned her Master’s degree from the University of Georgia in Library Education before returning to work at Benedict College where she began to serve as a Media Specialist and Professor in the library since the building was erected in October 1974.

During her career, she has set up and organized four libraries in the county.

She has been a part of the Benedict College family for many years and has seen many students. She feels that President Swinton is a great one. She enjoys being a part of his administration team. She admires him and his family for their dedicated role at Benedict College.

“He has brought some great changes to our campus,” Ms. Hendrix said.
My Trip to D.C. for the 2013 Presidential Inauguration by Darren Jones

January 21, 2013 was one of the most memorable moments of my life.

I took a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2013 Presidential Inauguration. It was the very first time that I’ve ever attended a presidential inauguration and I was super excited about being a part of history.

What made the day so special was that the 2nd Inauguration of our first African American president fell on MLK day. Fifty years after the March on Washington was organized under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On August 28, 1963 people of all races marched from the Lincoln Memorial to the U.S. Capitol to pay tribute after the inaugural luncheon.

While we still have more progress to make, at least some of Dr. King’s dream has come to life. President Obama took the oath with his hand on two Bibles - one that belonged President Abraham Lincoln, and one that belonged Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. At one point during the day’s celebration, the President and First Lady, Michelle Obama, and other congressional leaders stopped by the Bust of Dr. King, a statue located inside the U.S. capitol to pay tribute after the inaugural luncheon.

One member of the crowd, Margric Johnson of Daytona Florida said, “I don’t care if it rains, sleet or snow I have to witness our 44th President give his inaugural address.” I was filled with such great emotion and determination that I forgot about the cold and embraced that historic moment.

As I stood in line to pay my respects to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a statue located inside the U.S. Capitol, it was well worth it.

President Obama’s inaugural address gave his supporters a sense of relief, assurance, and confidence that this country will continue to move forward.

This political event drew out entertainment icons to contribute to this event as well. One of America’s well known pop artists, Beyoncé Knowles, gave the audience the pleasure of her singing the national anthem. Kelly Clarkson also performed.

The entire day was filled with formal balls, performances and ceremonies.

By Darren Jones

Dreams Can Come True by Shanee Sampson

Fifty years ago, the civil rights march on Washington was organized under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On August 28, 1963 people of all races marched from the Washington monument to the Lincoln memorial. The march was a political rally for Jobs and Freedom because African Americans were suffering from violence, police brutality and oppression as a direct result of racial inequality.

During the 1963 March on Washington, an estimated 250,000 people assembled for a peaceful demonstration to promote Civil Rights and economic equality for African Americans. This protest was a direct result of the events happening in Birmingham, Alabama.

Everyone gathered before the Lincoln Monument for speeches, songs, and prayer. Televised live to an audience of millions, it was known mostly for, Dr. King’s illustrious “I Have a Dream” speech.

While we still have more progress to make, at least some of Dr. King’s dream has come to life. President Obama got re-elected and the official start of his term began as he was sworn in on January 21st, the same Monday that had been set aside as the national holiday that honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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What’s Happening Around Campus

by Daquan Adams

Have you ever felt completely lost about which events are taking place around campus? Tired of not finding out until the last minute? Many of us feel the same way. So, to help you plan and take advantage of all the great things that are going on at Benedict, we’ve compiled a short list for you.

24th Annual Harambee Festival - Saturday, Feb. 23
9 A.M. HRCC Arena

Harambee Community Choir Concert - Sunday, Feb. 24
4 P.M. Antisdel Chapel

Midterm Examinations - March 4 - 8

Mr. & Miss School of Honors Pageant - Friday, March 8
- 6:30 P.M. The Little Theater

Spring Break - March 11-15

Founder’s Day Convocation - Tuesday, March 19
- 11 A.M. HRCC Arena

Financial Aid Exit Loan Counseling (Pre Grad) Th, March 28
- 3 P.M. Barcon Hall (Computer Lab)

Founder’s Day Rally - Saturday, April 13
- 11 A.M. Antisdel Chapel

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Benedict Students Attend Broadcasters’ Workshop

by Shannon Sampson

Benedict College scholars from the Mass Communication Department, Kaseem Brown, Carlton Brown, Teresa Boyd, and Wesley Robinson were among the 200 undergraduates from the Carolinas in attendance at the annual Radio-Television-Digital-News-Association of the Carolinas (RTDNA/N) workshop held at the NBC News-Channel station in Charlotte on Saturday, February 16, 2013.

Broadcasting majors from The University of North Carolina, Elon, Clemson, Duke University, The University of South Carolina, Winthrop, Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina State, Appalachian State and Bob Jones University participated in media sessions conducted by media professionals from the Carolinas. Students were able to attend any session in: the broadcast voice, reporting/ anchoring, production, weathercasting, sportscasting, radio news, how to land the first job, photography and web producing.

One of the more popular break-out sessions was the seminar, “How to land the first job” conducted by Yvonne Simmons, Assistant News Director for WBT-TV in Charlotte, Scott Saxton, News Director for WECT-TV from Wilmington and Brett Chambers, Professor of English and Mass Communication at North Carolina Central University.

During the open forum, the three broadcast veterans advised students to send their demo tapes in to get in front of many people as possible and to develop strong networking skills.
**Resoulation Solutions:**

by Karlie Ketchum

Everyone knows that at the beginning of every year people initiate a new batch of New Year’s resolutions. From losing weight to saving, money, everyday exercise, each resolution plays a role in how some of us kick off our new year.

This year, Tiger News wanted to hear about some of those resolutions BC students had planned for 2013. What we found was very interesting; many BC students (Kalee) excellence, others just wanted to stop going in to their sweet teeth. We took to the yard to find out if the impact of their resolution and what they were doing to make sure that they are still sticking to them.

When we spoke to Felicia Robinson, a junior here at BC, she is about to get pregnant with twins and that a possible way you could do that is that she is PREGNANT?! Oh My God! I wish everyone could tell on the show, that I just pay attention to the people that I do like.

Porsha, I do remember you saying on the show that you would love to get pregnant with twins and that a possible way you could do that is through a “YAM” Remedy….so how is that coming along?

“First of all, I am going to have to stop procrastinating. It really hurts me to see the long run and also not fit in the 4.0 equation. I also know that I am going to have to study harder and have fun later so that will mean dedicating more time to hitting the books.”

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