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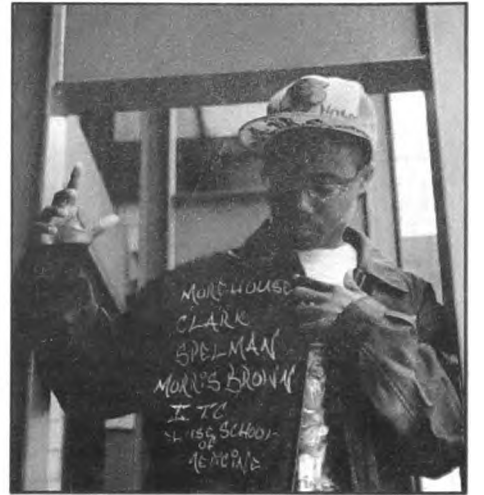
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## The Men of the Year Revealed

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The Men of the Year—arguably the most important category in the Men of the Year issue. This section recognizes individuals who have made monumental contributions to the advancement of the institution. The five chosen men define what it means to be a member of the Morehouse community. Of these five nominees, the actual Man of the Year was chosen by The Maroon Tiger and an online poll of the student body.

Read to the end to learn who The Man of the Year is. First, the nominees:

Had The Maroon Tiger released a Man of the Year issue in 2008, there is little doubt as to who would have been named The Man of the Year. Twelve months later, he is still deserving of the title. Dr. Robert Michael Franklin was named the tenth president of Morehouse in 2007.

Between rousing speeches that would give Barack Obama pause and candid moral guidance of the community, Dr. Franklin has established himself as far more than just the nominal leader of Morehouse.

His Renaissance Man and the five characteristics—well-read, well-balanced, well-traveled, well-spoken, and

well-dressed—have become common terminology across campus. The vision has also been strikingly relevant this year, as the campus dealt with numerous students who violated some or all of those characteristics.

In the midst of economic and social crises at Morehouse, President Franklin has served as a stabilizing force, offering students direction. Where Dr. Franklin's predecessors were lauded for their business savvy, but not abilities as social guides, Franklin has accomplished both.

His recent speech on threats to the Morehouse Mystique captured the attention of the campus. Commenting on everything from violence to customer service to the male use of feminine clothing, Franklin drew a line in the sand. Hundreds have followed coverage of his remarks at [www.TheMaroonTiger.com](http://www.TheMaroonTiger.com), where 80% of all poll respondents have also expressed agreement with his message.

"President Franklin's address was appropriate and timely. The most important section of the speech was when Dr. Franklin mentioned the implementation of the committee on Diversity and Tolerance. The committee would allow faculty, staff and students to engage in a more in-depth dialogue about the serious issues threatening our academic village."

For his candor and leadership, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Man of the Year.

Ronald Sheehy, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Morehouse has many critical employees whose faces remain unknown to the student body. Some of these employees work in the cafeteria, others in academic buildings, and some in Gloster. One such man is Dr. Ronald Sheehy. This year, Dr. Sheehy has quite literally been perhaps the most important behind-the-scenes player at Morehouse.

Dr. Sheehy oversaw the school's efforts to renew its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Had the process failed, Morehouse's reputation and its funding would have been crippled, leaving the school's current students in a dangerous hole and its many alumni with a tainted degree.

Thanks to the work of Dr. Sheehy and other staff members, though, that nightmare scenario came nowhere near to happening. Morehouse's accreditation is set to be renewed, placing the institution on firm educational grounding for more years to come.

Sheehy is quick to recognize the work of others in the SACS process.

"I am honored to be considered

as a Man of the Year nominee by the Tiger Editorial Board. I share this honor with all of the faculty and staff who worked on the accreditation project, the Compliance Audit and the Quality Enhancement Plan. This is my eighteenth year serving Morehouse. As a student at Morehouse, I was instilled with the idea of the pursuit of excellence, and since that time I have tried my best to live up to that challenge."

Dr. Ronald Sheehy, Man of the Year. Next, there is Ron Thomas, Director of the Journalism Program.

Morehouse has graduated students who would eventually become politicians, doctors, lawyers, activists, filmmakers, doctors, and Olympians, but the school has long had a glaring blank spot: journalists. It was a problem so severe that Morehouse students wishing to attain degrees in Communication or Journalism had to cross-register at Clark Atlanta University, which has a staff of experienced reporters and a television studio.

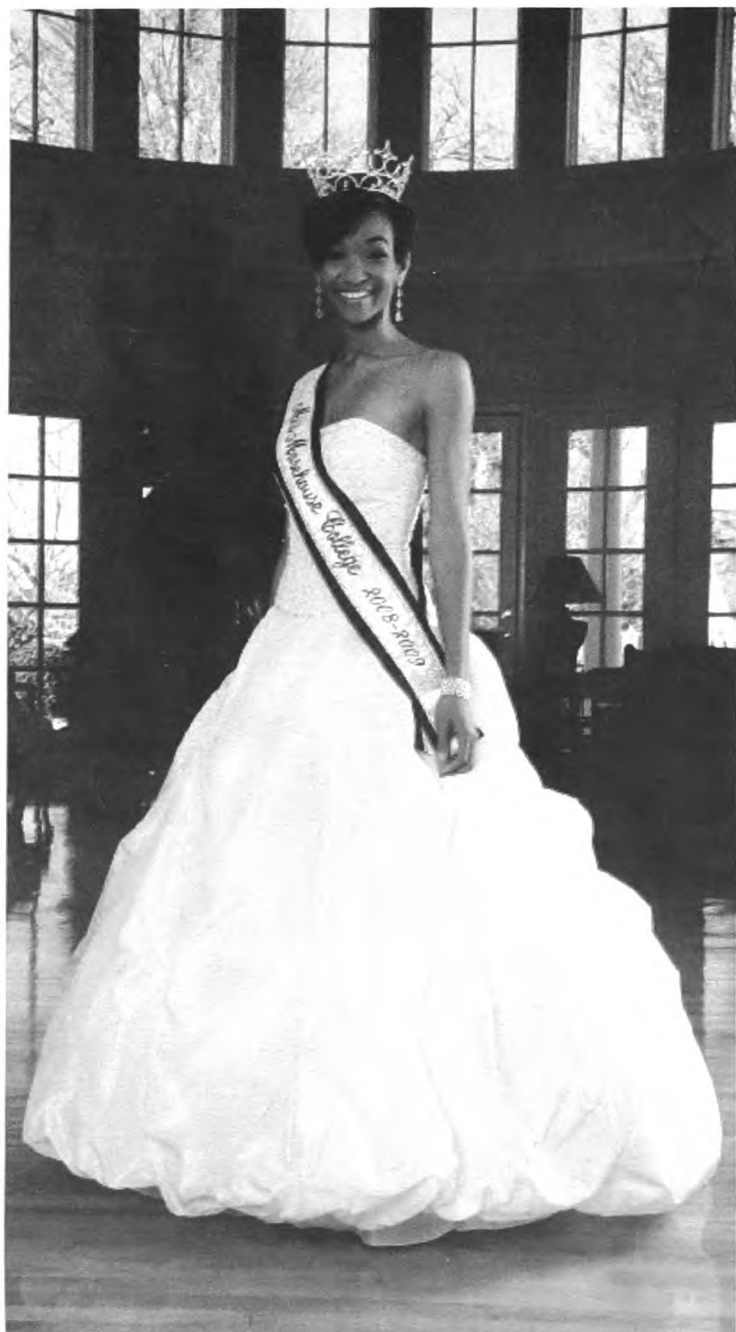
Two years ago, Morehouse finally got tired of being a step behind and founded a Journalism program, with an emphasis on Sports-Journalism. The man chosen to lead the new field? Mr. Ron Thomas. Known popularly as "Mr.

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# THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR



1929 — 1968  
 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  
 WORLD-FAMOUS LEADER OF THE NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT  
 DISTINGUISHED WINNER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



How do we love women? Let us count the ways! From the staff of the Maroon Tiger to their very own Miss Maroon and White, the Morehouse community often operates hand-in-hand with the women of Spelman College. "Spel-House" is alive and well these days, and these ladies are some of the people that keep that relationship thriving. From left: Joi Jackson (senior, Miss Maroon and White), Randol Davis, (senior, Maroon Tiger W&L Editor); April Curry (senior, 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant to Miss Maroon and White); Morgan Pierce (junior, Spelman SGA President), Khadijah Robinson (sophomore, fmr. Tiger Opinions Editor).



# SARTORIAL EXCELLENCE



An oft-overlooked facet of a Renaissance Man is "well-dressed." To survive Atlanta's flashing lights, one needs elegance, style, and above all, a swagger that only comes from a gentleman of Morehouse. Clockwise from bottom: Brandon Douglass '09, Warner and Waverly Watkins '11, Kawasi Weston '10, Marquis Phifer '10.







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The staff at Morehouse is the behind-the-scenes force that keeps the school running smoothly. Our staff members of the year are always hard at work, but always have time and dedication to interact with students. Here's our salute to the soldiering personnel of Morehouse College. From left: Mrs. Kimberly Coleman, Mr. Kevin Booker, Ms. Tominika Redd

## 20 Questions



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- 1) Who didn't figure out that FBI's responsible?
- 2) Are they really EVERYWHERE?!!!
- 3) So, who ISN't and who really IS?
- 4) Are you embarrassed that everyone Knows you aren't?
- 5) If you think about it, KAn You name anyone who is?
- 6) Is this Really not the worst court ever?
- 7) Is that what you get when the FAMILY's in charge?
- 8) How many people DIDN'T attend this year?
- 9) After the mic slap, did you think it could get any worse?

- 10) Have we all realized that Morehouse isn't made of brick?
- 11) Roberto Cavalli can't get you on the Court, huh?
- 12) how much would you pay to Allow her wear the Crown next year?
- 13) Could any of them have made it past last year's tryouts?
- 14) Who had more queens, the stage or the front row?
- 15) How many times did you get in these questions this year?
- 16) That many?
- 17) Now that you're the new face, will you go back to wearing makeup?
- 18) KSOG-who do you think you're fooling?
- 19) Will you all be QUIEt already?
- 20) So, how hard was it Managing to Run nearly Ten campaigns into the ground?

### BONUS

- 21) Is that why you couldn't put on a Senior crown foruM?
- 22) ARE you amazed at how you brought down your chapter and this issue in one year?
- 23) Are they left with ANYONE who is at least half-decent? NO!
- 24) Did you like that one?
- 25) Is he really the neW chairMan of Bank of America?
- 26) Can we get a little overdraft protection?
- 27) Maybe a funds transfer?

# THE PROFESSORS



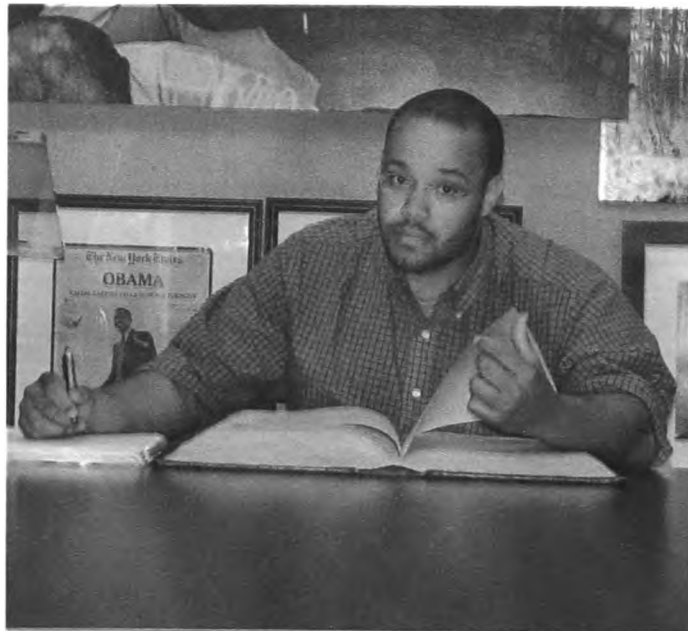
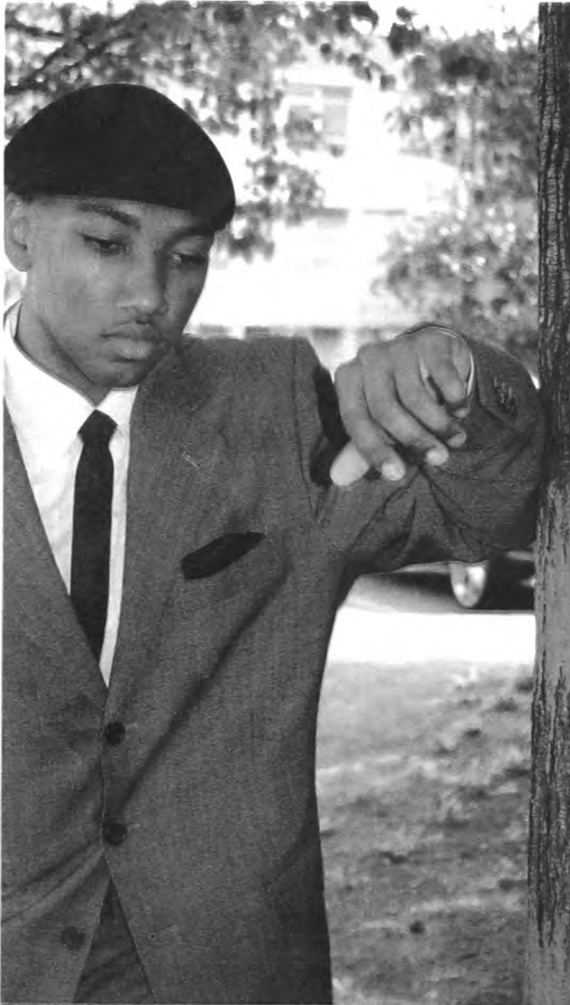
These are the professors that teach more than Psychology, English, Political Science, and Business. They teach students the life lessons that take them far in their years after Morehouse College. Unafraid to log in long hours helping students, these individuals are the backbone of the Morehouse College experience. Here's our salute to the dedicated faculty of Morehouse College. From left: Dr. Tobe Johnson, Professor of Political Science and Chief Marshall of Morehouse College, Dr. Martin Morman, Dr. Lance Bass, Honors Program Director Dr. Jocelyn Jackson, and Dr. Mary Behrman

# THE ARTISANS

Touched with gifts in the arts, these individuals inspire us through their songs, visual art, writings and lyrical expressions. The Maroon Tiger salutes: (clockwise from left) Vinson Muhammad, Matt Jones, The Prepz, Kendrick Daye, The 54, and James "Drty Rock" Nelson



These juniors and seniors have been exemplary in their demonstration of their commitment to academic excellence. The Maroon Tiger salutes: Willie D. Francois, W. Hassan Marsh, Anthony Miller and Jimmie Strong.

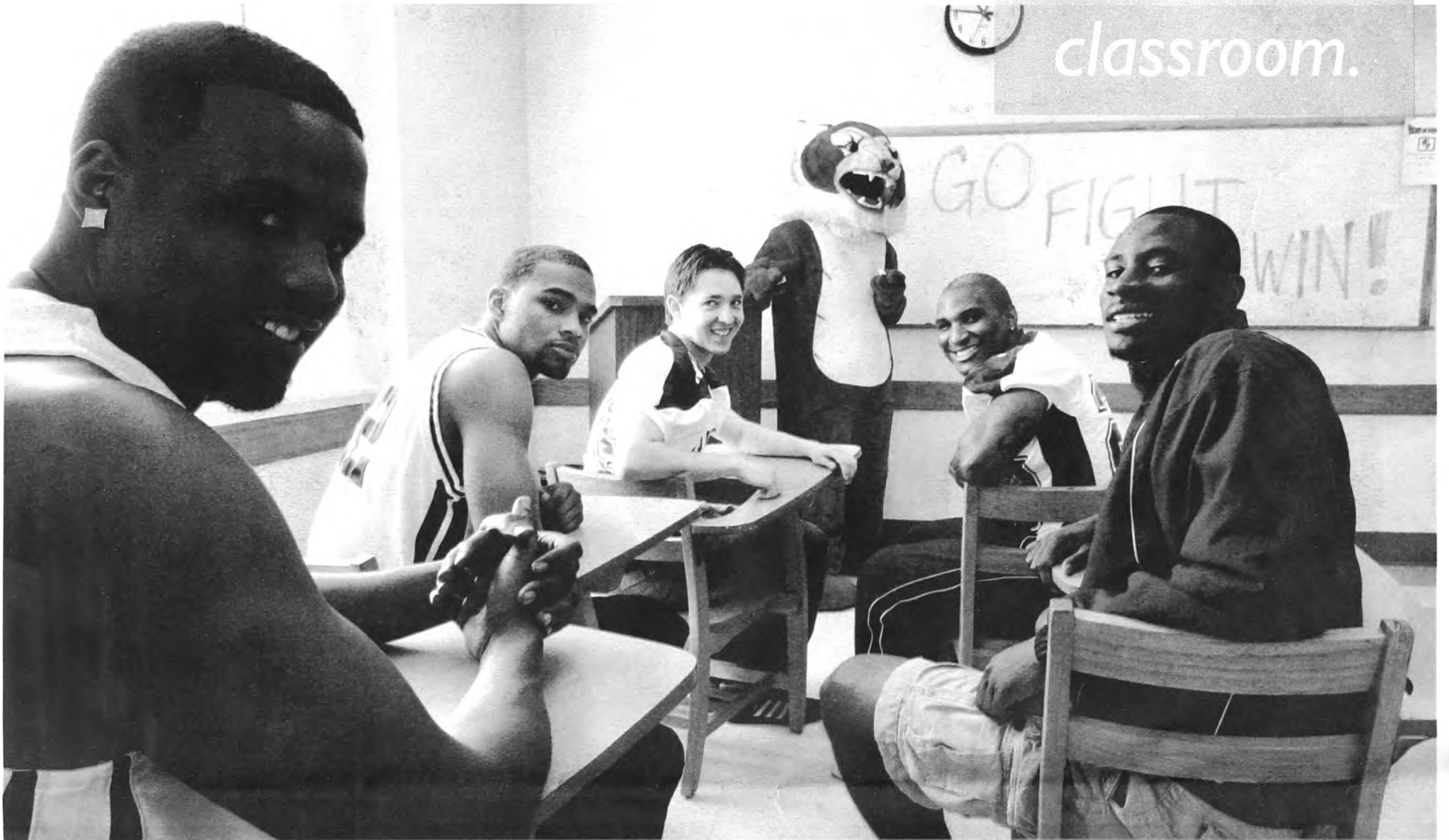


# THE INTELLECTUALS



# THE JUGGERNAUTS

Racking up championships, accolades, and recognition all season long, these Juggernauts are the leaders of our Maroon Tiger Nation. These guys represent Morehouse throughout the SIAC and handle their business both on the court and in the classroom. Jeff Cargile attributes "hard work" and "determination" to his success at Morehouse athletics. From left: Kenney Boyd (senior, basketball, SIAC Player of the Year); Larry Diamond (senior, basketball); Micah Streiff (junior, football, All-Region, All-Academic); Tyron Young (Sophomore, Mascot); Jeff Cargile (senior, football, All-American, All-Region); Achille Hendje (senior, football).



# THE ENTREPRENEURS



“Started off hustlin’, ended up ballin’!” These Men of Morehouse decided not to wait until graduation to get their own businesses going. Known on-campus for their own creative start-ups, from DJ-ing to running internationally-sourced clothing companies, our Entrepreneurs are definitely getting a head start on becoming the high-rollers of the world, Morehouse-style. “Entrepreneurship is being able to sell your lifestyle to your peers for four years,” Mike “DJ White Mike” Summers said. From left: Matt Jones (junior, photographer), Tyler McCullers (junior, The Yard Radio Show), Desmond Diggs (senior, Accounting major), Mike Summers (senior, DJ), Alex Easley (senior, CEO of NVus Ent., LLC and AE Entertainment), Alex Small (senior, owner of custom clothes shop), Chuck Bourgeois (senior, owner, CEO of Ego Entertainment and Mogul Enterprise Media)

## THE CLASSES

## THE TITANS

These distinguished seniors, otherwise known as The Titans, are synonymous with leadership, intellect and perseverance. The Maroon Tiger salutes: Tristan Allen, S.M Ridley-Thomas, Roy Cogdell, Chad Mance, Donovan X. Ramsey, and Reginald Cleaver.



## THE ESTABLISHMENT

These individuals have established themselves as viable campus leaders. These men set the tone as it pertained to leadership in their respective fields of study and/or within the campus' major clubs and/or organizations. The Maroon Tiger salutes: Maurice Wilkins, Anthony Phillips, Chieoke Moore, Tyren Holmes, Warren Chancellor, Cameron T. Tus, and Jason Lukose.







# THE NEW GUARD

These sophomores have weathered the storms of freshman year and excelled in their current leadership positions. The Maroon Tiger salutes: Jabari Brown, Garrett Auzzene, Ryan Edwards, Ali Osman, Cameron Thomas-Shah, Gerren Gaynor, Alonte Johnson, Cameron Gachett, and Carl Ringgold.



# THE FUTURE

Revealing a glimpse into their potential futures through their unremitting involvement at Morehouse, the surrounding community and the world, some of these men are fresh to the undergraduate scene. Nevertheless, these gentlemen have made a name for themselves and will hopefully continue to thrive and grow throughout their Morehouse College career. The Maroon Tiger salutes (From Left to Right): Paul Daniels, Antoine Albert, Malcom Meredith, Ryan Leon, Nick Aziz, Christian Bell, Shermichael Singleton, and Rashad Moore.

# HALL OF FAME



The Renaissance Movement has swept over Morehouse, and the best of the best find themselves in the Maroon Tiger Hall of Fame. From left: Joshua Harris, Brandon Lawrence, Edward Mitchell, Anthony Roberts and Courtney Ward.

Joshua Harris began his Morehouse career well on his way to graduating early, having entered the college with numerous credits. He soon joined the Mock Trial Team. He also later served as the Captain of the tennis team, and interned in Washington, DC. In addition, Josh has a 4.0 GPA.

**Marttise Hill (not pictured)** is the senior behind almost every major event at Morehouse in recent years. From the Miss Maroon & White pageants to CASA to Tiger TV, Hill has left his unique mark on Morehouse College. He hopes to be a filmmaker for the rest of the world and is planning to pursue film school in the Fall.

Brandon Lawrence, as a freshman, became one of the youngest Editor-in-Chiefs in Tiger history. He later went on to join the first line of the returning Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and has accepted a job offer on Wall Street.

Edward Mitchell is a senior with a long history of campus involvement. He led the Honors Program Club as its President, helped the Mock Trial Team win three straight trips to Nationals, and as Editor-in-Chief of The Maroon Tiger, he oversaw the newspaper's expansion into a news organization.

Anthony Roberts is a senior, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a candidate for Valedictorian in the class of 2009. He also serves as the President of the Business Association.

Courtney Ward did what many students only talked about. While some supported Barack Obama from afar, Ward became actively involved in the campaign and attended the Democratic National Convention, representing Morehouse at a pivotal moment in history.

## Dr. Hall Named THE Man of the Year



Man of the Year Dr. Greg Hall

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 Thomas" around campus, the long-time California sports reporter has shifted seamlessly into education. In two short years, he has done what Morehouse could not do in two hundred years—create a burgeoning and lively program for students wishing to pursue careers as journalists.

The Sports Journalism program began with just a few classes, all led by Mr. Thomas, but the program now boasts several courses and is well on its way to being a major at Morehouse. Mr. Thomas has brought experienced reporters onto the Morehouse staff—including one journalist from the Atlanta Journal Constitution—and he has organized eye-opening trips for students, including press box, behind-the-scenes coverage of Hawks games.

"Ron Thomas is the perfect department chair. He's accessible to the student body, knowledgeable and more than well-respected in his field, as well as tough on students. Most importantly, he gives a d-mn. He wants you to reach your full potential."

Mr. Thomas is also well-known for hosting numerous high profile speakers and panel discussions, including a Journalism panel that included Black reporters from some of the top publications in the country.

"I think that the Journalism program is a wonderful addition to Morehouse and he has done an extraordinary job of heading it up," said junior Cameron Mitchell, a student in one of Mr. Thomas'

classes.

Mr. Ron Thomas, Man of the Year. Next-Dr. Raphael Moffett, Director of Student Life

Every year, someone has to deal with the student body—and all the fun, stress, and humorous moments that come with the relationship. Dr. Raphael Moffett, the director of Student Life, has worked in the trenches this year. All in one year, Dr. Moffett remade student life on campus, played a key role in planning Homecoming, served as advisor to both CASA and the SGA, and confronted the issue of campus fighting.

"Dr. Moffett has been a great advisor for CASA," said senior Marttise Hill. "More importantly, he has been a great new young force in the office of Student Services. The initiatives he has brought to the Morehouse community correspond and uplift the pillars of Morehouse."

Moffett was named Administrator of the Year at the recently held Morehouse College Live Awards and is expected to continue his deep involvement in improving campus life for the students.

Dr. Raphael Moffett, Man of the Year.

Finally, Greg Hall. When Dr. Hall joined the Morehouse staff just a few years ago, he likely had no idea what was coming to him. The past year have brought unprecedented challenges to Hall's Political Science Department, particularly the loss of three critical staff members. What is perhaps most amazing, though, is not what happened to the Political Science Department, but that it was able to survive.

Many students attribute that survival to Dr. Greg Hall. Instead of collapsing under the pressure, Hall rallied. He restructured classes, took on a hefty course load, searched out adjunct professors, and ensured that no senior would fail to graduate because of the department's troubles.

"No matter what was thrown in his direction (faculty sudden departures, new hires, academic advisement, classes, pre-law society, heading multiple departments, and more) Dr. Hall refused

International Affairs Center, it was Hall who once again stepped in to help keep the ship afloat.

Hall also oversaw the school's lauded Model United Nations Team and accompanied the students on their trip to Europe. Through all this, he continued to attend conferences around the country.

To this day, Hall has remained humble about his work. "I am very honored and humbled to be considered for this great award. Morehouse



to let his students suffer due to events that were out of their control," said senior Roy Cogdell.

"He challenged students to become more responsible for their academic careers, but offered the guidance necessary that made students' goals achievable."

Even with his work for the Political Science Department, Hall had not completed his contribution to Morehouse or faced the last of his trials. When Anthony Pinder suddenly departed the Andrew Young

has and has had countless dedicated employees during its existence who have contributed great things to the college and its students. I'm glad to be considered in that number."

Dr. Greg Hall is not paid millions of dollars for his work, nor is he a Morehouse graduate with long-standing emotional ties to the institution. No, Dr. Hall is simply a professor—a professor going above and beyond the call of duty.

Chairman Dr. Gregg Hall. **THE Man of the Year.**

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