Alumni Day Crown Forum

Honoring the Life and Legacy

of

Brailsford R. Brazeal ’27

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The Morehouse College U.N.C.F. Pre-Alumni Association

April 11, 2013
Dear Old Morehouse

Dear old Morehouse, dear old Morehouse
We have pledged our lives to thee;
And we’ll ever, yea forever,
Give ourselves in loyalty.

True forever, true forever
To old Morehouse may we be;
So to bind each son the other
Into ties more brotherly.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit
Make us steadfast, honest, true
To old Morehouse and her ideals
And in all things that we do.
Gordon Lane Joyner has been selected for positions of governmental leadership by two presidents of the United States, five governors of Georgia, and two mayors of Atlanta. The voters of Fulton County, Georgia, elected Joyner four times to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (including at-large countywide), and he also served as an associate in the home office in Atlanta of the international corporate law firm, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, as assistant director of the American Bar Association’s Governmental Relations Office in Washington, D.C., as Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s headquarters Office of Fair Housing Enforcement in Washington, D.C., as a judge for the City of Atlanta, and for a record 11 years as executive director and administrator of the State of Georgia Civil Rights Department (Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity).

Fulton County named a bridge in downtown Atlanta “in honor and recognition of Commissioner Gordon L. Joyner for outstanding public service,” and the student lounge in the Morehouse College Walter E. Massey Leadership Center building also bears his name.

Joyner is a salutatorian, *summa cum laude*, and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College (with double majors and double minors), and he received his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where he was selected by the faculty for distinguished appointment to the HLS Board of Student Advisers. Joyner is a member of the bar in Georgia and Washington, D.C., and he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prelude

“Improvisation on Dear Old Morehouse”

David F. Oliver
College Organist

Opening Prayer

Reginald Sharpe ’13
2011-2012 Otis Moss Jr. Oratorical Contest Winners
President, MLK Chapel Assistants Program

Occasion

Mr. Goodgame ’84

Greetings and Introductions

Michael Cowherd ’13
President, Morehouse College Pre-Alumni Association

Introduction of Speaker

Earl J. Nero ’72
Executive Director,
Morehouse College National Alumni Association

Address

“Whither Goest the Black Community”

Gordon L. Joyner, Esq. ’72
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law
and Former Executive Director,
State of Georgia Civil Rights Department and
Fulton County Commissioner

B.R. Brazeal Award Presentation

Mr. Nero ’72
Mr. Goodgame ’84

Closing Remarks

John Silvanus Wilson Jr. Ed. D ’79
President of the College

College Hymn

“Dear Old Morehouse”

J.O.B. Moseley ’29

All alumni and students who are able are asked to rise for the singing of the alma mater

“Make us honest, steadfast, true”
Brailsford Reese Brazeal (1905-1981) received his B.A. from Morehouse College, graduating with honors in 1927. He earned an M.A. from Columbia University and became academic dean and professor of economics at Morehouse in 1928. After he received his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia in 1942, Brazeal revised his dissertation for publication as *The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters* (1946).

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ‘48 took one of Brazeal's courses at Morehouse, “Freshman Lectures,” in his first year, September 1944 - June 1945. As a Morehouse student, he participated in the Atlanta chapter of a Georgia interracial student group that Brazeal had helped organize in 1926 or 1927.

Dr. Brazeal was born in Dublin, GA. He attended high school at Georgia State College in Savannah and Macon's Ballard Normal school, finishing secondary school at Morehouse Academy in 1923. Brazeal obtained his B. A. from Morehouse College, graduating with honors in 1927. He earned an M. A. from Columbia University and became Academic Dean and Professor of Economics at Morehouse in 1928.

After he received his Ph.D. He served as president of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars. For two, years he was a member of the executive committee of the American Conference of Academic Deans and as vice-president of the Association of American Baptist Educational Institutions.

Brazeal was affiliated with the American Economic Association; the American Academy of Political Science; the Southern Sociological Society; the Advisory Council of Academic Freedom Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union; the NAACP; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Sigma Pi Phi, (Boulé); Delta Sigma Rho; and Atlanta's Friendship Baptist Church. He was a member of the board of directors of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Atlanta and the board of Southern Regional Council. Brazeal received many special honors, including a listing in Who's Who in America and unanimous election to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa by Delta Chapter of Columbia University in June 1959.
More than 25 years ago, members of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association in connection with the United Negro College Fund, began formulating methods to improve the overall effectiveness of its support for the College. In their search for more loyal, dedicated alumni, it was decided that a vehicle was needed to teach students how to become effective alumni. Thus, the Morehouse College Pre-Alumni Association was founded by the Morehouse College National Alumni Association in 1982 under the presidency of Charlie Moreland ’51. Today, this organization provides leadership development training for students and serves as the principle student fund-raising organization for both the College's Annual Fund Drive and the U.N.C.F. fund-raising efforts.

**Past Pre-Alumni Presidents**


**Morehouse College U.N.C.F. Pre-Alumni Officers 2012-2013**

- Michael Cowherd ’13 President
- Jeremy Halbert -Harris ’13 Vice President
- Kaelan Sharperson ’14 Treasurer
- Lance Davidson ’14 Communications Chair
- Tracy Adams ’13 Historian
- Richard “Scooter” Taylor ’15 Activities Coordinator

**2012 B. R. Brazeal Recipient**

Travis Randall ’12

**2013 B.R. Brazeal Selection Committee**

Henry M. Goodgame ‘84, Chair
- Dr. Joseph Draper ’57
- Kevin R. McGee ’93
- Earl Nero ’72
- Damon Phillips ’96
- Dr. Delores Stephens
- Dr. Belinda White

**2013 B.R. Brazeal Award Finalists**

Reginald T. Burroughs III ’14
- Thavon T. Davis ’14
- Matthew. D. Graves ’13
- Byron Granberry ’13
- Joshua McKinney ’13
ForeverMoreHouse Alumni Challenge

$10 million by May 19, 2013. Some call it an impossible dream, but history tells us a different story about dreams:

A school for newly freed black men founded in the tiny basement of a Baptist church...

A black man’s eloquent call for racial equality delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and heard around the world...

A campaign to elect America’s first African American president...

All were seemingly impossible dreams achieved by people determined to stand and be counted.

President John Silvanus Wilson, Jr. ‘79 has challenged the alumni community to invest in the College’s ability to thrive in the years to come -- to make a tangible commitment to building “forever” capacity. This investment will provide funds to recruit the best students, hire and retain the best faculty, and strengthen the College’s financial resources.

In order to achieve $10 million in giving and 65% alumni participation by Commencement Day 2013, we are inviting every Morehouse Man to stand and be counted.

· Stand and be counted among Morehouse Men under the age of 30 by contributing $100 to $250. With only 3,500 young alumni giving in this range, we can raise $1.5 million.

· Stand and be counted among 1,200 Morehouse Men contributing at higher levels of $725 to $1,512. With Morehouse Men giving in this category, we can raise $1.2 million.

· Stand and be counted among 600 Morehouse Men contributing at major gift levels of $2,500 to $10,500. Our records show that a significant number of alumni have given at this level at least once. Through giving in this category, we can raise $2.8 million.

· Stand and be counted among the Morehouse Men who will step forward again to commit more than $100,000. These distinguished alumni have supported major initiatives of the College in the past. By giving again at this extraordinary level, we can raise at least $3 million.

· Stand and be counted among 12,000 Morehouse Men contributing an amount of their own choosing. If each Morehouse Man gives according to his capacity, together we can exceed our $10 million goal!

To make a gift today, go to http://giving.morehouse.edu and click on Forever Morehouse-Endowed Scholarship Fund or Forever Morehouse- Unrestricted Annual Fund (Current Operations) in the drop down menu. For more information, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 404-653-7892.