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FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

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# MOREHOUSE

## President's Day Celebrates Legacy of Leadership

**W**ith a new president on the horizon, Morehouse took an opportunity to honor its current and two former presidents during its first President's Day, held March 29.

Honored were President Walter E. Massey '58, who will retire at the end of the academic year; John Hope, the first African American president of the College 100 years ago; and Benjamin E. Mays, who served as president for 27 years, from 1940 to 1967.

Massey set the tone for the day by giving a brief history lesson on Morehouse's presidential legacy.

"In looking at the accomplishments of the eight Morehouse presidents who preceded me, what is clear is that each man, in his own way, contributed something significant to making Morehouse what it is today," he said. "Each took the institution to the next level in a way that was appropriate for the challenges of his day."

Focusing on Hope, Massey spoke on not only his leadership in the area of human rights, but also his goal of ensuring that Morehouse would be known as an outstanding liberal arts college, through the development of the faculty and beautification of the campus.

"More than any other president, he is responsible for our focus on liberal arts education," Massey said.

Massey then presented a posthumous honorary degree to Hope, which was accepted by Richard Hope '61, grandson of Dr. John Hope and vice president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Later that day, Mays was honored during the 16th Annual Benjamin E. Mays Lecture, hosted by the Leadership Center. Clayborne Carson, professor of history and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University, spoke on Morehouse's legacy of producing leaders.



Above, President Massey presents Richard O. Hope '61, grandson of former Morehouse President John Hope, a posthumous honorary degree for his grandfather. At left, Clayborne Carson speaks during the 16th Annual Benjamin E. Mays Lecture.



"Morehouse has always been a place where African American men could not only gain academic skills, but also distinctive qualities of leadership," Carson said. "Few if any educational institutions have been so determined to produce graduates who possess idealism and vision as well as ambition, character and conviction as well as talent."

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion that included Hope; Alton Hornsby Jr. '68, professor of history; Ron Sullivan '89, professor of law at Yale University; and Charles V. Willie '48, professor of education at Harvard University. - SNA

# IVP Provides Day of Fun for Campus Community

Whether you were in the mood for good food, fun and games, rigorous academic competition or a bit of frivolity, the 2007 events for the Institutional Values Project had you covered.

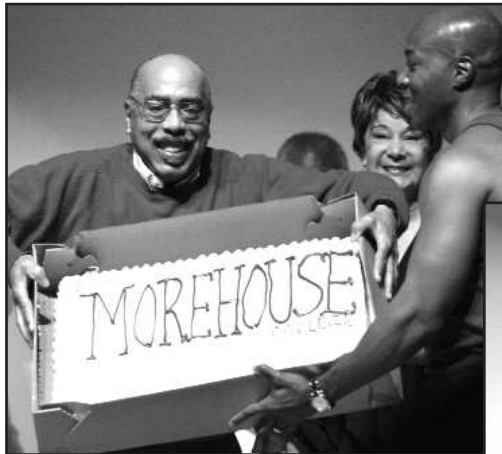
Morehouse focused on "integrity as workability" during the 2006-2007 IVP. Events held on April 5 included Community Day, with food, music and games; Tiger Bowl, the academic quiz-bowl competition; and the Faculty Follies, which featured faculty and staff in "A Nightmare on Westview Drive."



Above, plumber Miles Frazier enjoys a ride down the inflatable slide during Community Day; at left, Team Eden celebrates its championship during the Tiger Bowl Competition.



At right, the Morehouse College Dreamgirls perform at the Faculty Follies - Gwen Wade, Adrienne Harris, Cheryl Allen, Karen Miller, Belinda Johnson White, Denise Moore and Jeanette Mapp.



Above, Vice President for Student Services Kevin Rome presents President Massey with a cake to commemorate his 70th birthday, before he and Mrs. Massey "walk it out" with the Follies participants.



## FACULTY

**Gregory Battle**, associate professor of mathematics, attended the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Conference in Columbus, Ohio, where he presented a talk to the graduate student conference, "Getting That Graduate Degree: How I Survived 18 Years of Graduate Education." He also has been awarded a 2007 Air Force Faculty Fellowship to investigate the particle distribution of ice particles in cirrus clouds. This is his sixth summer of funding from the American Society for Engineering Education.



**Obie Clayton**, professor of sociology, served as a panelist for the discussion, "You're Not Black Enough: Social Constructions of Blackness," held during the Emerging Black Leaders Symposium at Tufts University in February. He also served as a panelist for the discussion, "Emory, Atlanta and Race Relations from 1906 to 2006" as a part of Emory University's Transforming Community Project.



Clayton and **Glenwood Ross**, instructor in economics and business, were featured during the City of Atlanta's Recent Trends and Future Prospects Conference in February. Clayton spoke on the topic, "Race, Class and Status in Atlanta: How Racial and Ethnic Migration is Changing the City;" and Ross served as a panelist for the discussion, "The Economy of the City of Atlanta."



**Caroline Garnier**, assistant professor in English, had her paper, "Sexual Subordination, Trauma, and Resistance," selected as a plenary paper for the annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha literary conference in July. The paper also will be published in the ensuing conference volume on Faulkner and sexuality.



Two essays by **Michael Janis**, assistant pro-



fessor of English, have appeared recently in Paris journals: "Africa and Avant-Garde Anthropology: The Psychoanalysis of Exoticism" in *Cahiers d'études africaines*; and "Negritude, Mestizaje, Africana Philosophy: Zapata Olivella and Multiculturalist Pan-Africanism" in *Présence Africaine: Revue culturelle du monde noir/Cultural Review of the Black World*.



**Aaron L. Parker**, associate professor of philosophy and religion, was profiled in the Autumn 2006 issue of *Emory Magazine*. The article focused on Parker's ideas of the roles of today's pastors and churches .

**Shirley W. Thompson**, associate professor of mathematics, served on the National Committee to select Presidential Scholars for 2007.

## STAFF



**Kellye Blackburn Eccles**, director for Career Placement and Planning for non business majors, is featured in the ninth edition of *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*, 2006-2007.

The **Office of Communications** has won four Telly Awards for the production of the King Papers video, which is now running as part of the Atlanta History Center exhibit. The video, produced by media relations manager **Elise Durham**, tells the story of the acquisition of the collection. The Telly Awards honor outstanding local, regional and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions.



The video can be viewed at [www.morehouse.edu/kingcollection/video.html](http://www.morehouse.edu/kingcollection/video.html).



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Eight Morehouse athletes, along with Robert Wilson, chair of the Health and Physical Education department, joined with other NCAA athletes and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity in a build during the Final Four weekend in March. Football players Richie Jones, Carlos King and Michael Robinson and Ross Thompson, basketball players Marlon Ferguson and Joseph Hines, and track team members Randall Flimmons and Keith Moffatt helped prep walls for a Habitat House for a Hurricane Katrina victim.



**MISSION OF PEACE**

**Lawrence E. Carter**, dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, addressed the House of Representatives in Mexico on March 19. From left to right: Roberto Rios, General Director, Soka Gakkai International - Mexico; Emilio Ulloa Pérez, Chair, Commission on Cultural Affairs; Dean Carter; Jorge Zermeño Infante; Chairperson, House of Representatives; Beatriz Pagés, Secretary, Commission on Cultural Affairs; and José Alfonso Suárez del Real, House of Representatives Commission on Cultural Affairs. Carter spoke on the topic "Being the Change You Wish to See," and the unveiling of the Ghandi King Ikeda Legacy of Building Peace exhibit, currently on display in the lobby of the Mexico House of Representatives.

**STUDENTS**

Fifteen Ronald E. McNair scholars attended the 2007 University of Maryland National Research Conference, held in College Park, Md. in March. Biology major **Marcus Sandling**, chemistry major **Henry Daise**, engineering major **Alvin McNair**, physics major **Aaron Swindell**, and psychology majors **Angelo Grant**, **Sherwin Samuel** and **Taurean Snow** presented scholarly research in their respective fields. The conference attracts participants from 30 colleges and universities.

Five students received book scholarships as winners of the Boeing Ethics Challenge in September: senior finance majors **Andre Hester**, **Kyle Polk**, **Marcus Council** and **Isaac Blanton**, and senior accounting major **Justin Bayless** each received a \$500 scholarship. The challenge raises awareness about ethics and encourages student dialogue about ethical behavior.

► **passages**

**Jeannette Hume Lutton**

Morehouse remembered one of its own in a memorial service for Jeannette Hume Lutton, a 34-year member of the English department, held on April 11 in Sale Hall.

Lutton, an Atlanta native, was recruited to teach English and humanities by President Benjamin E. Mays in 1962. Her scholarly papers focused on medieval English literature and authors C.S. Lewis and T.S. Eliot. She was also a human rights activist who protested alongside her students during the civil rights movement.

Lutton retired from the English department in 1996. She died in November 2006 after battling lung cancer.

**The Associated Press/Washington Post  
Friday, March 23, 2007**

*The Washington Post* ran an Associated Press story written by reporter Errin Haines that examined the College's policy of requiring face-to-face interviews of applicants who are accepted to the College. The story featured alumnus Sean Daughtry '93, who is the president of the Boston alumni association. In the story, Daughtry talked about the importance of training alumni to interface with potential students from their area. He said, "Not every person who is intelligent is necessarily a person of integrity, character and good moral judgment. And there are certain things that you look for in a young man who might not have the most stellar resume, bust still has the desire."

Morehouse has traditionally interviewed candidates, typically those touring the campus or competing for merit-based scholarships.

**The New York Times/National Edition  
Wednesday, March 27, 2007**

For several years, the Office of Communications has been cultivating a relationship with *The New York Times* in an effort to get a story told about Morehouse and its mission. During Founder's Week, *The New York Times* sent a reporter to Augusta with representatives of the College as we paid tribute to



Morehouse Founder William Jefferson White and the institution's founding church, Springfield Baptist Church. The reporter then came back to the campus a few days later to interview Massey, Sterling Hudson, Lawrence Carter and others.

Those interviews resulted in a three and a half column feature in the Wednesday, March 27, edition of the Metro section of *The Times*. In the article, reporter Shaila Dewan talked about the success of Massey's soon to be 12-year tenure as president, as well as some of the challenges the school has had to overcome. *The New York Times* has a readership of more than a half million residents locally and many more worldwide.

- Compiled by Elise M. Durham

## The Evolution of Preaching: Science and Spiritual Awareness Focuses on Worldly Vision

Theologians and scientists from around the country traveled to Morehouse to discuss the evolution of preaching during the 2007 Science and Spiritual Awareness week in April. Alumni theologians Robert M. Franklin '75, Matthew V. Johnson '83 and Raphael G. Warnock '91 discussed the relevance of religious black nationalism during a conversation with students on April 2.

The 2007 Crown Forum sermon was delivered by Echol Nix '95, from Furman University's Charles E. Daniel Chapel and department of religion. Speaking on the topic of "E Pluribus Unum: An Enduring Vision," Nix spoke of the need for men of Morehouse to expand their vision in King Chapel.

"As Morehouse Men, the challenge is to rise above petty differences to see the world as one, to become a leader, not just for the African American community, to be a leader not just for America, but to be a leader for the world."

The crown forum also featured the unveiling of an oil portrait of Rabbi Micahel Lerner, the 2005 Gandhi-King-Ikeda Community Builders Prize, and the induction of the M.L.K Jr. Board of Preachers, Sponsors and Collegium of Scholars. - *SNA*



Above, President Massey and Provost David Taylor unveil an oil portrait of Rabbi Micahel Lerner, followed by a sermon from Echol Nix, right, during the Science and Spiritual Awareness Week Crown Forum on April 5.



At left, Robert M. Franklin '75, Matthew V. Johnson '83 and Raphael G. Warnock '91 hold a discussion on religious black nationalism during a conversation with students on April 2.

# Africa Awareness Week 2007 - April 15-20

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

#### Film screening and discussion:

"The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords"

4 p.m.

Wheeler Hall, Room 234

#### Film screening and discussion:

"All About Darfur"

6 p.m.

Wheeler Hall, Room 234

### MONDAY, APRIL 16

**Brown Bag:** The Most Successful Revolt: Haiti and the Revolution of 1804 as Captured in Art – A Multimedia Presentation  
11:30 a.m.

African American Hall of Fame

*Co-sponsored by the Leadership Center*

#### Film screening and discussion:

"Salud! The Film"

3 p.m.

Bank of America Auditorium, Executive Conference Center  
*Held in conjunction with the 63rd Family Institute*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the African Liberation Movement Success**  
Keynote Speaker: Samia Nkrumah, international journalist and daughter of Osagyfo President



Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana.

Reception: 5:30 p.m., Speech: 6:30 p.m.

Bank of America Auditorium, Executive Conference Center

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

**Roundtable:** Nkrumah's Vision for Africa and the Diaspora: 50 Years Later  
1 p.m.  
Leadership Center

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

#### Exploring African Rites of Passage & Building a Research Base

Key Speaker: Charles Finch  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
2 p.m.

Kilgore Conference Rooms

#### Pan-Africanism and Reparation, A Conversation with the Hon. Ambassador Dudley J. Thompson, Elder Statesman

5 p.m.

African American Hall of Fame

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

**Presentation and film:** Hip Hop in the African Diaspora - "Inventos Hip Hop Cubano"

4 p.m.

Bank of America Auditorium, Executive Conference Center

# CALENDAR

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## MONDAY, APRIL 16

### 63rd Family Institute

Opening Plenary Session



Keynote Speaker:  
Robert E. Fullilove  
Community and Minority  
Affairs, Mailman School  
of Public Health,  
Columbia University

6:30 p.m.

Executive Conference Center

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

### 63rd Family Institute

Family Institute Assembly Plenary

Topic: "Times": HIV/AIDS and Youthful  
Exuberance

10:45 a.m.

King Chapel

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

### Crown Forum: Scholars Day

11 a.m.

King Chapel

### Executive Lecture

Topic: Crossing Business and Personal

## ONGOING - Through May 13



### I Have a Dream: The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection Exhibition

Atlanta History Center  
130 West Paces Ferry Road  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Portions of the Morehouse College  
Martin Luther King Jr. Collection are  
on public display. Admission is free  
the first full weekend of every month  
and every Monday. At other times,  
the exhibit is included in admission.

Ethics: The Timeless Importance of  
Character

Speaker: Shirley Mitchell,



Senior Vice President,  
Bank of America  
3 p.m.  
Bank of America  
Auditorium, Executive  
Conference Center

## APRIL 19-21

### SIAC Spring Sports Championships

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

## MONDAY, APRIL 23

### Ice Cream Social

2 p.m.

Woodruff Library

*Celebrating the Woodruff Library's 25th  
Anniversary*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

### Administrative Professionals Day

Appreciation luncheon for Morehouse  
Administrative Professionals

## ON THE HORIZON

# Reunion and Commencement 2007

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

### Alumni Leadership Conference

3 p.m.

King Chapel

### Alumni Rites of Passage

4 p.m.

Mays Monument/King Chapel

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

### Baccalaureate Services



Speaker: The Reverend  
Delman Coates '95  
Pastor, Mt. Ennon Baptist  
Church, Clinton, Md.  
3 p.m.  
King Chapel

## SUNDAY, MAY 20

### 123rd Commencement Exercises



Speaker: President  
Walter E. Massey '58  
Ninth president,  
Morehouse College  
8 a.m.  
Century Campus

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## DID YOU KNOW ...

**Administrative Professionals Week was originally organized in 1952 as "National Secretaries Week" by the National Secretaries Association (now the International Association of Administrative Professionals)?**

It was created to recognize secretaries for their contributions in the workplace, and to attract people to secretarial/administrative careers. The name was changed from Professional Secretaries Week to Administrative Professionals Week in 2000 to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of today's administrative workforce.

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