Bonner Office of Community Service

Staff

Dr. Monty Whitney, Director
Tony Rocker, Program Manager
Jacob Bentley, Program Coordinator
Femi Jenkins, Administrative Asst.

Address

Morehouse College
Leadership Building—4th Floor
830 Westview Drive, SW
Atlanta, GA 30314
404-681-7575 Office
404-507-8600 Fax
www.morehouse.edu/ocs

Adams Scholarship Program Mission Statement

The Morehouse College Adams Scholars Program is committed to shaping a core of students who will set a standard for excellence in service to the community.

Adams Scholars Spotlight

Quinton Outley-Trowers, a graduating mathematics senior from Houston, TX serves the Adams Scholars Program by working as an assistant counselor for the Gateway Homeless Shelter. He gives a helping hand assisting men in Atlanta with working to get back on their feet. He is a veteran in the Adams’ program and in the academic school year of 2011-2012 became the winner of the “Adams Scholar of the Year” and “Rookie of the Year” awards. He is considered the “lion” in this program.

Rodje Malcolm, Sophomore from Kingston, Jamaica, serves at the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) focusing on hunger advocacy as well as working with the volunteer department at the ACFB.

Adams Scholars at Frederick Douglass Tutorial Institute (FDTI)— tutoring children with their studies.
The Adams Scholarship Program is named after Mrs. & Mr. Emma and Joe Adams of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Joe Adams had been the long time friend and manager for the late singer/songwriter Mr. Ray Charles who was also charitable supporter of Morehouse College. The Adams and Mr. Charles were all recipients of Honorary Degrees from Morehouse College. The Adams’ generosity toward Morehouse college has been evident since 1994, when they first began to make annual donations to the Emma & Joe Adams Scholarship Program. This program supports 28 students who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to community service, and who seek to balance that commitment with academic excellence.

In 1998, at a Morehouse on the Move function in Los Angeles, the Adams announced that they would grant Morehouse an additional $1.5 million over the following five years with a considerable portion being earmarked for the Leadership Center where the program is physically housed.

In 2005, staff from the Office of Community Service, along with 20 Adams Scholars made an unforgettable trip to Los Angeles to engage in community service on Emma & Joe Adam’s turf. Arranged by several Morehouse College alumni, Adams Scholars served at a number of agencies in Watts and surrounding communities. The experiences proved eye-opening for Adams Scholars, as it gave them the opportunity to forge west-coast partnerships.

After having the opportunity to meet personally Emma & Joe Adams, the scholars were thrilled to embrace the legacy of this phenomenal duo. With mutual respect and admiration, the OCS staff was pleased to announce the continued support of the Adams to the tune of an additional two million dollars. The program was now to remain in perpetuity, one of Morehouse College’s premier service organizations.

Each year, 28 young men commitment to rendering more than 350 hours annually in support of some of the following community partners:

- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Booker T. Washington High School
- Frederick Douglass Tutorial Institute
- Fulton County Juvenile Court
- Fight For Light

Direct Scholarship 4 @ $475 $1,900
Summer Stipend 600
Community Fund 50
Administrative Fund $100/semester 200
$2,750

Quotes from Adams Scholars:

“I strive to help one million people before I retire from my professional career, but serving others will last a life time due to my foundation with the Adams Scholars program.”

Brandon Washington, ‘15 - Chicago, Il

“I am glad that I have had the opportunity to reach, teach, serve, and lead and I hope the legacy continues.

Caleb Dyson, ’14, - Chicago, Il

"The Adams Scholars’ program has permanently changed my life forever by introducing me to various aspects of community service. Through my involvement and participation I have truly found my passion in life….giving back to others in need. An important lesson learned….is that everyone needs help in becoming self-reliant. Thanks to this scholarship, I will forever be involved with community service projects until I am no longer here on Earth.”

Radonte White, ’15 - Atlanta, GA