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### 'Franklin's Men' to Take Lessons of Renaissance to the World President Franklin, Joyner and Sharpton to Deliver Addresses

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

In 2007, President Robert M. Franklin '75 initiated a renaissance among the student body that would see the development of Morehouse Men who embodied the Five Wells – well read, well traveled, well dressed, well spoken and well balanced – as they became leaders.

Approximately 530 Renaissance men with a social conscience and global perspective remember his words to them about his vision four years ago.

"As Renaissance Men nurtured at Morehouse, you will have the opportunity to inject new energy and hope into communities that desperately await a Renaissance," Franklin said to the class of 2012 during their New Student Orientation in 2008.

Now four years later, more than 10,000 family and friends will gather on the College's Century Campus for the College's 128<sup>th</sup> Commencement as the group that now calls themselves "Franklin's Men" actually become Morehouse Men and Franklin, who is stepping down in 2012, presides over his last Commencement ceremony.

Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem '12, who will deliver the valedictory, said becoming a Morehouse Man and being a valedictorian is keeping in line with Franklin's wishes.

"It's a great honor, but it also means that I have been moved into a position to where I'm a role model for others," he said. "That responsibility I plan to live up to and to take with me, no matter where I go."

Also speaking during the ceremony will be Tom Joyner, host of the nationally syndicated radio show, "Tom Joyner Morning Show." He will receive an honorary degree, as will Chick-fil-A founder and chairman S. Truett Cathy; Elaine Tuttle Hansen, executive director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth; and Econet Wireless founder and chairman Strive Masiyiwa.

A day before Commencement, the Rev. Al Sharpton, founder and chairman of the National Action Network, will give the Baccalaureate address in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. Tickets are required for seating in King Chapel, as well as satellite venues, for this event.

It will also be Reunion Weekend as Morehouse alumni honor their newest members and celebrate old friendships and classmates. Receptions are planned for Friday and Saturday evening, and a cookout will be held Saturday afternoon.

The Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies will be web streamed live on [www.morehouse.edu](http://www.morehouse.edu).

For more information about Commencement/Reunion 2012 see the full schedule on page 8 or go to <http://www.morehouse.edu/commencement/index.html>. ■



### SPEAKERS OF THE 'HOUSE College's Debate Team Garners National Rankings

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

IN THE FILM "The Great Debaters," Wiley College of Texas defeated Harvard in an inspiring debate that proved a small historically black college wasn't intellectually inferior to the Ivy League.

The only problem is that match didn't happen, though Wiley did debate the University of Southern California.

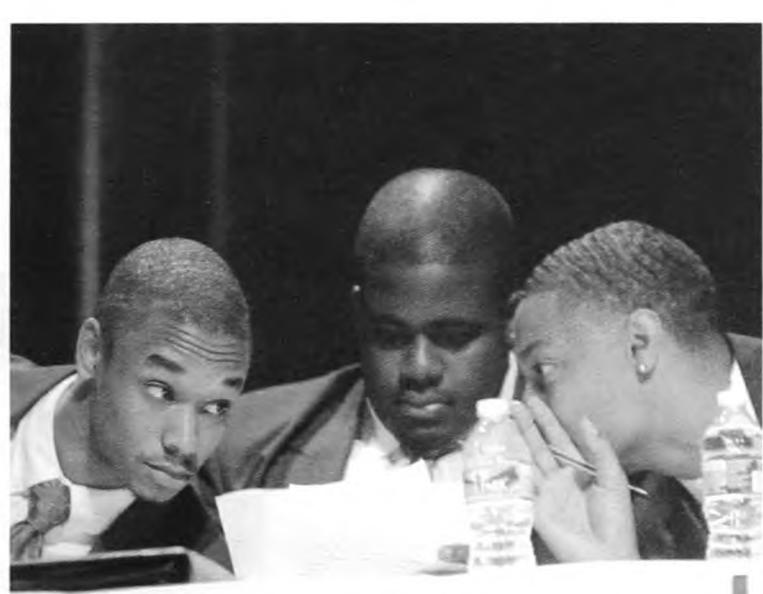
This spring, the Morehouse College debate team actually did debate an Ivy League school – Yale University – and, according to popular sentiment, won.

It capped a season that debate team director Kenneth Newby '97 calls a resurgence for the debate program at Morehouse.

"We had some members of the team – freshmen and even upperclassmen – who had never debated before this year, but have gone on to achieve remarkable things," he said. "I'm very proud of the team."

Debate has a long, successful history at Morehouse, but in recent years participation had waned. Newby, who was a member of a national

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Morehouse debate team members deliberate during a match against Howard University.

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## 2012-13 Miss Maroon and White and Her Court

The newly crowned Miss Maroon and White, Jasmine Matthews, a drama major from Houston, poses with her court: 1st Attendant Taylor Hawkins, an engineering and mathematics major from Washington, D.C., and 2nd Attendant Cydney Williams, a psychology major from Houston. The ladies, all rising seniors at Spelman College, will represent Morehouse during the 2012-2013 academic year. ■

## New Trees Give Morehouse A Greener Look

**BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.**

Morehouse is getting a lot greener, thanks to an anonymous donor and a group of students.

Earlier this year, the donor gave the College \$100,000 to plant new trees all over campus. Older trees that were beginning to decay were pulled up and replaced with new oak, holly, crape myrtle and magnolia trees. Many will be large, mature shade trees such as dogwoods and rosebuds.

"We're planting 186 trees, so whatever we took up, we more than made up," said Logistics Manager John Zachary '79. "And a shade tree generates more than \$160,000 in environmental benefits over the course of 50 years. But it's also going to change the look and landscape of the campus. I think students, faculty and staff will like the new look. We'll begin to see the effects of it this spring."

The new trees are in the heart of campus on Brown Street, in front of the Leadership Center, along Westview Drive towards the security gate; near Douglass Hall and the Morehouse tennis complex, near Graves Hall, along West End Avenue across from the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center and Music Education Building and on Welborn Street adjacent to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

A few weeks later, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., led a separate effort to add more foliage on campus. They teamed up with the Spelman chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Toyota and the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 30 trees at Morehouse and another 30 trees at Spelman. ■



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championship winning debate team while he was at Morehouse, took over the program last year after a couple of years when the program was being revived.

Under Newby's direction, the team ended the 2011-12 season as Georgia's top-ranked parliamentary debate program and also was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Morehouse debaters won first overall in tournaments at the University of Tennessee, Gainesville State College and Berry College. They finished in the Top 10 in competitions at George Washington University and James Madison University. And they were lauded for exhibition performances against Howard, Bates and Yale.

This year's team consisted of Byron Grandberry, Brent Brunson, Raheem Cooper-Thomas, Austin Williams, Christ Fortson-Gaines, Curtis O'Neal, Derrick Reed, Nicholas Bacon, Franklin Kwame Weldon and Anthony Voss.

They practiced three to four hours, twice a week, but also had to keep abreast of, and be knowledgeable about, current events.

"It's really a lot of hard work and practice," Newby said. "They've met my expectations. To exceed my expectations, we have to reach the next level and my goal next year is to have us ranked among the nation's Top 10 teams and to bring back some form of a national championship."

They will have that chance next year for not only a national title, but for the first time a world championship. In December, they head to Berlin, Germany, to compete in the World Universities Debating Championship.

"It requires the heart," Newby said. "Morehouse students have the mind. If you have the heart, the will and effort, then debate proves you will see the result." ■

## NEWSBRIEFS

### SCLC Honors President Franklin and Herman "Skip" Mason

President Robert M. Franklin '75 and College Archivist Herman "Skip" Mason were each honored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference/Women's Organizational Movement for Equality Now, Inc., with the organization's Drum Major for Justice Award on April 4.

### Morehouse Named One of Nation's Best in Social Media

Touting initiatives such as "Morehouse Mondays on Facebook," studentadvisor.com named Morehouse one of the Nation's Top 100 Social Media Colleges for 2012.

As part of the College's social media outreach, "Morehouse Mondays on Facebook" allowed potential students to chat online directly with College administrators each Monday in April.

### Honda Campus All-Star Team Finishes in Final Four

Morehouse finished in the Final Four of the 2012 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, which featured 48 teams from historically black colleges and universities around the country.

The team – consisting of Terry Lyles II, Matt Kemelek, Robert Myrick Jr., Evan Turnage, Eugene Finley and coach Charles Walton Jr. – won \$15,000 in reaching the competition's semi-finals. Morgan State won the championship, followed by Oakwood College, Florida A&M and Morehouse.

The four teams were featured in a full-page ad in USA Today on April 18.

### Follett Donates \$125,000 to College

Just one month after making a \$25,000 donation for the Morehouse Renaissance Now campaign for student scholarships, Follett Higher Education Group, which runs the Morehouse College Bookstore, gave an additional \$100,000 to the fund on March 15.

### Morehouse Included on Combined Federal Campaign Charity List

Morehouse College has been included as an eligible charity on the National/International Part of the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Charity List. The CFC is an umbrella campaign for nearly 20,000 nonprofit charitable organizations worldwide that solicit federal employees for donations. These charities range from emerging community groups to large, well-known charities.

Since its inception in 1961, the CFC has raised nearly \$7 billion for charities. In 2011, the metropolitan Atlanta campaign raised \$4,240,497.00.

The official solicitation period for the 2012 campaign is September 1 through December 15, 2012 ■

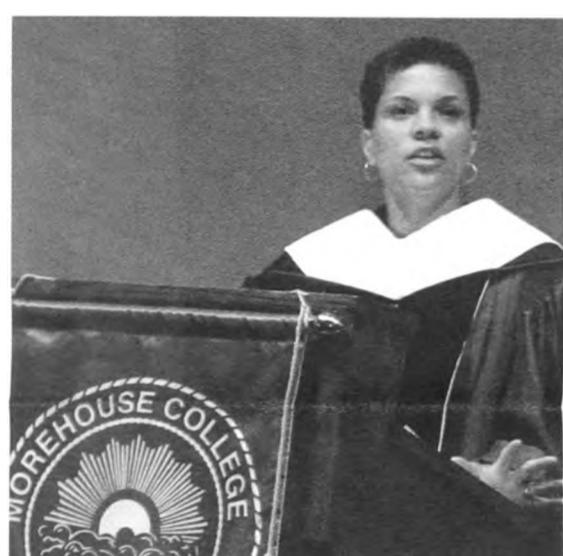
## Alexander: "We Have Abandoned King's Dream"

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

**A**uthor Michele Alexander said the nation has taken steps backward when it comes to dealing with race, particularly when it comes to prison incarceration.

"During the last 30 years, a vast new system of racial and social control has emerged from the ashes of slavery and Jim Crow," said Alexander during the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars and Board of Sponsors Induction Crown Forum on April 10. "The systematic mass incarceration of poor people of color in the United States is tantamount to a new caste system, one specifically designed to address the social, political and economic challenges of our time."

Alexander is the author of *"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness."* The book won the 2011 NAACP Image Award for best non-fiction.



Attorney and author Michelle Alexander makes a point during Crown Forum.

it was there, right there at the prison gates, that we abandoned Dr. King's dream and veered off the trail that he and many others had blazed," Alexander said.

Just before Alexander's speech, 13 men and women were inducted into the King Collegium Board of Scholars and Board of Sponsors. Members are chosen for their achievements and work in the global community. They also serve as advisers to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

"I charge you to be servant scholar leaders, guarantors of continuity, celebrators of change, negotiators of structure, ambassadors of the beloved world community and facilitators of meaning with the hope that we can right age-old wrongs that continue to haunt the American people and the world," said Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of King Chapel. ■

Her Crown Forum speech echoed the themes of her book in which Alexander believes higher incarceration of poor people of color has become a new American systems of racism and segregation.

"In the years following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, our nation was faced with a choice," she said. "We could continue down the road that Dr. King and many others were traveling; we could choose the path of compassion, forgiveness, inclusion and hope. Or we could choose a different road – a road more familiar when it comes to matters of race; the road of exclusion, division, punitiveness and despair.

"One day, I believe historians will look back on this era of mass incarceration and they will say



Delta Sigma Theta Inc. 22nd National President Gwendolyn Boyd, Delta National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre and Valerie Jackson, chair of the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation, view the Dorothy I. Height oil portrait.

## Leadership of Dorothy Height Honored with a Scholarship and Oil Portrait

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

**T**he legacy of Dorothy I. Height, the late civil and human rights activist, should be a lesson of persistence for every man of Morehouse, said Cynthia Butler McIntyre, national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

"It is my hope and prayer that when you are told that the answer is 'no,' if your heart and soul and mind think it should be 'yes,' you will be inspired by Dr. Height to make a way out of no way," Butler-McIntyre said during the Dorothy Height Portrait Unveiling Crown Forum.

Height, who would have turned 100 two days after the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Crown Forum, was honored by the College with a new portrait that will hang in the International Hall of Honor, alongside those of other world human and civil rights luminaries.

The College also will honor Height's memory with the Dorothy I. Height Scholarship.

"As focused as Morehouse is on shaping its students, the College recognizes the significant roles that African American women have played in helping mold and mentor the young men that Morehouse has proudly produced for more than 145 years," said the College's First Lady, Dr. Cheryl Franklin, during a luncheon following the Crown Forum. "The College understands that women like Dorothy I. Height are partners in educating and nurturing the next generation of leaders, men and women, as they overcome challenges, conquer obstacles and achieve greatness." ■

## ESPN HOUSEsports Weekend Honors Edwin Moses '78 and Times' Bill Rhoden



Morehouse athletic director Andre Patillo '79 and former Georgia athletic director Damon Evans listens

THE PRESENT HONORED the past during the Morehouse College Journalism and Sports Program's ESPN Presents HOUSEsports Weekend Conference, April 12-14.

Journalism and Sports Program seniors John Smith and Devin Emery presented veteran *New York Times* columnist William C. Rhoden the Sports Journalist of the Year Award and Olympic track legend Edwin Moses '78 the first Edwin Moses Sports Figure of the Year award during the Conference's awards dinner.

The awards among the highlights of the Program's first con-

ference, which was meant to give a perspective of the sports and journalism industries beyond the boundaries of athletic playing fields.

"ESPN's gift allowed the journalism program and HOUSEsports, a student-run club for aspiring sports reporters, to host six workshops and the dinner as the initial fundraiser for both organizations," said Ron Thomas, director of the Journalism and Sports Program. Workshop topics included black sports history, career development in sports journalism and administration, and the international per-

spective on sports tourism and the training of elite athletes.

ESPN columnists J.A. Adande and Jemele Hill took part in one of the workshops, while a panel on acquiring leadership positions in sports administration featured Morehouse athletic director Andre Patillo '79, former University of Georgia athletic director Damon Evans and Sam Crenshaw, a sportscaster for WXIA-TV Atlanta. Sports Radio 680-AM broadcaster Brandon Leak, who is a student in the Journalism and Sports Program, moderated the panel. ■

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# Franklin's Men

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## "Our legacy is solid. We are overcomers."

**P**resident Robert M. Franklin '75 looked out over the sea of bright young faces – the faces of young men who in August 2008 were wide-eyed freshmen, unsure of what was before them. Their parents sat around them, many with tears in their eyes, about to watch the gates of Morehouse College close between them and their sons.

"So, my first words to parents are, 'Leave your sons, grandsons and young men at Morehouse and be proud of what you have accomplished,'" Franklin said during New Student Orientation four years ago. "Although it may be difficult and painful to separate, do it for his sake. You're leaving him in good hands. He will mature into a Morehouse Man, and the world will be a better place."

In the span of four years since that day, those approximately 500 young men of the class of 2012 have marched in support of men such as Troy Davis and Trayvon Martin. They went door-to-door to help ensure the election of

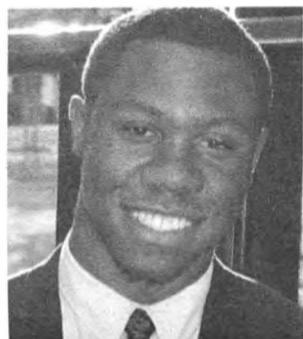
the nation's first black president. They have taken their first steps in heeding President Franklin's words.

Some are going off to teach young people or become doctors or lawyers. Others are going into the ministry, while a few are seeking professional sporting careers. All believe they embody Franklin's charge to them to become Renaissance Men with a social conscience.

"The members of the class of 2012 by virtue of their steadfastness, their fortitude, their many triumphs and achievements have set the example. Our legacy is solid. We are overcomers," said Brandon Whitehead '12 during the 2012 Senior Crown Forum. Instead of honoring themselves, the senior class honored Franklin and First Lady Dr. Cheryl Franklin.

"We as 'Franklin's Men' dedicate this program because we know we never could have made it without you."

Here is a small sample of the class of 2012.



**Nicolas B. Aziz**

Editor, *The Maroon Tiger*

HOMETOWN: New Orleans, La.

MAJOR: Business Administration

AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a master's degree in international business and management from the University of Manchester in England

"The Five Wells to me are guidelines that each student of Morehouse should strive to embody. I'm all about planning and been about planning since I've been young. It's a skill that I've gotten to use as editor and as a student. The Five Wells are like planning to me. You're planning for what you want to become. I think those are very good tools to go by, and I hope I embody them now and going forward."

"My favorite of the Five Wells would definitely be well-traveled. Since I've been at the College, I've gotten the opportunity to travel to 11 different countries. Someone told me before I started traveling that traveling is a bug. I can say that bug has definitely got me and I will be traveling as much as I can."



**Mykel Green**

Football player/John H. Hopps Research Scholar

HOMETOWN: Augusta, Ga.

MAJOR: Biology

AFTER GRADUATION: Attending Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue a doctorate in biomedical engineering focusing on tissue engineering and tissue regeneration

"Morehouse has been a time of individual growth and development. It's like I've been able to learn my role as an African American male, not only in this society, but also in the global community."

"As a scholar athlete, Morehouse has allowed me to be both a scholar and an athlete and be good at both. If I went somewhere else, I'd probably have to focus on only one. But here I'm allowed to excel at both academics and on the field."



**Olajuwon Ajanaku**

Golfer

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Ga.

MAJOR: Business Administration

AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a professional golf career

"For my golf career, Morehouse has taught how to work hard and that any goal is reachable and obtainable if you work hard enough."

"The professors at Morehouse have helped me by telling me every day that if I kept working harder on achieving any of the goals that I desire, telling me on every assignment that it's doable and to not give up and to keep studying hard, that I would become anything I wanted."

"I know Morehouse can be a very challenging institution, but in the end it's worth it. It wasn't easy and I know I had to earn everything that I've achieved. But getting your degree from Morehouse and becoming a Morehouse Man, it's all worth it."



**Miles Fuller**

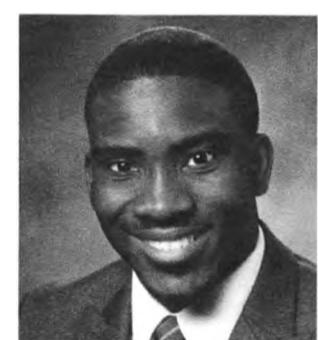
President, John H. Hopps Research Scholars

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Ga.

MAJOR: Biology

AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a doctorate in neuroscience

"Once you go out into your community and you say, 'okay, I've graduated from Morehouse College,' you're held to a different standard. We like to think that the College holds a crown above our heads. It's really true. We have expectations once we graduate to not only to help our communities, but also to go out and establish ourselves as leaders in whatever realm that we are in. It's sort of a challenge and I'm a little scared, but I'm looking forward to rising to that challenge after graduation."



**Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem**

Class Valedictorian

HOMETOWN: Concord, N.C.

MAJOR: Biology

AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. at Harvard Medical School

"What I will miss the most about Morehouse is waking up every single morning to walk outside of my residence hall to see guys who look just like me. Guys who share some of the same experiences as me, come from the same backgrounds as me and have some of the same aspirations as me. Being able to share this brotherhood with each and every single Morehouse student is something that you cannot find at any other institution in the nation. And just that brotherhood and bond that Morehouse forges are the biggest things that I'll miss at this institution."

## The Top of the Class of 2012

**VALEDICTORIAN**  
**Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem**  
Major: Biology  
GPA: 4.0  
Hometown: Concord, N.C.

**SALUTATORIAN**  
**Lee Nathaniel Young**  
Major: Economics  
GPA: 3.98  
Hometown: Evansville, Ind.



# Class of 2012

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The class of 2012 during New Student Orientation in 2008

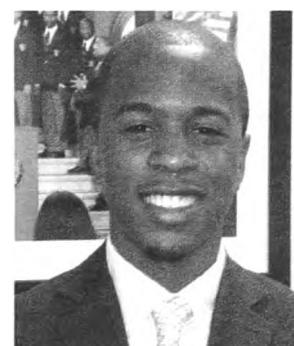


## Rashad R. Moore

President, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Assistant  
HOMETOWN: Brooklyn, N.Y.  
MAJOR: Philosophy  
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a master of divinity degree at the Union Theological Seminary

"The Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel has been home for me. It's pretty much been my incubator, aside from coursework and classes and events around campus. I've spent most of my downtime, my time preparing for a class and my time preparing for the ministry these four years, in the Chapel. The weekly chapel assistant meetings that have been going on for the last 33 years on a weekly basis have been a very, very big part of my development. I preached my first sermon here at Morehouse under the direction of Dean Lawrence E. Carter Sr. and spent time with him at various events, such as during my junior year in Morocco at a conference."

"When I look back at Morehouse years from now, one thing I will always remember is spending a lot of time under the tutelage of Dean Carter in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel."

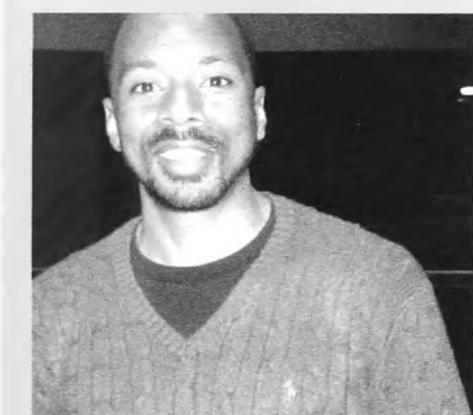


## Kenneth Williams

Founder, Next Generation Scholarship Program  
HOMETOWN: Fairfax, Va.  
MAJOR: Economics  
AFTER GRADUATION: Working for Deloitte Consulting in Atlanta

"One thing that I've done while here at Morehouse that has been significant to me is start the Next Generation Scholarship Program. I was fortunate enough to find scholarships to cover my tuition, room and board and all of my study abroad opportunities, and I wanted to make sure my brothers could do the same."

The Next Generation Scholarship Program is a non-profit that I started my freshman year to help students find funding to stay in school. Through different scholarship workshops and fund raising initiatives, we've helped students find more than \$35,000 in outside scholarships and raise more than \$16,000 from other fundraising initiatives and corporate sponsors to give to students."



## Preston Brant

Actor  
HOMETOWN: Newark, N.J.  
MAJOR: Drama  
AFTER GRADUATION: Attending the University of Illinois to pursue a master's of fine arts in acting

## Actor Returns to Morehouse for Next Stage of His Life

AFTER EXCELLING in high school, everyone knew that Preston Brant would be successful at Morehouse -- everyone except Preston Brant.

"I started here in 1993 as a student who was afraid of his own greatness," he said. Brant's grades suffered, he changed his major multiple times and, as he put it, just wasn't "in touch with the greatness" that was inside of him.

He spent a couple of lackluster years at Morehouse before moving to Hollywood to pursue his true passion, acting. He thrived, landing roles in movies such as "The Blind Side" and "Remember the Titans" and on television in "The Bold and the Beautiful," "Boston

Public" and "Grounded for Life."

Still, that lack of self-esteem continued to eat at his soul. He turned to drugs to silence those demons, leading to homelessness, hopelessness and pain. Brant had given up on most things in his life, but somehow, the one thing he had never given up on was returning to Morehouse.

"There was one thing, that one voice that I always heard," Brant said. "It was the voice of Morehouse. I held on to that voice knowing that if there was going to be a way out, Morehouse was going to be a huge part of that."

He wrote a letter to the dean of Admissions and the rest is history. At 36

years old and clean for years, Brant will graduate with a 3.5 grade point average with a degree in theater. He has been accepted into a prestigious program at the University of Illinois, where he will pursue a masters in fine arts. He wants to open a community theater that focuses on the therapeutic value of art.

"Morehouse allows me to see the example of the type of man I need to be, through the recognition of the Five Wells that we've learned here at Morehouse," Brant said. "I've been able to become a better man; I've been able to see examples of good men; and I know that one day I will give back in the same way that Morehouse has given to me."

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**Lawrence Blumer**, professor of biology, and his students were featured in the Atlanta Community Food Bank's summer 2012 newsletter "FoodSharing." They were featured in a volunteer section story about Blumer's tradition of taking students to the annual Hunger Walk/ Run where they volunteer to cheer on runners.



**Julius Coles '64**, director of the Office of Global Education and the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs, was the spring commencement speaker for the University of Findlay (Ohio) on May 5. Coles received an honorary doctorate of International Affairs from Findlay. Coles also was selected as a visiting Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Grinnell College from April 9-12. There, he lectured to classes and gave a convocation address on the prospects for Africa in the 21st century.



**Stephane Dunn**, co-director of the Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies Program, was awarded a summer 2012 fellowship for the Future of Minority Studies (FMS) Summer Seminar. The FMS project facilitates focused and productive national discussions about disciplines on the democratizing role of minority identity and participation in a multicultural society.



**Giles King Eady '07**, director of Project Identity and coordinator of Special Admission Projects, was interviewed on Nassau, Bahamas-based Guardian Talk Radio.com's show "Things That Matter," on April 19. Eady talked about Project Identity. Eady received his master's degree in public administration on May 11 from the University of Georgia.



**Lisa Gunter**, administrative assistant in the Office of Health Professions, received her master's in business administration from Strayer University on May 12. Gunter, whose concentration was in human resource management, completed the program with a 4.0 grade point average.



**Valerie Haftel**, associate professor of biology and director of the Neuroscience Program, won the Student National Medical Association's Excellence in Pre-Medical Education Award for Diversity in Medicine during the Medical Education Conference on April 5.

**Leonard L. Horne**, a junior international studies and Spanish major, is one of 75 undergraduate and graduate students from across the country selected as a 2012-13 Presidential Fellow for the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress. Fellows will spend the year studying the U.S. presidency, the public policymaking process and the Chief Executive's relations with Congress, allies, the media and the American public.

**Melvinia Turner King**, interim director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, has been appointed a scholar in the Kettering Founding Public Scholars, class of 2012-2014. King also was the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual James E. Scott Black Student Leadership Conference at the University of Florida on Feb. 4; and gave the presentation "Challenging the Status Quo – A Leadership Approach for Ethical Dilemmas" at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Conference in Dallas on April 19-22.

**Munichia McCalla**, assistant to the program manager of the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, was granted a master of science degree in counseling from Capella University on March 24. McCalla finished the program with a 3.9 grade point average.

**Laura Seay**, assistant professor of political science, is the new editor of *ASA News*, the newsletter for the African Studies Association.

**Gwen Wade**, director of International Student Services and Study Abroad Programs, has been selected for the 2012 Boren Scholarship Nominating Panel. Boren Scholarships, which are funded by the U.S. Defense Department's National Security Exchange Program, offer students opportunities to study in world regions critical to U.S. interests but are underrepresented in study abroad programs.

**Zollie White**, a junior chemistry and mathematics major from Tallahassee, Fla., is a 2012-2013 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship winner. Goldwater Scholars were selected from a field of 1,123 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by faculty members from colleges and universities across the country.

**Henrietta Yang**, director of the Chinese Studies Program, participated in a panel discussion about U.S.-China educational exchange during the 4th Annual U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues on May 3 in Beijing, China. The event was co-hosted by China State Councilor Liu Yandong and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Yang was invited by the U.S. State Department to talk about how Morehouse has benefited from the 100,000 Strong Initiative.



## English Professors Write Book About Obama



Melvin Rahming's book, *Critical Essays on Barack Obama: Reaffirming the Hope, Re-Vitalizing the Dream*, was published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. It features essays written by six Morehouse English faculty members. Pictured from left to right: Michael Janis, Alison Ligon, Leah Creque, Albert Turner, Cindy Lautenbacher and Rahming. Not pictured, Tara Miller.

## CHANGING GEARS

### FACULTY PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

The Morehouse College Board of Trustees approved promotion and tenure for the following faculty members, effective fall 2012:



**Cheryl Allen**

promoted to the rank of professor of accounting



**Gregory Hall**

promoted to the rank of professor and tenured in political science



**Duane Jackson**

promoted to the rank of professor of psychology



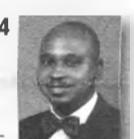
**Samuel Livingston**

promoted to the rank of associate professor and tenured in African American studies



**Henrietta Yang**

promoted to the rank of associate professor and tenured in Chinese studies



**Bryant Marks '94**

promoted to the rank of associate professor and tenured in psychology



**Gregory Price**

tenured as professor of economics



**David Wall Rice '95**

promoted to the rank of associate professor and tenured in psychology



**Solette Harris**

Program Manager  
Psychology Department



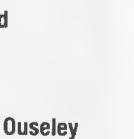
**Elve Jones**

Lab Technician  
Chemistry Department



**Karen Jones**

Director of Advancement Services  
Institutional Advancement



**Jules McFarland**

Logistics Worker  
Logistics



**Ronwell Osasie Ouseley**

Security Officer  
Campus Police



**Myron Randall**

Asst. Director of Admissions  
Admissions



**April Wright**

Gift Processor  
Institutional Advancement

## SPRING SPORTS

**SEVEN IN A ROW!****Morehouse Track and Field Team Wins 7th SIAC Title**

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

LED BY SENIOR Karlton Mitchell and junior Courtland Walls, the Morehouse Flying Maroon Tigers track and field team continued its dominance in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by winning its seventh consecutive championship.

Mitchell won the 3,000 meters steeplechase

and the 1,500-meter run and then added a second-place finish in the 800 meters to be named the meet's Most Valuable Track Performer. Walls streaked to wins in the 100 meters and 200 meters races.

Morehouse's Shinola Agbede, Nicholas Hall and Kasahun Neselu finished first, second and third in both the 5,000-meter run and the 10,000-meter run. The Maroon Tigers placed third in the 4x100-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay. Arvon Amisial won the men's high jump, David Lee was third in the triple jump; and Aaron Reaves was second in the decathlon's 400-meter dash and third in the javelin.

The Maroon Tigers finished the meet with 172 points, ahead of Benedict's 152 and Albany State's 130.50.

Legendary Morehouse track and field coach Willie Hill was named the meet's Most Outstanding Coach.

Along with the meet title, the Maroon Tigers were the East Division's regular season champions. Hill was named Coach of the Year, while Walls



2011-2012 Maroon Tigers Track and Field team and coaches

was chosen Track Athlete of the Year.

Walls was a first team All-SIAC pick in the 200 meters and second team choice in the 100 meters. Mitchell (1500 meters, 3000 meter steeplechase), and Agbede (5000 meters) were also first team All-Conference picks. Hall (5000 meters), Agbede (10000 meters), Amisial (high jump) and Reaves (decathlon) were all chosen for the second team.

The Maroon Tigers were also the SIAC's best team in the classroom as they won the conference's All-Academic Team Award. The team led the SIAC with a 3.34 team grade point average.

Seven Maroon Tigers were named to the conference's All-Academic Team:

- Sophomore Jamal Harris, business administration, 3.66
- Junior Terrance White, physics, 3.64
- Sophomore Blake Bufford, biology, 3.57
- Sophomore Kasahun Neselu, 3.51
- Junior Johnathan Marshall, physical education, 3.48
- Junior Karlton Mitchell, psychology, 3.33
- Junior Aaron Reaves, mathematics, 3.36 ■

**TENNIS**

INJURIES AND the loss of several key players kept the Morehouse tennis team from extending its three-year hold on the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

The Maroon Tigers finished the 2012 season with a 4-9 record. They also broke a 35-year streak of reaching the SIAC tennis tournament finals.

But there were some bright spots for the team. Sophomore Kahai Hall was named to the All-SIAC singles second team. Two Maroon Tigers doubles teams – Noah Terry and Chris Hawthorne along with Michael Cutrer and James Pressley – were All-Conference doubles second team picks. ■

**GOLF**

THE MOREHOUSE GOLF TEAM again finished its season as one of the best teams in the country.

The Maroon Tigers finished third out of more than 40 college and university teams in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on May 13. Fayetteville State University finished first followed by Lincoln University.

Morehouse was led by senior Bryan McElderry, who shot a combined score of 235 during the tournament.



The Maroon Tigers golf team with coach Bill Lewis (far left)

The Maroon Tigers' finish capped a 2012 season in which they fell just short of defending their Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. Morehouse finished third behind Paine and Benedict.

McElderry was a first team pick for the SIAC's All-Conference team. His brother, Justin, was named to the second team.

The Maroon Tigers were the SIAC's best golf team in the classroom as they were named the conference's team All-Academic Award winners with a team grade point average of 3.40. Junior Malcolm Parrish, a business administration major, was named

to the SIAC's All-Academic team with a conference leading 3.95 GPA, while sophomore physics major Bruce Cousins, who had a 3.26 GPA, also was honored. ■

**Chigbo Anunoby Signs Free Agent Contract With the NFL's Indianapolis Colts**

Chigbo Anunoby

SENIOR CHIGBO ANUNOBY will be displaying his skills in a National Football League camp later this summer. Anunoby, an All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive lineman, signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Indianapolis

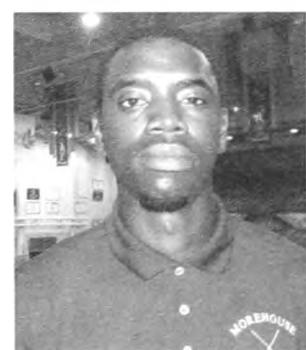
Colts. Terms of the three-year deal weren't disclosed.

"This is a great opportunity," he said. "I'm looking forward to making the most of it."

A 6'-6" 300-pounder, Anunoby anchored a Maroon Tiger defense that was one of the best in the SIAC during the 2011 season. He was named the SIAC's Defensive Player of the Week after making six solo tackles, three sacks and forcing two fumbles against Tuskegee. He led Morehouse in tackles-for-loss and was the team's fifth leading tackler. ■

**Ajanaku Named Collegiate Golfer of the Year**

SENIOR OLAJUWON AJANAKU was honored with the Collegiate Golfer of the Year Award by *African American's Golfer's Digest* in April during The Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga.



"Our list of honorees represents the strong leadership, success and diversity present in the game of golf today, and each has made a substantial impact in the golf industry, especially in developing relationships within the African American community, in particular," said Debert Cook, publisher of the magazine.

Ajanaku, an accounting major from Fort Worth, Texas, was one of several individuals honored as an Outstanding Leader in Golf. He was chosen for his significant accomplishments in golf over the past year.

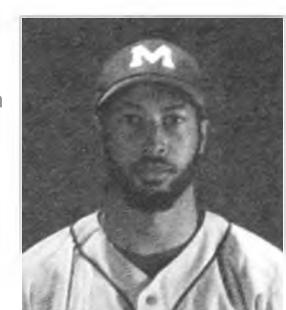
While competing for Morehouse, Ajanaku was named the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and helped lead the Maroon Tigers to a NCAA Division II national golf championship. He is now embarking on a professional golf career. ■

**Butcher Named to SIAC Baseball All-Conference and All-Academic Squads**

SENIOR OUTFIELDER and catcher Bryan Butcher made his mark on the baseball diamond and in the classroom this year.

He was named to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's All-Conference baseball team and the SIAC All-Academic baseball team.

Butcher, a native of Portland, Ore., led the Maroon Tigers in batting average, hits, stolen bases and total bases during the 2012 season. He was named the SIAC East Division Player of the Week in late March. ■



Bryan Butcher

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# CALENDAR

INSIDE MOREHOUSE, MAY 2012

## 128th Commencement/Reunion Schedule

### FRIDAY, MAY 18

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Reunion Registration  
Kilgore Campus Center
- 8:30 a.m.**  
Morehouse College Alumni Association  
Spring Golf Challenge  
West Pines Golf Club, 9090 Rose Ave., Douglasville, Ga.
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Golden Tigers Breakfast  
Douglass Hall
- 10 a.m.-Noon**  
Morehouse Alumni Recruitment Team Training  
2nd Floor Seminar Room, Kilgore Campus Center
- 10 a.m.**  
Individual Candidate Photos  
King Chapel
- 11 a.m.-Noon**  
"Meet the Challenge" Legacy Training Session  
Douglass Hall
- 12:30 p.m.**  
President's Welcome Luncheon  
Chivers Dining Hall
- 1 p.m.**  
Group Photo  
B.T. Harvey Stadium
- 2 p.m.**  
National Alumni Association General Body Meeting  
Sale Hall Chapel for the Inward Journey
- 2 p.m.**  
Baccalaureate and Commencement Rehearsal  
King Chapel

**4 p.m.**

- Rite of Final Passage Ceremony (New Alumni Induction)  
King Chapel

**7 p.m.**

- Morehouse-Spelman Joint Reception  
Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway  
2020 Convention Center Concourse  
Atlanta, Ga. 30337

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 8 a.m.-Noon**  
Reunion Registration  
Kilgore Campus Center

- 10 a.m.**  
Class Agents Meeting  
2nd Floor Seminar Room  
Kilgore Campus Center

**11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

- Class Reunion Fundraising Meetings  
**1937** – Lounge, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1947** – South Lounge, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1957** – 1st Floor, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1967** – President's Dining Room  
**1977** – John Hope Hall  
**1987** – Lecture Room 2, Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall  
**1997** – Chivers Dining Hall  
**2007** – Room 106, George Sale Hall  
**1942** – Lounge, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1952** – Snack Bar, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1962** – Seminar Room, Kilgore Campus Center  
**1972** – Room 109, Sale Hall  
**1982** – Lecture Room 1, Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall  
**1992** – Chapel for the Inward Journey, Sale Hall  
**2002** – Room 107, Sale Hall

**Noon-1:30 p.m.**

- Class Photo  
Steps, Kilgore Campus Center

**Noon-2:30 p.m.**

- Reunion Cookout  
Kilgore Campus Center

**1:30 p.m.**

- Hope and Mays Gravesite Memorial Service  
(Honoring deceased alumni over the past year)  
Hope and Mays Gravesites

**3 p.m.**

- Baccalaureate Service  
King Chapel

**6:30 p.m.**

- Reunion Cocktails

**7:30 p.m.**

- Reunion Banquet  
Georgia International Convention Center  
2000 Convention Center Concourse  
College Park, Ga. 30337

### SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 5:45 a.m.**  
Candidates report to King Chapel

**6:45 a.m.**

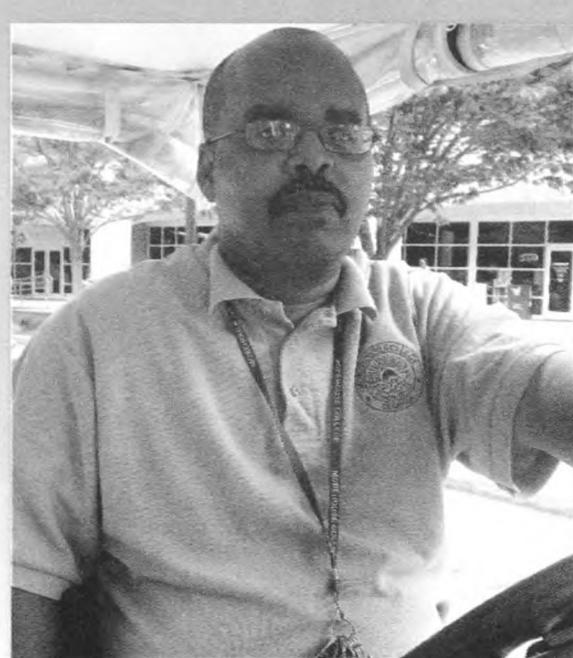
- Alumni Corridor Formation  
(Attire: alumni straw hats, maroon blazers or seersucker suits) Gate entrance, Brawley Hall

**7:30 a.m.**

- Class of 2012 processional begins from King Chapel

**8 a.m.**

- 128th Commencement  
Century Campus



**Name:**  
Michael A. Davenport

**Title:**  
Transportation Manager

**Hometown:**  
Atlanta

**Tenure at Morehouse:**  
17 months

**Something not commonly known about Michael:**  
Michael was a church musician for 29 years, mainly as a drummer for Cobb Christian Ministries, his church in Atlanta. He played on a CD that the choir recorded several years ago.

## What I Do

**"**I maintain all of the Morehouse vehicles, which include 43 golf carts, one motor coach and 26 other vehicles, mainly other cars, trucks and vans. For various departments, I help in the transportation scheduling for their trips and events, and I make sure that the College is working with outside transportation vendors that have safety ratings of superior or better.

A big part of my job is transporting faculty, staff and students. I manage a crew of two Morehouse drivers and 10 temporary professional drivers. That crew will pick up people, transport students, cheerleaders, sports teams, the Board of Trustees and organizations like our debate team on out-of-town trips.

What I love about this job is working with the people. Anytime I can help young men who are striving to better themselves through education, it really gives me a lot of satisfaction. That was one of the main drawing cards for me in coming to Morehouse. As an Atlanta University Center graduate (Clark Atlanta University), this was something that I knew I wanted to do—come back to the AUC and help young men. **"**