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### **MSCC Students to Graduate from STAND Foundation Leadership Class**

Eighteen Mid-South Community College students who began taking classes in January will graduate from The STAND Foundation Edward Coleman Leadership Institute on Wednesday, May 9.

Recognition of the first STAND (Strive Toward A New Direction) graduates at MSCC will be held at 3 p.m. in the Wilson Conference Center in Magruder Hall on the college's South Campus.

Dr. Christopher Davis, assistant professor of homiletics at Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis Tenn., is scheduled to address graduates and guests at 4 p.m. Davis, who spoke at the first training session in January, is a native of Proctor, Ark., and a graduate of West Memphis High School.

He is senior pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church and leads one of the most vibrant churches in Memphis. He has been noted as one of "20 to Watch" by "The African-American Pulpit."



***Dr. Christopher Davis will be the guest speaker at Wednesday's graduation***

The local training, a collaboration between the College and the STAND Foundation with funding from MSCC's Title III Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)

Grant, featured innovative and action-oriented leadership instruction designed to empower participants with tools and skills to improve themselves and their communities.

“STAND is proud to have a partnership with Mid-South Community College that benefits students as well as eastern Arkansas,” said Rep. Tracy Steele, CEO of The STAND Foundation. “The leaders have worked hard over the last several months proving their leadership potential.”

Students participated in six day-long training sessions that emphasized issues of personal, career, and leadership development, augmented by Internet-based training, motivational speakers, and the development of a community service project plan.

Previously focused on young professionals, the instruction at MSCC was the first to be offered for and geared toward college students.

MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter said the focus and goals of the STAND Leadership Institute fit well with the mission of the College.

“Our job is to help students become better prepared to achieve their potential and put them in a position to maximize their talents, not just for themselves but for their communities,” Dr. Fenter said. “There is absolutely nothing more important than leaving the world a better place than you found it, and training of this nature is helping our students make a difference.”

STAND is a nonprofit organization with additional Leadership Institute programs in Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Arkadelphia, and El Dorado.

For more information about leadership and other training/education opportunities at the college, visit the campus at 2000 West Broadway in West Memphis, call the Admissions Office at (870) 733-6728, email [admissions@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:admissions@midsouthcc.edu), or see the college’s website at [www.midsouthcc.edu](http://www.midsouthcc.edu).

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