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HOME COMING 2012

Former President and First Lady Become Buildings' Namesakes

When former president Walter E. Massey '58 returns to Morehouse for Homecoming 2012, he and the former first lady, Shirley A. Massey, also will be leaving something very special behind.

During homecoming week, their names will become permanent parts of the namesakes of The Leadership Center building and the Executive Conference Center. The names of the buildings will now be the Walter E. Massey Leadership Center and the Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center.

Massey will officially present the College with the Walter E. Massey Presidential Papers.

Massey, currently the president of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, was Morehouse president from 1992-2007. He spearheaded the effort to get the Leadership Center built and to establish the ethical leadership center program at Morehouse College. Shirley Massey played a large role in serving as the campus' host to numerous national, international guests and dignitaries and spearheaded efforts to improve the Campus landscape.

The naming ceremony is one of the highlights of Homecoming 2012, Oct. 21-28. Others include the annual Homecoming Concert/Fashion Show (rapper 2 Chainz will perform); R&B singer Raheem DeVaughn



Former first lady, Shirley A. Massey and former president Walter E. Massey '58

will take the stage of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel for the Neo-Soul Concert; National Medical Association president Rahn Bailey '86 will deliver the Homecoming Crown Forum address and Miss Maroon and White and her court will be celebrated during Coronation in King Chapel.

Morehouse's official sister school, Bennett College, will square off against the College's unofficial sister school, Spelman College in the 3rd Annual Big Blue Bash Powder Puff Flag Football Game at Spelman. The Leadership Center's Coca-Cola Pre-College Leadership Program will be celebrating their 15th anniversary with a reception on Oct. 26. More than 570 college-bound young men have completely the ethical lead-

ership development program since 1997.

A former Miss Maroon and White, Anne Ashmore Hudson, will be honored as she returns to celebrate homecoming. As queen in 1962, she nearly missed her own coronation. As a student picketer during the civil rights movement, Ashmore Hudson had been jailed in Atlanta and was released just in time to make her coronation.

Bands and floats will take to the streets of the West End neighborhood Saturday morning during the annual parade, while tailgaters flood the campus later during the Homecoming Tailgate Experience.

Fort Valley State will be the foe for the Maroon Tigers during the annual football game on Saturday afternoon.

"More than just attending these great events, this is just a great opportunity for alumni to reconnect," said Henry Goodgame '84, director of Alumni Relations, Annual Giving and Special Events. "It's an opportunity to come back and reconnect with the spirit of Morehouse or see where they can pitch in. We will have our traditional events each year yet Homecoming will also be different year after year. ■"

➔ For more information about Homecoming 2012, go to page 6 or go to <http://www.morehouse.edu/homecoming/>.

President Franklin Delivers Final Opening Convocation

President Robert M. Franklin '75 passionately delivered his final Opening Convocation speech. His hands trembled as he calmed down seconds after his spirited Sept. 20th address to faculty, students, staff and alumni in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

Franklin the president had channeled Franklin the preacher in using the College's motto, *et facta ex lux* (Let there be light), to exhort the Morehouse community to continue to stand strong during trying times.

"The ancient Hebrew story of creation in Genesis offers that God was surrounded by chaos," said Franklin, whose term ends in December. "They believed that chaos surrounded the deity and it was the deity's responsibility to speak to chaos.

"But God spoke to the chaos and said, 'Let there be light,'" he said as the Chapel audience stood and shouted.

"So I'm challenging you young men today as you prepare to go forth, speak truth to chaos. Call it out! Let there be peace – *et facta ex pax*. Let there be faith – *et facta ex fides*. Let there be wisdom – *et facta ex prudential*. Let there be justice – *et facta ex equitas*. Let there be Morehouse – *et facta ex da 'House!* Call it out! Call it out!"

Willis Sheftall '64, interim provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said afterwards, "You didn't just throw the gauntlet down. You stomped it!"

Franklin's speech was the highlight of the annual ceremony that brings the campus community together to formally open the school year. Current and new men of Morehouse, along with staff and faculty adorned in academic regalia, commit to a year of excellence at the College.

"Through this ritual, we recommit ourselves to the mission of the College and the continuing pursuit of excellence in those endeavors that support that mission," Sheftall said.

Three members of the Morehouse family were honored during the ceremony.

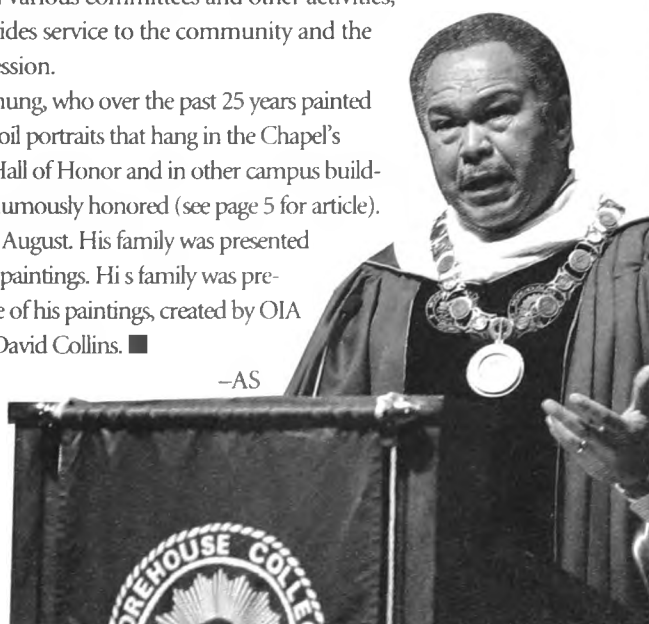
Trustee James R. Hall '57, a retired lieutenant general in the U.S. Army and former president of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association, was presented with the Renaissance Medallion Award for his service to the College and the country.

Economics professor John W. Handy was named the Vulcan Materials Company Faculty Member of the Year for 2012-13 (see page 5 for article). The award annually goes to the faculty member who is deemed an outstanding teacher through peer reviews and student evaluations, has served the College on various committees and other activities; and who provides service to the community and the teaching profession.

Hoeun Chung, who over the past 25 years painted 174 of the 177 oil portraits that hang in the Chapel's International Hall of Honor and in other campus buildings, was posthumously honored (see page 5 for article). Chung died in August. His family was presented a collage of his paintings. His family was presented a collage of his paintings, created by OIA staff member David Collins. ■

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Editor's Note: For excerpts from President Franklin's speech, please see page 2.



Morehouse Ranked No. 3 HBCU and One of Nation's Top Colleges

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE is one of the nation's top historically black colleges and universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

In its annual Best Colleges issue, the magazine ranked Morehouse No. 3 among the nation's 105 HBCUs for the fourth consecutive year. Spelman College remains ranked first and Howard University is second.

The rankings are based on peer reviews, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving rate. Morehouse's alumni participation rate has increased by 17% to 36% over the last 5 years.

Morehouse has been ranked in the top three in each of the six years *U.S. News & World Report* has done a separate ranking of historically black colleges and universities.

The magazine also ranked Morehouse among the nation's top liberal arts colleges. In a new ranking this year, *U.S. News & World Report* asked high school guidance counselors across the country to come up with a list of their best liberal arts colleges. They listed Morehouse at No. 62, tied with Spelman, as the highest ranked HBCUs on that list. ■

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INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2012

Inside Morehouse is about the people who make up the Morehouse College community.

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MY WORD

'Who Was Chosen to Shift the Legacy of Their Family?'



By Rubina F. Malik

In my classes and walking across campus, I have noticed the increasing number of international students here at Morehouse. It makes my heart joyful and makes me wonder - what is their story and who was chosen to shift the legacy of their family?

It was the early 1970s, in the midst of ever-present turmoil in her country, a mother was standing at the end of a dirt

road, teary-eyed, yet her heart was full of love and hope. She was helping her son escape the volatile surroundings for a better life. The widowed mother, who had no formal education herself, knew the power of education. She had sold all her gold and most of her land to educate her son by sending him to the United States for a better life.

She wept feverishly, knowing that she may never see him again and that he did not know a soul outside of his world of mud villages in a small farming town north of Pakistan's capital. But this woman envisioned an enhanced world of academia where war and turmoil would not be a factor for her son and her grandchildren.

This dedicated and courageous woman was my grandmother.

I am proud to be a daughter of a Pakistani immigrant. And even though I have the same hopes and dreams as those around me, most of my life I have been asked, 'How does it feel to be South Asian in America?' I realize that the question originates from exposure to media, for I am stereotyped as the "smart" South-Asian or a home-bound wife rather than the goal-oriented woman of color who is single by choice, very active in the community and committed to bettering herself and those around her. I am often perplexed on how to answer them. Today I share my answer.

It comes from my grandmother sending her eldest son to pursue higher education and overcoming obstacles for a better life. She was determined

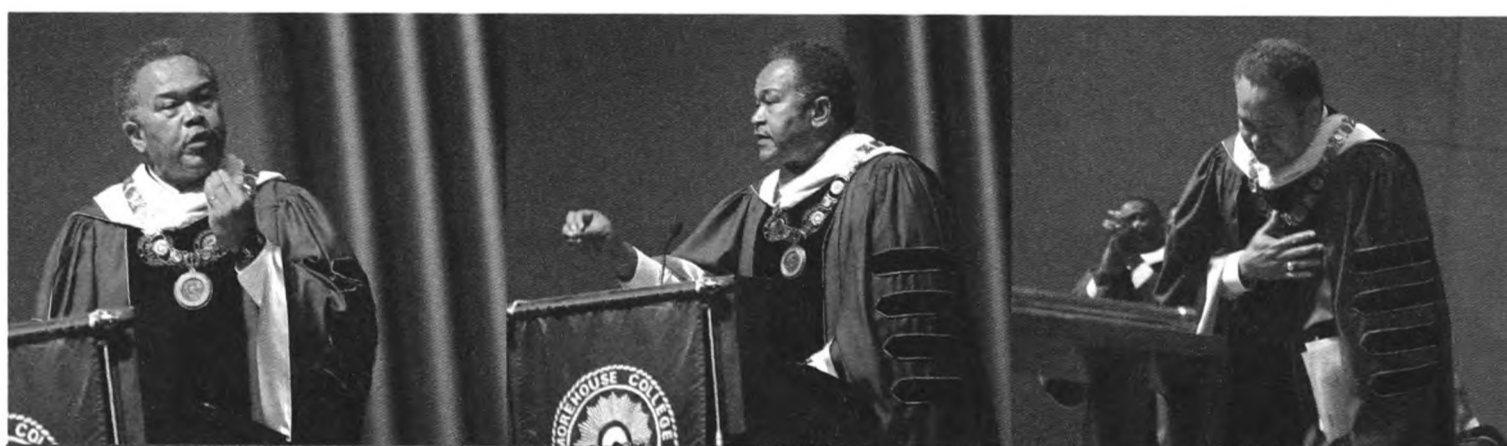
to change the legacy of her family. It took courage.

Courage is also known as bravery, fortitude, will and is the ability to confront fear, pain, risk/danger, uncertainty or intimidation. When broken down, to me it stands for: Commitment, Opportunities, Understanding, Responsibility, Actions, Greatness and Excellence.

I leave you with a charge. Given the opportunities in your own life, how can each of you serve as a role model for others who face cultural or economic challenges? How can you create an environment of supporting success for those around you? Lastly, how will you display and model courage in your own life and leave your legacy?

The world awaits you. ■

Rubina F. Malik is a marketing and management instructor and director of the Executive Mentorship Program.



'We Are Morehouse and We Are Not Going Anywhere!'

President Robert M. Franklin '75 gave his final Opening Convocation address on Sept. 20 at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel to a standing ovation and to cheers. Here are some excerpts of his speech:

"Will you do your part this academic year to keep that argument alive? One hundred forty-six years ago, our ancestors started an argument about Morehouse as a center for renaissance and renewal and rebirth for people who had been a proud and independent people... They started an argument in 1867 and successive generations have kept it alive."

"Gentlemen, we are doing something no other school in America is doing. At a time when many high school districts are graduating half or fewer out of the 10 young men that enroll, Morehouse is admitting the best and brightest, admitting high performers with high promise, and some diamonds in the rough, bringing them together to challenge and transform one another. A unique brotherhood emerges from that context."

"This is the international headquarters of black male achievement. So we are addressing our challenges and will come forth stronger and wiser than ever before."

"There is a role for every one of the 11,000 alumni who love their college. Now is the time to stand up and become an active recruiter for your college. Now is the time to step forth, write your check and help create a better future."

"It is your privilege now to become involved."

"God was surrounded by chaos... It was the deity's responsibility to speak to the chaos. Chaos wanted to remain in the darkness. But darkness and ignorance are the workshop of chaos. But God spoke to the chaos, and said 'Let there be light!'"

To view other speeches by President Franklin or some of the editorials and statements he's made during his tenure, go to <http://www.morehouse.edu/about/presidentfranklin/speeches.html>.

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TAKE NOTE



Ernest Brooks '05, associate campus minister in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, was invited to join the Board of Advisers of the Academy of Preachers. Brooks also presented a tribute on behalf of Morehouse during the 225th Anniversary Celebration of Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., on Aug. 12.



Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, was a panelist in Assisi, Italy, Sept. 18-24, for the Fetzer Institute's Global Conference on dealing with non-violence with peace, love and forgiveness. Carter spoke on steps to forgiveness from the perspective of Martin Luther King Jr. '48.



Stephane Dunn, assistant professor of English and co-director of the Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies Program (CTEMS), participated in the New York University Faculty Resource Network seminar, "Empowering Women," in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in June. Dunn also was selected to speak on her novel in progress at the Tayari Jones Fiction Workshop during the Napa Valley College Writer's Workshop Conference in July.

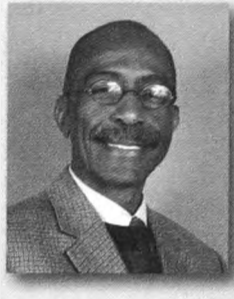


Robert M. Franklin '75, president, was a panelist on the Civil Rights Movement Roundtable Discussion at The Carter Center on Aug. 18 as part of Major League Baseball's Civil Rights Game weekend.



Duane Jackson '74, chair of the psychology department, gave a presentation titled "Factors Influencing Aggressive Encounters Between Subterranean Termites and Fire Ants" at the Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., in June. Jackson also gave August presentations at the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, N.Y., titled "Insects in the Bible" and "Deceptive Signaling: Cheating in the Animal World."

Terry Mills, dean for Research and director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, was a visiting scholar at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where he taught a sociology course on the environment and society. Mills also was part of a research delegation that went to Havana, Cuba, in April 2012 to study the phenomenon of aging in an aging city and the Cuban Public Health System.



Doreen Stevens, grants specialist in the Office of Sponsored Research, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Leo University on June 9.



Troy Story '62, professor of chemistry, gave a presentation titled "Exterior Calculus: Supply and Demand Dynamics" on March 13 at the Clute Institute International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, and a presentation titled "Exterior Calculus: Economic Profit Dynamics" at the World Academy of Science Engineering and Technology on March 12 in Phuket, Thailand.



Henrietta Yang, director of the Chinese Studies Program, wrote the article "Integration of Technology into Day-to-day Classroom Teaching and Instructional Materials Design" for the book **Technology and Chinese Language Teaching in the U.S.** by China Social Sciences Press in August 2012.



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Office of Communications Wins Three AABJ Pioneer Awards



Julie Tongue, Kara Walker, Minnie L. Jackson, Add Seymour Jr., Toni O'Neal Mosley and LaDonna Johnson. Not pictured: Vickie G. Hampton and Elise Durham

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS won three awards during the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' 2012 Pioneer Awards in July.

Communications writer **Add Seymour Jr.** won the award for Public Relations/Internal Communications for the College's monthly newsletter, *Inside Morehouse*. Publications manager **Vickie G. Hampton** won in the Public Relations/Print category for the College's marketing piece, "Define Yourself – Re-Define the World." Seymour, Hampton, media relations manager **Elise Durham** and Public Relations Director **Toni O'Neal Mosley** won for Best Overall Public Relations Campaign for "A King Among Presidents," which highlighted Morehouse's activities surrounding the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. monument in Washington, D.C., last fall. ■



Hill Given CLA Lifetime Achievement Award

Cason Hill '53, professor of English, was presented with a Presidential Award by the College Language Association for serving as editor of the *CLA Journal* for the past 33 years.

CHANGING GEARS

NEW HIRES

Steven Allwood
Staff Psychologist
Counseling Resource Center

Snowlor Bropleh
Database Analyst
Institutional Advancement

Natasha Brown
Administrative Assistant
Institutional Advancement

Armor Carthy
Teacher Certification
Teacher Certification

LaReina Davis
Administrative Assistant I
Physical Plant

Brittany Innes
Technical Administrative Assistant I
Telecommunications

LaDonna Johnson
Web Developer
Communications

Kevin McGhee
Security Officer
Campus Police

Traci Pickett
Administrative Assistant II
Institutional Advancement

James Shaw
Grants, Correspondance
and Proposal Writer
Institutional Advancement

Kara Walker
Web Manager
Communications

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AT&T NATION'S FOOTBALL CLASSIC WEEKEND

Morehouse and Howard Celebrate the HBCU Tradition

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The AT&T Nation's Football Classic weekend represented more than just the academic and athletic prowess of Morehouse College and Howard University, said President Robert M. Franklin '75.

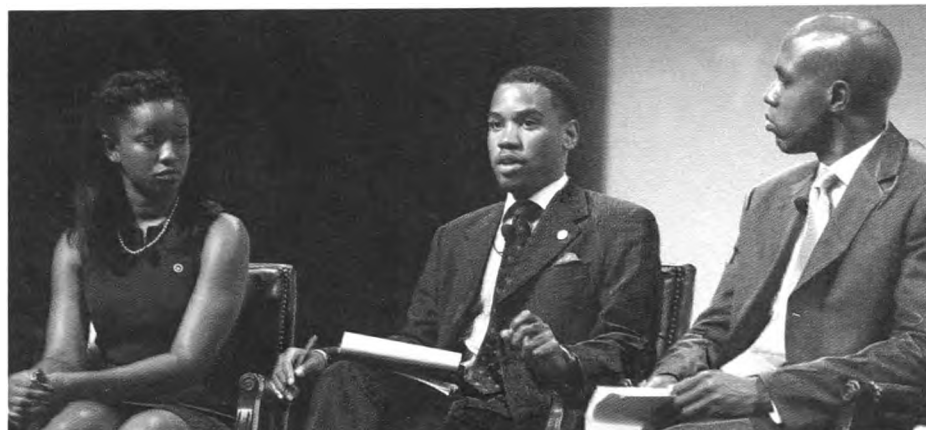
"This weekend demonstrates the soul and gifts of black folks at historically black colleges and universities, and the nation needs to see this," Franklin said.

The hard-fought football game between Morehouse and Howard may have anchored the Classic weekend. But the celebration of the HBCU tradition, particularly at Morehouse and Howard, was the dominant theme throughout the four-day event.

There were plenty of parties, receptions, tailgating and football (Howard won a close game, 30-29), but there was even more discussion and debate about the academic issues important on HBCU campuses.

"It was important to all of us, particularly your two presidents, that this tradition be more than just a football game, but that it also feature a diverse schedule of events that would educate, inspire and spark discussion," said Erik Moses, senior vice president of Events DC, which hosts the Classic each year.

The Presidential Symposium – three discussions about academics, youth voting and relationships – addressed some of those issues. The first discussion featured a panel of science, technology, engineering and mathematics



SGA President Anre Washington (center) makes a point while Howard SGA president Brittany Foxhall (left) and legislative counsel Albert Sanders '01 (right) listen.

professionals talking about the need for more African Americans in those fields.

"Our faculty and students need to go into high schools and middle schools to get to those kids early," said Duane Jackson, chair of the Morehouse psychology department. "When these young kids see people who are closer to them, it's really getting a pipeline started, especially in the middle schools."

Later, Morehouse alumni Jamal Simmons '93, Albert Sanders Jr. '01 and Elroy Sailor '90, along with Student Government Association president Anre Washington, joined other politicians who discussed the importance of the youth vote in 2012.

"When young people vote, they get to choose the leaders they want," said Simmons, a veteran political analyst and Democratic strategist. "When they don't vote, they

get leaders who are chosen for them. You should make that decision and not let other people make that decision for you."

The final session centered on relationships and how men and women – particularly college students – can better connect.

"Sometimes we confuse infatuation with love," said author and television host Alduan Tartt '96. "When you meet, it's the same thing when you first get married. There's a period when you are really physiologically high off of one another. When things wear off, you think there is no more chemistry in a relationship. But, in reality you're just mov-

ing into the second phase of a relationship."

Cramton Auditorium was filled to capacity a day later for "The Game Before the Game," when the Morehouse and Howard debate teams squared off in the 2nd Annual Mordecai Wyatt Johnson-Benjamin Elijah Mays Student Debate. The two sides battled orally and analytically over affirmative action and voter I.D. laws while a crowd cheered both teams.

"We need to protect the democracy here at home because everything that happens in the White House is going to be determined through the electoral process," said senior Austin Williams. "And if we have a system that can put someone in the White House illegitimately, that needs to be corrected."

The weekend ended with Johnnetta Cole, director of the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of African Art, telling the audience to love HBCUs by supporting them.

"Will we start financially supporting our historically black colleges and universities?" she said. "At so many of our HBCUs, the percentage of alumni who give is pathetically low. This must change if these institutions that we so need, not only survive, but wonderfully thrive." ■

➔ To view photos from the AT&T Nation's Football Classic and the More Than A Game activities, go to <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151158585299311.473719.316502514310&type=1>. To watch video from each event, go to <http://www.morehouse.edu/events/2012/nationsfootballclassic/index.html>.

Spike Lee '79 Tells Students to Follow Their Passions

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Spike Lee '79 has become one of the world's most renowned directors. But during his first couple of years at Morehouse, he said he was a terrible student.

He credits Morehouse for turning his life around.

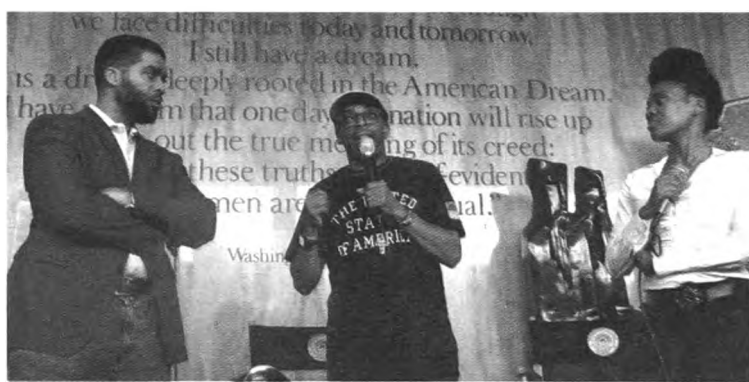
"When I came to Morehouse, I had no idea what I wanted to do," Lee said. "At the end of my sophomore year, my adviser told me to think long and hard about choosing a major over the summer. I asked, 'Why?' She said, 'Because you have exhausted all of your electives.'"

Lee told students gathered in the lobby of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel that Morehouse instructors put him on the right path of following his passion to becoming a filmmaker.

"My junior year and senior years, I was an A-plus student," he said. "I decided what I wanted to do ... I said I was going to do everything possible to become a filmmaker. Everything I am today, really, the foundation was set here at Morehouse."

It was one of the bits of wisdom that Lee imparted on students who gathered at the event hosted by David Wall Rice '95 and Stephane Dunn, co-directors of the College's Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies program. Lee was there to talk about "Red Hook Summer," his latest "joint."

The movie, set in his beloved Brooklyn, has other Morehouse ties. The Morehouse College Glee Club, led by director David Morrow '80, performed the movie's



Spike Lee '79 talks about his time as a Morehouse student with the co-directors of the Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies Program (CTEMS), psychology professor David Wall Rice '95 (left) and Stephane Dunn (right).

final song. Many of the church members in the film are Morehouse and Spelman graduates. And music department chairman Uzee Brown '72 composed and arranged three spirituals that were sung by the church's choir.

"I'm really privileged to be involved in this," said Brown, who also wrote and arranged "I'm Building Me a Home" for Lee's 1988 film, "School Daze."

"Spike called me and asked very specifically, 'Uzee, can you give me some arrangements that I can use as part of the congregational kind of presentation in the movie?' So I said, 'Sure.'"

While most of the talk was about the film, Lee urged students to focus on what they wanted to do in school and in life.

"Hopefully, you have not chosen a major based on how much money you think you can make," he said. "That's a recipe for disaster. While you are here, you should be trying to find out what it is you love. That's the whole thing about a liberal arts college – you can get exposed to everything here." ■

First Lady Named One of Atlanta's 25 Most Influential Black Doctors

Dr. Cheryl Franklin, the College's first lady, was named one of the 25 most influential black doctors in Atlanta for 2012 by *Black Health Magazine*, a nationally distributed, bimonthly publication that focuses on the unique healthcare concerns of African Americans and the underlying causes of their health issues.

"I am proud to have been named by *Black Health Magazine* as one of metropolitan Atlanta's 25 most influential African American doctors

and to receive this honor in the distinguished company of the other honorees at the 4th National Black Health Awards Banquet," said Franklin.

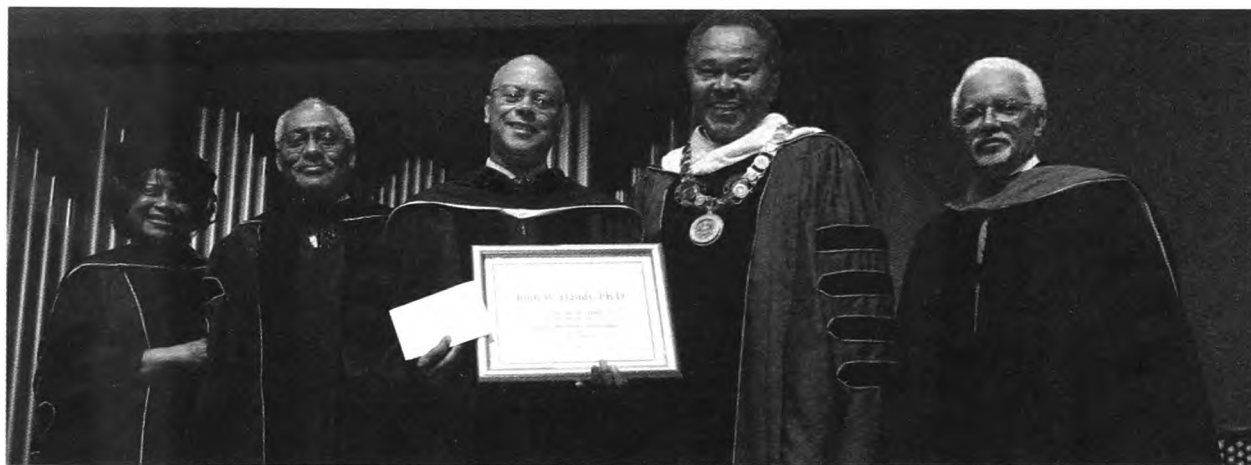
"As a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist, I have had, for the past 22 years, the great privilege of helping to take care of Atlanta's women in the field of women's health.

"My involvement in women's health has variously included clinical and surgical care, engagement in public health research, and attention to public health policy, in addition to my cherished role as teacher and mentor to physicians in training. I thank my nominators for recognizing my work and its impact," she said.

Franklin, along with the other physicians, was honored during a banquet on Sept. 22 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. ■



John Handy Named Faculty Member of the Year



Anne Watts, associate vice president for Academic Affairs; John Williams '69, dean of the Division of Business Administration and Economics; John W. Handy, professor of economics; President Robert M. Franklin '75; Willis B. Sheftall '64, interim provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs

Economics professor John Handy keeps saying he is ready to retire, but each day he realizes one thing. "I just can't do it," Handy said with a laugh. "I just can't leave the classroom. I've been teaching for more than 40 years. I just love teaching."

That dedication is just one of the reasons Handy was given the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award as the Morehouse Faculty Member of the Year for 2012-13.

Handy is the ninth person to win the award.

"In recognition of outstanding contributions to undergraduate education, student learning and campus life, the Vulcan Material Company and the Georgia Independent Colleges Association are pleased to present their teaching excellence award to...one who is a scholar, author, proposal writer and program director, community volunteer, who has been leading on many fronts and teacher of hundreds and hundreds and hundreds who sing his praises the world over," said Anne Watts, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

A Bronx, N.Y. native, Handy has been at Morehouse for 25 years, starting in 1978 when he directed the Manpower Human Resources Program. He also started a college preparatory program for high school juniors and seniors.

He left Morehouse to work at Clark Atlanta University, where he and then-president Thomas W. Cole Jr. started one of Atlanta's first community development corporations, the

University Development Corporation. That group spearheaded residential and community development in the Atlanta University Center area.

Handy came back to Morehouse in 1992 to become chair of the economics department, a post he held until 2007. Handy hired his successor – his former student, Gregory Price '82.

Handy has continued to be active nationally and locally in community development activities.

"The reason I got into economics in the first place was because I was interested in community economic development," he said. "I was always interested in housing development and housing opportunity."

Though he isn't a Morehouse graduate, Handy's family has deep ties to the Atlanta University Center. His mother grew up in a house that still stands behind Davidson House. His uncle was former president Hugh Gloster's classmate. And the females in his family all went to Spelman.

But what keeps Handy at Morehouse are the students, especially those who come back after establishing successful careers to say thank you.

"There's nothing better," Handy said. "That makes me feel like I've done something or accomplished something. There's no other field where you can get that. It's like hitting a home run." ■

NEWSBRIEFS

Morehouse Ranked Among Top 20 in Sending Seniors to Teach for America

Morehouse has been ranked as one of the nation's top feeder schools to the Teach for America program. Eleven members of Morehouse's class of 2012 will be part of Teach for America this year, putting the College among the top 20 small colleges and universities. Since 1997, 97 Morehouse graduates have taught as corps members. Teach for America recruits and develops college graduates to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. This fall, more than 10,000 corps members will teach in 46 urban and rural regions across the country.

Benefits Fair Begins Open Enrollment Period for Health/Dental Plans

The Morehouse College Benefits Fair, which will be held on Oct. 18, serves as the beginning of the open enrollment period for health and dental benefits for faculty and staff.

The Benefits Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Executive Conference Center. A number of health/dental vendors will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their services. A light lunch will be provided.

The open enrollment period runs from Oct. 18-Nov. 1. For more information, call Human Resources at (404) 215-2656.

Woodruff Library Offers Extended Hours for Mid-Terms

The Robert W. Woodruff Atlanta University Center Library will have extended hours during the week prior to and the week of mid-term exams.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 1, the library will be open 24 hours. It will be open from noon to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 6 and beginning at noon on Sunday Oct. 7, the library will be open 24 hours a day from Oct. 7-12.

A shuttle will operate after midnight from the library to the Atlanta University Center residence halls during extended hours.

PASSAGES

Hoeun Chung Brought Chapel's Blank Walls to Life

BY VICKIE G. HAMPTON

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY that brought dozens of highly acclaimed art pieces to Morehouse began at an unlikely location: Lenox Square Mall in Atlanta.

In 1982, while window shopping—which included the typical flashy fads and trends of mall culture—the newly appointed dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Lawrence E. Carter Sr., came face to face with beautiful, authentic art.

"At the back of the mall, I came across some of the most magnificent, gorgeous portraits I had ever seen," Carter recalled.

The artist was Hoeun Chung, a Korean who had come to the states less than a decade earlier, but who was already making a name for himself. He greeted his curious visitor with warmth and youthfulness, said Carter.

Carter, in turn, introduced himself to Chung as the dean of the most prominent religious edifice in King's honor. He went on to explain that the Chapel had lots of wall space, but no stain glass windows or, for that matter, a portrait of King.

"I explained that I wanted something large and different from what anyone had ever seen."

And Chung delivered. The portrait depicted King in a Boston University graduation robe—something never before painted. The massive portrait included the faces

of prominent civil and human rights activists, including King's mentor and former Morehouse president Benjamin E. Mays; Booker T. Washington; and individuals who had worked alongside King during the civil rights movement.

"I was literally blown away," Carter recalled.

Then Carter asked the hard question: "How much?" Chung answered: "You can't afford it."

When Carter heard the fee – \$25,000 – he concurred.

"However," Chung continued, "I'm going to give it to you on permanent loan."

"That was Chung's gift to Morehouse College," Carter said recently, explaining the legacy Chung, who died in August, has left at Morehouse.

Over the next three decades, Chung almost single-handedly turned the blank walls of King Chapel's corridors and vestibule into the breath-taking International Hall of Honor, one of the nation's largest collection of oil portraits of the world's most revered prophetic social engineers, nonviolence practitioners, peace advocates and civil and human rights leaders.

Of the Hall's 177 portraits, Chung painted 174. The subjects run the gamut from international peacemakers such as Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi to alumni change agents such as Maynard Jackson '56 and Otis Moss Jr. '56.



Hoeun Chung with a self-portrait that now hangs in the International Hall of Honor

Throughout his career, Chung was a sought-after artist whose work was displayed in public buildings, corporate boardrooms, and colleges and universities nationwide.

In 2006, Coretta Scott King personally selected him to paint a larger portrait of her late husband to replace a smaller rendering that had hung in the Georgia State Capitol for 32 years. Chung made the portrait 50 percent larger.

And though Chung mostly painted from pictures and stand-ins (Carter donned the Boston University gown for the King portrait) the portraits are routinely praised for their lifelike quality.

"It is like [Chung] took a picture with his eye and transferred it to the canvas," said Carter. ■

INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2012

HOMECOMING OF YEARS PAST



By the Numbers MOREHOUSE HOMECOMING

There's nothing like an HBCU homecoming, and each year thousands of people return to campus for the Morehouse Homecoming which has been ranked as one of the top HBCU homecomings in America. Here are some homecoming numbers that show why the Morehouse Homecoming is so special:

20,000 Nearly 20,000 Morehouse and Spelman alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends attend Morehouse homecoming each year.

9,000 The capacity of B.T. Harvey Stadium – the largest private on-campus HBCU football stadium when it was built in 1984 – is 9,000 fans.

1977 The first time Morehouse defeated this year's homecoming opponent, Fort Valley State University, was in a 13-6 win to open the 1977 season.

113 Homecoming Crown Forum speaker Dr. Rahn Bailey '86 is the 113th president of the National Medical Association.

100 Approximately 100 tents for alumni, vendors and others will fill West End Avenue, Wellborn Street and Westview Drive during the Homecoming Tailgate Experience.

76 Jasmine Matthews, a Spelman senior, is the 76th Miss Maroon and White chosen by the men of Morehouse since 1936.

30 Thirty students have been helped by the Morehouse College National Alumni Association's "Morehouse 300" Scholarship Fund since 2010. Proceeds from the Alumni Association's New Orleans Pre-Game Jazz Brunch go to this fund.

8 In 2011, The Center for HBCU Media Advocacy named the Morehouse Homecoming as one of the nation's top eight HBCU homecomings.

2 The names of two buildings – the Leadership Center building and the Executive Conference Center – will be renamed. They become the Walter E. Massey Leadership Center and the Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center after the College's former president and first lady.

1 Modern Corses, the band providing music during the New Orleans Pre-Game Jazz Brunch, had a No. 1 hit with its 1976 song, "Dazz" when the Atlanta group was known as Brick.



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HOMECOMING 2012 OCT. 22-28

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Opening Worship Service
Sisters Chapel, Spelman College
10 a.m.

Kick-Off Jam
Spelman Oval, Spelman College
8 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Fashion Show and Hip Hop Concert
2 Chainz
Forbes Arena
7 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 with valid student
I.D.; \$20 general admission;
\$30 at the door



TUESDAY, OCT. 23

Neo Soul Concert
Raheem DeVaughn
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
7 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

Hump Wednesday
Douglass Hall Parking Lot
5 p.m.

Comedy Show
King Chapel
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$5 with valid student I.D.; \$10 gen-
eral admission; \$15 at the door

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Homecoming Crown Forum
Speaker: Rahn Bailey '86
President, National Medical
Association
King Chapel
11 a.m.



Pep Rally
King Chapel Plaza
Noon

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Morehouse College National Alumni
Association Golf Tournament Benefitting
student support programs of the Morehouse
College National Alumni Association and
the NCNAA Atlanta chapter
Chapel Hills Golf Club
3300 Golf Ridge Blvd.
Douglasville, Ga. 30135
Price: \$125 individual; \$500 foursome
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



FRIDAY, OCT. 26

3rd Annual Big Blue Bash Powder Puff
Game
Bennett vs. Spelman
Spelman Green
Noon – 2 p.m.

Morehouse-Spelman Alumni Mixer
Twelve Hotel Centennial
6 p.m.

Miss Maroon and White
Coronation
King Chapel
7 p.m.

Coronation Ball
America's Mart
250 Spring St.
Atlanta, Ga.
9 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 with valid student I.D.; \$20
general admission; \$30 at the door



SATURDAY, OCT. 27

Homecoming Registration
Visitor's Center
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Homecoming Parade
9 a.m.

Homecoming Pre-Game New Orleans Brunch
College Town at West End
11 a.m.
Tickets: \$35 to \$150

Homecoming Tailgate
West End Avenue and Wellborn Street
Noon – 6 p.m.

President's Tent to Support Athletics
B.T. Harvey Stadium
2 – 4 p.m.
Tickets: \$40 individuals; \$150 4 ticket
package; \$25 at the door



SATURDAY, OCT. 27

Homecoming Game
Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State
B.T. Harvey Stadium
2 p.m.
Tickets: \$12 general admission;
Morehouse students, faculty and staff
along with one guest, free with valid I.D.

National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show
Forbes Arena
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 with valid student I.D.; \$20
general admission; \$25 at the door

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

Closing Worship Service
Speaker: The Rev. Nicholas Stuart
Richards '05
Assistant Minister for Global Outreach
Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem, N.Y.
King Chapel
10 a.m.

EVENT CONTACTS:

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(404) 215-2631

Office of Alumni Relations
(404) 215-2658

Morehouse College National Alumni
Association
(404) 215-2657

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College's First Female Dean Wants to Make an Impact on the Future

BY CHRISTIAN SAINT-VIL

Clarissa Myrick-Harris accepted the position of Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Morehouse at the beginning of the academic year—and she's already making history. She is the College's first female dean.

History aside, it is the future—particularly of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences—where she wants to make an impact.

“Through thoughtful faculty and student engagement, learning experiences that embody ‘high impact’ and experiential educational practices—such as learning communities, collaborative research, civic engagement through service learning, writing intensive courses,

faculty and undergraduate research, global learning and community-based learning—the Division will create a culture of free flowing and constant productive communication, collegiality and collaboration to achieve our end of transforming 21st-century learners into 21st-century leaders,” said Myrick-Harris.

Myrick-Harris, who previously worked for the United Negro College Fund, said she has an open-door policy and welcomes creative ideas to address the challenges the division faces.

“I have been doing a lot of listening during these past few weeks,” Myrick-Harris, a graduate of Morris Brown College, said. “I think it's important for me not only to come in without any pre-

conceived notions; however, I am coming in with a vision.”

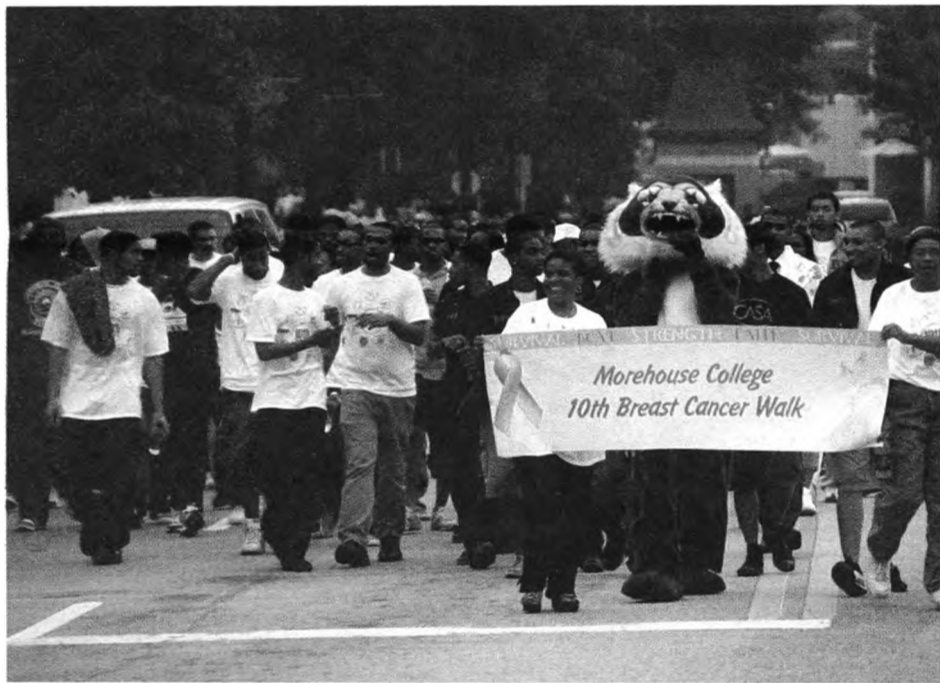
Myrick-Harris' vision for the Division is based on the Sankofa Imperative, which means “learning from the lessons and best traditions of the past to create the ideal future.”

Specifically, her goals are to refurbish grants that will aid the recruitment and retention of a young faculty; meet the needs of the faculty with funding to travel for research and presentations at conferences; and reduce faculty work load by using student assistants and having seasoned professors mentor younger faculty. ■

Christian L. Saint-Vil is the editor-in-chief of The Maroon Tiger.



Clarissa Myrick-Harris



Morehouse Community Walks To Give Breast Cancer the Boot

BY CHRISTIAN SAINT-VIL

A year after being diagnosed with breast cancer and giving it the boot, Sandra Walker, the director of Administrative Services and Special Programs at Morehouse College, stepped forward and locked arms with other Morehouse employees who were fighting breast cancer.

With the support of Mary Peaks and the entire Morehouse community, for 13 years, Walker has coordinated a two-mile breast cancer walk around the Atlanta University Center.

Chandra Price, one of the originators of the walk lost her battle with breast cancer two years after the inception of the College's annual walk. Walker and Peaks continue this walk to educate women and men and have raised \$186,000 for the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on behalf of the College.

This year, Walker will host Morehouse College's 13th Annual Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 8 a.m. on the plaza of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. Those wanting to help set up are expected to arrive at approximately 5:30 a.m.

Walker is asking for a \$20 registration fee (which includes a T-Shirt) to help fund research on breast cancer—which can affect both women and men. However, all may walk with or without a donation.

To give breast cancer the boot, Walker encourages being faithful to having a yearly mammogram and continue to go to follow-up appointments.

“You can make it,” said Walker “Just keep on and you can make it!”

And Price once said, “Immediately after finding out they have breast cancer, people think it's a death sentence. I want people to know there is hope and there is a chance.” ■

Staff Advisory Council to be Revived

BY JILLIAN WESTFALL

The Office of Human Resources is reviving the Morehouse Staff Advisory Council as a way for the College's staff members to develop programs to optimize recognition, engagement and communication among staff members, as well as infuse a sense of fun in the workplace, said Pamela Weston, associate vice president for Human Resources.

“When employees are provided with a platform to be heard, they feel valued,” she said. “That's especially true when they see their ideas and suggestions being implemented. This, in turn, helps improve retention efforts since employees who feel appreciated are generally more committed to their jobs. So the Staff Advisory Council is an important way to implement positive change at Morehouse.”

The council has been dormant for the past couple of years because no budget was provided for the group and many staff members felt like they given an opportunity to participate, said Julie Tongue, communications assistant and the last president of the former Staff Advisory Council.

“It's important that staff has a vehicle that will serve as a liaison between the administration and the staff,” she said. “There's a faculty advisory council and a place to air their grievances and the students have a council to air their grievances and I think the staff should have one as well. But I think it's a wonderful idea to revive the committee to be something that we can participate in and leave a mark.”

Weston envisions a 10- to 15-member committee, maybe meeting monthly, that will determine short- and long-term goals and devise plans for attaining them. But committee members will decide when and where, and choose their leaders and structure. They will also establish a mission, charter, and committee guidelines. Morehouse's TigerNet is the platform where they will convey their work and spread news of upcoming events to the college's entire staff.

“I'll partner with the Staff Advisory Council and share best practices,” she said. “However, the agenda and priorities will be set by the committee.”

If you are interested in joining the Staff Advisory Council, contact Pamela Weston at pweston@morehouse.edu. For updates, check <http://www.tigernet.morehouse.edu> listed under the my HR tab. ■

Zipcar Available on Campus

Zipcar, the service that allows you to rent a car by the hour, is now available on the Morehouse campus. The service is open to students, faculty and staff.

After an initial sign-up fee of \$15, participants are able to rent a car for \$8 an hour. The fee includes insurance and gas.

An access card unlocks the car, tracks the car's whereabouts, monitors the participant's usage, and works as a credit card for gas purchase.

Michael Davenport, the College's transportation manager, knew of students who were already Zipcar members, but who were taking public transportation to nearby Zipcar locations, including Georgia Tech, to pick up cars. He said the Zipcar program is a value-added service particularly for students.

“We needed something like that here on our campus,” he said. “Many of the students don't need a car for the whole day.”

To join Zipcar under the Morehouse plan, please visit www.zipcar.com/morehouse <<http://www.zipcar.com/morehouse>>. ■

Opportunity of a Lifetime

10 African Students Receive Scholarships to Become Men of Morehouse

BY KARA FENNER WALKER AND ADD SEYMOUR JR.

It's the day that the five young Africans wearing "Future Men of Morehouse" t-shirts have been waiting for all summer. Their 16-hour flight was about to culminate in Atlanta, their first time in the United States, and their lives were about to change forever.

"Coming to Atlanta, we had so many expectations," said freshman Abel Gumbo. "We were excited to actually be on the plane. We weren't seeing it all on television. We are here. We're just looking forward to seeing what lies ahead."

Gumbo, Prince Abundu, Takudzwa Feso, Delight Magadza and Tenha Lovemore were the first of ten students arriving from African villages to attend Morehouse as the inaugural group of Ambassador Andrew Young International Scholars. The other five are Hamim Nitena, Prosper Dzanwa, Jonathan Penduka, Brice Ndayisenga and Edmond Mariga.

They are part of what has become one of the most diverse groups of first year classes that the College has had in years, said Kevin Williams '85, dean of Admissions. The class, which has nearly 700 students, includes young men from 39 states and 10 different countries.

"This is very exciting," said Williams. "We have a strong international group – more than double what we normally have had. And we not only have the numbers, the shape of the class is strong, too. Their average grade point average is around 3.3 and their SAT scores are close to 1100."

But this group is even more special. Coming from small villages in Zimbabwe and Burundi, they were either orphans or double orphans (lost both of their parents) and lived

in impoverished conditions. Still they were some of their nation's top students.

In June, they applied to be Young Scholars in a program that Zimbabwean businessman Strive Masiyiwa saw as a way to educate African men at an institution that he admired for its development of men. Then after graduating, the students will bring home a new knowledge base that they will use to improve conditions in their own countries. The program is funded through Masiyiwa's Higher Life Foundation.

The young men got on their first airplane on Aug. 6 and flew to Atlanta, where they were greeted by Morehouse staff and upperclassmen. The next several hours were filled with new experiences, such as their first American meal, which was at the International House of Pancakes, and their first glimpse of Morehouse College.

Gumbo was surprised by the size of the College's basketball facility, Forbes Arena. Abundu was used to a lot more open space and fewer buildings. All of them have been ecstatic at how well they've been treated in the Atlanta University Center.

"I've been excited about what I was going to see, how was it different from back home. I was very curious to see," said Abundu. "And then being in the United States, I was looking forward to a lot of things like some things I saw on television. I have just been fascinated and a lot has been going through my mind."

Feso added: "I dreamed that I'd would actually come to Morehouse and to the United States. My dreams have come true." ■



Top: Sophomore Brandon Thorpe greets Hamim Nitena, Prosper Dzanwa, Jonathan Penduka and Brice Ndayisenga.
Bottom: Julius Coles '64, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, speaks to the Young Scholars.



Chinese Moon Festival Brings a Taste of China to Morehouse

THE MOREHOUSE COMMUNITY experienced a bit of Chinese culture during the 3rd Annual Chinese Moon Festival, which was held in the Kilgore Campus Center on Friday, Sept. 28.

Presented by the Chinese Studies Program and the Morehouse Chinese Club, the Festival featured demonstrations of Chinese paper cutting demonstration and tea-tasting etiquette and cultural presentations by Chinese Studies students.

"Everybody was impressed," said Henrietta Yang, director of the Chinese Studies Program. "It was wonderful." ■



Miss Maroon and White Named HBCU Hall of Fame Queen



Miss Maroon and White 2012-13, Jasmine Matthews, won first place in the HBCU Hall of Fame Queens and Kings Competition on Sept. 29. Matthews, a senior at Spelman College, was competing with 19 other HBCU campus queens. She won \$3,500, a plaque and a crown. Matthews was coached by Michael Gary, assistant director for Student Life.

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PEACE AMBASSADORS

Japanese Journey Provides Lessons of Peace for Chapel Assistants

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

(TOKYO, HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI, Japan) — Morehouse sophomore Devon Crawford knew he and the other five Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel assistants would learn about the importance of global peace during their August trip to Japan.

But after hearing of the deep pain and suffering of victims and survivors of the 1945 atomic bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, he was nearly moved to tears.

"It was extremely moving," said Crawford, a psychology major from Birmingham, Ala. "Students at Morehouse are charged to be socially conscious leaders with global perspective. So we are given this idea that we are communal men, that our work is inextricably connected to everyone else. This trip reaffirms the fact that my work is not just for myself, but also for all others who experience traumatic events and who need justice in their everyday lives. We are those clarion voices to inject justice, love, peace and dignity of human life for all people that we come into contact with."

That's exactly what Chapel Dean Lawrence E. Carter Sr. wanted his students to experience.

"The ultimate goal was to help our students to become moral cosmopolitans," he said.

Joining Crawford on the trip were fellow chapel assistants on the trip were juniors Stephen Green of Winter Garden, Fla. and Winford Rice of Suffolk, Va.; sophomore Donald Hayes of Port Arthur, Tx.; and the group's president, senior Reginald Sharpe of Atlanta.

The students, along with associate campus minister Ernest Brooks '05 and Chapel relations director Terry Walker '89, took part in Peace Week activities in Nagasaki and Hiroshima where thousands laid wreaths, cried and remembered those who died. More importantly, the ceremonies served as a reminder of the danger of nuclear war and the need for global peace.

"This trip was to make good on an aspect of the Chapel's mission to encourage our students to be ambassadors of peace and world citizens," Carter said. "We want to make them conscious about the seriousness of the need for nuclear abolition. We also want to help them to understand that there are many different ways of being in the world, many different ways of being religious and to discover the universal language of music, laughter and a smile and to begin to get out of the boxes that keep us from loving the whole.

That made the trip less a sightseeing

adventure and one where the Morehouse contingent was seen as peace ambassadors.

Carter gave a keynote address on evolutionary peace at Hiroshima University. As the Morehouse contingent was ushered into the University's auditorium, the crowd of several hundred stood and cheered, waved American flags and sang "We Shall Overcome" — in English — in honor of the only African Americans in the room.

Then the group was ushered to the front of a large area where thousands of global peace activists, government officials, bombing survivors and their families took part in an emotional remembrance of the Aug. 6, 1945, U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Laying wreaths and speaking were a number of international dignitaries, including Japan's prime minister and, for the first time, an official representative of the U.S. government.

The Morehouse group later prayed for peace in a temple, honored loved ones lost with

peace lanterns sent down a Hiroshima river and listened to the stories from bombing victims.

Two days later, they did the same in Nagasaki.

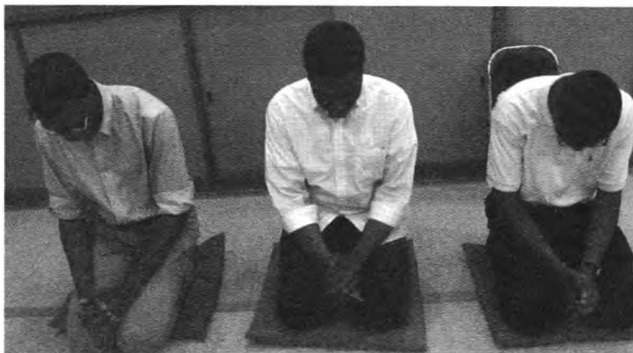
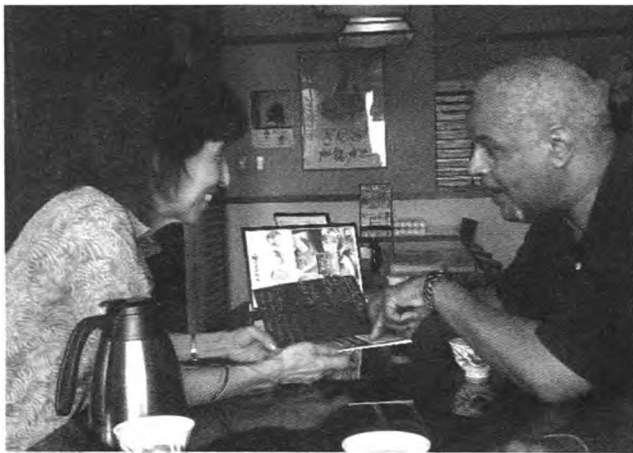
The students were moved so deeply that they met one evening during the trip and decided to bring those lessons home to Atlanta. Later this semester, they will host a series of conversations for Atlanta University Center students to talk about what they can do to ensure a peaceful world and why it is important to them.

"We want people to be drawn to the art of the pictures we bring back, but also to their meanings and their stories and how they relate to each of us, and for everyone to learn and to ask questions," Brooks said.

Unbeknownst to them, the chapel assistants' presence in Japan meant just as much to the Japanese.

"It really does have an effect on people when they come to the cities where the bombs were dropped to see with their own eyes the record of this bombing," said Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue during a private meeting with the Morehouse group.

For you men from Morehouse to come here and to actually think about this and be aware of about how you feel and be willing to take that back to America with you, that is a really extremely valuable thing to us here in Japan. So we warmly welcome you into the circle of people who are doing this work." ■



'CARRYING US'

Freeman Puts 2012 Maroon Tiger Season on Senior David Carter's Shoulders

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Head football coach Rich Freeman doesn't need to finish the 10-game schedule to find out who the team's most valuable player is. He knows that person is senior running back David Carter.

"You usually don't pick that player until the conclusion of the season," Freeman said. "But our team is pretty much riding on his shoulders. He knows that and I think he accepts those challenges."

The 2012 Maroon Tigers lost their top quarterback from last year. And while junior quarterback Donnay Ragland has been a strong replacement, Freeman believes the running game will have to be the main thrust for this year's team.

Carter's production during his four years at Morehouse has allowed Freeman to be comfortable with putting the team's fortunes in Carter's hands ... and feet.

"Quietly, we've been doing that for the last two years," Freeman said. "We've been able to trick people and do it in a high-paced fashion. But at the end of the day, it's almost three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust kind of football. David has done a good job in carrying us, and we're just making it known that he's obviously carrying us."

Carter is coming off a season in which he was a Division II All-American; the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Year; and a finalist for the Harlan Hill Award, Division II's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

This season, Carter, a business management major from Marietta, Ga., has continued his stellar play. Against Edward

Waters College, he became the school's all-time leading rusher, eclipsing John David Washington's four-year mark of 3,669 yards from 2002 to 2005. As of the Edwards Waters game, he had 3,848 yards rushing.

"The offensive line has been doing a good job, so my success is because of them," said Carter. "We spread the ball around with the pass, which opens up the running game. The defense is getting stops and the offense is going to put points on the board. So I have a lot of confidence in our team. But the team resting on my shoulders? It's okay. I like the pressure. I'm just having fun running the ball."

Freeman said he too has plenty of confidence in the rest of his team. The defense is stout – though they've had a lot of injuries early – and the team is confident.

"But our strong point right now is being able to just line up and say, 'If need be, we can run the ball 79 times and we can put up at least 30 points a game."

It's Carter's time. He has an outstanding work ethic, he's a good kid, he's a humble kid. He's not going to abuse that luxury of being our most valuable player. And he's not going to overlook the steep challenge with us attempting to ride on his back for the duration of the season." ■

➔ Go to <http://athletics.morehouse.edu> for more information about the 2012 Maroon Tigers football team and the 2012 football schedule.



Senior David Carter (No. 32) leads the Maroon Tigers this season.



Morehouse Faculty and Staff Members Tackle the Peachtree Road Race

Eight Morehouse faculty and staff members took to the streets on July 4 to take part in one of Atlanta's biggest Independence Day traditions: running in the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Peachtree Road Race. More than 60,000 runners took part in the race, which is the world's largest 10k race. The Morehouse contingent included, from left to right, John Williams '69, dean of Business Administration and Economics; Rubina Malik, director of the Morehouse Executive Mentorship Program; Curtis Augustin, applications administrator; Melissa Bailey, administrative assistant, Alumni Relations; Greg Goodwin, Student Services; and Francine Allen, assistant professor of English. ■

Cross Country Team Ranked Fifth in the South Region

THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY team is ranked among the nation's best, according to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

The Maroon Tigers are ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II South Region by the USTFCCCA in its first regional rankings of the 2012 cross country season.

Sophomore Novian Middleton has led the Maroon Tigers this season. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Runner of the Week for the week of Sept. 21, Middleton finished third in the Fleet Feet Sports/Earl Jacoby Memorial Invitation's 8K and 5K races.

The SIAC also named Chris Wilder, Kasahun Neselu and Michael Wooten among the conference's top runners for the first week of the season. ■

Nigerians Call Christopher Doomes '93 to Help Coach Their Olympic Track Team

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Assistant track and field coach Chris Doomes '93 was told to be ready for Innocent Egbunike's phone call. He had no idea when the call would come or what it would be about.

Egbunike, a former African world champion sprinter, has become one of track and field's most respected coaches. Connected years before by Morehouse head coach Willie Hill, Doomes had helped Egbunike train athletes before. The African loved the Morehouse Man's work.

"He'd said, 'There's an opportunity that's going to arise and I'm going to call you and I don't want to hear any excuses,'" Doomes said.

The call came in March 2012. Egbunike was named head coach of the Nigerian Olympic team in the London 2012 Olympics and he wanted Doomes to be his assistant.

Egbunike then flew to Atlanta to meet with Hill to ask permission.

"He said, 'With the success of your program, with what you've done, what I've seen your assistant do and what you've taught him, if possible, I want him to be my assistant this summer,'" Hill remembered.

Hill and athletic director André Patillo gave their approval and Doomes was off to Nigeria in June.

There, though the time was short, he and Egbunike helped train the men's and women's teams for the Nigerian Olympic trials and the African World Championships.

"After 12 years of Nigeria not doing well in the African Championships, they actually won the African Championship," Doomes said proudly.

The teams then went on to London, where they had a good showing. The Nigerian women did extremely well with sprinters making the finals of the 100-meter dash and the 4x400 meter dash.

For Doomes, who has been Hill's assistant for the past 18 years, being able to call himself an Olympic coach was the thrill of a lifetime – even if it wasn't for the United States.

"Whether it's for the U.S., Nigeria, Great Britain or whomever, that's the pinnacle – to be an Olympic coach," he said. "With the success of the program we have, people look at it and they are constantly getting in contact with Coach Hill. That's what I had with the Nigerian team. It was just very exciting." ■



Christopher Doomes '93

➔ Go to <http://athletics.morehouse.edu/index.aspx?path=mtrack&tab=trackandfield> for more information about the Morehouse Maroon Tigers track and field program.

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

HIV and the HBCU Campus Workshop
An In-Depth Workshop Targeting HIV Prevention and the Care of College Students
Executive Conference Center
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Candace Meadows, Minority AIDS Initiative, (404) 727-1550

A Conversation with Ambassador Andrew Young
"Leadership in Visual Art and Culture"
Moderator: Jerry Thomas Jr.
Panel: Radcliffe Bailey, artist; Barry Gaither '66, National Center for Afro-American Artists in Boston; Dr. Calvin McLaurin '68, art collector; Vickie Palmer, collector; Aaronetta Pierce, arts advocate
African American Hall of Fame
6 p.m.
Contact: RSVP@andrewyoungfoundation.org

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Leadership Initiative Crown Forum
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.
Contact: Anne Watts, (404) 572-3660 or at awatts@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Football
77th Annual Morehouse-Tuskegee Football Classic
Columbus, Ga.
2 p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhiggs@morehouse.edu and Henry Goodgame, (404) 653-7901 or at hgoodgame@morehouse.edu

OCT. 8-12

Mid-term Exam Week
Contact: Anne Watts, (404) 572-3660 or at awatts@morehouse.edu

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

Cross Country
Morehouse/Tuskegee Invitational
Tuskegee, Ala.
9 a.m.
Contact: Willie Hill, (404) 215-2751 or at whill@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

13TH Annual Morehouse College Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
Plaza, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
8 a.m.
Contact: Mary Peakes, (404) 215-2636 or at mpeakes@morehouse.edu or Sandra Walker, (404) 215-6200 or at swalker@morehouse.edu.

Football
Morehouse vs. Albany State University
B.T. Harvey Stadium
7 p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhiggs@morehouse.edu

Cross Country
Kentucky State Invitational
Frankfort, Ky.
8 a.m.
Contact: Willie Hill, (404) 215-2751 or at whill@morehouse.edu

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

Morehouse College Benefits Fair
Executive Conference Center
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Contact: Sharon Purvis, (404) 681-2390 or at spurvis@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Football
Morehouse vs. Benedict College
Columbia, S.C.
2 p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhiggs@morehouse.edu

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

Voice Recital
Featuring Laura English-Robinson, soprano
Emma and Joe Adams Concert Hall, Ray Charles Performing Arts Center
5 p.m.
Contact: Stephane Meadows, (404) 215-2601 or at smeadows@morehouse.edu

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Humanities Initiative Crown Forum
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.
Contact: Anne Watts, (404) 572-3660 or at awatts@morehouse.edu

Supplemental Crown Forum
Morehouse vs. Yale Student Debate
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
Contact: Anne Watts, (404) 572-3660 or at awatts@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

Football
Senior Day
Morehouse vs. Kentucky State
B.T. Harvey Stadium
2 p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhiggs@morehouse.edu

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

Science and Technology Initiative Crown Forum
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.
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Editor's Pick OCTOBER 14-17

68TH Annual Family Institute Conference

"Masculinities: The Faces of Manhood in the 21st Century Global Context"

Keynote Speaker: Michael Kimmel, sociology professor, State University of New York-Stony Brook
Cultural Enrichment Presentation: Daniel Beaty, award-winning actor, singer and writer

Executive Conference Center
Contact: Michael Hodge, (404) 215-2624 or at mhodge@morehouse.edu

This year's conference focuses on issues that have an impact on contemporary constructions of masculinities. One of the most difficult discussions faced by society is the role of gender in everyday life. The objective is to leave the conference better informed about the issues of masculinity.

The conference will be research-driven with attention given to the undergraduate student culture and behaviors that encompass many aspects of student life.



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M. Dionne Polite

Title:
Office Manager/
Administrative Assistant III

Hometown:
Waycross, Ga.

Tenure at Morehouse:
Five years

Something not commonly known about Dionne:
She is working on a doctoral degree in leadership for higher education. Her career goal is to become a vice president of student services or student affairs.

What I Do

“ I am in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Recreation, Intramurals and Fitness Office—which also entails all aspects of keeping Samuel Archer Hall going each day. I love the atmosphere, and in general, the family atmosphere here at Morehouse. I learn from working with the students, especially through my duties on committees such as the Homecoming Committee and the Greek Life Committee.

You get to work with students one-on-one and see what their views are. And you get to guide them according to what you know. I just love working with students and helping them however I can. As for faculty and staff, I work more often with staff than faculty, but I love that everybody seems to be on the same page here. Everyone is working for the good of Morehouse. It feels like a family to me, so whatever I can do to help, that's what I want to do. I love Morehouse. ”