



### **College to Hold Dedication Ceremony to Unveil New Luxury Buses**

Columbia, SC - Benedict College will hold a dedication ceremony to unveil two new 56-seat luxury coach buses on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 12 noon in the Charlie W. Johnson Stadium. The College received the major gift of over a half million dollars from philanthropist and 2009 Powerball Winner, Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. to facilitate the purchase of the two new buses.

The Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson Jr. is pastor and founder of Solomon's Temple in Columbia, SC. He earned a Doctor in Pastoral Ministry degree from Central Christian University of South Carolina, where he serves as Acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has been awarded several honorary degrees, including a Doctor of Divinity degree from Morris College School of Religion in Sumter, S.C., and was elected to the College's Board of Trustees in 2010. In 2011, he was conferred a Doctor of Humane Letters from Claflin University.

Rev. Dr. Jackson grew up in the Wheeler Hill community of Columbia, and graduated from Booker T. Washington, where he excelled as a student athlete. He entered the ministry in 1978, serving for 10 years as the pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Ridgeway, S.C., and Hyco Baptist Church in Cassett, S.C., before leading Hyco Baptist Church's ministry for 24 years.

He is a member of the 100 Black Men of Greater Columbia, and the founder of the "Solomon Jackson Jr. Foundation," which is dedicated to the support of students in higher education.

## **Benedict College Receives Over A Half Million Dollars**

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The event is open to the public. For additional information regarding the event, please call (803) 705-4519 or (803) 705-4366.