The motto of the Morehouse College Parents Association of Metropolitan Washington is: “Every Son of Morehouse is a Son of Ours.”

One way in which we attempt to fulfill the true meaning of this motto is by making Final Exam Care Packages baskets to be delivered to the College and to be donated to Men of Morehouse who cannot or will not receive any other type of support to boost their spirits through nutrition and snacks during their Spring final exam period.

Mr. Harry Wright, Jr., Assistant Dean of Student Services, is charged with distributing the packages and he has relayed to us just how excited (i.e., “it’s just like Christmas morning”) the students get receiving the gift of a care package during the stressful time of final exams.

Exam Care Package Donation Suggestions:
- crackers (animal, cheese, rice), granola bars, cereal bars, nuts, dried soup cups (e.g., “Cup of Noodles”), cookies, trail mix, candy, pretzels, instant cereals, instant breakfast, popcorn, instant coffee, tea bags, pizza/coffee coupons, fruit snacks, rice crispy treats, donuts, etc.

ATTEND THE APRIL MEETING AND BRING OUT YOUR DONATIONS!

Next Monthly Meeting: April 21, 2012, 10:30—12 p.m.
People’s Congregational United Church of Christ
4704 13th Street NW, Washington, DC 20011

Raymond Bell is a junior Psychology major from Washington, DC. Raymond has been in various choirs throughout his high school years and, prior to that, the children’s choir at his church. Raymond’s participation in the Glee Club has continued the values of discipline and good values that he learned as an Eagle Scout. He has also been the Treasure of two Residence Hall Councils and started a Volleyball club when he was only a Freshman. Raymond also plays the trumpet but decided that the Glee Club would be enough to keep him busy and challenged outside of classes at Morehouse. He plays Djembe in the Glee Club. The Glee Club is not connected to his major or career path; he does it only because of his love of music and his fondness of brotherhood forged between the members of the Glee Club.

Rodney L. Davis, Jr., is a sophomore Psychology major from Lanham, Maryland. Rodney has been singing all of his life. He started out singing in the church sunbeam youth choir at the age of 3, he has continued to sing all throughout his school years and is now a part of the Morehouse Glee Club! Rodney has a passion for many forms of vocal and instrumental music which is demonstrated through his well versed ability in playing the piano, trombone, tuba, and drums. In addition to being a soloist, he plays the Djembe for the Morehouse Glee club 2012 “Spring Tour”. Rodney has always been on the road of academic excellence and as a result was inducted into the National Society Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. He is also a member and a campus rep for the American Psychology-Law Society, served on two Residence Hall Councils and is also a part of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Inc. and Psi Chi International Honor Society for Psychology all at Morehouse College.
Mary Williams, Vice-President of the Morehouse College Parents Association of Metropolitan Washington (MCPA-MW), poses with Morehouse College President Robert Franklin as she presents him with an MCPA-MW T-shirt featuring our Association’s motto: “Every Son of Morehouse is a Son of Ours”.

In February, over 25 members of the Morehouse College Parents Association of Metropolitan Washington (MCPA-MW) traveled to Atlanta for the 2012 Morehouse College Parents Weekend. This action packed weekend provided an array of activities from information sessions on Study Abroad to the formal Candle in the Dark Gala. Some of the highlights of the event included:

- An “Old School Party” where parents and Morehouse College staff “partied hearty” and “brought the house down”. In addition, our Association displayed and sold T-shirts during the event;
- The 2012 Black male Summit entitled: “Black Boys, Black Men and Comprehensive Education: A View from the Front of the Bus”. The summit focused on closing the educational gap for black males by shifting our culture toward educational excellence for all youth through teaching and co-curricular innovations;
- The 2012 Founder’s Day Concert featuring Musiq Soulchild;
- An information session which provided an opportunity for parents to engage with representatives from all of the departments within the college. In addition, new officers for the Morehouse College Parents Council were announced; and
- The Candle in the Dark Gala which featured awards to outstanding Morehouse alumni and an elegant evening of dinner and dancing.

Elijah McDavid, III, performing as the piano accompanist for the Morehouse Glee Club in a performance at the King Chapel.
Morehouse College Parents Association of Metropolitan Washington attended the United Negro College Fund’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Breakfast on January 17, 2011, in Greenbelt, MD. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Michael Lomax, President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The UNCF provides operating and program funds to its 39 member private historically black colleges and universities and their 60,000 students, and manages more than 400 scholarships. 400.

Members in attendance at the event are shown in the group picture to the left and included: Charles Gilbert, Sharon Rogers, Myron Wyche, Altheia Wyche, Carletta Brooks-Nelson and Darrell Nelson. Also shown in the picture are Carletta’s parents and brother. Other members in attendance but not shown included Mary Williams and Henry Thompson.

Dr. John Silvanus Wilson delivered an AWESOME presentation to our Association at our monthly meeting and Christmas Social Pot Luck on December 17, 2011. Dr. Wilson's presentation challenged the audience, particularly our Men of Morehouse, to always THINK because that is what is required to succeed in our society. He gave the group a mentally stimulating talk that included audio and video snippets from popular culture throughout. In addition he asked our Men of Morehouse to respond to thought provoking questions throughout his speech. He awarded the students who were the first in the group to come up with the correct answer to his questions with the book entitled: "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Nobel Prize Winner- Daniel Kahneman. Over 80 people were in attendance, including over 25 Men of Morehouse. We had a GREAT food, GREAT fellowship and a FANTASTIC event!
Dear Morehouse Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

Though we are in the final stretch of our son’s academic school year, there are still many more important tasks for us parents to undertake.

In the month of April we have our Spring Final Exam Care Packages Project where we collect donations, prepare, pack and ship these gifts to students at Morehouse. In addition, we also suggest you prepare and send your own “Man of Morehouse” his own personal final exam care package with all the goodies you know he would enjoy. **WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL OUR PARENTS FOR THIS PROJECT!!! ATTEND OUR APRIL MONTHLY MEETING AND BRING OUT YOUR DONATIONS!!!**

Also in April, we will be making nominations for our Association’s Officers for the 2012-2013 school year. We seek nominations for ALL officer positions (i.e., President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary (both Financial and Corresponding). From our Constitution and Bylaws (which are available on our website) the duties of the Officers are as follows:

- **President**: shall preside at all regular monthly meetings of the Association and shall have the power to call special meetings. The President has the power to create committees to carry out the functions of the Association and appoint chairpersons of such committees.

- **Vice President**: shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence, death or disability of the President.

- **Treasurer**: shall maintain the financial accounts of the Association, provide reports to the members on the financial transactions and financial condition of the Association and special meetings.

- **Secretary**: shall be responsible for maintaining membership and other records of the Association recording minutes of all meetings and distributing copies of meeting minutes to members at or before the next succeeding meeting.

**WE ALWAYS NEED MORE LEADERS TO STEP UP IN ORDER FOR OUR ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE TO GROW! WITH THE HELP OF MANY, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT. CONSIDER SERVING OR WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE AS AN OFFICER.**

After our April nomination period, we will collect and distribute statements by each of the nominees regarding their goals for their Office and Association to the membership and hold the election at our May monthly meeting for 2012-2013 officers. **WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE A YOUR SAY IN THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION.**

In June, we will hold our annual Year-End Cookout and Salute to Graduating and Continuing Students. This is our Association’s opportunity to congratulate the new graduates and their parents for reaching this outstanding achievement. In addition, it is our opportunity to recognize and encourage our continuing students as they work toward obtaining their goals. **CONTACT ME TO WORK ON THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP!**

I look forward to working with you ALL in continuing our exciting activities and growth for the rest of this school year!

Myron Wyche  
President  
Morehouse College Parents Association  
Of Metropolitan Washington

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