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## Founder's Day 2015

### Morehouse Celebrates 148 Years of Black Male Excellence

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

It was in the evenings, inside the basement of the Springfield Baptist Church, when the light began to shine.

Forty students were in the first classes at what William Jefferson White founded as the Augusta Institute in February 1867.

Now, 148 years later, that institution has evolved into Morehouse College and celebrates a long history of developing and producing men who have influenced history and the world.

This week, the College has been commemorating White's work with the Founder's Day celebration: from Cornel West's Founder's Day Convocation speech, to honoring men who have made significant marks in the world, to remembering



the spiritual base of the College during Sunday's worship service.

Henry Goodgame '84, director of Alumni Relations and the chairman of the Founder's Day Steering Committee, said this year is special as West and Candle Award honoree U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder are part of the celebration.

"Both of them look at what impacts African American men, the African American community, from two different vantage points," he said. "They are very prominent in the social activism space when it comes to black males, so it's appropriate that they come to Morehouse during a time when the plight of African American males has been such an issue."

Holder is one of six men who will be honored with a Bennie or Candle Award during the 27th Annual "A Candle in the Dark" Gala on Saturday evening. The others are Robert Crews, Thomas Moorehead, Paul Judge '98, Grant Hill and Eugene Wade '92. They also will speak to students and the public during "Reflections of

Excellence" Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center.

The Rev. Joe Samuel Ratliff, senior pastor of Houston's Brentwood Baptist Church, will end the four-day celebration with the Founder's Sunday Worship service in King Chapel.

A number of other events will take place throughout the next few days. Goodgame said it all points to the excellence that White and others saw for the future of what has become Morehouse College.

"We celebrate the African American male and we're going to give you every example of why," he said. "That's what we do at Morehouse." ■

### Moot Court Team Becomes First HBCU to Win National Title



Rodje Malcolm, Professor Winfield Murray, Emmanuel Waddell

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

IN ONLY THEIR second year of existence, the Morehouse College Moot Court team is now the best in the country.

The team defeated defending champion Patrick Henry College 3-2 to claim the 2014-2015 national championship at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's 2015 national tournament. The event was held at Florida International University in Miami, Fla., Jan. 16-17.

The Morehouse team of Rodje Malcolm and Emmanuel Waddell, the only team from a historically black college or university in the competition, became the first HBCU squad to win the national title. They did it by defeating a Patrick Henry College team that had won the title seven years in a row.

Malcolm and Waddell were the nation's only team to go undefeated for the entire academic year.

"Rodje and Emmanuel are stellar students who worked extremely hard to win this competition," said the team's coach, Winfield Murray. "They represented Morehouse superbly and without fault."

"Schools across the country have recognized that moot court better prepares students for law school and law careers than any other forensic program," he said. "Students have to understand judicial precedent, how to brief case law, how to argue appellate matters before the U.S. Supreme Court and how to address a tribunal en banc. These skills are normally taught in law school, so we are well ahead of the curve in preparing our lawyers of tomorrow." ■

### Tech Platform Upgrade to Provide State-of-the-Art Technology at Morehouse

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

THE COLLEGE'S information technology infrastructure is in the midst of a huge improvement program, primarily through the \$6.8-million Technology Platform Upgrade project.

Spearheaded by gifts from members of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, the project is an effort to raise money to create a state-of-the-art technology platform at Morehouse.

Integral in making the upgrade happen have been Board Chair Robert C. Davidson Jr. '67, the Board's development committee chair Dale E. Jones '82 and committee member John Wallace.

Nearly \$3.8 million had been raised by late January through an anonymous donor, board members, gifts from corporate partners and \$700,000 in Microsoft software that came as a grant from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Those gifts are already being used for things such as making needed improvements to Banner, implementing new residence hall software and drastically improving Wi-Fi access across campus.

"There are two things we are going for — more consistently reliable technology wherever you touch technology and greater efficiency," said provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs Garikai Campbell.

"In the past, I think we have been plagued with the question of could you rely on a piece

of technology being up and running at a particular moment," he said. "Our hope is for people not to be thinking about whether or not it's going to be out or whether it's going to be up. So reliability is one really key feature.

"Also, I think greater efficiency because we have a lot of processes that are manual or by paper," Campbell said. "We are trying to move away from that so we can have greater efficiency in the way we do things. Some of that means not

just implementing new software, but doing the process redesign that goes along with it."

President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 charged Cliff Russell, the College's chief information officer, with evaluating the College's technology infrastructure strengths, weaknesses and needs.

After his evaluation, Russell has begun implementing many of his suggestions.

"The major thing we are going to see are radical improvements in our management structure," he said. "Things like Blackboard, Banner and Banner Mobile. Students are going to see tangible user tools that they simply did not have before. They'll have Banner Mobile so they can better manage their course schedules. They will have a much easier access to technology through the network refinements that we'll be able to put into place, and it will all be secure." ■

**"THERE ARE TWO THINGS WE ARE GOING FOR - MORE CONSISTENTLY RELIABLE TECHNOLOGY ... AND GREATER EFFICIENCY."**

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## Dalton Becomes New Morehouse Police Chief College's First Female Chief to Focus on Community Policing

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

WHEN VALERIE DALTON first joined the Atlanta Police Department as an officer in the late 1980s, she made it clear that she didn't want to sit behind a desk.

"I stood toe to toe with everybody," she said. "I was on the streets. I did the chasing. I did all of those things. I was determined that I was not going to be looked at as a female, but as a fellow officer."

It's a mindset that propelled her up through the APD ranks during a 27-year career where she eventually became a major and zone commander.

She's now blazing a new trail at Morehouse, as she has become the first female to be sworn in as the College's police chief. Dalton also becomes the associate vice president for Public Safety.

"I am confident that we have chosen the right person at the right time for the right assignment, and that's our new chief," said President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79.

Dalton said she understands the significance of being the first female chief, but she is focused on providing a safer campus for the Morehouse community, especially students.

"It's a great opportunity for me to be part of a team that is responsible for securing and providing a secure atmosphere for future leaders," Dalton said. "That's a wonderful thing to have the opportunity to do."

A Cincinnati, Ohio, native who moved to South Georgia as a youngster, Dalton wants to tackle an issue plaguing many of the nation's HBCUs — decaying communities that surround them.

Her answer comes in community policing, a concept that Dalton said makes community stakeholders partners with law enforcement in proactively combating crime.

"That's one of the things that I'm definitely excited about doing here because even though we're providing this atmosphere of safety and security, students should understand that they have a part in it," she said. "And I think



Morehouse Police Chief Valerie Dalton speaks after her swearing in.

the best way to do that is to develop things where there is some connectivity and partnerships. I'm excited about making sure that happens and there is not that disconnect between the police and students here on campus."

Dalton took her new post on Jan. 5 and was officially sworn in by Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard '72 on Jan. 27 during a ceremony in the lobby of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

"Here in the audience today are a number of other law enforcement officials," Howard said. "We have had an opportunity to work with Valerie and to see her excellent performance over a number of years and under a lot of very pressing circumstances. So we want you to know that you have selected an outstanding candidate." ■

## King's Legacy Commemorated in January With Speeches, Music and His Own Words

MOREHOUSE STUDENTS have the ability to change the world, Ben Jealous told a group during his Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture Series speech in the Bank of America Auditorium.

But they first have to get organized, he said.

"If you look at any movement and see its future, look at the position of young people in that movement," Jealous said. "If young people are... kind of on the side, that movement, which could be extraordinary, is destined to be mediocre. If young people are pushing their way out front, it's probably headed towards being successful."

"Social media activism is important and starting your own thing is important," he said. "But at the end of the day, you've got to figure out how to get organized. Figure out what you want to change about this world and get organized."

Jealous, the former national president of the NAACP and currently a member of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, gave an address that was part of the College's monthlong celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. '48.



Actor Danny Glover (left) and director Deon Taylor spoke after a screening of their film "Supremacy," during the King Lecture Series.

A number of events were held across campus to remember King's legacy through books, music and his own words.

"I was very excited about how the month of commemoration turned out because it was really important to revisit King's legacy this year, especially in the context of all the events happening in the nation and the world, such as what happened in Ferguson, Missouri," said Vicki Crawford, executive director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection.

King's own words were on display during a King Collection Open House in the Woodruff Library on Jan. 26.

The Ritz Chamber Players gave the concert, "Ties That Bind: From Swastika to Jim Crow," in the Emma and Joe Adams Concert Hall of the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center. Students discussed the book *Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt* with author Hasan Jeffries, an associate professor of history at The Ohio State University on Jan. 22.

The Rev. Rafael Warnock '91 spoke during the Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday service in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. During the service, oil portraits were unveiled of King's sister, Christine King Farris, and Juanita Abernathy, wife of one of King's confidant, Ralph David Abernathy.

On Jan. 21, award-winning film legend Danny Glover, who stars in the movie "Supremacy," took part in a question-and-answer session with the film's director, Deon Taylor, and Stephane Dunn, director of the Morehouse Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies Program.

The Rev. Richard Willis Sr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Hampton, Va., gave the annual King Day Crown Forum in King Chapel on Jan. 15.

"Dr. King was born for that world, but Morehouse I've stopped by to remind you of your birthright. You were born for this day. Don't let anybody turn you around. Don't let *you* turn you around. Don't let your doubts turn you around." ■



## TAKE NOTE



**Julius Coles** was a panelist for the discussion "In the Nation's Service" at Princeton University on Oct. 18. Coles also was a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow at Stonehill College for one week in November.



**Mitch Moffett**, a senior music major, appeared on CNN's "The Brooke Baldwin Show" to talk about leading AUC student protestors in song during their Nov. 25 march to CNN to protest the Michael Brown/Darren Wilson grand jury finding.



**Vickie Cox Edmondson**, professor of management, and **Melvinia King**, director of the Leadership Studies Program, wrote an article, "Accountability and Voice: Addressing Pledging and Disengagement in Black Greek-Letter Organizations," that appeared in the December 2014 edition of the *International Journal of Ethnic College Health*, Vol. 1, No. 2.



**Kenneth Newby '05**, professor and director of the Morehouse Forensics Program, gave election night political analysis for CBS 46 Atlanta/WGCL-TV on Nov. 5.



**Ruihua Shen**, director of the Chinese Studies Program, was featured in a *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* story about the rising interest in Chinese studies at historically black colleges and universities.



**Michael Gatewood**, Morehouse SGA president, served on a metro-Atlanta group that planned and prepared DeKalb County (Ga.) for the aftermath of the grand jury finding in the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Mo.



**Keisha Tassie**, associate professor of communication, and Sonja Brown Givens, associate vice president at Medaille College, have published their co-edited book, **Underserved Women of Color, Voice, and Resistance: Claiming a Seat at the Table**. Their book examines the ways in which women of color voice resistance within the restrictive, intersecting contexts of race, gender, class and sexuality.



**Marc Lamont Hill**, distinguished professor of African American Studies, hosted "After Words: Jeff Chang, 'Who We Be: The Colorization of America'" on C-SPAN2's "Book TV" on Nov. 8.



**Daniel Hummer**, associate professor of psychology, and his research lab assistants **James Brown**, junior psychology major, **Emmanuel Russom**, a junior biology major, **Philip Walker**, senior biology major, and **Aparecio Peggins '14**, presented a poster on the long-term non-contiguous blockade of GABAA receptors in the SCN on light-induced phase shifts during the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C.



Hill and **President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79** were named to the *Ebony* Power 100 list, which celebrates African Americans who lead, inspire and demonstrate through their individual talents the very best in black America.



**Darryl Isom**, director of Admissions and Recruitment, was mentioned in a Nov. 19 *The New York Times* article on college admissions officials looking at potential students' social media spaces.



**Mark Levine**, instructor of Chinese Studies, presented a paper "Lu Xun as Rememberer: Childhood Memory and Identity in 'My Old Homes'" at the Rocky Mountain Language Association Convention, Oct. 9-14 in Boise, Idaho.



**Gary Wright**, director of the Morehouse College Counseling Resource Center, wrote the op-ed piece, "Counseling Black Men: The Thousand-Piece Puzzle," that appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* special supplement issue "Black Men on Campus," on Oct. 27.



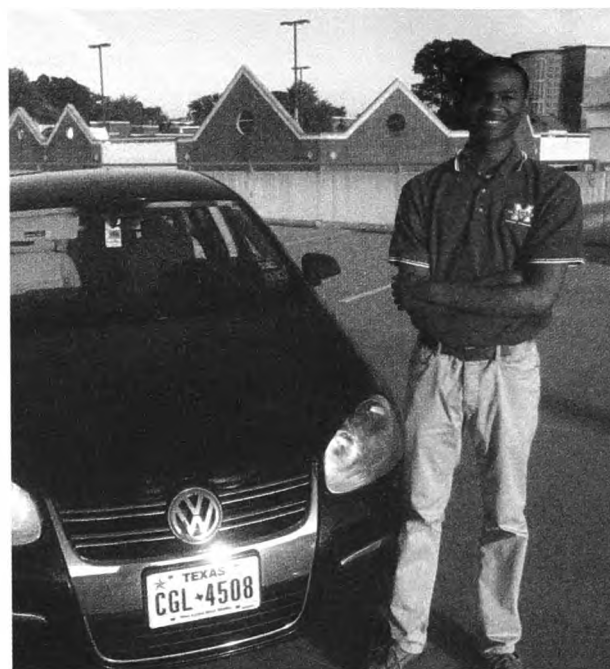
**Bryant Marks '94**, director of the Morehouse Research Institute, was interviewed by CNN on Dec. 4 about the Eric Garner decision and Charles Barkley's comments.

## Lena Osula Retires After 13 Years at Morehouse



LENA OSULA, admissions data specialist, retired Jan. 30 after working for the College for 13 years. The Office of Admissions presented her with several gifts, including a money tree, during a retirement reception for her in the African American Hall of Fame on Jan. 28. She is pictured with Terrance Dixon '84, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. ■

## Sophomore Wins New Car in Houston Alumni Essay Contest



RYAN GEORGE, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, won a new car from the Morehouse Houston Alumni Association this semester after placing 1st in an essay contest for Houston-area students. "This is a true example of the Morehouse brotherhood," George said. ■

## CHANGING GEARS

### NEW HIRES

- Eureka Bryant**, Licensed Practical Nurse, Student Health Services
- J'Mia Byrd**, Recruitment Specialist, TRIO Programs
- Jimikea Chatman**, Student Accounts Associate, Business and Finance
- Perry Culverson**, Facility Manager, Recreation Intramurals and Fitness
- Valerie Dalton**, Associate Vice President and Chief of Police, Campus Police
- Cheryl Ellison**, Data Entry and Records Specialist, Financial Aid
- Richard Lester**, Athletic Trainer, Athletics
- Myisha Moore**, Program Manager, Science and Mathematics
- Howard Turner**, Senior Financial Aid Adviser, Financial Aid

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## 2015 Bennie and Candle Award Honorees

This year's recipients of the Bennie and Candle Awards represent a variety of fields in which they've thrived. The Bennie Award, named for one of the College's most revered presidents, Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, is presented to alumni who have excelled in their chosen field. The Candle Awards recognizes exemplary professionals in an array of fields who have demonstrated a commitment to service and achievement.

### BENNIE ACHIEVEMENT

#### Paul Q. Judge '98

Inventor, Scientist, Technologist and Philanthropist



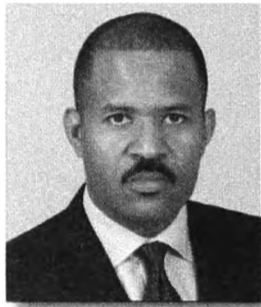
JUDGE is an inventor who has nearly 30 patented and patent-pending computer security technologies. A recognized authority on information security issues, he has authored a number of papers on the issue and has been one of the industry's leading experts in the field.

Judge was on the founding team of CipherTrust, which became one of the fastest growing companies in North America. He served as chief technology officer and senior vice president for Secure Computing, heading technology strategy and product-delivery service. He is a founding partner of Tech Square Labs and the chief research officer and vice president of Barracuda Networks. He heads Judge Ventures, an investment firm that focuses on opportunities in making the Internet safe and useful.

### BENNIE TRAILBLAZER

#### Eugene Vernon Wade Jr. '92

Education Innovator, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, UniversityNow



WADE is a social education entrepreneur who founded UniversityNow, a social venture that operates New Charter University and Patten University. Both are online, self-paced institutions that provide affordable, accredited, post-secondary education programs for working adults.

Prior to founding UniversityNow, Wade was co-founder and CEO of Platform Learning, a tutoring company that served tens of thousands of low-income students throughout the United States. He also was founder and CEO of LearnNow, a school-management company that managed urban charter schools and public schools.

### CANDLE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### Robert Benjamin Crews Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer, CREWS DBA Crews of California, Crews Enterprises and Airport Retail Management



CREWS opened his first retail outlet – The House of Paper Mache, a card and gift shop – in East Orange, N.J., in 1969. Sleeping on a cot in the back of the store to make ends meet, Crews saw business expand, opening a larger store in downtown

Newark. That led to an airport official asking him if he'd be willing to open a store in the Newark Airport. He eventually converted his card shop into an airport bookstore business that flourished not only in Newark, but airports across the country. Crews was one of the first airport concessionaires to mix retail and food businesses. He sold that business, and now runs Airport Retail Management, which has 14 outlets at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and is opening shops in airports in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

## Schedule of Events

### THURSDAY, 19

9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### ROBING FOR CONVOCATION PLATFORM GUESTS

President's Boardroom, Gloster Hall

10:45 a.m.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION

Speaker: Cornel West, professor of philosophy and Christian Practice, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York  
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel



Noon

#### FOUNDER'S DAY CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY

Chivers Dining Hall

12:30 p.m.

#### POST-CONVOCATION LUNCHEON

Davidson House  
(By invitation only)

8 p.m.

#### RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS FOUNDER'S DAY CONCERT

"Tragedy Towards Peace"  
Emma and Joe Adams  
Concert Hall, Ray Charles  
Performing Arts Center  
Free admission



### FRIDAY, 20

9 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### 8TH ANNUAL MOREHOUSE MARKETING CONCLAVE

Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center

### ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND

7:30-8:30 a.m. Check-In, Residence Halls for Overnight Guests

9:15-9:45 a.m. Welcome, Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

10-10:45 a.m. Campus tour for parents, Lobby, Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

#### Classes for Admitted Students

All classes are in the Walter E. Massey Leadership Center  
Courses offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- *Hip-Hop Sensibilities, Exceptionalism and a Psychological Contextualization of Black Cultural Work, Bank of America Auditorium*, Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center
- *Introduction to the Elements of Value in Investing*, Room 148
- *Mathematics: What Is It? Why Study It?* Room 154
- *Marketing: An Introduction*, Room 342
- *The King Papers and Pictures: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Media and Public Persuasion*, Room 356

Courses offered at 10 a.m. only

- *Navigating Your World: Fundamental Communication Strategies for Charting a Successful Journey to Personal, Professional and Social Success*, Room 354
- *To Critique or Not: Film Criticism*, Room 150
- *What is a Parabola Anyway?*, Room 152

Courses offered at 11 a.m. only

- *Colonial Encounters in the Atlantic World*, Room 354
- *The Art of Storytelling: Creative Writing*, Room 150

11 a.m.

#### PARENTS PANEL

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

Noon

#### LUNCH FOR STUDENTS

Chivers Dining Hall

2-3 p.m.

#### SPELHOUSE PANEL

Martin Luther King Jr.  
International Chapel

2:15-3:15 p.m.

#### SUPPORTING HIS TRANSITION

Parents Discussion

3:15-5 p.m.

#### MARKET FRIDAY

Spelman College

5-7 p.m.

#### DINNER

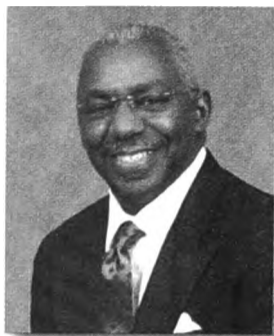
Chivers Dining Hall



## CANDLE IN BUSINESS

### Thomas Allen Moorehead

President and Chief Executive Officer, Sterling BMW; Rolls-Royce Franchise Executive



LOOKING for new challenges, Moorehead decided one day to end a career where he had been an analyst for Mobile and Chrysler corporations and try his hand at becoming an automobile dealer. He bought an Omaha, Neb., Buick/Isuzu dealer-

ship, which blossomed. He then purchased a Buick/GMC dealership in Illinois and moved to Virginia, where he opened a BMW/Mini Cooper dealership. It is the largest minority-owned BMW dealership nationwide and ranks among the top 10 percent in sales of the brand. This year, he became the first African American to own a Rolls-Royce dealership in the United States. Moorehead, who has served on the Virginia Automobile Dealer Board, also owns eight hotels across the country. The Monroe, LA., native is working on obtaining a doctorate from the University of Michigan.

## CANDLE IN SPORTS

### Grant Henry Hill

Seven-time NBA All-Star, Broadcaster and Managing Principal and Founder, Penta Mezzanine Fund



HILL spent 19 seasons in the NBA, where he was a seven-time All-Star and was the Co-Rookie of the Year in 1995. Hill, the son of former NFL star Calvin Hill, is a member of the College Basketball Hall of Fame after a standout career at Duke University, where he was

a two-time All-American and helped lead the Blue Devils to two national championships. Hill is also an Olympic gold medalist as a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic men's basketball team. Since retiring in 2012, He has been a co-host of NBA TV's "Inside Stuff" and has been a studio analyst for Turner Sports. A longtime commercial real estate investor, Hill also oversees Penta Mezzanine Fund's day-to-day activities and has led in raising more than \$85 million for the Fund.

## CANDLE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN LAW, CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Eric H. Holder Jr.

Attorney General of the United States



HOLDER was sworn in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States after being nominated by President Barack Obama in February 2009. Holder became the first African American to serve as deputy attorney general when President Bill

Clinton chose him for the position in 1997. The New York City native served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and was nominated by President Ronald Reagan as associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1988. Prior to becoming U.S. attorney general, he was a litigation partner at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C. ■

## Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, 20 CONT'D

6-7:30 p.m.

#### KEY SUPPORTERS RECEPTION

African American Hall of Fame  
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
(By invitation only)

8 p.m.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY CONCERT FEATURING THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Free admission



### SATURDAY, 21

9 a.m.

#### 8TH ANNUAL MOREHOUSE MARKETING CONCLAVE

Walter E. Massey Leadership Center

9-10 a.m.

#### PRE-REFLECTIONS BREAKFAST FOR GALA HONOREES

Honoree Orientation follows from 10-10:45 a.m.  
(By invitation only)

### SATURDAY, 21 CONT'D

9 a.m.

#### STEM BREAKFAST

Robert W. Woodruff Atlanta University Center Library

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### REFLECTIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Featuring the 2015 Bennie and Candle Award Recipients; Honorees will discuss their lives, goals and accomplishments.

Emma and Joe Adams Concert Hall  
Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

Noon - 3 p.m.

#### BASEBALL GAME (DOUBLEHEADER)

Morehouse vs. Bluefield State University  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave. S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Free admission

3:30 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL GAME

Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta University  
Franklin Forbes Arena



#### 27TH "A CANDLE IN THE DARK" GALA

6 p.m.

VIP Reception, Grand Hall West, Hyatt Regency  
Atlanta, 265 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, GA

7:30 p.m.

Gala begins, Centennial Ballroom  
Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:  
Actors Darrin Henson and Malinda Williams  
(doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

### SUNDAY, 22

11 a.m.

#### FOUNDER'S WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Speaker: The Rev. Joe Samuel Ratliff '72, Senior Pastor, Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas  
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel



Noon-3 p.m.

#### BASEBALL GAME (DOUBLEHEADER)

Morehouse vs. Bluefield State University  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave. S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Free admission

1 p.m.

#### POST-WORSHIP SERVICE LUNCHEON

African American Hall of Fame  
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Morehouse Qualifies for Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Morehouse is one of 48 HBCUs that has qualified for the 26th Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, March 21-25, in Torrance, Calif. Morehouse has won the national title four times and earned \$443,000 in scholarship money in 26 years of competition.

Last year's team lost on the last question to Oakwood during the quarterfinal round. This year's team consists of D'ondre Swails, George Nwanze Jr., Aquia Richburg and Cullen Watkins. Robert Myrick coaches the team this year.

### The Maroon Tiger Wins Student Journalism Awards

The *Maroon Tiger* was named one of Georgia's top college newspapers after winning first place in general excellence during the Georgia Press Institute Awards ceremony on Feb. 7.

Presented by the Georgia College Press Association, the awards program annually honors the state's top collegiate journalists and their publications.

The *Maroon Tiger* also won a first place award for Best Community Service-Features and a third place award for layout and design.

Darren Martin '15 is the paper's editor-in-chief, while Jared Loggins is the managing editor.

### National Endowment for the Humanities Awards \$100,000 Grant to King Collection

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a \$100,000 grant to Morehouse College and the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection.

The grant will go towards incorporating documents from the King Collection into humanities teaching at the College.

### TIAA-CREF Offering Individual Counseling Sessions

Representatives of TIAA-CREF will be on campus March 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to give individual counseling sessions to evaluate employees' retirement goals. Meetings will be held in the Human Resources conference room.

Employees must register for a counseling session. Go to [www.tiaacref.org/letstalk1](http://www.tiaacref.org/letstalk1) or call 1-866-843-5640, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### Students, Faculty and Staff Invited to Participate in 9th Annual Student Symposium

The Morehouse English department, in collaboration with the Office of the Provost, invites students, faculty and staff to participate in the 9th Annual Student Symposium to be held in April.

Papers may be presented on a variety of topics, but those focusing on events in Ferguson, Mo, and the following themes are desired: athletics, film, African American studies, business, foreign language and culture, history, journalism, literary, visual and performance art, mathematics and computer science, religion, faith and philosophy, science, social and political science, urban studies or Martin Luther King Jr.

Those interested in participating should submit a 300-word abstract of their paper or presentation by going to <http://2015symposiumweebly.com> and click on "submit abstract."

The deadline for entry is March 16.

For more information, contact Francine Allen at [francine.allen@morehouse.edu](mailto:francine.allen@morehouse.edu).

## C-SPAN Comes to Morehouse



PRESIDENT JOHN SILVANUS WILSON JR. '79 talks about Morehouse and HBCUs during a live interview on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" on Feb. 11. The interview was conducted on the C-SPAN bus, which was on campus during its tour of HBCUs. Students, faculty and staff were allowed to tour the bus and learn more about C-SPAN. ■

## Tim Sams Looks to Enhance Morehouse Student Development Model

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

IT'S IRONIC that Tim Sams, the College's vice president for Student Development, has always wanted to be an interior decorator, specifically on Afrocentricity.

Just as the Chinese concept of feng shui in interior decorating focuses on creating spaces that cultivate growth and development, he is looking forward to building a campus culture that develops and cultivates the growth of Morehouse Men.

"Morehouse has the culture to create that Morehouse Man," Sams said. "The challenge is refining our ability to do that, being very clear about what those outcomes are and what the processes are that enable us to achieve those outcomes... I just have to get us to make sure we are clear about what we are doing and doing it in the best way possible. That's exciting to me."

Sams, who hails from upstate New York, has spent 23 years in student development and student services at Swarthmore College, New York University-Abu Dhabi and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He comes to Morehouse looking to enhance the idea of a student development model that's as unique as Morehouse.

Sams said that model looks to develop an academically strong student who is just as strong in character, but with the traditional Morehouse ideals of spirituality, leadership and career focus.

"I've always wanted to do that here," he said. "So I see the past 23 years as preparation for this place for me."

To develop those kinds of graduates, Sams is focused on creating an environment that targets three areas.

"First, the school needs a solid financial foundation," he said. "My area plays squarely into that, from



Tim Sams talks with senior Anwar Johnson

an enrollment standpoint and a housing standpoint. So I want to make sure we are meeting our goals, our targets, with regards to those things. When we do that, everybody benefits.

"Second, embrace. President Wilson has made it very clear that we are expected to achieve a better embrace. So the first couple of things along that line that I'm seeking to do is to realize a residential college model. Attached to that is restructure the way our deans operate because they are the drivers of that embrace.

"And finally, create an environment among my division of professionals that continuously enhances their ability to be consummate professionals. I am of the belief that the more you develop, the more you support the success of your staff, the better they are going to be for your students. So I'm keenly interested in how we do that. I want top-flight, high-powered staff, and I'm interested in creating an environment that creates those folks." ■

## Morehouse to Host Nation's Top African American Officers During First Military Crown Forum

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE told Asante McCalla, a junior sociology major and a member of the Morehouse Navy ROTC unit, that there was no way to get four African American flag officers on campus at the same time.

Flag officers, some of the U.S. military's highest-ranking members, must be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. And only 5.5 percent of them are African American.

"It's like having four CEOs of the nation's biggest companies here, only that these are people managing the lives and safety of millions of people in this and other countries," he said.

Despite the naysayers and the logistical challenges, the impossible will happen at 11 a.m. on March 26 during the College's first-ever Military Crown Forum in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

Representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, four of the nation's highest-ranking African American military leaders will tell students about their lives and careers. They are:

- Rear Admiral Sinclair Harris, vice director for operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
- Maj. Gen. Stayce D. Harris, commander of the 22nd Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia
- Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Commander General of the

United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood

• Lt. Gen. Vincent R. Stewart, Commander, Marine Forces Cyber

Harris is a three-star general while the others are two-star generals.

Also attending the Crown Forum will be area military officials, high school and college ROTC units, and the Atlanta University Center Veterans and Military Affinity Group.

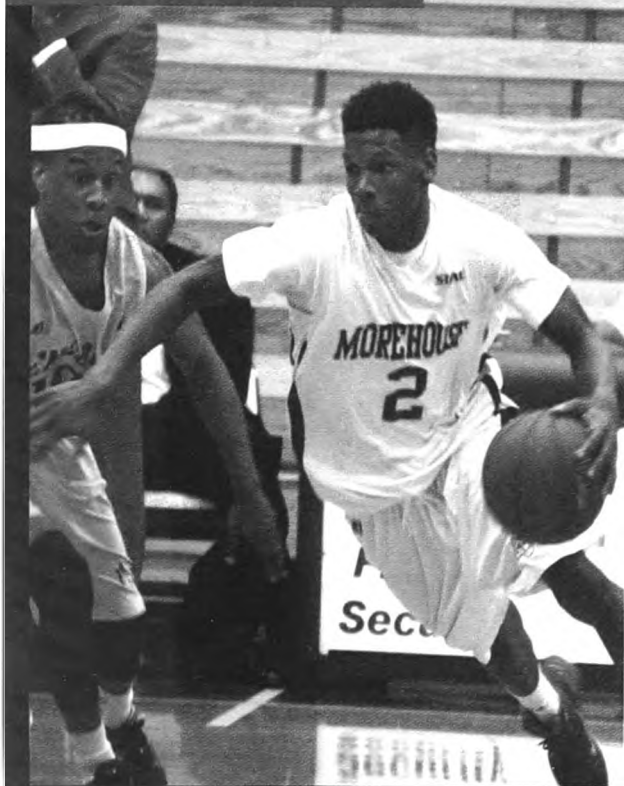
The Military Crown Forum is a student-led event. McCalla, along with Mark Ellison, a junior international studies major and Army ROTC member; Matthew Diedonne, a junior economics major and Navy ROTC member; and Georgia Tech Air Force ROTC member, Jordan Rodgers formed the ROTC Joint Services Committee and worked with Crown Forum committee members.

"We want to expose students to the fact that there is senior leadership in the military who looks like them," McCalla said. "And we've never had a military Crown Forum before. We always hear that if you want to be successful, become a lawyer or a doctor or a businessman. Rarely do we hear about the influence of the military and how there are great Morehouse Men who have been part of the military." ■



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## Morehouse Hoops



Tyrius Walker II makes a move against Benedict

## Talented, But Young, Basketball Maroon Tigers Among the Best

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

GOING INTO THIS BASKETBALL SEASON, head coach Grady Brewer '80 knew he had a talented team, albeit a young one.

So far, they've lived up to both assessments.

The Maroon Tigers are among the top teams in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season, going 9-2 in January, and knocking off first-place Paine College along with most of the contenders in the SIAC Western Division. They sport the league's top defensive team and one of the best rebounding.

The only stumbling block has been losses to teams such as Fort Valley State, an Eastern Division cellar dweller, and bad losses at home to Benedict, Stillman and Claflin.

Brewer points to things that he

says young teams often have problems with.

"Three things down the stretch that we've been concentrating on," Brewer said. "I'm looking for us to be a better free-throw-shooting team, not missing layups and taking care of the basketball.

"But so far, I'm pretty happy," he said. "Like anything, it takes time for them to gel with one another and I think we're getting there. It's still not there, because of the inconsistency. But I think this team has a very good future ahead if they stick together, learn how to share the ball and commit to picking up the pennies."

Picking up the pennies is one of the mantras that Brewer repeats often at Forbes Arena. It means taking care of the little things, he said, which allows them to take care of monies — such as layups.

His team leans heavily on dynamic freshman guard Tyrius

Walker II, a business administration major from Atlanta, who leads the team in scoring with 13 points a game. Inside Tyrone Brown, a 6'9" junior center from Millen, Ga., is among the SIAC's leaders in rebounding, averaging eight per game.

Another integral part of the Maroon Tigers success this season hasn't set foot on the playing floor, Brewer said. Bigger and louder crowds at Forbes Arena have allowed Morehouse to be third best in attendance in the SIAC this season. It's also given the Maroon Tigers a strong home-court advantage.

"The crowd has been tremendous this year," he said. "Our kids have really appreciated it. I asked earlier that everyone create the sixth man, and I'd like to say 'thank you' to everybody this year for coming out. We just want to continue to build on that." ■

## FOOTBALL

### Twenty-Two Sign to Play Football on National Signing Day

WITH A FOCUS on getting larger on the offensive and defensive lines, and adding depth to the quarterback position, Morehouse football coaches signed 22 players on National Signing Day in February.

"I would have to say by far this is the top class that I've been involved with since coming to Morehouse," head coach Rich Freeman said. He credited the support from President John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79, who said he committed coaches to finding some talented football players.

"We weren't very big or able to run the football when we needed to on like third and short or first and 10. Those are downs that pretty much can help or hurt the tempo, pace and continuity of an offense. So we got bigger as a football team, and I'm very happy with that."

Coaches also signed two quarterbacks, Keilan Knight from Birmingham, Ala., and Taylor Brown from Austin, Texas. Knight is a threat both running

and throwing the football, while Brown was a sought-after recruit.

The Maroon Tigers picked up 10 commitments from the state of Alabama, part of Freeman's strategy to renew ties in that state.

"Back when we started the program in 2007, we got a huge thrust from the state of Alabama just with connections that I had and defensive coordinator George Copeland has as former coaches at Alabama State," Freeman said. "We kind of got away from that and kind of focused on Atlanta and Georgia. But I wanted to get back to Alabama, so with the 10 signees, I think we have reopened some doors for us that will be beneficial.

"Overall, I think we were able to accomplish pretty much everything that we set out to," Freeman said. "This is the first time since I've been here that we are basically done with recruiting at this point. I'm very excited and looking forward to getting them into fall camp." ■

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#### HERE ARE THE 2015 MOREHOUSE FOOTBALL SIGNEES:

- OG Leonard Williams, 6' 3", 280 pounds, Americus High School, Americus, Ga.
- OG Henry White, 6' 4", 335 pounds, South Cobb High School, Marietta, Ga.
- OG Trey Wilson, 6' 4", 325, Brookwood High School, Lawrenceville, Ga.
- OG J.J. Cyriaquie, 6' 2", 277 pounds, Charles E. Jordan High School, Durham, N.C.
- DE Antonio Johnson, 6' 3", 220, Centerpoint High School, Birmingham, Ala.
- QB Keilan Knight, 6' 2", 205, Centerpoint High School, Birmingham, Ala.
- DB Elijah Brown, 6' 3", 200, Wheeler High School, Marietta, Ga.
- DB Dorion Bush, 6' 2", 185, Ramsey High School, Pinson, Ala.
- LB Carzell Thompspon, 6' 0", 220, Jackson-Olin High School, Birmingham, Ala.
- WR Sherman Starks, 5' 10", 175, Centerpoint High School, Birmingham, Ala.
- WR Amyr Smith, 5' 8", 160 pounds, Grady High School, Atlanta, Ga.
- DE Tim Foster, 6' 2" 240 pounds, Pleasant Grove High School, Pleasant Grove, Ala.
- LB Ty Ware, 6' 0", 209 pounds, Pleasant Grove High School, Pleasant Grove, Ala.
- QB Taylor Brown, 6' 2", 220 pounds, Stephens Episcopal High School, Austin, Tx.
- TE J. Elijah Toney, 6' 3", 225 pounds, Heard County High School, Franklin, Ga.
- WR Trevor Gichaba, 5' 8", 170 pounds, Cox Mill High School, Concord, N.C.
- OT Tyler Kendall, 6' 3", 280 pounds, South Cobb High School, Marietta, Ga.
- OT Joseph Samuel, 6' 5" 305 pounds, Fairfield High School, Fairfield, Ala.
- RB Bricen Terry, 5' 9", 190 pounds, Creekside High School, Atlanta, Ga.
- OL Jordan Harris, 6' 6", 330 pounds, Alabama State University
- DL Jordan Sidney, 6' 2", 285, Tennessee State University
- DL Brandon Ketchup, 6' 4", 300 pounds, Paine College

### Pattillo Inducted Into Decatur High School Wall of Fame



Athletic Director Andre Pattillo '79 was inducted into the Decatur High School (Ga.) Wall of Fame on Jan. 16. Pattillo, a multi-sport star athlete at Decatur High, was honored for his athletics accomplishments as a football and baseball player at Morehouse, his 20-year career as a college basketball official and his years of service as director of Admissions (1996 to 2000) and athletic director (2000 to present) at Morehouse.

## BASEBALL

### Coach Mitchell Excited About 2015 Maroon Tigers Team

MOREHOUSE BASEBALL coach Robert Mitchell couldn't wait for the 2015 season to get started.

Since going a competitive 9-28 last season with a strong, young nucleus, and after adding some talented new players, the Maroon Tigers have been eager to start the 2015 baseball season.

"This team has a lot of potential," Mitchell said. "We're still dealing with some of the things that we've dealt with in the past — a little immaturity. But other than that, this team has more potential than any team we've had for the last four years."

One of the biggest problems for the Maroon Tigers last season was a lack of pitching depth. They've added three new pitchers in Darron Bowling, Cole Gibson and Anthony Dodd.

"All three of them are throwing the ball quite well right now," Mitchell said. "If they can continue to throw the ball the way they are throwing it, we'll reap the dividends when we get to conference play."

Mitchell also pointed to two outfield



newcomers, Jared Manner and Justin Stephens. Manner is hitting over .600 this season while Stephens has been solid at the plate in the field.

They join returning sophomore stalwarts in catcher Zachary Lowe and 2014 All-SIAC outfielder Caleb Pyscher to form a solid young nucleus, while Ryan Christian rounds out a solid outfield.

"We are playing better," Mitchell said. "Our early record doesn't really indicate it, but we're doing things that we feel will pay dividends when we get into conference play."

For more information about the Morehouse baseball team, go to <http://athletics.morehouse.edu/index.aspx?path=baseball>.

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## FEBRUARY/MARCH

## FEBRUARY

## WEDNESDAY, 18

**Basketball**

**Morehouse vs. University of West Georgia**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave. S.W., Atlanta, GA  
3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## THURSDAY, 19

**Lecture**

**"Emancipation From Below" – The African American Freedom Struggle During the U.S. Civil War**  
Speaker: David Roediger, author, professor of history, University of Kansas  
Wheeler Hall, Room 214-F  
4 p.m.  
Contact: Lenora Smith, (404) 215-2620 or at lenora.smith@morehouse.edu

## SATURDAY, 21

**Tennis**

**Morehouse vs. Stillman College**  
Morehouse Tennis Courts  
Noon  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Bluefield State University (doubleheader)**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave., S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## SUNDAY, 22

**Tennis**

**Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State University**  
Morehouse Tennis Courts  
Noon  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Edward Waters College (doubleheader)**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave., S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## TUESDAY, 24

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Tuskegee University (doubleheader)**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave., S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## February 26 - 28

**Tennis**

**Columbia Round-Up**  
Columbia, S.C.  
8 a.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## SATURDAY, 28

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta University (doubleheader)**  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## MARCH

## TUESDAY, 3

**Lecture**

**"Exchange Programs and Internships: Personal and Professional Benefits"**  
Speakers: Morehouse College and Kennesaw State University students  
Wheeler Hall, Room 208  
9:25 a.m.  
Open to faculty, staff and students  
Contact: Aleksandra Starcevic at aleksandra.starcevic@morehouse.edu

## THURSDAY, 5

**Lecture**

**"Personal Experience With German Language and Culture – Germany in Philosophy: The Big Thinkers of the World"**  
Speaker: Kipton Jensen, assistant professor of philosophy  
Wheeler Hall, Room 208  
1 p.m.  
Open to faculty, staff and students  
Contact: Aleksandra Starcevic at Aleksandra.starcevic@morehouse.edu

March 2 - 6  
Mid Term Exams

Spring Break  
March 9 - 13

## MONDAY, 23

**Workshop**

**"How to Apply to Medical School"**  
Lecture Room 2, Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Contact: Dorian McDuffie, (404) 653-7862 or at dorian.mcduffie@morehouse.edu

March 18 - 19

**Golf**

**Morehouse vs. Paine College**  
Augusta, Ga.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## WEDNESDAY, 25

**Lecture**

**Speaker: Vice Admiral Dr. Adam M. Robinson Jr., 36th Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy (retired), Acting Director, Virginia Maryland Healthcare System**  
6 p.m.  
African American Hall of Fame, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Contact: Dorian McDuffie, (404) 653-7862 or at dorian.mcduffie@morehouse.edu

## THURSDAY, 26

**Military Crown Forum**

10 a.m.  
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Contact: Samantha Elmore (404) 653-7794 or at samantha.elmore@morehouse.edu

## THURSDAY, 26

**Health Professionals Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Ajit Samarasinghe, director, Office of Health Professions**  
6 p.m.  
African American Hall of Fame, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Contact: Dorian McDuffie, (404) 653-7862 or at dorian.mcduffie@morehouse.edu

## SATURDAY, 28

**Volunteer Day at the Atlanta Community Food Bank with the Office of Health Professions**  
8 a.m. - noon  
Meet in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Plaza  
Deadline to sign-up, March 20  
Contact: Matthew Ellis, (404) 215-2670 or at matthew.ellis@morehouse.edu

**Track and Field**

**Morehouse vs. Columbus State**  
Cougar Invitational  
Columbus, Ga.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta University (doubleheader)**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave., S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

## SUNDAY, 29

**Baseball**

**Morehouse vs. Edward Waters College (doubleheader)**  
Perkerson Park, 770 Deckner Ave., S.W., Atlanta, GA  
Noon and 3 p.m.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu

March 30 - 31

**Golf**

**Morehouse vs. Alabama A&M University**  
Huntsville, Ala.  
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or rhonda.higgs@morehouse.edu



**Name:** Renee Grier-Calhoun

**Title:** Administrative Assistant, Science and Mathematics

**Hometown:** Charlotte, N.C.

**Tenure at Morehouse:** 14 years (8 in current office)

**Something not commonly known about Renee:**

She has written five children's books based on the adventures of an elephant named Poppo. She also is writing an autobiography.

## What I Do

“ I am the first person you see when you walk into this office. I meet everyone from campus visitors on tours, to students, to faculty members. So I'm the greeter for this office, which really isn't something that's hard for me. I spend most of my time keeping up with Dean John Haynes' meetings, his travels, correspondence, requests for letters of recommendation, classes and his mentoring of students. I make sure he has his schedule and that he follows it.

I really love interacting with students because they bring a wealth of diversity and intelligence from every realm that you can think of. Most of these young men are medical school-bound, so they have a huge challenge, as their program is extremely rigorous. So students really need mentoring, not just during midterms or finals, but every day.”