The Lead Listening Society – Lambda Sigma Nu
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THE LEAD LISTENER'S 10 COMMITMENTS

Effective communication takes place when both partners do this:

1. Create safe spaces where others feel seen, heard, listened to and understood.
2. Withhold any and all prejudgments about speakers and listeners.
3. Are swift to listen and slow to speak.
4. Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
5. Listen to understand, not just to reply.
6. Focus, hear, listen, understand, and respond from the other's perspective.
7. Acknowledge before asserting.
8. Receive and give constructive feedback with grace, goodwill, and good wishes.
9. Thank freely and continuously the speakers and listeners in their lives.
10. Commit to the lifelong practice and deep inner work of self-examination, self-improvement, and self-reflection to grow and develop as a listener.

These commitments are condensable to one word: **L-I-S-T-E-N**

Founded in October of 2020, The Lead Listening Society--Lambda Sigma Nu is a unique society dedicated to enhancing the listening leadership skills of its members for lifelong learning and leadership success. Listening is a universal force for good in the world and Society members harness its positive power by learning, practicing, and disseminating the art, skill, and science of effective listening. In applying the principles, members grow to become artful listeners while helping to make the world a better place.

The Lead Listening Society Lambda Sigma Nu (ΛΣN) Inaugural Induction Ceremony

Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:30pm-1:30pm
Clinton Bristow Gold Room
Alcorn State University

Inaugural Inductees

Kareem Bowe
Junior, Applied Science

Makayla Brown
Sophomore, Accounting

Jarius Colley
Junior, Agricultural Business

Tyler Daniels
Junior, Accounting

Christopher Epps
Sophomore, Plant and Soil Science

Alyssa Greer
Freshmen, Electromechanical Engineering

Destiny Harrell
Junior, Business Administration

Zaria Harris
Senior, Applied Science

Brian Jackson
Junior, Accounting

Ramesha James
Junior, Accounting

Jeremy Lewis
Senior, Robotics and Automation Technology

Xavian Lewis
Freshman, Business Administration

Alfred McCaskill, Jr.
Senior, Computer Networking

Khadeeja Milloy
Junior, Biomedical Engineering Technology

Rowan Neal
Sophomore, Business Administration

Mercedes Perryman
Sophomore, Business Administration

Santiago Rocca
Junior, Business Administration

Regina M. Stewart
MBA Program

Wendy Thurmond
Senior, Accounting

She'Marri Townsend
Sophomore, Business Administration

Nia Warren
Senior, Biomedical Engineering

Brenda Watson
Senior, Accounting

Program

Master of Ceremony - *Dr. Steve Adzanu*

Welcome & Occasion - Dr. Benedict Udemgba
University Representatives and Dignitaries

Invocation - Min. LaToyia Smith

Vocalist - Mr. Antoin Marshall
Music Performance major
The Lord is My Light *by Oley Speaks*

Introduction of the Speaker - Ms. Daye Dearing

Keynote

Dr. Rev. C. Edward Rhodes II
Director of Student Religious Life
Senior Pastor, Mt. Helm Baptist Church

Induction Ceremony

Presider - Mr. Roy Burr
Academic Advisor, University College

History - Ms. Teresa Busby
Director, Center for Teaching and Learning

Closing Remarks/Acknowledgements
Dr. John G. Igwebuike, Founder

Benediction - Bishop Curtis Smith
Free Spirit Covenant Kingdom Fellowship

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Dr. Rev. C. Edward Rhodes II
Director of Student Religious Life
Senior Pastor of Mt. Helm Baptist Church

Reverend Rhodes serves as Alcorn State University's director of Religious and Spiritual Life. Reverend Rhodes supervises all the university's faith groups offering guidance and support towards the university's commitment to religious diversity.

Rev. Rhodes received his call to Gospel ministry in July 2000, earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from the University of Mississippi and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He worked for Mission Mississippi, a statewide Christian movement demonstrating and promoting racial and denominational reconciliation. In 2010 Rev. Rhodes became the youngest pastor of Mt Helm Baptist Church, Jackson's oldest historically African-American congregation. Under his transformative leadership, Mt Helm regained its local and statewide status as a flagship church, became more engaged in evangelism and advocacy, and modeled adaptive paradigms that made the nearly two century old church more relevant and visible for 21st century ministry.

In 2013 Rev. Rhodes was one of fifty persons selected to participate in the Inaugural Institute of Black Theology and Leadership at Princeton Theological Seminary. That same year he was employed by Alcorn State University to lead religious life on the campus and to teach courses in Philosophy. Rev. Rhodes holds the Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership for Transformational Ministry at Wesley Biblical Seminary. He has served as President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College. He presently serves the President and Convention as the Chair of the Ecumenical Relationships Commission.

Rev. Rhodes has traveled to two Latin American countries, ministered nationally, has published columns that have appeared in the Jackson Free Press and the Mississippi Link, and is a much sought after leadership consultant and strategist. Civically, Rev. Rhodes serves on the board of Mission Mississippi, is president of Clergy for Prison Reform, and has been a prophetic voice advocating for social transformation in Jackson and throughout Mississippi. Rhodes' ministry touches church, campus and culture. He is the author of Thy Kingdom Come: Reflections on Pastoral and Prophetic Ministry. He hosts a weekly radio show, The CJ Rhodes Show on WRBJ 97.7 FM, and is helping to spiritually shape a generation of college students.

Above all, Rev. Rhodes is a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and is the loving and blessed husband of his beloved Allison Rhodes, the assistant director of Human Resources at Madison County Schools. Together they are committed to glorifying God and raising their twin sons, Carroll Edward III ("Duke") and Cornelius Josiah ("Jozy").