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Inside MOREHOUSE



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LEAVING BIG SHOES TO FILL

More than 400 friends of Morehouse College gathered to toast President Walter E. Massey's tenure during the Massey Legacy dinner, held April 13 at the Atlanta History Center.

Included on the guest list were corporate, foundation, education and political leaders, including Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin; and alumnus Christopher M. Jones '99, assistant dean for Graduate Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Joe Adams, college benefactor and president of Ray Charles Enterprises, presented President Massey with size 22 shoes, signifying that he has big shoes that will be difficult to fill.

The evening's festivities were hosted by Fredricka Whitfield, award-winning news anchor for CNN. Entertainment was provided by Grammy-nominated artist Oleta Adams, known for her hit song, "Get Here."

Unveiled at the dinner was a Massey legacy video, which featured Dr. Massey being interviewed by Amanda Davis, anchor of FOX5 News, Atlanta.

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A Living Legacy - *Period.*

By Vickie G. Hampton

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President Walter E. Massey '58

In 1995, Walter E. Massey '58 had a tough decision to make. The physicist who once led two of the nation's premier scientific organizations had reached a fork in the road. One prong led to a continuation of the career path he was already on as provost at the University of California with a probability of becoming the university's president.

The second prong led back to the place where he started: his alma mater, Morehouse College. He credited the College for making him who he was. “I recognized that I would not have been able to enjoy the successful career I had had up to that point without the preparation I received at Morehouse.”

Happy with his career path to date — he was responsible for the University of California's three national research laboratories — returning to Morehouse took a little persuasion. His son and two Morehouse classmates, Willie “Flash” Davis '56 and Otis Moss Jr. '56, impressed upon him that he was the right man for the job.

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As a man who had served as the director of the Argonne National Laboratory and later the National Science Foundation, Massey's first move was to do the research. He talked to trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, supporters and parents. “And I listened to them,” he said, “to their visions and their dreams.”

It's little wonder, then, that the vision he announced during Opening Convocation in 1995 would resonate with the entire community and those who loved and respected Morehouse. The physicist had effectively synthesized all that he learned and encapsulated it into a vision statement that would become the catalyst for all that he would envision and achieve for the College: “It is my vision that Morehouse College will be among the very finest private, undergraduate liberal arts colleges in the nation — period.”



Massey Memory

"I just love the man's energy. He's a kind, considerate, down-to-earth person - he and Mrs. Massey both. I don't care where he sees me on campus, he's going to speak. Without even telling me, he sent my mom a birthday gift from Morehouse when she turned 70. That just made my day."

- Edna Edwards, Housekeeper

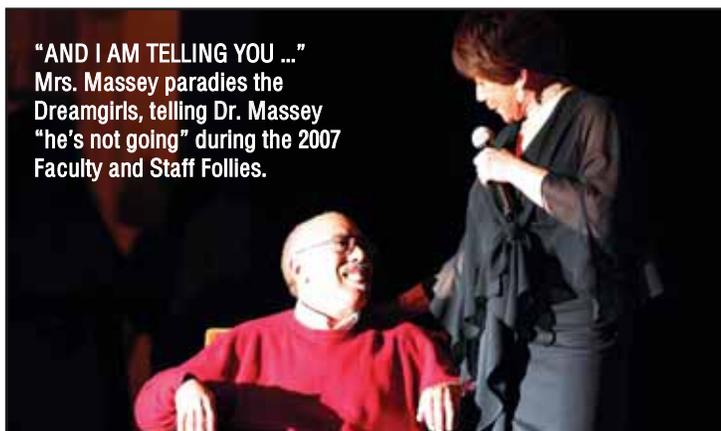
The vision led to a cultural change on the campus that was nothing less than sweeping and ushered in the concept for the "academic village," a term that Massey coined. The pairing of academic — the pursuit of teaching, learning, exploration and discovery — with village — which speaks of community, unity, safe haven and shared values — spoke of the interconnectivity of all the elements needed for an excellent educational experience.

Realizing the Academic Village

Creating the academic village meant the need for the most ambitious fundraising effort in the College's history, aptly named *The Campaign for a New Century*. The *Campaign* met its \$105.7-million goal a full year before its culmination. In June 2006, the *Campaign* officially closed and the goal was exceeded by \$13 million. Arguably, without Massey's strong, inclusive leadership, the *Campaign* would not have come to such historical proportions. Experts in institutional fundraising all concur that it's not the brick-and-mortar laundry list of a school's needs that inspires philanthropy — especially in difficult economic times — but the leader's overarching vision to advance a worthy mission.

Yet, as successful as the *Campaign* was, it is not the crux of the Massey legacy. The *Campaign* was the means to realize the academic village — an environment that in all aspects advances the teaching/learning enterprise: from updating the core curriculum to enhancing faculty and staff development; from improving customer relations to cultivating flowerbeds.

The physical building of the academic village included construction of the 70,000-square-foot Leadership Center facility, poised to become the national epicenter of ethical leadership; the John H. Hopps Jr. Technology Tower; and the Otis Moss Jr. Residential Suites, a 375-bed apartment-style dormitory. Groundbreaking for the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center



Shirley Anne Massey *The First Lady*

As first lady of the College, Shirley Anne Massey has worked as graciously as she has tirelessly in hosting the many alumni, students, parents, dignitaries, corporate leaders and special guests who have visited the campus. She is an active member of the Morehouse Auxiliary, her commitment to the cause of helping to provide scholarships to deserving men of Morehouse.

Mrs. Massey gave *Inside Morehouse* a few reflections on her time at Morehouse.

Inside Morehouse: From your perspective, how has Morehouse changed since you and President Massey arrived 12 years ago?

Shirley Massey: One of the biggest changes is the campus is cleaner. I was instrumental in flowers being planted here. I was told, "You don't need flowers on a man's campus." I said, "Yes, you do." I pushed for the beautification of the campus.

IM: What is your fondest Morehouse memory, large or small?

SM: I was on the committee to design Davidson House and pick the architect. I said we need a house that will make a statement, and that can be used for not just us living here, but for entertaining.

IM: What was your most difficult time at Morehouse?

SM: I think the most difficult time was dealing with the old guard. The people who were in the positions of power weren't expecting a wife to come in and be involved.

IM: What is the impression you, as First Lady, want to leave at Morehouse?

SM: I want to leave the impression that I'm friendly and outgoing, and I genuinely like people.



CRYSTALIZING A LEGACY
Willie "Flash" Davis '56, chairman of the board of trustees, presents President and Mrs. Massey with a crystal sculpture during the Masseys' legacy dinner at the Atlanta History Center in April.

featuring a 575-seat concert hall is scheduled on May 18.

Constructing impressive facilities, however, did not supersede building community.

One of Massey's first steps in building community was a personal choice he and first lady Shirley Massey made to live on campus—the first Morehouse president to do so in 30 years. Besides living and guest quarters, The Davidson House Center for Excellence includes four lower-level conference rooms.

"Davidson House is not just a president's residence, or even a place for meetings, but a place that makes a statement about Morehouse embracing the community," Massey said during the building's dedication in 1998.

New Initiatives, New Partnerships

In fact, under Massey's leadership, several initiatives were launched to make sure that Morehouse, with its

considerable intellectual and human resources, would become an active partner in helping to address issues that the wider community was grappling with. The Morehouse College Revitalization Task Force works closely with 10 neighborhood associations to develop specialized neighborhood revitalization plans. The College received an Economic Development Administration Grant to conduct a feasibility study on economic empowerment. And in 2002, Morehouse partnered with other Atlanta University Center schools to form University Community Academy, a charter school that has garnered several national distinctions.

The College Partners, Inc., a collaboration with Spelman College and Morehouse School of Medicine, was established to allow for land transfers between the schools and the Atlanta Housing Authority.

Closer to home, Massey turned his attention to developing a stronger sense of community on campus. The

Massey Memory

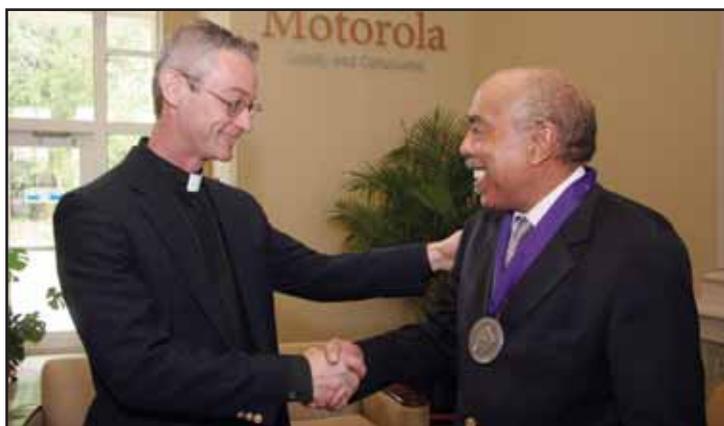
My first meeting with Dr. Massey, at a session for department chairs as he was beginning his term, ended in a delightful 'sidebar' that revealed our mutual delight in old Peter Sellers movies, a topic we have returned to often when casual conversation permitted. During that first conversation, Dr. Massey, pleading youthfulness, also jokingly denied having taught my husband (Morehouse '60) general physics, housed at Clark, the year after his own graduation.

- E. Delores Stephens
Professor, Department of English

Massey Memory

The first thing I remember as a student under Dr. Massey was his support of our Latin Jazz Ensemble RioNegro, which at the time consisted of only Morehouse students. My next moment was returning to campus as a faculty member, and having Dr. Massey remember his attendance to our events. His recollection of our band let me know that he was serious about supporting the students' endeavors.

- Melvin M. Jones '01
Director of Bands



CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP

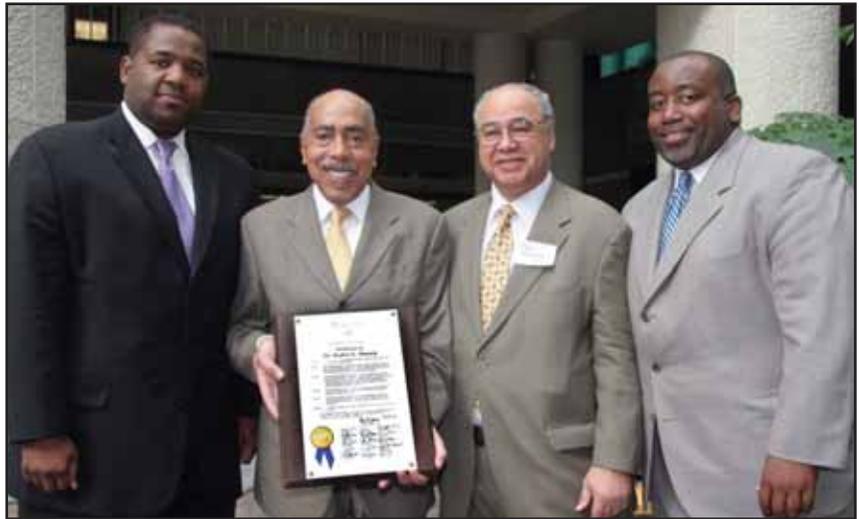
Wayne Meisel, president of the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, presents the Bonner Foundation Award to President Massey in April. The award recognizes leaders who have demonstrated commitment to the foundation's principles, which include service to the community.

Institutional Values Project was introduced in 2001 to foster open discussions about nine shared values, including integrity, civility, trust and spirituality. Leadership 4.0 was initiated in 2005 to improve customer service skills and to “treat each other better.”

Under Massey’s watch, the College’s strongholds have grown stronger. The College has long been respected for its excellent liberal arts education. In 2003, *The Wall Street Journal* listed Morehouse as one of the top feeder schools to the most elite professional and graduate schools in the nation. The College is one of only two HBCUs to produce three Rhodes scholars. In major competitions across the disciplines, Morehouse students continue to bring home top placements, from its fourth championship in the Honda All-Star Challenge to capturing several top honors in the HBCU Newspaper Conference.

Producing World Citizens

The sense of community ingrained in Morehouse students is evident in the fact that, today, more than 75 percent of all students participate in community service. Massey, a world traveler, felt strongly, however, that the 21st-century scholar also should be a “world citizen” in an increasingly global community. He and Mrs. Massey embarked on a personal campaign to see that every Morehouse student has a passport. Their influence has led to more students studying



MOREHOUSE MEN HONOR A MOREHOUSE MAN

Atlanta City Council members Caesar Mitchell '91, left, Jim Maddox '56 and H. Lamar Willis '93 present President Massey with a proclamation during a breakfast reception in the Fulton County Atrium. President Massey also was honored by the Fulton County Commission.

and traveling to distant locals: from trips to South Africa to study the AIDS epidemic to Spanish students’ excursions to South America to immerse themselves in the language and culture.

President Massey leaves Morehouse College with the best kind of legacy—a living, evolving one with the suppleness to be molded by the hands of the future. After all, excellence is a pursuit—not really a destination. And Morehouse’s unfinished cathedral of excellence has grown both grander and homier because a favored son searched his heart and returned to the ‘House. ■

Massey Morsels: Excerpts from President Massey’s speeches during his 12-year tenure

“Above all, we will prepare our students by continuing to engage them in an intellectual, moral and ethical dialogue that underscores our recommitment to a culture of excellence.”

Inaugural speech, February 16, 1996

“I am convinced that if we are open to it – and if we really work on it – many of our friendships of advantage can turn into friendships of pleasure – and even lead to some long-lasting friendships of virtue.”

On Friendship, October 11, 2001

“Just as a healthy, vibrant community must be open to new people, it also must be open to new ideas. While creating a sense of togetherness and belonging, a community must, at the same time, allow

for the growth and expression of the individuals who comprise that community.”

On Community, September 19, 2002

“The challenge before us now is to realize an enlarged vision of the academic village, to embrace our past accomplishments as we continue to move in the direction we have set for ourselves. I call this direction ‘a more excellent way,’ a way that though sometimes difficult and often elusive, is the best way for us to realize our highest aspirations for Morehouse.”

A More Excellent Way, September 18, 2003

“As we look ahead, I think it is also important to remember that beyond what Morehouse must do to fulfill on the

promises we have made to ourselves, Morehouse also must fulfill on the promise we have made to the world – the promise inherent in our 138-year-old mission to produce great leaders.”

Taking Inventory, September 15, 2005

“Gentlemen, it is easy to be proud and confident when everything is going well, when you are showered with praise, when you can seemingly do no wrong. The real test of an individual, and of an institution, is to maintain your pride and confidence when the publicity is not all positive, and to be able to maintain that pride because you know who you are. And we know who we are at Morehouse.”

Pride in the House, November 2, 2006

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Clayborne Carson
Director, Martin Luther King Jr. Institute
Stanford University



Quincy Jones
Record Producer/Musical Arranger



Butch Lewis
President
Butch Lewis Productions



Fred B. Renwick '50
Professor Emeritus of Finance
New York University



Willis "Butch" Sheftall '64
Former Provost/Professor of Economics
Morehouse College



Denzel Washington
Actor/Director
Academy Award Winner

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2007

8:30 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Reunion registration
Kilgore Center

9 A.M.

Alumni Conference on 21st Century Leadership
Bank of America Auditorium, Executive Conference Center

10 A.M. - NOON

Senior Individual Photo Shots
King Chapel plaza

11 A.M.

Groundbreaking for The Morehouse College Center for the Arts
Corner of West End Ave. and Joseph Lowery Blvd.

NOON

President's Welcome Luncheon
Chivers Dining Hall

1 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Senior Group Picture
B.T. Harvey Stadium

2 P.M.

Alumni Association general body meeting

2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Rehearsal for Baccalaureate and Commencement
King Chapel

4 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Rite-of-Passage Ceremony
King Chapel

5 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Senior Appreciation Reception
Kilgore Student Center

7 P.M.

Morehouse-Spelman Alumni Mixer
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
(Ticket required)

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007

8 A.M.

Golden Tigers Celebration: 50-Year Recognition Breakfast
Kilgore Center
(By invitation only)

Reunion 2007

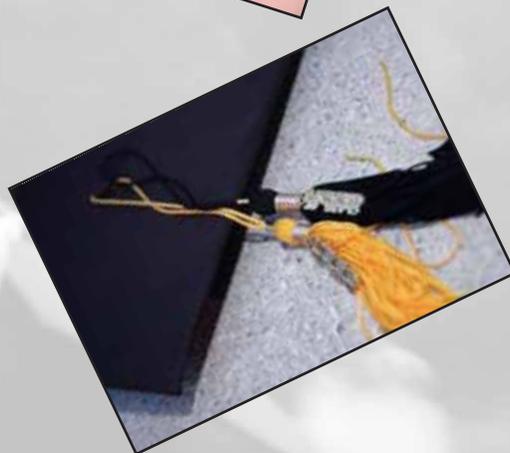
11:30 A.M.
Reunion Class Photos
Nabrit-Mapp-McBay

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Seniors pick up tickets for reserved seating and honor cords
Sale Hall

NOON
Reunion Picnic
Kilgore Center
(Ticket required)

1:30 P.M.
Ringing of the Bell (Memorial Services)
Seniors report to John Hope Gravesite

1:45 P.M.
Baccalaureate procession
Begins at the John Hope Gravesite and proceeds to the Benjamin E. Mays
Gravesite for Memorial Services



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

7:30 P.M.
Alumni Reunion Dinner
Ritz Carlton Atlanta Grand Ballroom
(Ticket required – Cocktails at 6 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

7 A.M.
Alumni continental breakfast
Brawley Hall

7:30 A.M.
Forming of corridor/processional begins
King Chapel



8 A.M.
123RD COMMENCEMENT
Speaker: Dr. Walter E. Massey '58
Ninth President of Morehouse College
Century Campus

Photos
Ron Witherspoon

IN THE NEWS

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INSIDE MOREHOUSE - MAY 2007



SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Youth Ensemble of Atlanta performs "Times," a musical that explores youth issues and concerns surrounding HIV/AIDS, sexual identity, self-respect and responsibility. The group performed as a part of the 63rd Family Institute, which was sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the Morehouse Research Institute, the AUC NIMH-COR program, the Public Health Sciences Institute, and the Research Center for Health Disparities.

AFRICA AWARENESS

Cynthia Hewitt, assistant professor of sociology, introduces Robert E. Fullilove, associate dean and professor of clinical sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and Samia Nkrumah, international journalist and daughter of Osagyefo Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana, at a forum during Africa Awareness Week in April. Events were held jointly with the 63rd Family Institute.



HONORING MUSIC

The Department of Music chartered a new chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda National Honor Society in Music in April. The effort to establish the chapter was spearheaded by David Morrow, director of the Glee Club. Pi Kappa Lambda, which recognizes and encourages musical achievement and academic scholarship, was organized in 1918. There are more than 200 active chapters nationwide.

CHANGING GEARS

NEW HIRES

Willie Bourday, Police Officer, Campus Police
Andre Campbell, Security Officer, Campus Police
Jerome Cheatham, Police Officer, Campus Police
Hana Chelikowsky, Web Developer, Communications
Tracie Daniels, Admin. Assistant, General Education
Andre Darden, Security Officer, Campus Police
Sharon Franklin, Asst. to Board of Trustees, Admin. Services

Lashanda Hardy-Willis, Admin. Special., Records/Registration
Sharon Lundy, Payroll Associate, Business and Finance
Duane McClain, Financial Advisor I, Financial Aid
Nicole McKnight, Budget Analyst, Information Systems
Tonya Newell, H.R. Analyst, Office of Human Resources
Jamal Pearce, Lab Coordinator, Learning Resource Center
Chicco Shea, Police Officer, Campus Police
Richard Williams, Title III Budgets Coordinator, Title III

HBCU Veteran Hired as Tigers' New Football Coach

Richard Freeman, a former assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Lane College, has been hired as the new head football coach, announced director of Athletics, Andre Pattillo.

"We are happy to have Rich Freeman here at Morehouse, and we expect our football program to make steady progress under his leadership," Pattillo said. "Rich is an outstanding individual with excellent coaching credentials, which should greatly benefit our players."

A native of Atlanta, Freeman is a 1997 graduate of Tennessee State University, with a bachelor's in physical education and recreation. He was a team captain and a standout linebacker at TSU.

Primarily a defensive specialist, Freeman also had coaching stints at Tennessee State, Alabama State University, Concordia College and Miles College.



Of his new team, Freeman said his focus for the year will be the fundamentals.

"My philosophy is to get these guys to play fast, hard and smart, and the success will come," he said. "We're going to play with class, and make sure we are physical at all times."

Freeman, who took over the Morehouse program about a month ago, is taking time to work through the staff he inherited, while figuring out how to stretch a limited budget.

But patience is also one of his strategies.

"We're going to take every game one game at a time," he said. "We're going to be the most disciplined team in the NCAA."

Freeman succeeds Terry Beauford, who resigned as head coach after two seasons with a record of 6 wins and 15 losses. His first game will be Aug. 25 against Benedict College.

FACULTY

Marcellus C. Barksdale, director of the African American studies program, assumed the presidency of the Southern Conference on African-American Studies during the organization's 28th meeting in February, held in Baton Rouge, La. Also attending the conference were **Alton Hornsby Jr.**, professor of history; and **Augustine Konneh**, associate professor of history and department chair.

Troy Story, professor of chemistry, published the paper "Navier-Stokes dynamics on a differential one-form" in



the March 2007 volume of the refereed Japanese mathematics Journal, *RIMS Kôkyûroku Bessatsu BI*. His work contains a solution to a 150-year-old unsolved problem, the Navier-Stokes equation.

Uzee Brown Jr. '72, chair of the Department of Music, has been jointly contracted by the Paris Opera Comique and the Atlanta Opera to perform in an international production of "Porgy and Bess" in 2008. Brown will perform the role of "Frazier, the Lawyer," a role which he performed with the Atlanta



Opera in the fall of 2005, and performed and recorded for Decca Records in 2006 with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in conjunction with the Nashville Opera. A series of more than 20 performances will be staged and presented in Paris and Caen, France, Granada, Spain, and Brussels, Belgium.

STAFF

Antionette Ball, program coordinator for Project SPACE, was inducted as honorary member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She also currently is serving as academic year adviser for the group. She encouraged NSCS students and SPACE scholars to serve as volunteers for the CAUSE robotics program, a program she introduced as part of Project SPACE.

STUDENTS

Aaron Mathews, a junior music major concentrating in piano performance, placed second in the James Hefner National Piano Competition. Mathews

also received an award for the best performance of a major piano work by an African American Composer. The competition took place at Tennessee State University in March. He is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Outstanding Talent.

Graduating seniors **Steven Parella** and **Joshua Crawford** have been awarded Compton Mentor Fellowships for 2007. Parella, a biology major, will develop a project aimed at increasing the number of African American high school students pursuing higher education. Crawford, a political science major, will develop a project to increase HIV/AIDS awareness and activism among college students. Each will receive a one-year, \$35,000 grant for the projects.

The **Morehouse College Mock Trial Team** was awarded an honorable mention in its division during the 2007 National Intercollegiate Championship Mock Trial Tournament, held in April at the Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport/Clearwater, Fla. The team received the regional Sprit of AMTA award, which honors a team for character and sportsmanship in competition, during the regional competition in February in Tallahassee.

Holographs of the Massey Years:

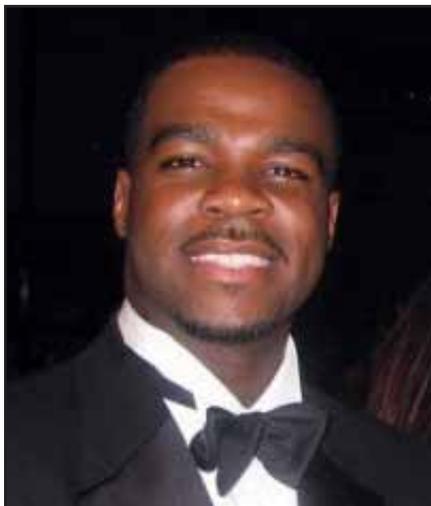
Meridian Blueprints for Continuing Excellence at Morehouse College

Orie Ward '07, winner of the 2007 Otis Moss Jr. Oratorical Contest

Dr. Edward A. Jones once described the mission of Morehouse. He said, "Morehouse College... has been dedicated to the task of building men, first by enlightening their minds, then by freeing them from the shackles of psychological conditioning. The task of these first educators was not simply one of inculcating knowledge which of itself tends to make me free, but also of rehabilitation – of repairing the psychological damage done to the souls of enslaved men who needed to be taught self-respect and dignity even in a degrading environment where the social and political status quo... was diametrically opposed to such teachings."

In 1995, Morehouse College installed its current president, Dr. Walter Eugene Massey. Dr. Massey returned to his alma mater with a vision to continue the mission of Morehouse, and make it "Among the finest liberal arts institutions in the nation." Dr. Massey had a vision of an "excellent way;" he said that, "Even in excellent institutions, there is always room for improvement." He declared that, "Indeed excellent people and excellent organizations, almost by definition, are always seeking to improve, to grow, to learn, to do and even better – to be more excellent."

We are now on the eve of Dr. Massey's tenure and we must ask ourselves, how do we become more excellent? How will that ideal that Morehouse remain, "Steadfast, honest and true?" We must teach excellence as a function of habit, not as a function of circumstance. Morehouse must be excellent not because it is convenient. Morehouse must be excellent because we don't have the luxury not to be. The



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world demands that Morehouse College remain excellent; moreover, our community compels us to be exceptionally excellent.

But again we are faced with a dilemma... How can we be excellent when over 60 percent of the prison population (in this country) is African-American, when only one out of 20 college graduates are African-American, when 72 percent of African-American men don't graduate from high school, when there is AIDS and genocide in Africa, when the land of our ancestry is still being plagued and depleted of its most precious resources by foreigners in a stolen land. If we are not the change we wish to see in the world; if we cannot influence the

change we wish to see in the world, we are not excellent... and we have no hope of being great.

Morehouse must not only be in the business of educating men's minds, Morehouse must be in the business of training men's hearts – that which compels great men to be great. However, even Dr. Mays said that, "Once you have trained a man's mind, there is no guarantee you can train his heart." But if Morehouse can teach a black man where he comes from, the lineage from which he has ascended, and the immeasurable power that God has given him, how can he not love himself? For love is a matter of the heart. And once he loves himself, and knows why he should love himself, how can he not love his people?

As Men of Morehouse, we are shrouded in greatness ... And when we enter Morehouse we are tasked with the duty of becoming excellent. But once we bare the insignia of Morehouse, we bear uninhibited excellence! When we declare that we are Morehouse Men, we are declaring that we are men who have been molded in excellence and fashioned in greatness. However, greatness is externally installed. We can only be great if the world considers us great; we can only be excellent when we do things so well, "that no man living, no man dead, and no man yet to be born can do them any better." We are the products of the excellent way, and if we wish to continue that excellence, we must teach excellence to the world.

Orie Ward is a graduating senior philosophy major from Chicago. This is his winning speech from the competition.

A Year of Many Lessons and Trials

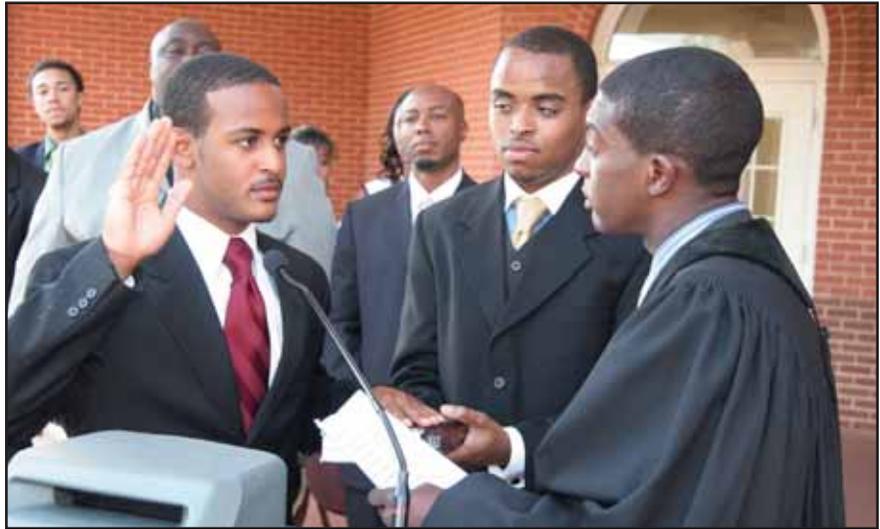
By Marcus Edwards, President Student Government Association

When this year began, I knew I was going to need to be very organized and focused in order to accomplish all the things that I had in mind. From academics and student government to fraternity life and applying to graduate school, each day's productivity proved to have a significant impact on the next. But in planning to accomplish those goals, I also took care to outline the values by which I would approach this year, as well as my life. Those values are integrity, drive and charity. Each step along the way, I have had to refer back to these concepts in order to make it through the year.

In September, when I was called to President Massey's office to be told in confidence that he was planning to retire at the end of this academic year, I knew that all my planning was about to be put to the test. All the normal duties of being a student and of being involved in student leadership were immediately reprioritized in order to make space for a year of participation in the most important decision-making process colleges and universities undertake: the selection of the president. However, because of the drive I value so highly, I knew that the ship had to keep sailing.

One of the first lessons I learned here at Morehouse College is that you cannot do it on your own. In order for this year to have gone so smoothly, I had to share some of the burdens that I carry. Leaning on student government officials and fraternity brothers allowed me to vicariously carry out many of the visions and plans I had this year, while specifically focusing on my grades and the search process. These projects included the Sprint to Save Darfur, Homecoming 2006, two election processes, Relay for Life and Spring Fest 2007.

More importantly, however, this year has been a constant trial of



Marcus Edwards takes the oath of the office of SGA president for the 2006-2007 academic term in spring 2006.

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integrity. This year I have sought to understand integrity as the balance of truth, loyalty, courage and self-knowledge. To me, the most important place to exercise integrity is behind closed doors, so I have taken extreme care to safeguard my involvement in the Presidential Search Committee. While the student body has been operating as usual throughout the year, I have witnessed and participated in heated, insightful discussions with alumni, faculty, and administrators about the tenth president of Morehouse College, all the while knowing that the confidentiality agreement I signed at the beginning of the year had built barriers

around my opinions and knowledge.

Now, as the academic year is closing out and we are nearing the time to announce the new president, I have an academic, social and personal story of which to be proud. I have learned many lessons this year, but above all integrity, charity and drive have been my center, and will continue to be in the future. My Morehouse experience has been a great one, but this year has been like no other, and I am thankful that I was chosen to contribute to this time in the college's history.

Marcus Edwards is a graduating senior political science major from Shreveport, La.

My Word is open to faculty, staff and students who wish to express their views on topics of interest to the Morehouse Community. Articles must be between 550 to 600 words and may be edited for clarity and space. Send inquiries to vhampton@morehouse.edu or call ext. 3690.

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of Morehouse College.



INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN FOR 2007 COMMENCEMENT

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement exercises will be held in Forbes Arena, with additional seats in Archer Hall where the audience will view the ceremony on screen. However, if exercises are held inside Forbes Arena, rather than on the Century Campus where 10,000 seats are available, seating will be considerably limited, and tickets will be required.

Changes to the Commencement schedule will be posted on the Morehouse web site, www.morehouse.edu.

HOUSEKEEPING

Construction work will halt for Commencement

The city of Atlanta has completed 75 percent of the work in the Morehouse College area, with work expected to be completed by late August. For the next two weeks, a crew will be working on campus at Old Lee St., between Morehouse and Clark Atlanta University. Construction crews for this project temporarily will move off campus beginning May 16, to accommodate final exams and Commencement.

Upon completion of this project, the city will have separated all storm and sewer lines, laid new asphalt for the roads from curb to curb, and replaced sidewalks that were compromised due to this project.

Jumpstart a child's education

Jumpstart is looking to collect kindergarten school supplies for the organization's Kinderpacks, school bags provided to preschoolers who have successfully completed the Jumpstart program and have graduated to kindergarten.

More than 100 school bags need to be filled with school supplies, including pencils, paper, markers, school boxes, 16-count crayons, two-pocket folders with prongs, and 5" scissors with rounded tips.

Drop off all supplies to the Bonner Office of Community Service Jumpstart Program Office in room 422 or 420 in the Leadership Center building.

Tuition waiver deadline approaching

The deadline for employees to submit tuition waivers for the fall 2007 semester is Friday, June 29, 2007. There will be no exceptions; all tuition waivers submitted to the Office of Human Resources after June 29 will not be honored.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAMS

The Office of Sponsored Programs has provided a list of funding opportunities for those seeking funding for their projects.

For more information, contact the Office of Government Relations/Office of Sponsored Programs at ext. 3032.

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DID YOU KNOW ...

- More than 6,000 students will have graduated during the Massey years.
- There are 1,334 books on the shelves in Dr. Massey's office and he has read ALL of them.
- 55 honorary degrees have been awarded during his term.
- Massey has 19 corporate and foundation board affiliations.