

Morehouse and Georgia Perimeter Enter Transfer Admission Guarantee Pact

A new pact will give students from Georgia's third-largest public higher education institution an opportunity to become men of Morehouse.

Morehouse President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75 and Georgia Perimeter College President Anthony Tricoli signed a Transfer Admission Guarantee agreement in January that will allow GPC students who follow and complete a specific course of study and met certain criteria to transfer into Morehouse for their junior and senior years.

"[This] partnership... is groundbreaking and offers a tremendous opportunity to students looking for a common-sense, cost-effective approach to quality higher education," Franklin said. "Dr. Tricoli and I believe that, by entering into this agreement, we are serving both institutions well and, more importantly, meeting the educational needs of Georgia's future leaders."

GPC, which has transfer agreements with 30 institutions, has 23,000 students (including the most African American students of any Georgia institution) and is one of the fastest growing two-year institutions in the nation. To transfer to Morehouse, GPC students must complete their associate's degree with a 2.5 grade point average and at least



Georgia Perimeter College President Anthony Tricoli and President Franklin enter admission agreement.

60 transferable credits, 30 of which must be earned at GPC.

Sterling Hudson, dean of Admissions and Records at Morehouse, said the College gets nearly 100 transfer students each year, with 35 to 40 coming from two-year institutions.

"That number should be boosted with this articulation," he said. "It's going to provide greater access for Morehouse to local males, mostly Atlanta males. That's been a tough market for us."

Tricoli said he is excited about being in partnership with Morehouse.

"In this year of historical firsts, it is appropriate that our two powerhouse institutions do what none other in the nation has done to clear the pathway to success for African American students who are transferring from an outstanding two-year college to Morehouse," he said. ■

Emory's Delores Aldridge Gives Benjamin E. Mays Lecture



Delores Aldridge

and African American studies professor at Emory University.

"And if cultural democracy is to fulfill its promise, it must ever challenge our values of America, which makes the land of the free and the home of the brave elusive for a lot of our brothers and sisters," she continued during the 18th Annual

FOR AMERICA TO thrive, each citizen has to believe in the main tenant of cultural democracy: shared power and voice by all participants, said Delores Aldridge, a sociology

Benjamin E. Mays Lecture on Jan. 27.

Former President Leroy Keith '61 established the Benjamin E. Mays Lecture series in 1990 as a way to honor the memory and legacy of Mays, the College's revered sixth president who served for 27 years and shepherded the College into international prominence.

Aldridge, a 1963 Clark College graduate, was the first African American faculty member at Emory. In 1971, she established Emory's African American studies department, the first of its kind in the South. She also has been a consultant for more than 90 foreign governments, and has been the author and or editor of at least 160 writings. Her latest book is *The Invisible*

Pioneers: Black Women Sociologists and she is working with the Georgia State Legislature and Georgia Coalition on Black Women to develop an encyclopedic volume, *The Social and Economic Contributions of Georgia Women*.

Aldridge, who as a student at Clark came to the Morehouse campus to listen to Mays lecture, said she was moved by his inspirational messages and believes he stepped up during the civil rights movement when other college presidents stepped back.

"Dr. Mays worked diligently to challenge a racist America," she said. "But he also knew that as African Americans, we must be well prepared in heart and mind." ■

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin Is Inaugural Speaker for Vivian Malone Jones Lecture

ATLANTA MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN delivered the first annual Vivian Malone Jones Lecture on Civil Rights during the Jan. 22nd Crown Forum.

“Vivian Malone Jones didn’t give up and didn’t give out,” Franklin said. “She acted with courage and she executed resolve...But she took the road less-traveled as a young woman, not much younger than you...The question is how strong will your shoulders be that others stand on?”

Jones and classmate James Hood made history in 1963 by defying Gov. George Wallace, who stood in front of the University of Alabama doors to keep them from becoming the school’s first black students. Hood transferred after two months (he got his doctorate from Alabama in 1997), but Jones went on to become the school’s first African American graduate. She worked for the U.S. Department of Justice and eventually moved to Atlanta to become head of civil rights and urban affairs for the Environmental Protection Agency. She retired in 1996 and died of a stroke in 2005.

Franklin was chosen to give the lecture because of her political accomplishments and nearly four decades of work with the city of Atlanta.

President Robert M. Franklin Jr. ’75 added, however, that Mayor Franklin also should be recognized for brokering the \$32-million deal that brought to campus the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, which includes 10,000 hand-written lectures, sermons and other papers that belonged to King, a 1948 graduate.

“Without Mayor Franklin’s courage and vision, it wouldn’t have occurred,” he said. “We should honor her for that.”

The mayor was honored with an oil portrait that will hang inside the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. ■



Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin

NEWS BRIEFS

HBCU Week Highlights Importance of Black Colleges

WHEN PRESIDENT ROBERT M. FRANKLIN JR. ’75 addressed sessions at the 2008 National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week Conference in Washington, D.C., this September, he shared his vision of producing Renaissance men with a social conscience and suggested that all HBCUs consider the same.

The conference was sponsored by the White House Initiative on HBCUs, whose goals are to advocate for and strengthen the fund-raising capacity of HBCUs. Conference participants shared information on research and funding trends, educational opportunities, equipment, grant and contracting opportunities, faculty development and internships.

With the theme, “HBCUs: Established to Meet a Need, Evolving With the Times,” the conference celebrated September 7-13 as National HBCU Week. Highlights included speeches by then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Morehouse Police Chief Vernon Worthy, founder and immediate past president of the HBCU-Law Enforcement Executives Association (LEEA), served as a panelist on “Securing the Campus – Meeting the Challenges for Students and Community.”

David Morrow ’80, director of the Morehouse College Glee Club, was a regional conductor of a national choir representing 105 HBCUs during the world premiere concert of 105 Voices of History at the Kennedy Center.

Submitted by Denise Moore, director of the Office of Government Relations

Morehouse Named One of the Nation’s Best HBCUs

Morehouse has again been recognized by a national publication as one of the country’s top historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

The *U.S. News and World Report* named Morehouse the nation’s No. 3 HBCU. Rounding up the top three were Howard University and Spelman College. The magazine based its rankings on six factors: peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving rate.

It is the second year the magazine has ranked the nation’s HBCUs.



Nearly 400 people participated in the 9th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

Morehouse Raises \$18,000 for Breast Cancer Research

THE 400 WALKERS who took part in the Ninth Annual Morehouse College Breast Cancer Walk raised \$18,000 in the effort to fight the disease.

The Oct. 4 event pushed the grand total that the College has raised for the American Cancer Society to \$145,600, according to Sandra Walker. She, along with 11-year breast cancer survivor Mary Peaks, has organized the popular walk around the Atlanta University Center. Walker is the executive assistant to the vice president of business and finance while Peaks works in the Counseling Research Center.

“Your support has assisted in enhancing awareness and advancing research for this life-threatening disease that strikes women and men,” Walker said. ■