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State of the College

An Updated Look at the College's Strategic Plan to be Presented During Homecoming 2014

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF and students will get a Homecoming message from President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 about a new look for the campus and a new direction.

Wilson, along with Provost Garikai Campbell, will present the Homecoming "State of the College" discussion in the Bank of America Auditorium today as the president talks about "Reimagining the Campus" and gives his ideas about a new Morehouse with a campus green, new and improved buildings, athletic facilities and other potential updates to the College's look.

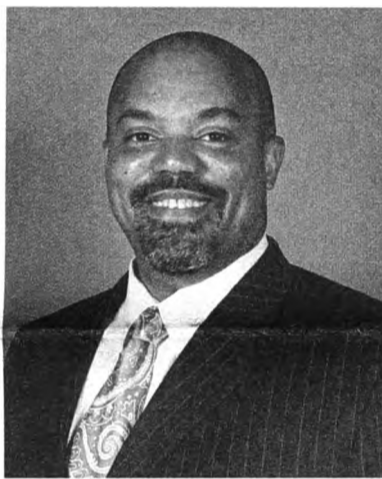
Campbell will talk about the College's Strategic Plan for 2015-2017.

The 3 p.m. discussion is just one of the highlights of Homecoming 2014 where that presentation of new ideas merges with traditional events, such as the Alumni Tailgate, the Coronation of Miss Maroon and White, the football game against Albany State University and Sunday's Closing Worship Service.

An estimated 10,000 people will be on campus for what annually is called one of the biggest HBCU homecoming weekends in the country.



President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79



Provost Garikai Campbell

"It's that special time when the entire Morehouse family comes together to celebrate and reconnect with the institution and each other," said Henry Goodgame '84, director of Alumni Relations. "If you've never had a chance to come and check out your classmates during Reunion in May, we know that they will come during Homecoming to rekindle their old friendships and even start new ones. Homecoming is very, very special and always will be."

This year's student theme is "Mission Impossible: Collegiate Espionage," while the alumni theme is, "Tradition."

So far this week, music stars Future and Elle Varner have performed and James Shelton '89, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education has delivered the Homecoming

Crown Forum address. And the Morehouse Journalism and Sports Program presented the "Maroon Tiger Game Day" during the annual Pep Rally, a takeoff on ESPN's College Game Day.

Goodgame said it all makes for one of the biggest homecoming weekends ever for Morehouse. ■

Oil Portraits of Masseys Unveiled; RayPAC Atrium Named for Skinners

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

AS A FRESHMAN at Morehouse 60 years ago this fall, Walter Massey '58 said he never envisioned seeing his portrait hanging on campus.

Now there are two.

During a dinner reception for the Morehouse College Board of Trustees meetings last weekend in the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center, portraits of Massey, the College's ninth president, and his wife, Shirley E. Massey, were unveiled. The Masseys' portraits will hang in the buildings named after them, the Walter E. Massey Leadership Center and the Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center.

Their portraits are also in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel's International Hall of Honor.

"To say that I never thought my portrait would be on this campus is an understatement," Massey said with a laugh. "But you always know when you graduate from Morehouse College that it

would be part of your life ... Shirley and I have done a number of things, but the best thing that ever happened to us was coming to Morehouse College."

Just before their portraits were unveiled, the Performing Arts Center's atrium was named in honor of trustee emeritus B. Franklin Skinner and his late wife, Ruth Ann.

Skinner is the former chairman and CEO of BellSouth Telecommunications, former chairman of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Metro Atlanta. He was also the first development committee chairman for the Morehouse College Board of Trustees.

"You've lived your life in such a way that people will remember you for many years to come, and that is special, and that makes you a Morehouse Man," President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 said to Skinner.

Skinner said he was humbled.

"I feel the opportunity to serve on the Morehouse College Board of



Shirley and Walter E. Massey '58 speak after their oil portraits are unveiled.

Trustees and my involvement with Morehouse as one of God's richest lessons in my life," Skinner said. "As you go forward, I wish you well and pray for God's richest blessings on this institu-

tion and on each of you as you continue the mission – a noble mission – of educating and developing young men and transforming college students into Morehouse Men." ■

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Wilson: Morehouse On Quest to Finish an Unfinished Symphony

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

WHILE THE COLLEGE is headed in the right direction, President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 said during his 2014 Opening Convocation speech that Morehouse is an unfinished symphony "that is beautiful, but incomplete."

"Morehouse was founded to help realize wholeness for a decidedly broken people," Wilson said to faculty, staff and students. "And simply put, we are not yet whole. And that means everything we do to strengthen Morehouse College is de facto pursuant to finishing the symphony of our collective wholeness."

"Think of it," he added. "This world cannot truly be what it ought to be until we as a people complete the quest of unleashing our unique gift to the world. Until we finish our symphony!"

His speech set the tone for the 2014-2015 academic year as it is the ceremonial beginning of the new year at Morehouse and brings together the entire campus to get inspired and ready for the new year.

Wilson said that work continues moving forward on enhancing the College's financial

“This world cannot truly be what it ought to be until we as a people complete the quest of unleashing our unique gift to the world.”

capital, physical capital, intellectual capital, technical capital and human capital.

There also will be a bigger push on the campus' student embrace. It will focus on character development, or what Wilson called the character preeminence imperative.

"With key roles for Drs. [Timothy] Sams and Campbell, my team is on a quest to make Morehouse College the very best place for young men to come of age," he said. "That involves optimizing not just the classroom experience, but our overall programming, the co-curriculum, the hidden curriculum ... in short, the unfinished

symphony of our embrace."

The focus, Wilson said, is for the Morehouse community to fulfill the unfulfilled destiny of the College.

"In our view, the call is not to just help us to find our people, but it is a call to help us find our better selves," Wilson said. "It is a call to help us find our better Morehouse College. Most of all, it is a call to help us to finish all of our unfinished symphonies!"

Provost Garikai Campbell told students that it is a time to tap into their passions and to hear "the sound of the genuine," a reference to a favorite saying by Howard Thurman '23.

"It is a call to move beyond just hearing the sound of the genuine, but to more fully develop these rhythms, to work hard, to use this time and this brotherhood to advance your skills to become more expert in this passion," he said. "I truly hope that you each have an extraordinary year and that you do hear, discover your passion and the sound of the genuine and to fully realize it as the symphony that I know it will become." ■

Seven New Members Join the Morehouse College Board of Trustees

SEVEN NEW MEMBERS of the 36-member Morehouse College Board of Trustees have joined the group this year.

They join a body that is the ultimate governing authority of the College. Board responsibilities include appointing the president; approving the College's mission and purpose, institutional policies

and changes in academic programs; guarding the College's finances; approving the awarding of degrees; and setting an example of generous financial support.

To learn more about the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, go to <https://www.morehouse.edu/trustees/index.html>. ■

THE NEW TRUSTEES ARE:



Mike Polk is the president and CEO for Newell Rubbermaid. He previously has worked for successful growing innovative global companies. Previously he was president of Global Foods, Home and Personal at Unilever and president at Kraft Foods. Polk attended Harvard Business School, where he received a MBA, and Cornell University where he received a B.S. degree.



Robin Richards is chairman and CEO for the Career Arc Group. As the company's co-founder, he sets the corporate goals and leads the development of business and market strategies. Previously, he led Blackboard Connect (formerly The NTI Group) to become the top provider of hosted, time-sensitive mass notification services focused on assisting government and civil leaders to communicate quickly and efficiently with their constituents using multi-modal technologies.



Ratanjit S. Sondhe, an author and entrepreneur, is a recipient of the 2010 Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame award, emigrated from India to the United States in 1968 with \$8 in his pocket and two master's degrees. He soon became an American entrepreneur, founding POLY-CARB Inc., where he served as CEO and chairman for 34 years.



Earl W. Stafford founded The Stafford Foundation in 2002 as a faith-based, non-profit organization. He also serves as the CEO of The Wentworth Group, LLC, a privately held holding company that provides essential business services and growth investment support to commercial, technology-focused small businesses. Stafford holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and an MBA from Southern Illinois University. He is a graduate of the OPM executive program at Harvard Business School and holds several honorary doctorates.



Richard W. Thaler Jr. is a managing partner (retired) for Lieutenant Island Partners LLC., which is engaged in various for-profit and not-for-profit endeavors. Since retirement from Deutsche Bank, he has been actively consulting with BMO Capital Markets, Inc., as well as several public home-building companies and private-equity groups.



New faculty trustee **David Wall Rice '95** is chair and associate professor of psychology. He is also Principal Investigator of the Identity Orchestration Research Lab. Rice is founding co-director of the Cinema, Television, and Emerging Media Studies Program. He received a master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University, and earned a doctorate in personality psychology from Howard University.



New student trustee is **Zephyrinus Okonkwo**, a sophomore economics major from Montgomery, Alabama.

BET and International Colloquium Bring Discussions Centered Around Black Manhood to Morehouse

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

ACTOR HOSEA SANCHEZ'S best lesson on manhood came from his father, who was strung out on drugs.

During the H.I.S. BET/Morehouse Town Hall discussion last month, Sanchez said the negative choices his father made formed the foundation for the positive choices he made in his own life.

"My dad was a crack head," said Sanchez, star of the BET show "The Game." "But the beauty of what was so negative shaped the rest of my life. He gave me the best thing I could ever have. Not because he gave me such a great example of what it is to be a man, but because he showed me what it is to not be. I learned everything I never wanted to do because of my father."

This was just one of the life-altering roads to black manhood that came out during discussions of the black male held at Morehouse in September and October.

First, was the BET Town Hall "Reclaim: Changing the Narrative of the Black Male in Media" to kick off the network's initiative "H.I.S.," which addresses black male health, image and service.

Sanchez joined former NBA star Alonzo Mourning, rappers Killer Mike and David Banner, Morehouse professors David Wall Rice '95 and Bryant Marks '94, music entrepreneur Chaka Zulu, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for

African Americans director David Johns, and the Rev. Rapheal Warnock '91. Moderators for the discussion were Jeff Johnson and Morehouse professor Marc Lamont Hill.

The spirited discussion hit on everything from early mentors to how media images affect black males.

"The media is not designed to make black people look good," said Marks. "It's an economic endeavor. Once we understand that, that gives us some context. And that turns us to you. What do you watch?"

"When you're flipping through, why are you stopping at certain shows, reality type shows. Because it's titillating. 'Scandal.' The name of the show is 'Scandal.' When you think about the story lines, what are we feeding our spirit when we watch that show?"

"In order to change their scope in life, you have to meet kids where they are," Sanchez countered. "They are not going to sit at home and watch 'Good Times.' They are not going to watch all this family programming and all positive, lovely stuff. You've got to meet them where they are and help to change their perspective. You can't do it by isolating them."

Marks said, "I agree with the notion of meeting them where they are. But do we have to meet them through negativity all the time?"

A week later, the International Colloquium of Black Males in Education

was held at the College. Scholars and educators from around the world converged at Morehouse for four days to talk about problems and solutions facing black males when it comes to education.

Ricky Jones '92, professor and chair of Pan-African Studies at the University of Louisville and founding director of the Center on Race and Inequality, talked about how Morehouse was his saving grace after an early life of negativity.

But he said academics must do more than try to get fame and name recognition if they truly want to make a difference.

"For those of us who have the privilege of education, it seems to me we have to be dedicated to something other than ourselves – and other than publishing scholarly articles read by ten or 15 people who study exactly what we study," he said.

"There are more of us who are much more interested in personal gratification than they are in any collective movement," he added. "So, hopefully, people who are here are trying to develop something to absolutely shame them in making them use their talents to do something bigger and better. That's what Morehouse instilled in us." ■



David Johns, executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans (second from right), makes a point during the H.I.S. BET/Morehouse Town Hall in the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center.

MLK Café



David Collins, tech support analyst in the Office of Institutional Advancement, sings during the MLK Café in the African American Hall of Fame. The MLK Café features faculty and staff performing during a brown bag lunch once a month. For more information about MLK Café, contact Terry Walker at (404) 215-6196 or terry.walker@morehouse.edu.

Platform Conference to Focus on Innovation Economy's Lack of Diversity

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS from across the country will converge on Morehouse Oct. 24-26 for Platform, an innovative conference focusing on diversifying the innovation economy.

Hosted by Morehouse and Georgia Tech in the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center, Platform gives some of the trendsetters and leaders in the technology industry a chance to offer vital information and advice to help address the industry's lack of diversity.

"It brings together policy makers, entrepreneurs, researchers, businessmen, venture capitalists, this whole ecosystem of the stereotypical Silicon Valley environment and tries to foster it, duplicate it and enhance it for minorities and women," said Philip Howard '87,

"There is no other forum that can attract a Ralph de la Vega, president and CEO of AT&T Mobile & Business Solutions or a filmmaker Topper Carew, who is the Urban Design Director for MIT's Innovation Center Initiative, here to talk about this topic. There are Ted Talks, which is a much broader series of discussions. But just for minorities and women, as far as getting their businesses going, nothing else exists."

Hank Williams, founder and CEO of Platform, created the event after he was featured in a 2011 installment of CNN's "Black in America" series, which focused on the lack of diversity in Silicon Valley. Platform is to be a development resource and enabler for a new generation of entrepreneurs, thinkers and leaders, but with the mission to increase the participation and success for blacks, Latinos and women in the innovation economy, according to Platform's website.

Speakers this year include Jesse Jackson, who has been pushing technology companies to be more diverse; CNN "Crossfire" host Van Jones; James Shelton '89, deputy director of the U.S. Department of Education; and singer Janelle Monae.

"This is part of President John Silvanus Wilson Jr's effort to advance this notion of STEM and STEAM, because we don't want to leave out those in the arts, as important imperatives of his administration," aid Philip Howard '87, executive director of Technology Transfer and Innovation. ■

For more information about Platform, go to www.platform.org.



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INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER 13-19 "TRADITION"

MONDAY, OCT. 13

7 p.m.
Kick-Off Jam
Spelman Oval

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

7 p.m.
Neo Soul Concert
Elle Varner
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

4 p.m.
Hump Wednesday
Kilgore Campus Center Plaza

7:30 p.m.
Homecoming Fashion Show/Hip Hop Concert
Future
Franklin Forbes Arena

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

11 a.m.
Homecoming Crown Forum
Speaker: Jim Shelton '89, deputy secretary, U.S. Department of Education
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

Noon
Pep Rally
King Chapel Plaza

Alumni Registration
Welcome Center Conference Room
2 - 4 p.m.



FRIDAY, OCT. 17

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Alumni Registration
Welcome Center Conference Room

9:30 a.m.
2014 Morehouse Homecoming Golf Tournament
Chapel Hills Golf Club
3300 Golf Ridge Blvd., Douglasville, GA 30135
Registration: \$125 per player, \$500 per team before Oct. 10; after, \$150 per player, \$600 per team
Online registration:
www.tournevents.com/homecoming14

1 p.m.
Bennett College Reception
Douglass Hall
By invitation only

3 p.m.
Homecoming State-of-the-College Address
Speakers: President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 and Provost Garikai Campbell
Bank of America Auditorium, Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center

7 p.m.
Coronation of Miss Maroon and White and Her Court
Emma and Joe Adams Concert Hall, Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

9 p.m.
Coronation Ball
Le Feis do-do,
1611 Ellsworth Industrial Blvd., Suite D, Atlanta, GA 30318
Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$20 day of event; \$30 at the door



SATURDAY, OCT. 18

8-10 a.m.
40th Anniversary of the Office of Health Professions Homecoming Breakfast
Co-sponsored by the Thomas J. Blocker Society
Paschal's Restaurant
180 Northside Dr., Atlanta, GA 30313

9 a.m.
Homecoming Parade

11 a.m.
President's Homecoming Brunch
Davidson House
By invitation only

New Orleans Pre-Game Jazz Brunch
Morehouse National Alumni Association
College Town at West End

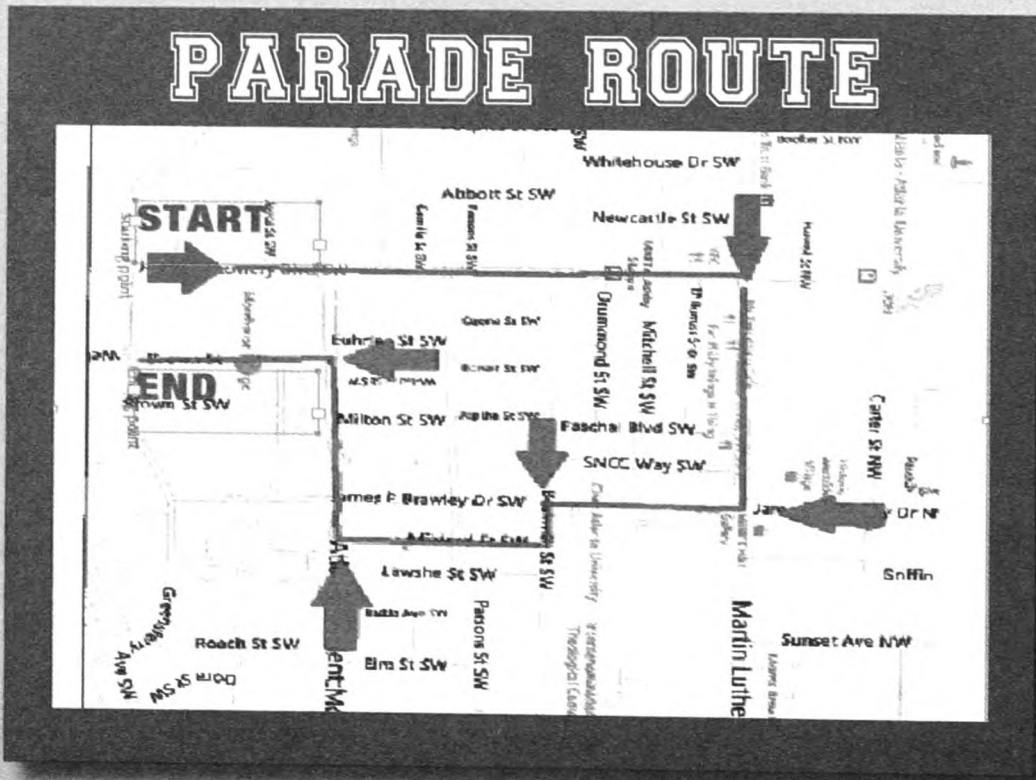
Noon-7 p.m.
Alumni Tailgate Experience
West End Avenue and Wellborn Street

2 p.m.
Football Game
Albany State vs. Morehouse
B.T. Harvey Stadium
Tickets: \$25 general admission; \$18 for children 4-17; free for children under four;
Morehouse faculty, staff and students free with Morehouse I.D.

7 p.m.
National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show
Franklin Forbes Arena
Tickets: \$20 general admission; \$30 at the door

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

10 a.m.
Closing Worship Service
Speaker: The Rev. Samuel Ross-Lee '88, Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church, New Haven, CT
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel



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Office of Student Life
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Office of Health Professions Celebrates 40th Year With Homecoming Breakfast

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

MOREHOUSE HAS LONG produced health professionals such as former National Medical Association president Dr. Edward Mazique '33; Dr. Rene M.F. Charles '32, the former chief medical officer at Trinidad's B.W.I. Medical Center; and, of course, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher '63.

But over the past two decades, the numbers of health professionals produced by the College has fallen.

Addressing that issue is one of the reasons that the Thomas J. Blocker Society and the Office of Health Professions will celebrate the Office's 40th anniversary this weekend. While the 40th anniversary is a milestone, it is also an opportunity for health professions alumni to find out that the office is looking for their involvement.

"We are looking to really re-engage with alumni who have been out of contact with the Office of Health Professions and who have a vested interest in trying to carry out this crusade helping to develop health professionals," said Ajit Samarasinghe, director of the Office of Health Professions.

The Office of Health Professions was created in 1974 with federal funds allowing the College to focus on developing black health care professionals during a time when there was little diversity in the field. Morehouse became one of the nation's leaders in encouraging, mentoring, educating and developing black male physicians such as Dr. B.K. Edmund '85, a Baltimore anesthesiologist who heads the Thomas J. Blocker Society, a group of Morehouse alumni health professionals.

"What happened over the years is a shift in funding, at least at the federal level, away from the health professions, towards science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but within the context of research and no longer funding to support the profes-

sional degree," Samarasinghe said.

Saturday morning at 8 a.m. at Paschal's Restaurant near campus, a homecoming 40th anniversary celebration breakfast, "Why We Can't Wait" will be held. OHP and the Thomas J. Blocker Society will announce its "40 for 40" initiative to raise \$40,000 in honor of the office's anniversary.

The breakfast's other purpose, Samarasinghe said, is that alumni in health professions can talk with current students about their shared experiences.

"Very important to us is this mentoring component, which involves a variety of things, such as alumni providing opportunities for students to shadow them locally or when students are in other cities during school breaks," he said. "We do twice-a-month meetings where the full body of pre-health students are assembled in one place, so alumni can participate by coming by. Because we have a cadre of alumni at different stages of their careers, they're folks who can talk effectively about medical school, graduating from medical school, matching and residencies and even post-medical careers. So we're talking about opportunities to bring brothers together."

The breakfast also will feature an address by Dr. Ronald Copeland, Kaiser Permanente's senior vice president of National Diversity Inclusion Policy and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

Also, the winners of the student essay contest, "Why We Can't Wait: Redefining the Relevance of Today's Office of Health Professions," will be announced.

Admission is free to the breakfast. For information, contact the Office of Health Professions at (404) 653-7862 or by email at ajit.samarasinghe@morehouse.edu. ■



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Morehouse No. 1 HBCU in Nation

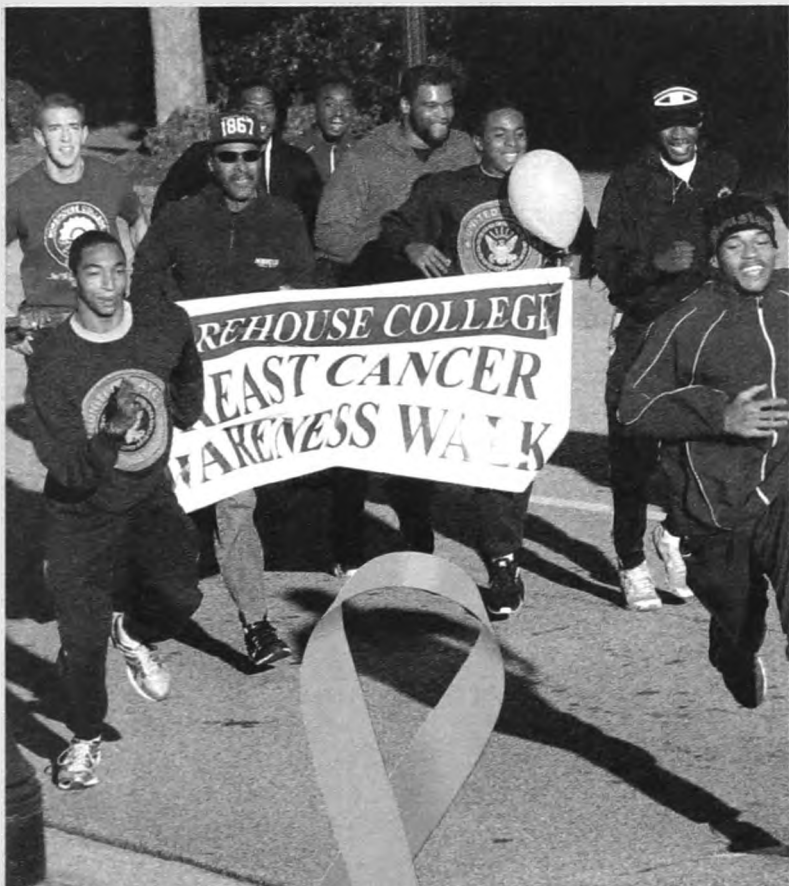
Morehouse has been named the nation's top HBCU by BestColleges.com, an online resource for prospective college students that helps them make an educated choice about their future.

Using its established rankings methodology—which include data points for acceptance, enrollment retention and graduation rates—BestColleges.com assessed the merits of all 104 HBCUs and created a list of the 30 best.

HERE ARE THE TOP 10:

Morehouse College
Howard University
Fisk University
Florida A&M University
Spelman College
Tuskegee University
North Carolina A&M State University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Winston-Salem State University
Tougaloo College

Running for a Cause



The 15th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk drew the event's largest crowd ever—including President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 (3rd from left), members from Morehouse Naval ROTC and the Morehouse basketball team.

"10+15+25" Challenges the Campus Community to Collectively Lose Two Tons by June

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

HEAD TENNIS COACH Terry Alexander's faculty and staff afternoon tennis workouts are known across campus to be, well, hard.

"I know everybody isn't going to come out there to play tennis with me," Alexander, a 2005 graduate, said with a smile.

But he wants to see the entire Morehouse community get into better shape.

Alexander has come up with the "10+15+25" Challenge to get everyone on campus working out, as part of the "A Pathway Forward" initiative.

A Pathway Forward is a framework for shared governance, giving faculty and staff an opportunity to participate in decision-making and what things the College will focus on and how those goals are achieved.

"The object is to work out three times a week—one workout for 10 minutes, another for 15 minutes and a third for 25 minutes," he said. "And the object is for us—the entire campus—to lose two tons."

That's right. Two tons. But if everybody shares the load, that's only about two pounds per person.

Faculty, staff and students will be asked to register, free of charge, on a soon-to-be-available web link. Participants would then log their progress each week by going to the link.

Seminars and workshops will be offered, as will opportunities to work out with others. And if

someone wants to workout alone, workout DVDs will be available for checkout from Alexander's office in Archer Hall.

The hope, Alexander said, is that collectively the campus will lose a total of two tons by June.

"I always look for different programs that I can get started to help our people to get into better situations, health-wise," he said. "It comes from seeing that not only are some faculty and staff out of shape, but also seeing a number of students who aren't in shape."

Chief of Staff Karen Miller said Alexander's project is part of a larger campus wellness effort, "Better Me, Better We," that came out of conversations with faculty and staff who wanted to make Morehouse a healthier campus.

Alexander points out that it all can make for a less costly campus, also.

"We're hoping it transitions into a monetary thing because if we are healthier as a faculty and staff, I'm hoping that for the insurance companies will it translates into lower premiums," he said. "We'd go to the doctor less and that would mean lower costs for the insurance carrier."

Alexander credits colleagues Dionne Polite, Cliff Russell, Claude Hutto, Leslie Williams and Winn Walker for helping to put the entire project together. ■

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INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2014

TAKE NOTE



Vicki Crawford, director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, was a panelist for the discussion "Education and Civil Rights" on Sept. 12 during Empowerment Week activities in Birmingham, Ala.



Michael Dillon, associate professor and chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, has written a book **Ecuadorian Cinema Posters, 1969-2013** (CCE Benjamin Carrion, 2014). An article about the book was published in the Ecuadorian newspaper, *El Comercio*, on April 11.



Senior Marvin Greer, a history major from Atlanta, was featured in a July 15th *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* story about black Civil War re-enactors.



Frederick Knight, associate professor and chairman of history, received a Mellon Short-Term Fellowship in Early African American History at the Library Company of Philadelphia. The fellowship supported a month of research in June that centered on the African American community in 19th-century Philadelphia. As a result of his findings, Knight will produce a scholarly article on Jarena Lee, the first female preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Rubina Malik, instructor of marketing, was named an education-category nominee for the 2014 Leadership Character Award presented by the Turknett Leadership Group and the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership.



Juana Mendenhall, assistant professor of chemistry, was a visiting professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Department of Orthopaedics, June-August 2014. She is also a recipient of Howard Buffet Funding to Develop Clean Water Filters from the Great Lakes Region of Africa.



Troy Story '62, professor of chemistry, presented the paper, "Mathematical Model for Economic Growth," and chaired a session during the 2014 International Conference on Education, Economics, Psychology and Society, March 14-16 in Phuket, Thailand. He also presented the paper "Mathematical Models of Dynamics" and chaired a session at the 2014 International Symposium on Engineering and Natural Sciences, May 22-24, in Beijing, China.

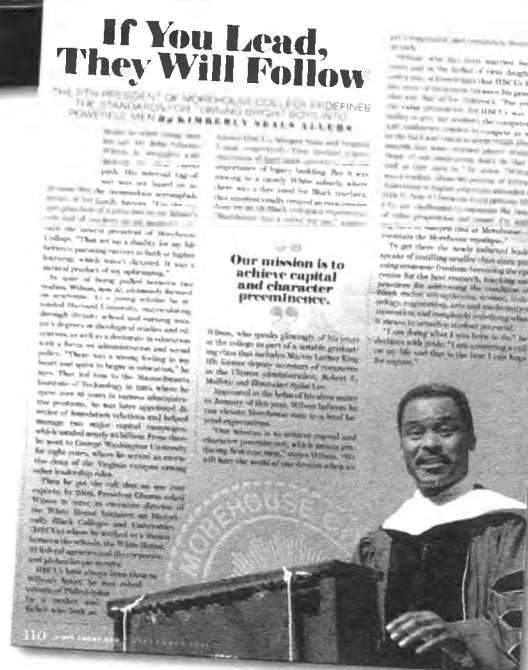


Keisha Edwards Tassie, assistant professor of communication, co-edited a book with Medaille College professor Sonja Brown Givens, **Underserved Women of Color, Voice and Resistance: Claiming A Seat at the Table**. The book examines ways women of color have their voices restrained within the restrictive, intersecting contexts of race, gender, class and sexuality.

Darien Jones, a sophomore religion/English major from Millsboro, Del., was quoted in a July 14 Cape Gazette.com story about his town's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

President in Print

President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 has twice been featured prominently in national publications recently. In August, he was on the cover of *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, and in September, he was featured in *Ebony*.



CHANGING GEARS

NEW HIRES

- Omar Agard**, financial aid advisor I, Financial Aid
- Mark Anthony Chubb**, instructor of music and literature, Music
- Shawn Crosby**, assistant director of Admissions and Recruitment
- Teaniese Davis**, visiting assistant professor, Psychology
- Theodore Davis**, laboratory assistant, Student Health Services
- O'Shan Gadsden**, visiting assistant professor, Psychology
- Chadwick Hughes**, interim band director/instructor of music, Music
- Renee Jordan**, instructional design coordinator, Faculty Development Center
- Eduardo Mares**, assistant director of Admissions and Recruitment
- Evelyn Miller**, nurse, Public Health Service
- Martin Norman**, interim chief of police, Campus Police
- Matthew Platt**, assistant professor, Political Science
- Timothy Sams**, vice president for Student Development
- Jaqueline Sears**, grant accountant, NIH/MCMHTD
- Levar Smith**, instructor, Political Science
- Keldrick Stephens**, assistant director of Admissions and Recruitment
- Candiance Williams**, administrative assistant, TRIO Programs

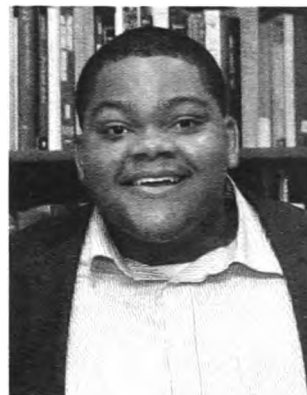
BET's "Sunday Best" is Morehouse's Geoffrey Golden

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

GEOFFREY GOLDEN, a junior economics major from Cleveland, Ohio, sang his way to a recording contract when he was picked the winner of BET's season-long, gospel singing show, "Sunday Best."

Golden, who has been a member of the Morehouse College Glee Club, credits working with Glee Club director David Morrow '80 as one of the main reasons he was successful in his second try on the show.

He said the love he received from the Morehouse community each week made competing much easier. "The support has been incredible," he said. "Morehouse brothers, alumni, current students, AUC family coming up to me, saying how proud they were and telling me that I made Morehouse proud, no matter the outcome. They were sending messages saying that they were praying for me and voting for me. It was seen in the outcome. And I am eternally grateful." ■



Devon Mann Focuses on Athletic and Academic Success

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

DEVON MANN approaches school-work the same way he deals with cornerbacks – with a cool, calm demeanor that helps the a junior kinesiology major and Maroon Tigers wide receiver to be successful at both.

“On the field and in the classroom, I have the same kind of mentality,” Mann said. “It’s a calm, focused and collected mentality. I try not to get overwhelmed or get too excited. Just get relaxed and find my groove so I can focus on what I have to do.”

It has worked well for him. Mann has a 3.3 grade point average and has been one of the best wide receivers in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Mann’s focus comes from watching his parents work full-time jobs while attending college. He wanted to follow in their footsteps. But it was his grandmother, whom he lived with in Tampa, Fla., and a former coach, who pointed him towards Morehouse – even as he had drawn interest from schools such as Georgia Southern and the Naval Academy.

“My grandmother thought Morehouse would be a great opportunity for me to thrive as a student and an athlete,” Mann said. “And I had a coach who went to Morris Brown College and he would always talk about how HBCUs are important to African Americans, about the fun, about the experience. He would always tell those stories.

“And being that my parents are in Atlanta, I thought Morehouse would be the perfect place.”

It has been a good move. Mann was the team’s most valuable player last season after leading the team in receptions, reception yardage and touchdown receptions. He has been solid this season, which has been highlighted by a three-touchdown, 203-yard receiving day against Central State.

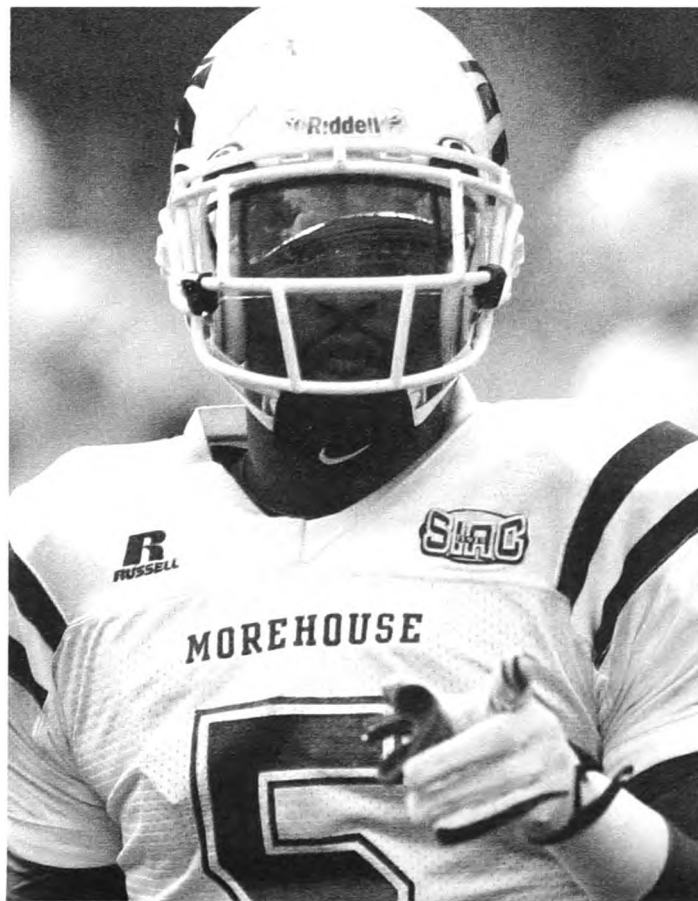
“He’s a great person and a phenomenal player,” said Leon Murray, the Maroon Tigers’ offensive coordinator. “He’s the kind of guy who can change a game in one play and he’s shown that so far this season. He’s good on the field and definitely does his work in the classroom. He means a lot to this team.”

That’s a role that means a lot to Mann. He encourages and helps his teammates on the field and with their studies. He’s aware of the stigma of athletes not caring about their academics and he said he and his teammates strive to be examples of why that isn’t true.

“When you go to Morehouse, people expect nothing but success and better things from you,” Mann said. “None of us want to be a disappointment by not doing those things. It actually pushes us harder because we know people are watching us and expect us to succeed.”

As for his own future, his goal is to play in the NFL. But just as important is being seen as a scholar, he said.

“Basically, I’ve seen what it takes to get to the next level and what it takes to be great in the classroom - discipline,” he said. “That’s what I like about being a student-athlete.” ■



Devon Mann

Maroon Tigers Picked to Finish Third in the SIAC East; Austin Anderson Named Preseason All-SIAC

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE Athletic Conference basketball coaches are expecting a resurgence in Morehouse basketball this season.

After a lackluster campaign last season, the Maroon Tigers have been picked to finish third, just behind Clark Atlanta and Benedict in the SIAC’s Eastern Division this season.

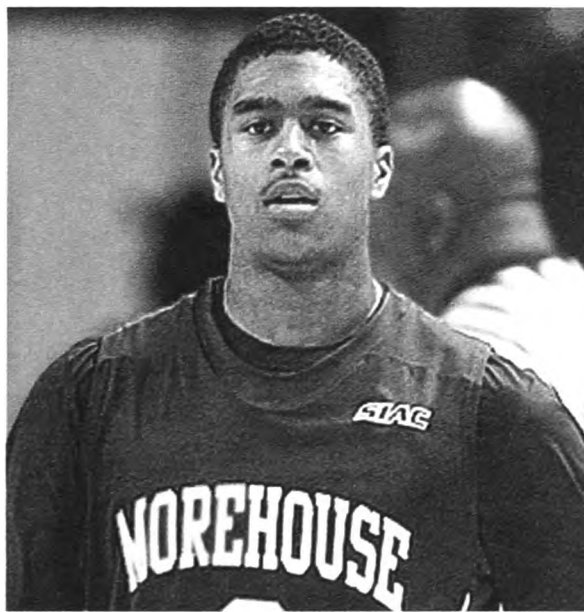
The Maroon Tigers finished 7-20 overall, 4-14 in the SIAC, putting them last in the East only a year after a 20-win season and an appearance in the SIAC championship game.

This season, a number of new faces should make for an exciting team, said head coach Grady Brewer ’80.

“I’m very excited,” he said. “Last year was disappointing, but that’s the beauty of basketball. You can come back and get another season to come play. We’re very long; we’re very athletic; we want to go to an up-tempo type of game. We want to make our opponents adjust to what we are doing. We want to be exciting. We want to bring an exciting brand of basketball back to Forbes Arena.”

Guard Austin Anderson will be important if that is to happen. The 6’ 2” junior kinesiology major from Inkster, Mich., was named to this year’s SIAC Preseason All-Conference Team after leading the Maroon Tigers last season in minutes played and finishing second on the team in scoring and assists.

“Austin is the most consistent player returning from last year and has the most experience,” Brewer said. “He’s a very explosive guard who can score 20 to 25 points a game at any time. I hope Austin comes in with the mindset that he will be challenged in every game.”



Austin Anderson

The Maroon Tigers began preseason practice on Oct. 15 in preparation for their Nov. 7 exhibition with the Southeastern Conference’s Louisiana State University and another exhibition on Nov. 11 at Forbes Arena against Southern University. The regular season begins Nov. 14 against Lee University in Carrolton, Ga., with the team’s first regular season home game on Nov. 21 against Fisk University.

“I think we are going to do pretty well,” Brewer said. “I look forward to working with the new people we have on board. Some of the guys who weren’t eligible second semester last season are back. So we look to be better than last season.” ■

CROSS COUNTRY Hill Believes Cross Country Team’s Slow Start Should Be a Memory Come Tournament Time

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

THINGS MAY HAVE STARTED out slowly for the Morehouse Cross Country team this year, but Head Coach Willie Hill says things are working out well enough now that this may be the best group that Morehouse has ever seen.

“We went through a few ups and down earlier in the season when some people didn’t get their mileage in over the summer,” Hill said. “So we had to slow some things down so some people could catch up.

“Now we’ve gotten the foundation that we need,” he said. “This is a group that has found their identity. They are really going to be a great team.”

The peak was the Robert Shumake Great American HBCU Cross Country Challenge, held Oct. 4 in Cary, N.C. The Maroon Tigers finished second overall as three Morehouse runners finished in the top 12 in the individual results. Dahir Mohammed, the team’s only senior, was third, while Shinaola Agbede finished sixth, and Gerald Jones 12th.

“Dahir is normally our leader,” Hill said. “He was one who did not come back in shape, but now he’s back. He’s stepping up to be the leader and the runner he was last year.

“Shinaola’s father is a coach and he instilled a number of things in him about understanding responsibility,” Hill said. “He’s that person you can tell other people to follow as a runner. If you’re out there, three or four miles away and the coach isn’t there and you need to hear something, he’s really helping his teammates with understanding that we’re out here for a purpose.”

The Maroon Tigers competed in the LaGrange College Panther Invitational the week before Homecoming. They will finish the regular season in South Georgia at the Valdosta Invitational.

Then comes the true focus for the defending SIAC champs – the SIAC Championships Nov. 6-7; the NCAA South Regionals Nov. 21-22; and the NCAA National Championship, Dec. 5-6. Hill is confident his squad will be ready.

“They are the team to beat,” he said. “Most teams have one to two great runners. We have five, possibly eight. We don’t have any injuries so far this year, so things look great for the program.” ■

INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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THURSDAY, OCT. 16

Exhibition Program**Seeking to Tell a Story: Political Action from Slavery to Civil Rights**

Presented by the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library and the Atlanta Student Movement Alumni

Speaker: Joy DeGruy, author, *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*

Response Panel: Clarissa Myrick-Harris, Morehouse dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Makunga Akinyela, Georgia State University Department of African American Studies; and Christy Garrison-Harrison, Clark Atlanta University Department of African-American Studies, Africana Women's Studies and History

4 p.m.
Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall, AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library

Contact: (404) 978-2003 or go to www.auctr.edu

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

Football**Homecoming Game****Morehouse vs. Albany State**

B.T. Harvey Stadium

2 p.m.

Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

Presidential Lecture Series

Irving Williamson, International Trade Commission
Bank of America Auditorium
11 a.m.

Contact: James Shaw, (404) 653-7868 or at james.shaw@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

Football**Morehouse vs. Benedict**

Columbia, S.C.

2 p.m.

Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

6TH Annual Hopps Scholars Research Training Symposium

Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center

8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Contact: (404) 653-7864 or go to www.hoppsscholars.org

Editor's Pick**OCTOBER 24-26****PLATFORM 2014****Diversifying the Innovation****Economy**

Emma and Joe Adams Concert Hall, Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

Platform is a community of people who believe that the worlds of technology, science, art and entrepreneurship are the future of the planet, and that people from all social, cultural, ethnic and gender groups should be part of the revolution.

Hosted by Morehouse College and Georgia Tech, Platform 2014 brings a wide variety of renowned speakers together to talk about technology and innovation.

Speakers include Topper Carew, filmmaker and director of the Innovation Center Initiative at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ralph de la Vega, CEO of AT&T Mobility and a member of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees; Reginald Hudlin, writer, film/television producer and executive; and Van Jones, host of CNN's "Crossfire."

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NOVEMBER

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Football**Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State**

B.T. Harvey Stadium

7 p.m.

Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

NOV. 3-7

Academic Advising Week

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

Andrew Young Leadership Forum Series**Leadership: Responsibility, Sexuality and Gender**

Bank of America Auditorium, Shirley A. Massey

Executive Conference Center

6 p.m.

Contact: Melvinia King at (404) 522-3568 or at melvinia.king@morehouse.edu

SGA Presidential Speaking Series

Chapel for the Inward Journey, Sale Hall

6:30 p.m.

Contact: Kevin Booker (404) 653-7893 or at kevin.booker@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Football**Senior Day**

Morehouse vs. Kentucky State

B.T. Harvey Stadium

2 p.m.

Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

MONDAY, NOV. 10

Spring 2015 web registration begins

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

Last day to withdraw from classes

Name: Tomanika Redd

Title: Office Manager, Office of Housing and Residential Life

Hometown: Jackson, MS

Tenure at Morehouse: 9 years

Something not commonly known about Tomanika:

"I love all sports – football, basketball, baseball, track, golf, tennis, etc. It doesn't matter which one." But she does have one favorite athlete of all time – basketball legend Michael Jordan.

What I Do

“I manage students' room assignments, interact with vendors and counsel students (which includes mitigating roommate issues), so there's never a dull day. I also assist the associate dean of Housing and Residential Life, the assistant director of Housing, residence directors and residence advisers with their programs and daily responsibilities.

What I love most about my job is the opportunity to interact with students and help them solve their problems. Students come to the office and feel comfortable enough to sit and talk, hang out or ask for advice. Even if the students' issues are unrelated to housing, I try to assist them in any way that I can. I think it's important to have patience and understanding and to meet students where they are.”