



At Morehouse, One and Two at the Top of the Class Equals Four

College celebrates two Valedictorians and two Salutatorians

ATLANTA, May 14, 2009 - For the second time in as many years, Morehouse College will graduate two valedictorians who will finish at the top of their class. And for the first time in recent history, the College also celebrates two salutatorians. These men will join their classmates in becoming Morehouse Men during the 125th Commencement convocation on **Sunday, May 17, at 8 a.m.** on the **Century Campus**.

Joshua Harris and **Anthony Roberts** have both completed their matriculation at Morehouse with perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point averages –which means each of these valedictorians finished their college careers having made all A’s –all four years.

Harris, who majored in Political Science, is the captain of the Morehouse tennis team and led the squad to several conference championships. The Thomasville, Ga. native is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science Honor Society; and a Credit Suisse Scholar and Oprah Winfrey Scholar. In 2007, he became the only student in Morehouse College history invited to join the Delta of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa as a second-year student. His community service efforts are stellar as well, having served as executive director of the “Up ‘til Dawn” initiative in partnership with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The program helps raise awareness and funds for research in childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases. After graduation, Harris plans to join the Teach for America Corps as an elementary school teacher in the Atlanta Public School System.

Roberts is an economics major from Richmond, Va. At Morehouse, he not only distinguished himself as a scholar, but as a championship sprinter on the Morehouse Track and Field team. As a member of the track and field team, he earned the title of SIAC Scholar Athlete. He also has served as president of the Morehouse Business Association and is a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. After graduation, Roberts will begin his career as an associate consultant for Bain & Company, a management consultant firm in Atlanta.

In a class of nearly 500 men, being ranked second is also a great feat. Seniors **Michael Blevins** and **Bolaji James** will share the title of salutatorian. They both earned cumulative grade point averages of 3.96.

Blevins is an economics and theatre double major from Detroit, Mich. After graduation he plans to pursue an acting career in television and film in Los Angeles.

Bolaji James is an economics major from New York City. After graduation, he will begin a career in sales with Colgate-Palmolive in Atlanta and later pursue a MBA.

The class of 2009 will be treated to an extra special treat as it receives words of wisdom from two of this year’s honorary degree recipients. Academy award-nominated actress **Cicely Tyson** and scholar and author **Henry Louis “Skip” Gates Jr.** will offer words of inspiration in separate addresses to the class. The two, along with Major League Baseball Hall of Famer **Hank Aaron**, will receive the honorary doctor of humane letters.