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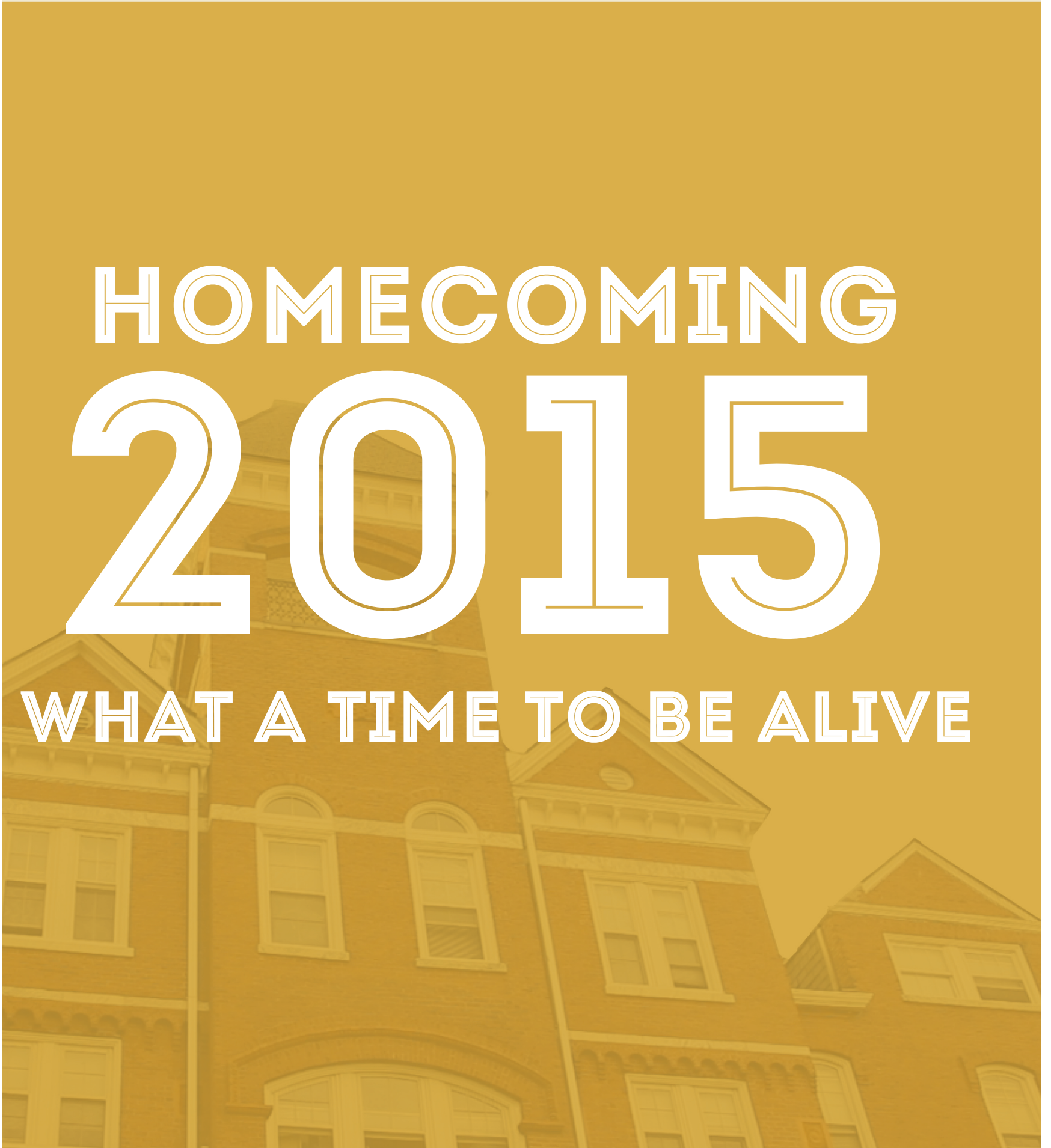
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# HOMECOMING 2015

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# THE AUC HOMECOMING

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With Homecoming season amid us, the question – will there be an AUC Homecoming? – has now been answered. From Oct. 18-25, there will be an array of AUC inclusive events, from the hip-hop and R&B concerts to the parade and Greek step shows. The last time all schools united for a homecoming was in 2013.

Many upperclassmen experienced this during their freshman and sophomore years, but it was not expected that it would happen again during their time in the AUC. Many just recounted it as being a very “wild” experience. With social media being able to give play by plays, some students of the Class of 2018 may have seen the wild pictures of people obscenely drunk and being taken away on stretchers.

Although there is excitement in each separate Homecoming, there seems to be another level of “turn-up” with a combined Homecoming.

“It’s just a crazy experience, and it’s a lot of fun,” Bre’nard Williams, a senior at Clark Atlanta said. “The turn-up will be crazy.”

This seems to be the overall feel for what to expect, but the support for this combined Homecoming was not felt when the idea first came up. Last month, there were many posts from CAU students stating that they did not want to combine Homecoming simply because the institutions are never united for any reason other than Hump Wednesdays. These posts were accompanied with the hashtag #JustUs.

“We’re not really a family, so regardless it is going to be split and feel like two separate homecomings,” Krystal Bobo, a Clark sophomore Psychology major said. “It’ll be Clark and SpelHouse – even though they’re not even brother and sister – but putting AUC on the name doesn’t make it united in actuality.”

With the recent release of the Homecoming schedule, there are only four events that the schools will hold together. The main focus is still on each institution’s separate Homecoming, with the majority of its events being aimed at its own students. For students who have yet to experience Homecoming on the college level, many feel this combined Homecoming should exceed expectations.

“I’ve never been to a college Homecoming, so I expect it to be live,” Teandra Lowe, an Art major from Spelman, said as she laughed.

## Homecoming Expectations: The Newbie vs. The Trained Freshmen

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With Homecoming week finally arriving, freshmen are eager to experience the upcoming festivities aligned for the week. What are the freshmen expectations and are they prepared?

Morehouse freshman Aaron Mitchom, whose mother graduated from the illustrious Spelman College, has had a glimpse of what to expect at this year’s Homecoming, unlike Morehouse freshman Chad Rhym, who comes from a predominately white education system.

Mitchom experienced Homecoming last year; he attended the Morehouse tailgate and football event. “Homecoming is basically where we go and turn up and have a good time with our fellow peers,” he said.

Rhym has never experienced an HBCU Homecoming. “It’s going to be a surprise,” he said. Based off of what he has heard, Rhym predicted that, “Productivity will be lacking.”

Students will be so focused on Homecoming week events and the act of “turning up” that they will lose track of what’s going on in their courses, if their courses haven’t already been canceled.

Mitchom believes that he will be prepared. His plans are to step ahead of his courses before Homecoming, giving him leniency throughout the week to enjoy his first official experience, a plan that all freshmen and Morehouse students should take under consideration.

Are their expectations too high? No. Homecoming is a time for students to embrace their school’s tradition and history as well as have fun doing it responsibly.

Mitchom and Morehouse College’s Christian Roberts-Wallace believe that if the football team earns a “W” at the Homecoming game against Benedict College, the victory will create a better atmosphere and experience for the students and alums of both Morehouse and Spelman College.

## 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March



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October 10, 2015, marked the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March that occurred in Washington, D.C., in 1995. When news broke a few months ago that The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan would be commemorating the historic day, Black people everywhere were onboard. Schools, cities, and organizations from all over the country headed to Washington a few days before the march. Some even arrived the morning of the commemoration that carried the theme "Justice or Else."

Students of Morehouse College arrived in the capital Friday for a weekend of giving, then they visited one of the many schools surrounded by poverty, Ballou Senior High School. They spoke with the football players about how to look for a brighter future outside of sports.

"All you really need is someone to believe in you," Dimone G. Long II, a sophomore Business Finance major at Morehouse College, said. "I hope the program can go to other states, into the inner cities and projects, and visit schools that are equivalent to Ballou in that area."

Long, who is a D.C. native, talked about integrity. He said that when he was in high school, college students and black professionals did not spend time at his school like the Morehouse students did at Ballou.

The day of the march, students took to the streets along with other HBCU students and tens of thousands of marchers for the Million Man March anniversary. There were representatives of Native communities like Chief Ernie Longwalker of the Red Wind Nation pleading for the equality of Native Americans, followed by the chant, "Down, down USA." It was made clear, through the list of demands from the organization Justice or Else, that they wanted equality for Native Americans and people of Hispanic descent.

The mothers of Michael Brown and Trayvon Martin, along with the sister of Sandra Bland, spoke as well and urged that their deaths not go in vein. They urged to continue fighting racial injustice and putting pressure toward policing reforms. "This is a human rights issue," Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother, said. Her statement was backed by Farrakhan when he began his speech for the Justice or Else rally.

The experience of being in attendance was surreal for me and everyone else there. Many felt the rally would begin to be a stepping stone to a brighter future for minorities in America.

"My experience was very enlightening and spiritual," Franklin Stowe, an alumnus of Virginia State University, said. "I felt the energy from brothers and sisters who were all on one accord for the purpose of liberation. The turnout was awesome. When I heard that there were people stretching all the way back to 17th Street, I knew the seriousness and realness of the movement. What occurred on October 10, 2015, will not go in vain." Others felt the rally itself was powerful, but the significance was taken away by the radical metaphors of Minister Farrakhan.

"It was powerful watching all of the Black community come together and really support this one project," Long said. "I personally did not like Louis Farrakhan. He's a radical and I respect the way he leads, but in regards to the content and the message he was saying I just didn't like the way he approaches certain metaphors.

"I don't think that Farrakhan had a big enough impact this time around for you to see a drastic change. He's just an extremist and he's a radical, too, and in my opinion he's just wild." With many feeling this way, it can be hard to relate to his teachings because of his radical language and use of no political filter. His comments can be seen as inappropriate and irrational.

The minister spoke on topics ranging from equality, women's rights and self-respect, Martin Luther King Jr. and even on his relationship with and involvement in Malcolm X's death. In response to speculation that he was involved in the assassination of Malcolm X, Farrakhan said, "Is it a black man that they could pin a crime on, and he still be standing here with his foot deep up in their backside?"

The program was brought to a close with people being told to give a hug to their neighbor and to say they love them. In all, the day left everyone in attendance with feelings of love, unity, and connections with the people all around them.

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## Homecoming: Have You been tested?

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According to 2013 data gathered by the Center of Disease Control, African-Americans have the highest rates of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, compared to all other ethnic groups in the United States. Because of this, it is very important for students to be wise about their decisions, especially during a season such as Homecoming.

It is important that Morehouse students are informed about the services the Health Center offers to them. With so many residents of the city of Atlanta engaging with the AUC, students need to be conscious of their actions emotionally, physically, mentally and sexually.

"I think STDs around Homecoming are inevitable," Sociology major Darquise Brashers said. "You got people who purposefully spread their STDs. Students often use [the event] as an excuse to do what they really want to do without being judged."

Students should not be hesitant about going to

the Center. All information and testing gathered there is completely confidential.

"As far as the experience with the staff, [they were] very pleasant and assisted you getting the proper treatment in a decent amount of time," Biology major Cedric Windom said. "Dr. (Makia) Powers helped me to understand what was going on with my particular illness."

Windom says he would recommend the Center to the other students at Morehouse and the staff is very helpful.

"They're patient with you and help you with your problems," junior Business major Hugh Gayle said. "They also let you know about STD testing. I get tested once a month. I recommend getting tested before Homecoming and after Homecoming."

Brashers encourages the students to not be afraid to ask for help during Homecoming, and to [feel permission] to say no.

Homecoming in the AUC is a beautiful time of pageants, reunion, relationship and fun, but it is paramount for students to be conscious of their sexual health, even in the midst of the festivities.

## Surviving Class and Homecoming

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When Homecoming rolls around, it's easy to lose focus on classes. Between concerts, tailgating, and after parties, school can sometimes become a blur. While it may be easier to simply forget about academics altogether, it's safe to say that you may regret that choice when the fog clears and you realize that finals are right around the corner. So instead of letting you completely fall off the grid, here are a few tips to help you balance.

### 1. PREP EARLY

That syllabus you got at the beginning of the year, use it. Dig it out of whatever pile you put it in and see what your professor has planned for the week of Homecoming. Try to get that assignment done ahead of time. Being proactive is one of the best ways

to make sure that you don't fall too far behind the week of the big game.

### 2. Go To Class No Matter What

Even if you're still recovering, try to still make it to class. Even if you didn't read or do the assignment, at least go and take notes so you can try to catch up later. Wash off whatever you did the night before and roll into that 9 a.m. Unlike your classmates, you might get a few brownie points for attempting to show face.

### 3. Keep Your Body Fueled

When toeing the line between being a student and enjoying yourself, especially during Homecoming, going from the classroom to a concert night after night will get tiring and you need to make sure that you take of you somewhere in-between. Keep your body fueled up as much as possible. Grab a bite whenever you can and you

might just make it without passing out. If you're someone who normally only eats once or twice a day, then you should certainly increase that amount – at least during Homecoming week.

### 4. Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate!

Even though this is something you should be doing anyway, it is especially important the week of Homecoming to drink as much water as you can. When partaking in festivities, water is essential. It will hands-down be your best friend during Homecoming week. Get a bottle and carry it you at all times. The more you drink during the day, the better off you'll be at night. Neglecting this tip could eventually lead to some hefty consequences for your body.

### 6. PARTY RESPONSIBLY

It's common sense. Be safe at all times and have a happy Homecoming!



## Guide To Getting Back On Your Feet After Homecoming

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They say that Homecoming is a marathon, and by the time it's over, most students will be recovering from the chaos and craziness of the week. From the Kickoff Jam to the tailgate, the step show, and the after parties, plan accordingly, but make sure to efficiently make the most out of your Sunday before classes resume.

MT asked upperclassmen what advice they would give to underclassmen regarding how to recover and "get your lives together." Here are the top suggestions that were given.

**Plan the week well in advance.** To avoid the stress and anxiety of completing upcoming assignments all together, be proactive with your work so that Sunday can be used to relax. Spelman College senior English major Ally Calloway says, "You should use a planner and get your life together beforehand.

The planner will allow you to know what you're doing every day and definitely catch up on sleep at the end of the week."

**Sleep Sunday.** By the time Homecoming week is over, your body will be exhausted. Unlike spring break, where you do not have to go to class throughout the week, waking up early for a morning class can lead to sleep deprivation. Since Sundays are lazy days, lounge around until you feel like you're ready to be the productive student that you are.

**Finish homework that you slacked on.** College gives you the free will of deciding whether to go to class or not at any point. Some students choose to not attend class during the week of Homecoming. MT strongly advises that you do go to class. However, if you weren't able to submit an assignment that was due earlier in the week, try to at least turn in the assignment for partial credit. Some credit is definitely better than no credit.

### Drink lots of water.

"Sunglasses and Advil, tailgate was mad real." Water will rehydrate your body of the electrolytes and water lost from a long day of tailgating and partying. Keep a bottle of water on hand throughout the day Sunday to flush your body of toxins and keep you hydrated to avoid headaches and other unwanted ailments.

**Go to church at some point on Sunday.** If you're religious and want to repent for your week's worth of the turn up – or express thanks that you survived the week – try a church service. You could watch a church service from the comfort of your bed via live stream, or even attend the 6 p.m. service at King Chapel.

However you decided to end your Homecoming week, never forget that education and your time as a student come first. With that being said, enjoy each Homecoming event and make the most of the week.

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# For Morehouse Men, A Call to the Classroom

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Every year, back-to-school and Homecoming season ushers in the start of something new – from kindergarten classrooms to Graves Hall. As someone who has spent his career on college campuses, it's my most favorite time of year – a moment to think expansively and ambitiously about what's possible for the next generation of learners and thinkers. It's also a moment that always brings my mind back to Morehouse – the place where my own identity as a learner and thinker most developed and evolved.

This year, as the first signs of fall roll across King Chapel, I find myself pondering some big questions: What will the world look like, I wonder, when you all look back on your time on campus with the distance I do now? What unprecedented progress will you have charted? What challenges will you have left to the next generation? Will they be up to the task?

As you all consider the role you will play in determining the answers to these weighty questions, one role in particular rises to the top – that of educator. At Morehouse, I found the teachers and mentors who changed my worldview models of manhood whose presence I've felt at every turn of my career path and, per-

haps most acutely, in my work at the United Negro College Fund, working to pave a similar path for tens of thousands of students every year.

As I talk to these students and consider my own way forward, there's one common denominator: teachers who believed, teachers who resolved, teachers who inspired. In light of this, the path forward seems clear. Today, only 7 percent of teachers are African-American and just 2 percent are black men. Our students don't have the teachers they need; teachers who look like them.

Two of my favorite organizations – Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., of which I am a member, and Teach For America, of which I am a trustee – have announced a partnership designed to help address exactly that problem.

Like for so many of us, joining the Alpha brotherhood instilled a commitment to scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity. These values also resonate in my work with Teach For America – an organization that now stands as one of the country's largest sources of African-American teachers. As these two organizations lock arms to ensure that fewer students will have to wait to get to a place like Morehouse to have a teacher

who looks like them, I feel that familiar back-to-school feeling bubbling.

As Morehouse men, we know that leadership is about more than title and position. We demand from ourselves and each other more than just leadership; we demand ethical leadership. We strive to be spiritually disciplined, intellectually astute and morally wise. There is perhaps no setting more conducive to this than our public school classrooms – the spaces where our boys and girls are being educated, if not by us, than by others.

As you make your way through lecture halls and libraries this fall, I wish you joy, challenge and inspiration, and I charge you to imagine how you might be part of creating more of all three once your campus days are behind you.

What unprecedented progress will you chart? What challenges will you leave to the next generation? Will they be up to the task? And if you find yourself asking, "How can I make a difference?" know that this new initiative to recruit more black male teachers – teachers who look like you and I – is one way to do so.

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# My First Year of Marriage and How to Stay In Love in the AUC

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This upcoming January marks my one-year anniversary to my beautiful wife, Eunique. Our first date was Dec. 5, 2014. I remember it like it was yesterday; we met at the CAU Suites and had coffee at Starbucks. Although I offered, she would not let me pay for her and since that day she has had me hooked.

I would always see Eunique around campus and we would exchange smiles, but it would not go past that. The first time we talked was in the cafeteria. It was late at night so I decided to walk her back to her dorm and I found out she was from my home state, New Jersey. She gave me her number, but for a little bit she ignored my text messages.

A few weeks later, I was finally able to go on a date with her and we had a great time. For the first time, I felt like I could truly be myself and she liked it.

The next date we went on was at the mall and this was to get gifts for our families when we went back home. I asked her if she wanted to see me when we get back to New Jersey and she agreed. Our third date was in New Jersey and was the best date I have ever had.

Following this, she came over to my parents' house every few days during winter break. I ended up proposing to her in my parent's basement without their knowledge and she said, "Yes!" The rest is history.

The first year of marriage has not been as difficult as people said it would be. Specifically, our parents were not too thrilled when they found out my wife and I had married without their knowledge. The most difficult

part was getting our families to realize how serious we were about each other, albeit we had only known each other for almost a month and some change when we eloped.

The next step was finding an apartment. We did not want to go to our parents for help, but at the same time we were broke college students with no place to go when the spring semester ended. I remember that like it was yesterday, too, looking at decent places to stay for the summer and negotiating with each other whether no couch for a few months was better than being in the projects.

The summer was bittersweet. We found a place to stay in a good neighborhood and during the week we were able to spend time together. However, we were both working at busy restaurants on the weekend.

Towards the end of the summer, we were trying to figure out how we would get back to school seeing that we were now independent students with no money. By then, we were really thinking about asking our parents for help or taking out private loans. Luckily, my wife and I were able to maintain enrollment status for the school year through grants and scholarships.

Now that we are back in school, we are determined to make our mark while we are still here. It's funny because our parents thought that being married would make us distracted, but it has made us more focused than we were before.

However, being married is far from easy when you are in college. There have been plenty of times when my wife and I could have called it quits.

Relationships take work; the reason why many relationships (especially marriages) fail is because people do not put the same effort in as when they first fell in love.

My friend Waddell Gadsden, who has been with the same woman for almost 50 years, explained to me the key to staying together with the same person.

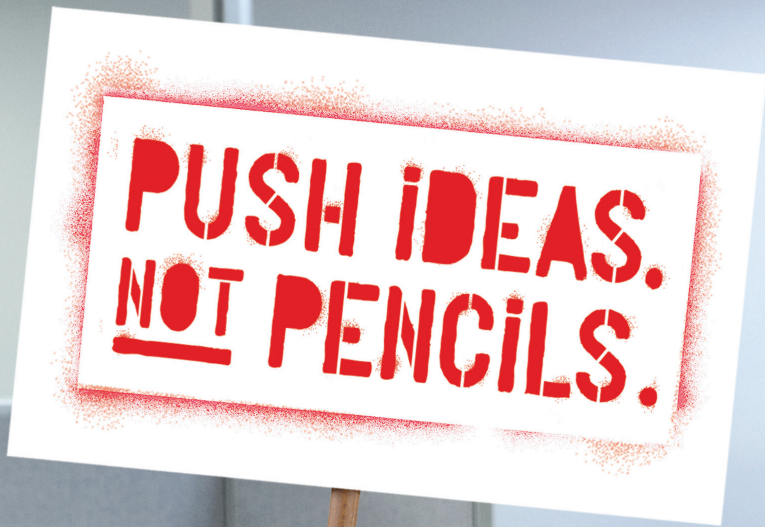
"I live my life, she lives hers," Gadsden said.

I say all of this to say that to have a successful relationship, both people must be able to have their own goals and accomplish them. You can be in love and accomplish what you want to do before you fell in love. You are not selfish if you have dreams and aspirations and you want to go through with them.

Becoming a husband is probably the best thing that has ever happened to me. It has forced me to fight for who I love and for the first time, I had to step up and take control of my life. Being married has also made me more goal-oriented and helped me focus on not only what is best for me, but also for my wife.

I have learned many things from my wife such as being a good listener, taking criticism, being patient, and last but not least, how to love someone unconditionally who is not blood related to you. My wife tells me she's learned how to listen, put someone else's feelings before her own, put herself in someone else's shoes, and that it's not all about her at certain moments.

We have both learned that it's all about both of us all of the time.



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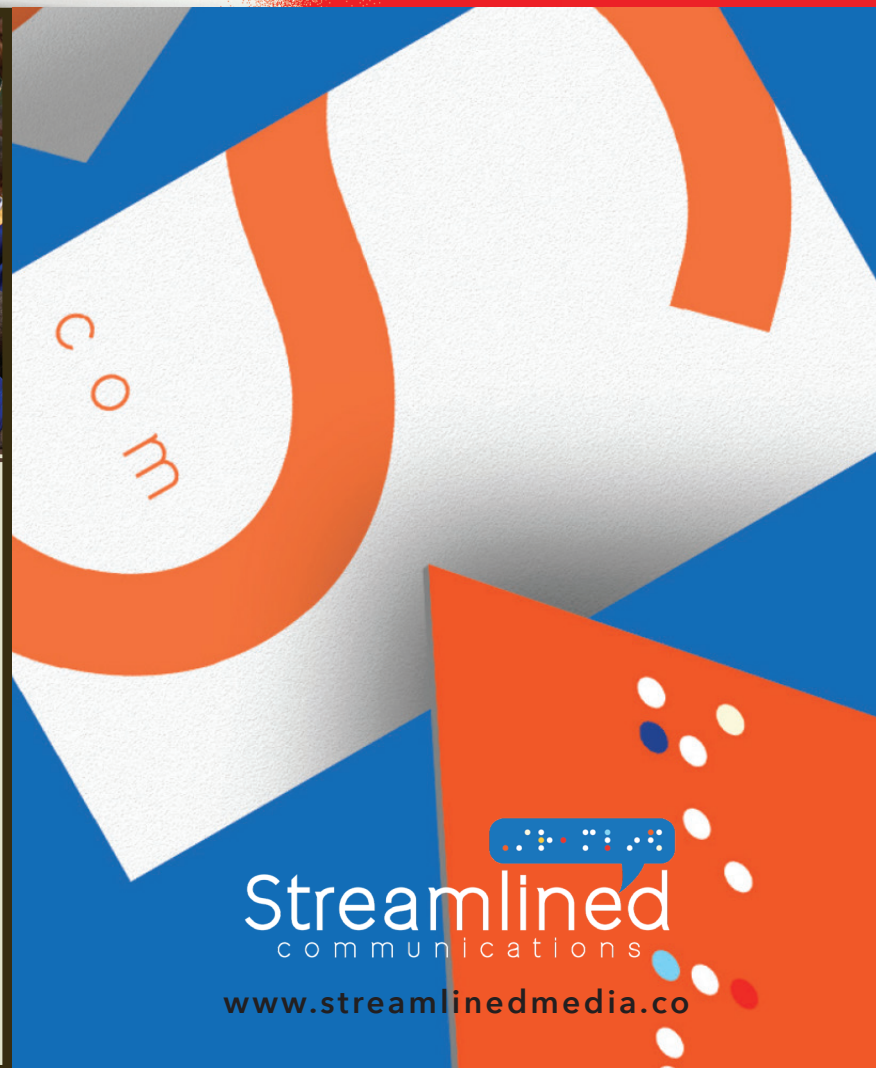
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# The Turn Up Guide To Homecoming

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## RELATIONSHIPS

- Unless you and your boo have made some type of arrangement, you shouldn't make any questionable decisions without your significant other. It may be something that they don't like.
- Always ask yourself, "Would bae be okay with me doing this?"
- It's okay to act a fool. Do it. Just do it while you're single.

## ATTIRE

- Heels are a must for coronation (but your feet are bound to hurt so bring a pair of slippers or flats with you).
- This is your chance to pop out; there should be no reason why you aren't looking your best.
- Ladies, your hair must be laid; and guys you should probably head to your barber before homecoming week starts.
- Be prepared to sweat your hair out. We're telling you this because we don't want you to be mad when you walk out of that house on Legacy Drive looking like a wet poodle.
- If you leave home and have to ask if it's okay to wear this, you probably should change.
- Make sure your attire matches the event, and if you don't know what to wear ask an upperclassman.

## DRINKING

- Pre-gaming is okay. Just do it with people you trust and who won't judge you.
- It's okay to turn up, but don't be the wasted one passed out on the sidewalk.
- Don't break any laws. Seriously. No one wants to get arrested during homecoming.
- If all else fails take an Uber, because it is always better to be safe than sorry.
- If you are going to be turned in public, make sure you keep a friend. You don't want to be turned and lost in a crowd full of people.
- For every cup of alcohol, try to match it with some water.
- Never put your drink down or leave it unattended. Basic rule. Just don't do it.

## THE CREW

- This is the most essential part to your turn up experience. The friends you choose to turn up with at homecoming will determine if it is lit or not.
- Think to yourself, "Are these people really my friends?" If not, you probably don't want to be turning up with them in all the mayhem.
- Make sure you are all in agreement on who is planning what events you attend before homecoming week.
- Don't let your friends bring the drama to the party, leave it at the door.
- If they don't stop you from making a rather questionable decision, they're not letting you have fun. Try to think back to bullet point 2, "Are these people really my friends"?

# BenHouse? What About Bennett?

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As Homecoming nears, we expect to see thousands of Clark and SpelHouse alumni flood the AUC. We should also expect for some of Morehouse's real "sisters" – the Belles of Bennett College – to attend Homecoming as well.

This bond, which many don't even know about, started with the strong friendship of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and Dr. David Dallas Jones. They were presidents of Morehouse College and Bennett College when Bennett was named the official sister school to Morehouse. Both presidents worked hard to make sure the students from each institution held that bond to the highest degree... but what about now?

Every year, Bennett Belles come down to SpelHouse's Homecoming. Prior to 2010, it had been 15 years since Morehouse students set foot on Bennett's campus in Greensboro, NC. This only happened because the SGA from both institutions felt the need to unite. With the main focus on the bond between Morehouse and Spelman, many don't know of the relationship that is held with Bennett.

"I was never told by the school, an upperclassman told me," Darryl Taylor, a sophomore Business Administration and Finance major at Morehouse said. "Last year, there was a trip to go to Bennett's Homecoming, but I didn't want to go because I didn't understand why I would want to. I was then told about the connection, and thought it might be cool to go. The school doesn't tell us, probably because of our close ties with Spelman."

In some cases, those who are aware don't feel it would make a difference if the institutions grew closer or not.

"When we first get here, they tell us that Morehouse is our brother school and not [North Carolina] A&T, but it doesn't feel like it," Samoniqa Foster-Cook, a Bennett Collete sophomore social work major, said. "I don't think it would matter much whether we 'got closer' or not, simply because it has not been that way for a long time. They have Spelman and we have A&T, so it evens out."

It is understandable that many would feel this way because even though the connection between Bennett and Morehouse is official, they still have deep connections with neighboring institutions like Spelman and A&T. With the disconnect growing every year, the fact that there is even a bond between the schools looks more likely to just be a statement at freshman orientation than an actual relationship.

# How Not to Do Too Much (Style For Homecoming)

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Homecoming season is obviously one of the most exciting times of a college student's career. Unfortunately, sometimes this excitement can lead to an impaired fashion sense, as people can often forget how to appropriately dress for the different events during this time.

To prevent looking overdressed and out of place during Homecoming week, follow this guide to help you figure out what is and isn't appropriate to wear.

## THE NEO-SOUL CONCERT

For the Neo-Soul concert, a dressier outfit is definitely the way to go. Keep it cute, but also keep it very classy. This event isn't really the place for club wear, so refrain from mini-skirts, dresses and items of clothing that are super revealing.

A midi-length pencil skirt, a tailored jumpsuit, or a cute blouse and a nice fitting pair of jeans would all be great outfit choices. Pair it with some comfortable shoes (as you will most likely be waiting in a long line), and your outfit will be complete.

## THE CORONATION BALL

While the event may be referred to as a coronation ball, ball gowns are definitely not the dress code for this event. Leave your old prom dress

in your closet, and stay far away from long and flowing floor-length dresses. The coronation ball dress code is very similar to a high school Homecoming dance, so dresses that are on the shorter side are perfect to wear to this event.

Also, if you do choose to wear heels, make sure they are a comfortable pair. You will be waiting in long lines – for what feels like forever – and you will immediately regret your choice to wear sky-high heels.

## THE TAILGATE

Picking out a cute, but very comfortable outfit is key when choosing your outfit for the tailgate. Sporting your Spelman, Morehouse, and Clark Atlanta gear is an essential part of your ensemble, as this is the perfect time to rep your school since you may have the opportunity to network with some alumni.

Pair this outfit with a cute pair of jeans or shorts (depending on the weather) or a cute circle skirt would create a seamless outfit. Remember that the tailgating event requires a lot of walking and standing, so make sure to wear a comfortable pair of shoes. Pick out a pair of cute converse or flat shoes for this event, and whatever you do, just don't wear heels.

No matter what you decide to wear for Homecoming, make sure that whatever you pick out allows you to feel and look like your best self. Happy styling!

# The Importance of Networking: Homecoming Edition

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With Homecoming celebrations coming up for the schools of the AUC, there will be an influx of past and present students on the campuses of Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College. There are many opportunities for current students to meet with the alumni from all institutions and make possible lifelong connections.

The Daily Illini referred to Homecoming as the "original social network," which is very accurate considering how many interactions happen between alumni and students. Meeting with alumni can present current students with potential job opportunities post-graduation, and even for summer internships or co-ops. Here are some steps on how to make and keep the connection between yourself and alumni.

## PUT FORTH THE EFFORT

Many of the events at Homecoming are

geared toward alumni, and going to the ones open to current students will be the ideal setting to begin talking to the alum of your institution. It's fine to be a part of the turn-up, but that is not normally where you can get a meaningful connection.

## Give your best hand shake

There are all kinds of tents at Homecoming: Greek, SGA, sports, alumni and more. Conversation starts with the willingness to reach out, followed by a handshake. By simply reaching out to the people you are surrounded by, you could meet someone who could change the course of your life.

## Make genuine connections

It's fairly easy to make conversation with just about anyone, but that doesn't mean you will leave that conversation with anything significant. It is important to take the extra step of being sincere, because even if the people you're talking to do not have direct ties to your future line of work, they probably know

someone who does.

There is nothing wrong with asking for someone's contact information. This normally means they see that you can go far and have a good feeling about you. With their good word, you have already come out with one reference.

## BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

"You never know who is who," Jeffrey Watts, a Clark Atlanta alum, said. "The second most important thing after what you know is sometimes who you know. There's nothing like giving back to a fellow or future alumni."

Many alumni feel this way, due to their experience in similar situations. There is no telling what alums may have to offer from themselves or people they know.

Consequently, you should be very wary of how you present yourself at events. You never want to leave a bad impression on someone. With so many people on campus during Homecoming, you never know who you might run into or who could be watching.

# Maroon Tigers: Encouraging Words

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One major positive for the Maroon Tigers heading into the Homecoming game has been the enormous love and support received from Morehouse students at the home games at B.T. Harvey Stadium this year. As Morehouse prepares for its Homecoming game against Benedict College, students and alumni decided to give their thoughts on the team moving forward.

"I know it's been tough in recent years, but this is the year the football team turns it around. I wish the team the best of luck."  
- Garrett Miller ('18)

"I hope that the football team can cap off a great week on that Saturday."  
- Justin Henderson ('18)

"I hope you guys go out and win."  
- Raqir Black ('18)

"Being a football fan, I have always kept my attention on the team. This is the first year since 2011 where I see a real resurgence of talent all around. I am really excited for the Homecoming game and wish the team the best of luck."  
- Malik Turner ('16)

"I am a big sports fan, and watching the Maroon Tigers play over the years has been frustrating at times. I believe we have talent, but it doesn't always translate over to wins. I have a good enough feeling going into the Homecoming game this year. I expect a victory."  
- Christian Johnson ('15)

"Throughout my years at Morehouse, I have always followed and watched the football team. As I return for the Homecoming game in a few weeks, I will be very excited to root for my school once again. Let's go Morehouse!"  
- Paul Sheehy ('12)

"I am anxious to get back to Mother Morehouse and cheer on my alma mater. I am not too familiar with the team that is in place today, but I am really excited to be at the game and the great Morehouse culture once again. Good luck, brothers."  
- Paul Scott ('15)

"We can't lose to Benedict again, man. They have a solid team as always, but we can't take another defeat against them. I wouldn't place any bets going into this one, but prove me wrong Morehouse. I will always have faith."  
- Lewis Jones ('14)

"I am excited about Homecoming and the game because it's great to be in an environment of past and future Morehouse Men"  
- Ryan Russell ('18)

With three games remaining on the schedule, the Maroon Tigers will still have an opportunity to post a highly respectable record to close the season. The resurgence of support from the student body should provide a great home field advantage for Saturday's Homecoming game.



**OCTOBER 23, 2015**  
**SPELMAN AMPHITHEATRE**  
**12PM - 4PM**

# Tigers Slumping, But Winless Foe Comes Next

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With Morehouse's 38-0 loss to Albany State on Saturday, the Maroon Tigers are now 3-4 and have lost their last two games by a combined score of 73-7, losing 35-7 against the Tuskegee University Golden Tigers the week before.

The Tigers will be able to prove if they are up to the task their senior players have set for them against their next opponent, 0-7 Benedict College Tigers, on what happens to be the Maroon Tigers' Homecoming game next Saturday.

Before their game against Tuskegee, the Maroon Tigers had the No. 1 passing defense in the SIAC.

In their first five games, they had only allowed 133.4 passing yards per game and a completion rate of 42.6 percent, which were both conference lows. The Tigers had nine interceptions and had allowed only 253.2 total offensive yards per game, both tied for second in the conference.

On the ground, they gave up 119.8 rushing yards per game, eight rushing TDs and 253.2 total offensive yards.

In their last two games in the air, the Maroon Tigers gave up no passing TDs, allowed a combined 183 passing yards, and had one interception. The key to defeat came on the ground, where Morehouse's defense gave up an average of 214.5 rushing yards, eight TDs and 326 total offensive yards.

On what the Maroon Tigers need to do moving forward, senior linebacker Chris Hambie pointed to one solution.

"The main thing we need to focus on, is focus," Hambie said. "We're a laid-back, fun team, but sometimes we can lack focus, so I just feel like if we could be more focused, that means we won't start games slow or end them slow."

Hambie was a big part of the Maroon Tigers' success on defense earlier in the season. He leads the team in assisted tackles with 30, is second in total tackles with 52, tied for second in tackles for loss with 7.5 and he has one interception.

"This success goes parallel to reason for the rest of my

success," Hambie said. "That goes to the man upstairs. He's just blessed me with the talent and the hard work and dedication it's taken to be this successful and it's only with him that I can achieve this."

Other notable defensive players are junior linebacker James Woods, who leads the team in total tackles with 55 and solo tackles with 28. Austin Benton had also been a pivotal piece to the defense, leading the team in interceptions with three.

The Maroon Tigers were also the No. 1 scoring offense in the SIAC in the first five weeks. They led the conference with 20 TDs, had averaged 29.6 points per game and scored 148 total points.

In their last two games, the Maroon Tigers scored one time, which came from a pass from junior quarterback Monqavious Johnson to receiver Amyr Smith during the second half against Tuskegee.

Johnson has thrown 11 TD passes compared to six interceptions and has a 52.7 percent completion rate. Johnson has been an impressive dual-threat quarterback as he has thrown for 996 yards, while rushing for 275 yards and one rushing TD.

Other notable offensive players are freshman receiver, Amyr Smith, who is leading the team with five receiving TDs; senior receiver Devon Mann, who is leading the team with 18 catches and 262 receiving yards, and sophomore running back, Isaiah Hicks, who is leading the team in rushing TDs with three.

Four of the Tigers have won weekly awards so far this season: Hicks won offensive player for Week 1, Smith won newcomer Week 2, Johnson won Offensive Player for Week 3 and Woods won Defensive Player for Week 5.

Senior captain Ajene Robinson had some insight on what the Maroon Tigers need to do differently to be successful on offense for the remainder of the season.

"Some improvements that we need to make are finishing our drives," Robinson said. "That's one thing we need to focus on, as well as starting the game with a high tempo. We usually do play well in the second quarter and third quarter."

The Maroon Tigers outscore their opponents 43-35 in the second quarter and 62-23 in the third quarter, but are outscored 49-20 in the first quarter and 41-10 in the fourth quarter.



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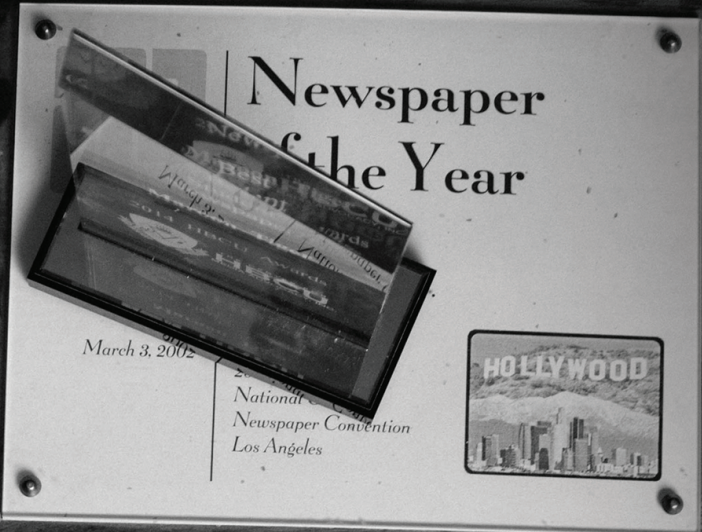
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