

A Letter from James R. Hall '57
 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Brothers,

I hope your Christmas holidays were happy and safe and the New Year is off to a good start. Things in the Association continue to go well overall. Your continued support of the Association is appreciated and I hope you will continue to be dedicated to the achievement of the College's goals and objectives. This letter is to update you on the activities/actions for the upcoming second semester and the start of 2006.



Election of national officers and regional vice presidents will be our top priority during the first quarter of the year. I encourage maximum participation in the election process. In order to vote, your dues must have been paid by January 31. The election will be completed by March 10.

Membership continues to be low. There are 10,000-plus living alumni, but less than 14 percent of them are members in good standing. This is not an enviable statistic. Our predecessors sacrificed, persevered and met the challenges that made Morehouse a great college. Now the responsibility has been passed to us. For Morehouse to remain competitive, attract quality students, maintain academic excellence plus modernize to meet future academic and quality-of-life requirements, we all must do our share and more. A strong alumni association is vital to maintain this posture. I urge you to join now and to encourage other alumni to do the same.

In an effort to improve our financial posture, the Association will host a career fair on the campus on February 16. More information will be published later. Golf bags and club head covers (see ad on page 76).

Recent natural disasters have exacerbated financial hardships on a large number of students and increased the need for local alumni chapters and individuals to financially assist them during this critical time. More information is available by calling the national office.

I encourage you to visit the campus during the 2006 Commencement (May 11-14) and Homecoming weeks. These are times to enjoy the camaraderie, see the new buildings, plus participate in the many activities, especially the Rite of Passage ceremony for the graduating class. The newest addition, the Leadership Center, went on line in August and is proving to be a tremendous asset to the academic program. It was built by the CD Moody Construction Company. Alumnus Moody is in the class of 1978.

The Campaign for a New Century is still ongoing and we need a big alumni push to help bring it to a successful conclusion. The percentage of alumni giving is not up to the level of our potential. I urge all to give generously to the *Campaign*.

These are items I wanted to bring to your attention. As stated earlier, a strong Alumni Association is critical during this period. I urge you to **join now**, to visibly demonstrate excellence in the support of our beloved alma mater, Morehouse College! ■

Life Membership

By Robert W. Holmes '58

You have heard the good news...

- Morehouse College ranks #1 again in educating African American students
- Morehouse wins the Honda All-Star Challenge for the third time in four years
- Morehouse is one of two HBCUs to produce three Rhodes Scholars and the only HBCU to produce three African American Male Rhodes Scholars.

- Harold K. Adams '83
- Stanley B. Bagley '58
- Tyrone M. Barnett '64
- Benjamin Barnwell* '52
- Ronald G. Baulding '70
- Sanford D. Bishop Jr. '68
- Jermaine Boone '94
- James M. Boykin II '81
- Amos C. Brown '64
- L. Todd Burke '83
- Richard C. Caesar '40
- Wilburn A. Campbell '66
- Alfred C. Carson '57
- Raymond D. Carter '83
- Norris A. Charles '67
- William A. Clement, Jr. '64
- Charles W. Cobb '77
- Kevin L. Cobb '88
- Thomas Cuffie '72
- Willie J. Davis '56
- Charlie R. Dean '82
- William K. Dease '54
- Derek C. Dewitt '89

Challenge for the Classes of 2000 to 2005

Indeed these are accomplishments that Morehouse Men can brag about. But just a minute. Have you also heard this news? Morehouse lags behind peer schools in the percent of alumni who give back to the College—its students, its vision, its mission and its future.

As Morehouse Men, we simply cannot afford to let this trend continue. Invest in your future; invest in your Alumni Association. Will you be the next Life Member in your class?

Class of 2000

Elite Thousandaire Club - \$1,000

Marcus K. Shaw - First Member of the Elite Club in his class

Lindsay Edwards - Second Member of the Elite Club in his class
Life Membership Club - \$700
Who will be the first in the Class of 2000?

Class 2001

Elite Thousandaire Club - \$1,000

Warner L. Pinchback - First Member of the Elite Club in his class
Life Membership - \$700

Anthony S. Neal - First Life Member in his class

Class 2002

Elite Thousandaire Club - \$1,000

Charles J. Willowghby Jr. - First Life Member in his class

Life Membership - \$700

Brian (Shawn) Easler - First Life Member in his class

Class 2003

Life Membership - \$700

Adriel A. Hilton - First Life Member in his class

Elite Thousandaire Club - \$1,000

Who will be the first in the Class of 2003?

Classes of 2004 and 2005

Who will be the first Elite or Life Member in this class? ■

THOUSANDAIRE CLUB

Elite Lifetime Membership

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sylvester Douglas '63
Curtis W. Douglass '92
Joseph Draper '57
Lindsay Edwards '00
Gregory S. Gibson '85
Howard A. Golden* '53
Ralph C. Gray '67
Marion O. Greene '61
J. Eugene Grigsby Jr. '38
Clarence J. Grisham '69
David Hall Sr. '67
James R. Hall '57
Jerome P. Harris '46
John B. Harris '85
Michael W. Hart '68
Roland Hart '64
James S. Hatcher '67

Donald Heath '72
James D. Henry '61
Odell C. Horton Sr. '51
Dimitrius M. Hutcherson '82
Carl Isaac '68
Calvin W. Jackson Jr. '52
Samuel L. Jackson '72
Frederick G. Jenkins, Jr. '72
Arthur E. Johnson '68
Leroy R. Johnson '49
Kenneth U. Jordan '90
Brian A. King '80
Kelvin F. King '88
Shelton "Spike" Lee '79
Benjamin F. Logan Sr. '60
Walter E. Massey '58
Williams A. McGill '47

John W. Mims '82
Herman Mixon '65
Charlie J. Moreland '51
Chauncey R. Newsome '89
Othel S. Owen '82
Jonathan H. Palmer '94
Edgar Parker '60
Gregg Parker '63
Andre' Pattillo '79
David O. Peart '49
Warner L. Pinchback '01
Johnny Popwell '62
Reginald J. Prepetit '99
Douglas A. Rucker '61
George L. Sanders '65
James M. Sanders '51
Thomas D. Scott '54
Marcus K. Shaw '00
Mary K. Shaw **
Benjamin S. Silas '57
John W. Simmons '55
J. Merrill Spencer '48
Munson W. Steed '88

Robert E. Steele '65
James O. Suber Sr. '64
Ranzer A. Thomas '86
Paul H. Toomer '68
Murray L. Townsend Jr. '42
Robert H. Truesdale '72
Paul L. Underwood '80
Melvin White '84
Richard W. White '64
J. Herbert Williams II '59
Walter F. Williams '74
Howard C. Willis '76
Maurice Willis '91
Jesse J. Wilson '27
Joseph L. Wingfield Sr. '83
Oprah Winfrey**
Ernest W. Wright Sr.* '41
Keith D. Wright '87

* Deceased

**Honorary



1940



1945



1950

Classes In Reunion



1955



1960



1965



1970



1975



1980



1985



1990



1995



2000

Reunion Weekend 2005

GOLDEN TIGERS LUNCHEON CLASS OF 1955



Joseph Brummell



Kenneth J. Echols



Samuel Fanroy



Frank Gibson



Toussaint Hale



Oscar J. Moore Jr.



Franklin T. Porter



Walter H. Rice Jr.



John Simmons



Norbert O. Williams



Carl Henderson



Ira E. Harrison



John W. Johnson

Robert E. Steele '65 Named 2005 Alumnus of the Year

ROBERT E. STEELE '65, committed educator, avid art collector and die-hard College supporter, has been named the Alumnus of the Year by the National Alumni Association.

Steele is an active member of the Washington, D.C., Metro Area Chapter of the Alumni Association. He is a Sustaining Member, paying \$100 in annual dues rather than \$25, and he annually joins the Committee of 100, whose payments of \$100 provide the seed money to produce the annual Glee Club Concert.

The award also recognizes Steele's consistent financial assistance to Morehouse students. Recently, when an appeal went out to raise money to help an area student complete registration for his final semester at Morehouse, Steele donated half of the balance needed. Several years ago, he donated \$25,000 in securities to the Morehouse College Student Investment Club to provide students with an actual portfolio to manage.

Steele is a Lifetime Member of the National Alumni Association, a member of the Association's Investment Committee, and he serves as the Mid-Atlantic Regional co-chairman for *The Campaign for a New Century*.

Steele, who also holds degrees from the Episcopal Divinity School and Yale University, joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Maryland (College Park) in 1975, where he chaired the Minority Affairs Committee and also served as associate dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 1997 to 2004. Currently, he is the executive director of the university's David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora.

Steele's appointment as executive director of the Driskell Center blends his passion for the visual arts and his professional pursuits, as well as recognizes his substantial contributions to the arts.

He first became engaged in the arts while at Morehouse when he shared a dorm room with Barry Gaither, who later founded the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists in Boston. He purchased his first work of art in 1968, and his collection has since grown to more than 400 works centering

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on contemporary African American printmaking, including etching, monoprint, lithography, linocut and silkscreen from such prominent artists as Benny Andrews, Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, Allan R. Crite, Sam Gilliam and Jacob Lawrence, among others.

Steele also is committed to sharing art with others. He established the African Diaspora Lecture Fund in honor of David C. Driskell. He was instrumental in establishing the Collector's Guild at the National Black Arts Festival. He supported the James A. Michener Museum in Doylestown, Pa., and provided support to the Museum of the National Association of Afro-American Artists in Boston to acquire "Quiet" (oil on canvas) by contemporary Haitian artist Marilene Phipps.

Steele serves on more than 50 boards, advisory groups and organizations, including the American Psychological Association, the Eastern Psychological Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Religious Research Association and the National Association of Black Psychologists.

At the Yale School of Public Health, he established the Creed/Patton/Steele Endowed Scholarship Fund, which is named after the first African American to attend the Yale Medical School, an African American faculty member of the school at the time the fund was established and, of course, Steele himself. The fund is currently valued in excess of \$100,000.

Steele also established the Absalom Jones Scholarship Fund at the Episcopal Divinity School. He continues to serve as the principal fundraiser for the fund, which is valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Among Steele's honors are a Rockefeller Fellowship and an appointment by President Jimmy Carter to the President's Commission on Mental Health's Task Force on Religious Support Systems. ■

Offices of Admissions and Recruitment Solicits the College's Biggest Fans to Help Draw Potential Students—Alumni

WHEN MOREHOUSE ALUMNI encounter talented college-age men, many extol the virtues of a Morehouse education. Unfortunately, however, their knowledge about the College does not quite match their enthusiasm.

"Many of these alumni were talking about Morehouse from their experiences—which was sometimes as far back as 20 years ago—so they were giving out information that was 20 years old," said Terrance Dixon '84, associate dean of Admissions and Recruitment. "But, that's a good problem," he quickly adds—and fortunately, one that had a simple solution.

Dixon realized he had a corps of die-hard College enthusiasts eager to promote the College. Better still, Morehouse alumni are dispersed throughout the country, making them invaluable to Dixon's small staff in covering a lot of turf to stay on top of the fierce competition for academically prepared black men.



"Alums also will be able to free us up at college fairs, allowing our recruiters to get into the high schools and cultivate relationships with guidance counselors," said Dixon.

Dixon developed the Alumni Recruitment Program, which consists of a three-hour training session designed to provide alumni with the most up-to-date information on the curriculum, the criteria for admissions and for receiving scholarships, as well as SAT and GPA requirements.

The program will help ensure that Morehouse retains its competitive edge in admitting the best and brightest by having alumni interview as many prospective students as possible.

"The whole goal is to be able to interview every candidate before offering an admit to the College. It will make the process a bit more selective," explained Dixon.

Currently, Morehouse has a "blind admit" process, Dixon continued. Although 70 percent of all scholarship candidates are interviewed (including 100 percent of all Presidential Scholars), only one in every 100 applicant is interviewed. The Admissions Office simply doesn't have the manpower to interview the rest. The Alumni Recruitment Program will greatly improve those numbers.

"I'm hoping for a cadre of 250 to 300 alums across the country, enough to cover the geographic dispersion," said Dixon. "This program is moving us toward a mandatory interview for admissions."

Since the program began in May 2004, Dixon has trained 100 alumni on the campus, plus another 100 in several chapter meetings, including some of the largest chapters such as Atlanta, Macon (Ga.), Virginia and Washington, D.C. This year, he plans to head west into Los Angeles, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state.

Although alumni in the program will need to represent a wide swatch of the county, Dixon said it is imperative that all prospective recruiters revisit the campus.

"They need to see what Morehouse looks like today," he said. "Some of these men haven't been back at the College in 20 years. We will eventually require that they come back on campus and do a walking tour to get a feel for what the campus is like today." ■

For information on the Alumni Recruitment Program, contact Terrance Dixon, associate dean of Admissions and Recruitment at tdixon@morehouse.edu or at 404-215-2632.



Monte O. Harris '88

Monte O. Harris '88 is Finalist for BE's "Business Innovator of the Year" Award

DR. MONTE O. HARRIS '88, a board-certified facial and plastic surgeon, along with his partner Dr. Eliot F. Battle Jr., have had their business, Cultura Medical Spa, named a finalist for Black Enterprise Magazine's "Business Innovator of the Year" award. The award recognizes companies that have set trends and broken ground in a specific industry.

Cultura Medical Spa, founded in 2001 and based in Washington, D.C., was chosen as one of three finalists based on its groundbreaking approach to providing skin care and cosmetic therapies for people of color.

"We know that the bulk of aesthetic products and treatments in the marketplace are not designed for ethnic consumers and are largely ineffective or even harmful for people of color," said Harris. "Darker skin responds differently to cosmetic anti-aging and surgical procedures, and requires a new and innovative approach."

Cultura has more than 15 cosmetic lasers, including those used for hair removal, vein removal, scar improvement, complexion blending, skin tightening, mole removal and collagen enhancement. Harris' research at the University of Michigan provides a fresh view of the unique patterns of facial aging among African Americans.

"This is an area of study that has never been adequately explored before," said Harris. "Unlike Caucasian facial aging, which shows sagging skin in the lower face, African Americans and other people of color tend to age in a more pronounced way around the eyes and cheeks. No, those dark circles under your eyes aren't necessarily from fatigue.

They occur from skin changes caused by photo damage, fat atrophy and redistribution, as well as bone remodeling, and can be remedied through a wide range of treatments, including exfoliation, retin A, bleaching creams, replacing or lifting fat and even implants."

Cultura Cosmetic Medical Spa also was honored as the Emerging Business of the Year for 2003 by the Washington, D.C., Chamber of Commerce. ■

Arthur E. Johnson '68 Named to Delta Air Lines Board of Directors

ARTHUR E. JOHNSON '68 was recently named to the Delta Air Lines Board of Directors.

"Arthur Johnson brings to Delta's board of directors insight and deep experience in corporate affairs, which will serve the board well," said Gerald Grinstein, Delta's chief executive officer.

Johnson is the senior vice president of corporate strategic development at Lockheed Martin Corp., based in Bethesda, Md., where he is responsible for corporate and business strategy development, strategic partnerships and joint ventures. After Sept. 11, 2001, he was assigned to lead the company's Homeland Security activities.

He has held a number of executive positions at Lockheed Martin since joining the company in January 1996, including president and chief operating officer of the information and services sector; president of the systems integration group; and president of the federal systems group.

Before coming to Lockheed Martin, Johnson served as group vice president of Loral Federal Systems Group. Prior to that, he spent 25 years with IBM in a number of technical and executive management positions, including president of the Federal Systems Company. He also serves on the boards of directors of AGL Resources, Inc. and IKON Office Solutions, Inc.



Arthur E. Johnson '68

First Person BY MYKWAIN A. GAINEY '05



Alumni working on the production of "Inside Man" include (left to right): Rick Weaver '03, Ayodele Olatunji '07, Mykwain A. Gainey '05, director Shelton 'Spike' Lee '79, Cary Jordan '04 and Daniel Patterson '04

Spike Lee '79 Gives Alumni an Inside Look at "Inside Man"

WORKING ON THE SET of Shelton "Spike" Lee's "Inside Man" has turned my dreams of filmmaking into a reality. Not only do I get to observe how a film is made, but I also get to watch how Lee, from the class of 1979, directs.

The plot of "Inside Man," as reported on IMDB.com, involves a bank robber who has been playing cat-and-mouse with a cop and loses control over his planned heist, which results in a standoff involving a hostage. It stars Denzel Washington, Jodie Foster, Clive Owen, Willem Dafoe, Christopher Plummer and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Currently, I am interning with David Lee, the still photographer on "Inside Man." My job is to maintain the photographic equipment, clean the lenses and upload digital photos on the computer after every scene. Although the hours are intense and the experience is not as glam-

orous as being in front of the camera, my knowledge of still photography has increased immensely—so much so that I am considering a focus in directing and cinematography while at New York University's (NYU) Film School.

The internship has shown me that filmmaking is truly a collaborative effort. The director must have a team to support his vision. Included in Spike's team are many Morehouse men, both behind the scenes and in front of the camera.

Daniel Patterson, a 2004 Morehouse graduate and second-year student at NYU Film School, has been a production assistant on three of Spike's joints. During his sophomore year, he went online, found 40 Acres and a Mule Filmwork's business number and applied for an internship with the company. Although the hours are strenuous, Daniel values his

experience on "Inside Man" as "training for the war that is filmmaking."

Cary Jordan, another 2004 graduate, applied for a 40 Acres internship while he was still enrolled at Morehouse. It was an entire year later—after he moved to New York after graduation and found a job working at a consulting firm—that he opened his mailbox to find a letter from 40 Acres inviting him to intern during the summer of 2005. Jordan, who works in the assistant director department, finds the job challenging, yet beneficial.

These are just two of the many stories of Morehouse Men on the set of "Inside Man." Spike has consistently opened the doors to help people break into the film industry. Not only is he an inspiration to current filmmakers, but his legacy will continue to motivate future generations. Working with him has been the experience of a lifetime. ■

Charlotte Chapter Hosts Annual Student Dinner

CHARLOTTE MEN OF MOREHOUSE recently hosted a dinner for prospective and entering Morehouse freshmen. The purpose of the annual event is to welcome confirmed Morehouse freshmen and to promote the College to those students who are still deciding.

During the dinner, prospective students got to tell why they chose Morehouse, while alumni shared their college experiences. The chapter's recruiting video was also shown; and students were given a gift of Benjamin E. May's autobiography, "Born to Rebel."

Other Chapter activities include:

Annual conference with Charlotte school system counselors: A chapter representative talked about the benefits of the Morehouse experience at a city-wide school counselor meeting about misconceptions about Black college educational opportunities.

Recruiting video distribution: Recruiting videos were placed in the library of each Charlotte high school.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System (CMS) College Fair: Hosted a tradeshow booth at this annual school college fair; answered questions and distributed literature provided by the Admissions Office.

Bi-Annual Friendship Church HBCU College Fair: Participated in the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church recruiting fairs, one of the largest black college recruiting fairs in the Southeast.

Recruiting reception: Hosted a recruiting reception with Terrance Dixon '84, associate dean of Admissions and Recruitment.

Scholarship fundraising: Raising money for deserving Morehouse freshmen with a community awards gala (Beacon of Light Awards), Martin Luther King Jr. '48 short film showcase and a golf tournament.



Incoming freshmen Dontavious Mobley of Providence High School (left) and Garrett Brooks of Providence Day School (right) attend dinner for prospective Morehouse students hosted by the Charlotte Alumni Chapter.

Website Launches

The Charlotte Chapter of the Morehouse Alumni Association's new website includes view the Chapter's news, events calendar, recruiting video and member database.

Additionally, the site allows chapter members to pay their dues online. All active chapter members can receive a username and password that grant access to the "members only" section of the site.

The website was built by John Easton's '95 multimedia development company, Eastonswb Multimedia (www.eastonswb.com).

Visit the website at <http://www.morehousemenofcharlotte.com> ■

Tyrone Means '73 Achieves Success in Law Firm and Community

IN 1981, TYRONE C. MEANS '73, founding partner of Thomas, Means, Gillis & Seay, P.C., began a law practice with his colleague and friend, Kenneth L. Thomas, with one location in Montgomery, Ala., and only two attorneys. More than 24 years later, the firm now has nearly 50 attorneys and have added offices in Birmingham, Livingston, Ala., and Atlanta, with another opening soon in Hayneville, Ala. Last September, the firm argued before the United States Supreme Court in the Title IX case, Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Education.

Means, who earned the J.D. from the University of Kansas



Tyrone C. Means '73

School of Law in 1976, is extensively involved in business and legal organizations, including the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, Alabama Trial Lawyers for Children, Inc., and the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees. The Alabama Law Foundation elected him a member of its 2004 class of fellows, an association that honors Alabama lawyers who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their profession and community.

As a board member and counsel for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Means continues to work toward the creation of the first national memorial to honor an African American on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. ■

John Gates '93 Named Associate Dean for Harvard College

JOHN FITZGERALD GATES '93 has been named associate dean of Harvard College for administration and finance. Gates will manage a broad range of administrative areas, including finance, human resources, information technology, facilities and operations.

"It is our extraordinary good fortune to have someone as talented and accomplished as John join the College staff," said Benedict H. Gross, dean of Harvard College and Leverett Professor of Mathematics. "With his broad background in higher education, including work with minority students, international programs, student services and academic planning, he will help us manage our administrative functions. He will also bring to the college vitality and vision as we begin to implement changes recommended by the curricular review."

Prior to joining Harvard, Gates was special assistant to the president and provost at the University of Vermont. Before joining the Vermont administration, he held several positions at New York University (NYU), including as executive director of Global Operations, where he was responsible for the University's cam-



John Fitzgerald Gates '93

puses in Argentina, the Czech Republic, Great Britain and Italy.

As assistant provost at NYU from 1999-2002, he served as chief of staff to the vice chancellor and provost. His duties included coordinating the central activities of the vice presidents and vice provosts for Academic and Health Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Global Affairs, Student Affairs, Planning, Enrollment Services, University Relations, Budget and Resource Planning and Finance.

Prior to that, he served for one year as associate director of the NYU Africana Studies Program and The Institute of African-American Affairs, following five years, as associate director of the Faculty Resource Network, which provided professional development programs for more than 300 faculty from 65 colleges and universities nationwide. He also was acting director of NYU's Florence, Italy, facility.

While at Morehouse, where he earned the bachelor's degree in 1993, he was assistant director of pre-freshman programs. In 1998, he earned a master's degree from New York University and is currently completing his dissertation for a Ph.D. from the University of London. ■

John Mims '82 Delivers Inaugural Alumni Executive Lecture

REFLECTING UPON his four-year tenure at GetAsia.com, a network of Asian web sites, John Mims '82 said, "Failure is sometimes a better teacher than success. As chief operating officer of GetAsia.com, I failed. I couldn't get the vision to the customer."

A business and marketing graduate, Mims believes failure makes the next success even sweeter. Last November, he was tapped to serve as senior vice president of worldwide sales for Starwood Hotels and Resorts, owners of Sheraton, Westin and W Hotel, among other brands. On campus for the Maynard Jackson Lecture Series, which is a part of the Alumni Executive Lecture Series, in September, Mims told faculty, staff, students and alumni that there are a number of things that make great leaders.

"Integrity, the ability to communicate a vision with passion and using the network of people that you meet throughout your life are a few of those things," he said. "In addition to family, school is one of those networks."

According to Henry M. Goodgame Jr. '84, director of Alumni Relations, Special Events and the Annual Fund, the Alumni Executive Lecture Series seeks to provide more interaction between alumni and students. Mims' presentation was the first of six lectures in the Alumni Lecture Series that will be held throughout the academic year.



John Mims '82 shares a moment with a student after his presentation.

At Morehouse, Mims remembers the influence of visionaries such as John Williams '69, dean of the Division of Business and Economic, Martin Luther King Jr. '48 and Benjamin E. Mays, all of whom set the standard for success in his career. He credits Ben McLaurin '69, director of Career Services, for securing his first interview.

"It's important to reach back so that we may move forward. Morehouse is an experience, not just an education. It was more than school; it was a preparation for what it's like out here," he said. ■

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Morehouse alumni at Guydon, Clarke & Robinson are (left to right): George W. Crawford '72, Frantz Jacques '99, Edsel J. Guydon '81 and Richard E. Johns '94.

Four Morehouse Alumni at Black-Owned D.C. Law Firm that Specializes in Corporate Finance

WITH MORE THAN 150 YEARS of combined legal experience, Guydon, Clarke & Robinson, LLP is one of the leading corporate law firms managed by African Americans. Based in Washington, D.C., GCR has core practice specialties of corporate finance, securities, real estate, structured finance and government contracts.

Managed by Morehouse alumnus Edsel J. Guydon '81, GCR was formed in the year 2000 with three attorneys to supply the demand of minority-owned and small-cap businesses desperately seeking affordable legal representation for complex corporate finance, securities and real-estate matters.

Today, GCR is a 12-attorney, full-service law firm. Recently, it consummated a merger with The Love Law Firm, PC, with offices in Northern Virginia, thereby adding three experienced litigators. As a result of this merger, the firm's name is now Guydon Love, LLP.

Although GCR has enjoyed considerable success, the firm "has stayed true to its original philosophy of helping small entrepreneurs gain access to the capital markets by providing them 'Wall Street' legal representation at an affordable rate or by simply doing more for less," said Guydon.

"I can't think of a better way to make a living and to utilize the legal system to effectuate social change and equality," he said.

"GCR serves as an intermediary between investors and entrepreneurs who historically have been denied access to the capital markets, while concurrently servicing their legal needs."

GCR's clientele consists of numerous publicly traded companies and start-up businesses operating in a variety of industries. The firm has been involved in numerous multi-million dollar corporate transactions such as public offerings, private placements, and mergers and acquisitions in excess of \$500 million.

Among the talented pool of attorneys at GCR are four Morehouse alumni. Guydon is an experienced corporate/securities attorney with significant SEC experience.

George W. Crawford '72 is a well-regarded attorney and a former D.C. mayoral appointee with executive public service, administrative and managerial experience.

Richard F. Johns '94 is a competent litigator and is actively involved with many civic and non-profit organizations.

Frantz Jacques '99 is a promising first-year corporate, securities and structured finance attorney.

"I turned down numerous opportunities to have a chance to be a part of this remarkable team," said Jacques. "This firm is unique and is in a league of its own." ■

Daryl Camp '91 Could Mean New Era for Bear Creek High

By Sara Cardine, News-Sentinel Staff Writer

WHEN HE FIRST LEARNED about Bear Creek High School, Daryl Camp '91 liked what he heard. Undaunted by the school's academic challenges and issues with campus safety, the Sacramento administrator was drawn to the north Stockton school when he was looking for a principal position.

"When I saw Bear Creek's demographics, I saw it was a very diverse place," Camp said. "That was intriguing to me."

On July 1, Camp will become principal of Bear Creek. He seems uniquely suited for a job leading a multi-ethnic campus with a spectrum of both strengths and complexities.

He graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, a liberal arts campus for black men. He says his background and cultural identity could be to his advantage as well as the students he serves.

"It helps to see people of all different ethnicities in leadership positions," Camp said. "I realize that's part of my role, and I embrace that."

On Wednesday, Camp made his first visit to the Bear Creek campus. He shared his background with staff and administrators. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Camp grew up in Oakland before attending Morehouse, where he majored in physical education and minored in math.

"My mama said if you want a job, take as much math as you can," Camp told the Bear Creek staff to the joy of a few math teachers in the group.

After graduating from college in 1991, he lived and taught briefly in Mexico, where he worked on his Spanish-speaking skills. His first job in teaching was at James Logan High School in the Bay Area, which had about 4,200 students. Camp soon rose through the ranks to become principal of one of three houses, or divisions within the large school.

In 2002, he and his wife Janee moved to Elk Grove, where he became vice principal of Samuel Jackman Middle School. Camp would only be there for two years before returning to the high school level as vice principal at San Juan High School. Camp made a lasting impression in his brief year with San Juan, said Principal Dave Terwilliger.

"He became part of the San Juan family automatically," Terwilliger said. "He knows what needs to be done for the good of kids."

The principal added that Camp made all students feel comfortable and was fair when making decisions. He also served on the Safe Schools Committee, which focused on improving student safety on campus.



Daryl Camp speaking at a Bear Creek High School. (Mike Graffigna/News-Sentinel)

This training could be an asset on a large high school campus, like Bear Creek, where episodes of violence have been brought to the attention of school district officials.

Len Casanega described Camp as a "perfect fit" for the north Stockton campus, adding that he beat out 11 other candidates in the screening and interview process.

"He'll be a very good role model for all kids," Casanega said.

As a site administrator, Camp will earn an annual salary of \$112,600 as well as benefits and health insurance, Casanega added.

Camp will succeed current principal, Bill Toledo, who will transfer in July to become principal of Plaza Robles Continuation High School. Toledo said he, too, was impressed with Camp's energy and enthusiasm for the job, but left behind some words of advice.

"His first task is going to be learning the culture and the Bear Creek environment," Toledo said. "He needs to keep his eyes and ears open."

"Listen to those who go before you," Toledo added with a chuckle.

Meanwhile, staff and administrators at San Juan High School in the Sacramento area say they will miss working with Camp.

"My staff has just passed the mourning stage," Terwilliger said. "We're working to accept the real fact he's going to leave."

Camp hopes to host an informal gathering for parents wishing to meet with him and is already planning on individual meetings with more than 100 staff and faculty members.

"I know I have a lot to learn at Bear Creek," Camp added. ■

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