THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE PARENTS COUNCIL MISSION

The purpose of the Morehouse College Parent Council (MCPC) is to foster a partnership between the College and parents in order to improve the quality of the undergraduate experience for Morehouse College students and their parents. All Morehouse parents are automatically a member of MCPC. The members of the Parents Council will also assist in furthering the goals of the College and its students through development and fundraising efforts.

MCPC is led by an Executive Council that is made up of parent volunteers that serve two-year terms on an Executive Board consisting of 4 Officers and 9 Regional Representatives covering all states in the United States, the Caribbean, and Abroad. The Executive Council works with the college administration throughout the year to advocate for the students, to plan quality programs for the parents and to participate in the growth and development of the college.

Currently MCPC plays an active role in several Morehouse programs: New Student Orientation - meet incoming parents and help them transition their students into college; Parents Weekend - hold annual membership meeting and discuss goals, accomplishments, issues, and the wellbeing of the sons of Morehouse; Regional Activities - Regional representatives work in conjunction with Morehouse Alumni Chapters, local Morehouse Parent Associations, and Morehouse College to provide programs to help students and parents navigate the Morehouse educational system; and Fundraising - raise funds to help provide small, but impactful emergency scholarships to students in need.

MCPC is looking for people to serve as lead parents so we can make sure every state is covered. Duties include you working with the elected Regional Representative to bring together Morehouse parents in your area as well as help host the Admissions Counselors and speak to potential parents about Morehouse College. If you’d like to get involved, please send an email to mcpc@morehouse.edu

Visit the Morehouse College Parents Council (MCPC) website for more information.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR MCPC CHAIRS

Hello Morehouse Parents,

We pray this newsletter finds you doing well. We are so excited about the 2011-2012 academic year as we work hard to ensure our young men have a successful journey at Morehouse College. We can't thank you enough for being part of the MCPC and we promise to be here for you.

For new parents, welcome to Morehouse and for returning parents, welcome back! Get ready to roll up your sleeves because there is work to do! Our young men are beating the odds and doing great things! Know that MCPC is committed to supporting President Robert Franklin and Morehouse College as we cultivate Renaissance Men that are “Well Read”, Well Spoken”, “Well Traveled”, “Well Dressed”, and “Well Balanced. TOGETHER we can make a difference for our sons because as future Morehouse Men, we know they are destined for greatness!

If you haven’t figured it out by now, we’re sure you can tell that we LOVE Morehouse College! It has definitely helped our son, James. He is now completing his journey to becoming a Morehouse Man as he will graduate May 20, 2012 at 10am! The young man we dropped off four years ago has been further refined and is well on his way of becoming a world renowned Attorney that is already making a difference in the lives of others! We can’t wait to hear your stories because we know that Morehouse College has a way of impacting our sons on a daily basis!

We look forward to working with each and every one of you. Please get engaged TODAY because our sons need us! We look forward to seeing each of you at the 2012 Morehouse College Parents Weekend and Founders Day Celebration from February 9th – 12th.

Take care and God bless,

Darlene and Phillip

REGIONAL UPDATES

Region III

RECRUITING WITH A PURPOSE

Region III will be partnering with the Morehouse College Admissions Team and the Morehouse Alumni Association to host the “I Want To Be A Morehouse Man” presentation that will be led by Assistant Director of Admissions, Mr. Giles King Eady and a panel that consist of current Men of Morehouse, Parents, and Alumni to discuss the benefits of attending Morehouse College. The program will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 10th at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216. Join us to meet new parents & alumni as we help Admissions with the ever important aspect of recruiting. Email Region III Rep, Natalie Pittman at nataliepittman@aol.com for additional information.

Region VII

MCPC IN THE CLASSROOMS

Success Preparatory Academy is a charter school located in New Orleans, LA whose mission is to prepare elementary students for their future through college admittance. All elementary classrooms are named for colleges throughout the United States.

This school year only one Historically Black College & University is represented and that honor goes to Morehouse College! Alumni donated funds which were used to enter the school’s competition for a classroom sponsorship. This is the first year that Morehouse College was a finalist and won. This first grade class is led by Mr. Avery Himes, a 2008 Morehouse graduate.

MCPC Region VII will assist in motivating these first grade students and connecting them with our Morehouse sons by becoming pen pals. The goal is to create a potential pipeline for future Men of Morehouse plus an opportunity to empower the first grade parents. Contact Region 7 Representative, Monique Briierre Aziz at moniqueaziz@yahoo.com for additional information.

Region VIII

MCPC PARTNERS WITH THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Attention Parents and young men in Southern CA! Please mark your calendar for December 10th and join Morehouse College Admissions as they partner with MCPC and College Bound San Diego to recruit young men living in San Diego and the Southern CA area. Associate Dean Danny Bellinger along with current Men of Morehouse and their parents will provide information about Morehouse on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Mt. Carmel High School’s Theater (9550 Carmel Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92129). This special presentation will take place during the College Bound program which runs from 8:30am – 12 Noon. Email MCPC Chair, Dr. Darlene Willis at drwillis@san.rr.com for additional information.
MCPC WORKS WITH THE DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUR MOREHOUSE SONS!

Dear Morehouse College Parents and Supporters:

I could not be more pleased to report that the Morehouse College Parents Council has started the year with a bang! The MCPC Executive Council and the nine regional parent representatives met during New Student Orientation to review plans for the fall term, share concerns and to address some of the most pressing issues of both new and returning students.

With the economic challenges facing us all these days, this year hit many families particularly hard. A number of students were held up at registration with news that mom or dad’s loan was denied! While others with loans simply found it challenging to close the financial gap to secure housing and/or books.

MCPC boldly stepped up to the plate by giving “twenty” (20) book scholarship awards in the amount of $350.00 each to students in need! This was in response to numerous letters, emails and personal pleas from parents, grandparents, and students! The word is out about MCPC and their support of our students. Student Services is proud to work in collaboration of their efforts. As important as it is to celebrate your generosity, and we do, we certainly encourage each of you to do what you can to continue giving in support of still others who stand in need of our care.

Thank you for all you do to support and provide for your sons as students at Morehouse College. Thank you for the generous spirit that motivates you to give in support of other underserved young men and families! These gifts enable MCPC to provide gift bags for students at final exam time, book scholarships, emergency clothing, emergency transportation, temporary housing, and so much more!

Do plan to join us during Founder’s Week for Parents Weekend 2012. We are expecting our largest gathering ever!!! Meanwhile, go to the MCPC website to learn more about the Council, who your regional representative is and the upcoming events. Those who wish to receive a copy of the Executive Council minute notes may request it by emailing your regional representative.

Best Regards,

Harry Wright, Jr.
Associate Dean, Office of Enrollment Management & Student Services

SPECIAL THANKS!!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Because of the generosity of our Morehouse Parents, Alumni, and supporters, MCPC was able to raise close to $10,000 during the 2010-2011 school year. These funds were made available to Student Services to be given as scholarships to those students in need. We would like to thank everyone that unselfishly donated and ask that you continue to stand with us as we raise funds for those students that are in need.

As we begin our Annual MCPC Fundraising Campaign, we proudly announce that MCPC’s Fundraising Goal for the 2011-2012 school year is $20,000. We are doubling our fundraising efforts as well as our support through the giving of scholarships to our most precious gifts – young black men that are destined to change the world.

Visit the MCPC Giving Page to donate to the scholarship fund. Join us as we make a difference for our Men of Morehouse TODAY!

LOS ANGELES PARENT ASSOCIATION DONATES SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS TO MCPC

Special thanks to the Los Angeles Parent Association (ALAMP) for donating $500 to the Morehouse College Parents Council to go towards emergency scholarships for our young men. The LA Parent Association had a fundraiser featuring the Morehouse Glee Club and wanted to show their support of MCPC. MCPC is truly grateful for this donation and ALAMP is challenging the other Parent Associations to follow their lead and match the LA Parent Association’s donation!

MCPC salutes the LA Parent Association!

THE ART OF LEADING

Be sure to check out The House Report just released by President Robert Franklin. You will find the Art of Leading and many other great articles from the desk of the president.
NEW ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Back in June, President Robert Franklin announced the creation of the new Enrollment Management and Student Services (EMSS) Division which is a restructure and combination of the Admissions and Recruitment, the Registration and Records, and the Student Services divisions. Dr. William Bynum, the newly appointed Vice President for EMSS will lead this new division.

The EMSS will develop and execute well-planned strategies and tactics to shape the institution’s enrollment goals by promoting the College in regional, state, national, and international markets; recruiting and admitting new undergraduate students; enrolling, registering, aiding, and retaining students; and providing smart, efficient and service-oriented processes to guide students through the enrollment pathway from recruitment to commencement.

Under this umbrella will be two restructured positions: Dean of Admissions and Dean of Men.

MCPC was invited to serve on the search committees for selecting the new Dean of Admissions and the Dean of Men. MCPC Regional III Representative, Natalie Pittman served as the MCPC parent representative. We were able to openly voice the concerns of parents and question the candidate’s competencies in regards to enrollment, retention, and the services and support to be provided to our sons. Although the selection of the new Dean of Men has yet to be finalized, we are pleased to announce that the new Dean of Admissions, Dr. Kevin Williams, a Morehouse Man, will begin his duties in mid-October – just in time for the upcoming admissions process.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Williams back to Morehouse College!

FACT or RUMOR:
Do Our Sons Need to Fulfill the Computer Competency Requirement in Order to Graduate from Morehouse College?

YES, THAT IS A FACT

All Morehouse students are required to fulfill the Computer Competency Requirement in order to graduate from Morehouse College. There was a rumor that students could not fulfill the test because the person responsible for giving the test had left the College. MCPC immediately researched this information by first locating the actual requirement from the 2010 General Education Handbook, which states:

"By the end of the junior year, each student must demonstrate competency in the basic use of computers by (a) passing BUS 322, CSC 101, or higher level computer science courses; (b) performing the following set of hands-on tasks in a disciplined-based computer lab setting—e.g., use of basic terminology of computer technology, create and edit documents using a word processor, create on-line presentation materials, create tables and charts, create a personal database, exchange e-mail with others, and use of a web browser to locate resources of interest; or (c) passing General Education’s Computer Literacy/Information Literacy Exam."

We also confirmed this finding with the College administration. When asked about the rumor, Provost Jackson responded, “It is just a rumor. The test belongs to the College, not to a particular person. With that said, we should have a formal announcement as to when the competency test will be administered in the next few days.”

With Academic Advising Week (November 7-11) fast approaching, MCPC recommends that all students review the general education requirements with their advisor to make sure they are on track for graduation.

Refer to the Morehouse General Education Handbook for more details regarding academic requirements.

Thanks to Region V Rep, Dr. Avadawn Hargett for the reminder.

PARENTS, DON’T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR SONS SIGN THE STUDENT INFORMATION RELEASE

Have you ever tried to find out academic and/or additional information about your son but were told by the College that they are not able to release this information due to FERPA?

Well, FERPA stands for (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and it is a “Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.” According to the US Department of Education website, “FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.” See the FERPA site for more information.

For parents that would like the ability to access information concerning their son, MCPC recommends that you have your son complete the FERPA Student Information Release Authorization Form and turn it into the Registrar's Office immediately. This authorization will give you permission to have access to your son's information and allow the College to share information with you.

According to Dr. Bynum, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services, “The current FERPA form is good for one year only, and students do have to sign a new one each year.”

PRIDE
SAVE THE DATE

Attention Morehouse Parents

2012 FOUNDERS DAY & PARENT’S WEEKEND

Thursday, February 9 – Sunday, February 12, 2012

Parents, please mark your calendars and consider making your travel arrangements TODAY! The Morehouse College Parents Council highly recommends all parents to attend this fantastic weekend visiting your sons, networking with other parents, attending parent-related topic workshops and participating in the infamous “Candle In the Dark” Gala. This is a weekend that Morehouse Parents don’t want to miss! More details will follow in the next few weeks but in the meantime make plans to attend!

Are You Receiving Email Updates From MCPC?

Are you connected to MCPC? Did you receive this newsletter via email last week?

If you answered no to the questions above, then you are not on the MCPC Email List. Send the information below to mcpc@morehouse.edu

- Parents Name
- Parents Email Addresses (You can add more than one)
- Mailing Address, City, State & Zip Code
- Home Number, Cell Number
- Son’s Name, Class Year

Interested In Having Helpful Parent Information Listed In The Next MCPC Newsletter?

If you are interested in submitting an article for the MCPC PRIDE Spring 2012 Newsletter or have MCPC cover a particular topic, please send your article or suggestion to mcpc@morehouse.edu along with your name and contact information. Articles are due by December 15, 2011.