COMMENCEMENT/REUNION 2012
‘Franklin’s Men’ to Take Lessons of Renaissance to the World
President Franklin, Joyner and Sharpton to Deliver Addresses

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

In 2007, President Robert M. Franklin ’72 initiated a renaissance among the student body that would see the development of Morehouse Men who embodied the Five Wells – well read, well traveled, well dressed, well spoken and well balanced – as they became leaders.

Approximately 530 Renaissance men with a social conscience and global perspective remember his words to them about his vision four years ago.

“As Renaissance Men nurtured at Morehouse, you will have the opportunity to inject new energy and hope into communities that desperately await a Renaissance,” Franklin said to the class of 2012 during their New Student Orientation in 2008.

Now four years later, more than 10,000 family and friends will gather on the College’s Century Campus for the College’s 128th Commencement as the group that now calls themselves “Franklin’s Men” actually become Morehouse Men and Franklin, who is stepping down in 2012, presides over his last Commencement ceremony.

Jamali Nur-Ali Enverrem ’12, who will deliver the valedictory, said becoming a Morehouse man and being a valedictorian is keeping on line with Franklin’s wishes.

“It’s a great honor, but it also means that I have been moved into a position to where I’m a role model for others,” he said. “That responsibility I plan to live up to and to take with me, no matter where I go.”

Also speaking during the ceremony will be Tom Joyner, host of the nationally syndicated radio show, “Tom Joyner Morning Show.” He will receive an honorary degree, as well Chiola de A founder and chairman S. Truett Cathy Elaine Tuttle Hansen, executive director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, and Econet Wireless founder and chairman Strive Masiyiva.

A day before Commencement, the Rev. Al Sharpton, founder and chairman of the National Action Network, will give the Baccalaureate address in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. Tickets are required for seating in King Chapel, as well as satellite venues, for this event.

It will also be Reunion Weekend as Morehouse alumni honor their newest members and celebrate old friendships and classmates. Receptions are planned for Friday and Saturday evening, and a cookout will be held Saturday afternoon.

The Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies will be web-streamed live on www.morhouse.edu.

For more information about Commencement/Reunion 2012 see the full schedule on page 8 or go to http://www.morhouse.edu/commencement/index.html.

SPAKERS OF THE ‘HOUSE
College’s Debate Team Garners National Rankings

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

IN THE FILM “The Great Debaters,” Wiley College of Texas defeated Harvard in an inspiring debate that proved a small historically black college wasn’t intellectually inferior to the Ivy League.

The only problem is that match didn’t happen, though Wiley did debate the University of Southern California.

This spring, the Morehouse College debate team actually did debate an Ivy League school – Yale University – and, according to popular sentiment, won.

It capped a season that debate team director Kenneth Newby ’97 calls a resurgence for the debate program at Morehouse.

“We had some members of the team – freshmen and upperclassmen – who had never debated before this year, but have gone on to achieve remarkable things,” he said. “I’m very proud of the team.”

Debate has a long, successful history at Morehouse, but in recent years participation had waned. Newby, who was a member of a national (continued on page 2)
2012-13 Miss Maroon and White and Her Court

The newly crowned Miss Maroon and White, Jasmine Matthews, a drama major from Houston, poses with her court: 1st Attendant Taylor Hawkins, an engineering and mathematics major from Washington, D.C., and 2nd Attendant Cyndee Williams, a psychology major from Houston. The ladies, all rising seniors at Spelman College, will represent Morehouse during the 2012-2013 academic year.

New Trees Give Morehouse A Greener Look

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Morehouse is getting a lot greener, thanks to an anonymous donor and a group of students.

Earlier this year, the donor gave the College $100,000 to plant new trees all over campus. Older trees that were beginning to decay were pulled up and replaced with new oak, holly, crape myrtle and magnolia trees. Mason will be large, mature shade trees such as dogwoods and rosebuds.

“We’re planting 186 trees, so whatever we took up, we more than made up,” said Logistics Manager John Zachary ’79. “And a shade tree generates more than $160,000 in environmental benefits over the course of 50 years. But it’s also going to change the look and landscape of the campus. I think students, faculty and staff will like the new look. We’ll begin to see the effects of it this spring.”

The new trees are in the heart of campus on Brown Street, in front of the Leadership Center, along Westview Drive towards the security gate; near Douglass Hall and the Morehouse tennis complex; near Graves Hall, at West End Avenue across from the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center and Music Education Building and on Wolbom Street adjacent to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

A few weeks later, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., led a separate effort to add honey foliage on campus. They teamed up with the Spelman chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Toyota and the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 30 trees at Morehouse and another 30 trees at Spelman.

Debate (continued from page 1)

championship winning debate team while he was at Morehouse, took over the program last year after a couple of years when the program was being revived.

Under Newby’s direction, the team ended the 2011-12 season as Georgia’s top-ranked parliamentary debate program and also was ranked 14th in the nation. Morehouse debaters won first overall in tournaments at the University of Tennessee, Gainesville State College and Berry College. They finished in the Top 10 in competitions at George Washington University and James Madison University. And they were named for exhibition performances against Howard, Bates and Yale.

This year’s team consisted of Byron Grandberry, Brent Brunson, Raheem Cooper-Thomas, Austin Williams, Christ Fortson-Gaines, Curtis O’Neal, Derrick Reed, Nicholas Bacon, Franklin Kwaame Weldon and Anthony Voss.

They practiced three to four hours, twice a week, but also had to keep abreast of, and be knowledgeable about, current events.

“It’s really a lot of hard work and practice,” Newby said. “They’ve met my expectations. To exceed my expectations, we have to reach the next level and my goal next year is to have us ranked among the nation’s Top 10 teams and to bring back some form of a national championship.”

They will have that chance next year for not only a national title, but for the first time a world championship. In December, they head to Berlin, Germany, to compete in the World Universities Debating Championship.

“It requires the heart,” Newby said. “Morehouse students have the mind. If you have the heart, the will and effort, then debate proves you will see the result.”
Alexander: “We Have Abandoned King’s Dream”

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

A uthor Michele Alexander said the nation has taken steps backward when it comes to dealing with race, particularly when it comes to prison incarceration.

"During the last 30 years, a vast new system of racial and social control has emerged from the ashes of slavery and Jim Crow," said Alexander during the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars and Board of Sponsors Induction Crown Forum on April 10. "The systematic mass incarceration of poor people of color in the United States is tantamount to a new caste system, one specifically designed to address the social, political and economic challenges of our time."


"In the years following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s death, our nation was faced with a choice," she said. "We could continue down the road that Dr. King and many others were traveling; we could choose the path of compassion, forgiveness, inclusion and hope. Or we could choose a different road – a road more familiar when it comes to matters of race; the road of exclusion, division, punitive- ness and despair."

"One day, I believe historians will look back on this era of mass incarceration and they will say it was there, right there at the prison gates, that we abandoned Dr. King’s dream and veered off the trail that he and many others had blazing," Alexander said.

Just before Alexander’s speech, 13 men and women were inducted into the King Collegium Board of Scholars and Board of Sponsors. Members are chosen for their achievements and work in the global community. They also serve as advisers to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

"I charge you to be servant scholar leaders, guarantors of continuity, celebrators of change, negotiators of structure, ambassadors of the beloved world community and facilitators of meaning with the hope that we can right age- old wrongs that continue to haunt the American people and the world," said Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of King Chapel.

Leadership of Dorothy Height
Honored with a Scholarship and Oil Portrait

BY ADD SEYMOUR JR.

T he legacy of Dorothy I. Height, the late civil and human rights activist, should be a lesson of persistence for every man of Morehouse, said Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

“It is my hope and prayer that when you are told that the answer is ‘no,’ if your heart and soul and mind think it should be ‘yes,’ you will be inspired by Dr. Height to make a way out of no way,” Butler-McIntyre said during the Dorothy Height Portrait Unveiling Crown Forum.

Height, who would have turned 100 two days after the March 22nd Crown Forum, was honored by the College with a new portrait that will hang in the International Hall of Honor, alongside those of other world human and civil rights luminaries.

The College also will honor Height’s memory with the Dorothy I. Height Scholarship.

“As focused as Morehouse is on shaping its students, the College recognizes the significant roles that African American women have played in helping mold and mentor the young men that Morehouse has proudly produced for more than 145 years,” said the College’s First Lady, Dr. Cheryl Franklin, during a luncheon following the Crown Forum. “The College understands that women like Dorothy I. Height are partners in educating and nurturing the next generation of leaders, men and women, as they overcome challenges, conquer obstacles and achieve greatness.”

ESPN HOUSEsports Weekend Honors Edwin Moses ‘78 and Times’ Bill Rhoden

THE PRESENT HONORED the past during the Morehouse College Journalism and Sports Program’s ESPN Presents HOUSEsports Weekend Conference, April 12-14. Journalism and Sports Program seniors John Smith and Devin Emery presented veteran New York Times columnist William C. Rhoden the Sports Journalist of the Year Award and Olympic track legend Edwin Moses ‘78 the first Edwin Moses Sports Figure of the Year award during the Conference’s awards dinner.

The awards among the highlights of the Program’s first conference, which was meant to give a perspective of the sports and journalism industries beyond the boundaries of athletic playing fields.

“ESPN’s gift allowed the journalism program and HOUSEsports, a student-run club for aspiring sports reporters, to host six workshops and the dinner as the initial fundraiser for both organizations,” said Ron Thomas, director of the Journalism and Sports Program. Workshop topics included black sports history, career development in sports journalism and administration, and the international perspective on sports tourism and the training of elite athletes.

ESPN columnists J.A. Adande and Jemele Hill took part in one of the workshops, while a panel on acquiring leadership positions in sports administration featured Morehouse athletic director Andre Patillo ’79, former University of Georgia athletic director Damon Evans and Sam Crenshaw, a sportscaster for WXIA-TV Atlanta. Sports Radio 680-AM broadcaster Brandon Lea, who is a student in the Journalism and Sports Program, moderated the panel.

Morehouse athletic director Andre Patillo ’79 and former Georgia athletics director Damon Evans listen.
Our legacy is solid. We are overcomers.

President Robert F. Franklin '75 looked out over the sea of bright young faces—the faces of young men who in August 2008 were wide-eyed freshmen, unsure of what was before them. Their parents sat around them, many with tears in their eyes, about to watch the gates of Morehouse College close between them and their sons.

"So, my first words to parents are, 'Leave your sons, grandsons and young men at Morehouse and be proud of what you have accomplished,'" Franklin said during New Student Orientation four years ago. "Although it may be difficult and painful to separate, do it for his sake. You're leaving him in good hands. He will mature into a Morehouse Man, and the world will be a better place."

In the span of four years since that day, those approximately 500 young men of the class of 2012 have marched in support of men such as Troy Davis and Trayvon Martin. They went door-to-door to help ensure the election of the nation's first black president. They have taken their first steps in heeding President Franklin's words.

Some are going off to teach young people or become doctors or lawyers. Others are going into the ministry, while a few are seeking professional sporting careers. All believe they embody Franklin's charge to them to become Renaissance Men with a social conscience.

"The members of the class of 2012 by virtue of their steadfastness, their fortitude, their many triumphs and achievements have set the example. Our legacy is solid. We are overcomers," said Brandon Whitehead '12 during the 2012 Senior Crown Forum. Instead of honoring themselves, the senior class honored Franklin and First Lady Dr. Cheryl Franklin.

"We as 'Franklin's Men' dedicate this program because we know we never could have made it without you."

Here is a small sample of the class of 2012.

Nicolas B. Aziz
Editor, The Maroon Tiger
MAJOR: Business Administration
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a master's degree in international business and management from the University of Manchester in England

"The Five Wells to use are guidelines that each student of Morehouse should strive to embody. I'm all about planning and been about planning since I've been young. It's a skill that I've gotten to use as editor and as a student. The Five Wells are like planning to me. You're planning for what you want to become. I think those are very good tools to go by, and I hope I embody them now and going forward.

"My favorite of the Five Wells would definitely be well-traveled. Since I've been at the College, I've gotten the opportunity to travel to 11 different countries. Someone told me before I started traveling that traveling is a bug. I can say that bug has definitely got me and I will be traveling as much as I can."

Mykel Green
Football player/John H. Hopkins Research Scholar
HOMETOWN: Augusta, Ga.
MAJOR: Biology
AFTER GRADUATION: Attending Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue a doctorate in biomedical engineering focusing on tissue engineering and tissue regeneration

"Morehouse has been a time of personal growth and development. It's like I've been able to learn my role as an African American male, not only in this society, but also in the global community.

"As a scholar athlete, Morehouse has allowed me to be both a scholar and an athlete and be good at both. If I went somewhere else, I'd probably have to focus on only one. But here I'm allowed to excel at both academics and on the field."

Olaejowun Ajanaku
Golfer
HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Ga.
MAJOR: Business Administration
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a professional golf career

"For my golf career, Morehouse has taught me to work hard and to set goals that are reachable and obtainable if you work hard enough.

"The professors at Morehouse have helped me by telling me every day that if I keep working harder on achieving the goals that I desire, telling me that's not a dream that it's doable and to not give up and keep studying hard, that I would become anything I wanted.

"I know Morehouse can be a very challenging institution, but in the end it's worth it. It wasn't easy and I know I had to do everything that I've achieved. But getting your degree from Morehouse and becoming a Morehouse Man, it's all worth it."

Miles Fuller
President, John H. Hopkins Research Scholars
HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Ga.
MAJOR: Biology
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a doctorate in neuroscience

"Once you go out into your community and you say, 'okay, I've graduated from Morehouse College,' you're held to a different standard. We like to think that the College holds a crown above our heads. It's really true. We have expectations once we graduate to not only help our communities, but also to go out and establish ourselves as leaders in whatever realm that we are in. It's sort of a challenge and I'm a little scared, but I'm looking forward to rising to that challenge after graduation."

Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem
Class Valedictorian
HOMETOWN: Concord, N.C.
MAJOR: Biology
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. at Harvard Medical School

"What I will miss the most about Morehouse is waking up every single morning to walk outside of my residence hall to see guys who look just like me. Guys who share some of the same experiences as me, come from the same backgrounds as me and have some of the same aspirations as me. Being able to share this brotherhood with each and every single Morehouse student is something that you cannot find at any other institution in the nation. And just that brotherhood and bond that Morehouse forges are the biggest things that I'll miss at this institution."

The Top of the Class of 2012

Valedictorian
Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem
Major: Biology
GPA: 4.0
Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Salutatorian
Lee Nathaniel Young
Major: Economics
GPA: 3.98
Hometown: Evansville, Ind.
Rashad R. Moore
President, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistant
HOMETOWN: Brooklyn, N.Y.
MAJOR: Philosophy
AFTER GRADUATION: Pursuing a master of divinity degree at the Union Theological Seminary

"The Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel has been home for me. It’s pretty much been my incubator, aside from coursework and classes and events around campus. I’ve spent most of my downtime, my time preparing for a class and my time preparing for the ministry these four years, in the Chapel. The weekly chapel assistant meetings that have been going on for the last 33 years on a weekly basis have been a very, very big part of my development. I preached my first sermon here at Morehouse under the direction of Dean Lawrence E. Carter Sr. and spent time with him at various events, such as during my junior year in Morocco at a conference.

“When I look back at Morehouse years from now, one thing I will always remember is spending a lot of time under the tutelage of Dean Carter in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.”

Kenneth Williams
Founder, Next Generation Scholarship Program
HOMETOWN: Fairfax, Va.
MAJOR: Economics
AFTER GRADUATION: Working for Deloitte Consulting in Atlanta

“One thing that I’ve done while here at Morehouse that has been significant to me is start the Next Generation Scholarship Program. I was fortunate enough to find scholarships to cover tuition, room and board and all of my study abroad opportunities, and I wanted to make sure my brothers could do the same.

The Next Generation Scholarship Program is a non-profit that I started to help students find funding to stay in school. Through different scholarship workshops and fund raising initiatives, we’ve helped students find more than $35,000 in outside scholarships and raise more than $16,000 from other fundraising initiatives and corporate sponsors to give to students.”

Actor Returns to Morehouse for Next Stage of His Life

AFTER EXCELLING in high school, everyone knew that Preston Brant would be successful at Morehouse — everyone except Preston Brant.

"I started here in 1993 as a student who was afraid of his own greatness," he said. Brant’s grades suffered, he changed his major multiple times and, as he put it, just wasn’t “in touch with the greatness” that was inside of him.

He spent a couple of lackluster years at Morehouse before moving to Hollywood to pursue his true passion, acting. He thrived, landing roles in movies such as “The Blind Side” and “Remember the Titans” and on television in “The Bold and the Beautiful,” “Boston Public” and “Grounded for Life.”

Still, that lack of self-esteem continued to eat at his soul. He turned to drugs to silence those demons, leading to homelessness, hopelessness and pain. Brant had given up on most things in his life, but somehow, the one thing he had never given up on was returning to Morehouse.

“There was one thing, that one voice that I always heard,” Brant said. “It was the voice of Morehouse. It held on to that voice knowing that if there was going to be a way out, Morehouse was going to be a huge part of that.”

He wrote a letter to the dean of Admissions and the rest is history. At 36 years old and clean for years, Brant will graduate with a 3.5 grade point average with a degree in theater. He has been accepted into a prestigious program at the University of Illinois, where he will pursue a masters in fine arts. He wants to open a community theater that focuses on the therapeutic value of art.

“Morehouse allows me to see the example of the type of man I need to be, through the recognition of the Five Wells that we’ve learned here at Morehouse,” Brant said. “I’ve been able to become a better man; I’ve been able to see examples of good men, and I know that one day I will give back in the same way that Morehouse has given to me.”
Lawrence O’Meara, professor of biology, and his students were fea- tured in the Atlanta community food bank march 2012 newsletter. “Foodsharing” they wrote, is a voluntary sector story about a family’s tradition of saving university town annual summer vaca- tion Warren where they count on to cover on ruins.

Julia Cole y’04, director of the Office of Global Education and the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs, was the spring commencement speaker at the University of Miami. Cole received a honorary doctorate in international studies from Florida. Cole also was selected as a risingового российского резервиста at the 12th Annual James E. Scott Annual Student Leadership Conference at the American University in April 2012.

Stephanie Dunn, co-director of the Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies Program, was awarded a 2011-12 Visiting Fellowship for the Future of Minority Studies (FMS) Summer Seminar. The FMS project facilitates focused and productive national discussions about excellence in the democratic role of minority cinema and participation in the multicultural society.

Janes kang susy yu, director of Project Assess and Coordinator of Special Admission Projects, was named a fellow in Massasaqua, Bahamas-based Guardian Talk radio show. Kang was invited to speak on a variety of topics, including the relationship between Africa and the United States, on April 19. Kang talked about his project identity — surveying gym no master’s degree in public administration or May 11 from the University of Georgia.

Lisa Turner, administrative assistant in the office of Health Professions, received her master’s in business administration from Mercer University on May 12. Turner, whose concentration was in human resource management, completed the program with a 4.0 grade-point average.

Kwane Marvins Luster, associate professor of biology and director of the Neuroscience Program, was the Student National Medical Association’s Excellence in Pre-Medical Education Award for Diversity in Medicine during the Medical Education Conference on April 5.

Mehndi Turner, professor of the Leadership Center at Kennesaw State University, has been appointed a speaker at the Kennesaw Founding Public Scholars, class of 2012-2014. King also was the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual James E. Scott Annual Student Leadership Conference at the American University in April 19-22.

Laura Scey, assistant professor of political science, is the new editor of the newsletter for the African Studies Association.

Gwen Won, director of international student services and study abroad Programs, has been selected for the 2012 Bowen Scholarly Nominating Panel. Bowen Scholarships, which are funded by the U.S. Department of National Security Exchange Program, offer students opportunities to study in world regions critical to U.S. interests and are comprised of study abroad programs.

Zooly White, a junior chemistry and mathematics major from Arkansas State, was a 2012-2013 s.a.m. Goldwater scholarship winner. Scholarship recipients were selected from a field of 1,600 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by faculty members from colleges and universities across the country.

Henrietta Yang, director of the Chinese Studies Program, participated in a panel discussion about U.S.- China educational exchange during the 4th Annual U.S.- China Strategic and Economic Dialogues on May 3 in Beijing, China. The event was co-hosted by the Chinese state Councilor Liu Yunshan and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Yang was invited by the State Department to talk about how commerce has benefited from the 100,000 Strong Initiative.

NEW HIRES

John Alston
Asst. Director of Admissions

William Barnhill
Assistant Administrative Director

Ricardo Baxter
Electrical Supporter

Terry Broom
Maintenance Worker

Marcus Brown Jr.
Security Guard

Michael Forbes
Police Officer

Selette Harris
Program Manager

Elve Jones
Lab Technician

Karen Jones
Assistant Director of Admissions

Jules McFarland
Logistics Worker

Myron Randall
Security Guard

April Wright
Director of Admissions
S E V E N  I N  A  R O W!
Morehouse Track and Field Team Wins 7th SIAC Title

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

LEd By SENIOR Karlton Mitchell and junior Countard Walls, the Morehouse Flying Maroon Tiger track and field team continued its dominance in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by winning its seventh consecutive conference championship. Mitchell won the 3,000 meters steeplechase and the 1,500-meter run and then added a second-place finish in the 800-meter race to be named the meet’s Most Valuable Track Performer. Walls streaked to wins in the 100 meters and 200-meter races.

Morehouse’s Shinola Agbede, Nicholas Hall and Kasahun Neselu finished first, second and third in both the 5,000-meter run and the 10,000-meter run. The Maroon Tigers placed third in the 4x100-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay. Arvinn Amisial won the men’s high jump, David Lee was third in the triple jump; and Aaron Reaves was second in the decathlon’s 400-meter dash and third in the javelin.

The Maroon Tigers finished the meet with 172 points, ahead of Benedict's 152 and Albany State's 130.50. Legendary Morehouse track and field coach Willis Hill was named the meet’s Most Outstanding Coach.

Along with the meet title, the Maroon Tigers were the East Division’s regular season champions. Hill was named Coach of the Year, while Walls was chosen Track Athlete of the Year. Walls was a first team All-SIAC pick in the 200 meters and second team choice in the 100 meters. Mitchell (1500 meters, 3000 meter steeplechase), and Agbede (5000 meters) were also first team All-Conference picks. Hall (5000 meters), Agbede (10000 meters), Amisial (high jump) and Reaves (decathlon) were all chosen for the second team.

The Maroon Tigers were also the SIAC’s best team in the classroom as they won the conference’s All-Academic Team Award. The team led the SIAC with a 3.54 team grade point average.

Seven Maroon Tigers were named to the conference’s All-Academic Team:
• Sophomore Jamal Harris, business administration, 3.66
• Junior Terrance White, physics, 3.64
• Sophomore Blake Bufford, biology, 3.57
• Sophomore Kasahun Neselu, 3.51
• Junior Johnathan Marshall, physical education, 3.48
• Junior Karlton Mitchell, psychology, 3.33
• Junior Aaron Reaves, mathematics, 3.36

The Maroon Tigers finish capped a 2012 season in which they fell just short of defending their Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. Morehouse finished third behind Paine and Benedict.

His brother, Justin, was named to the second team.

The Maroon Tigers were the SIAC’s best golf team in the classroom as they were named the conference’s team All-Academic Award winners with a team grade point average of 3.40. Junior Malcolm Parrish, a business administration major, was named to the SIAC’s All-Academic team with a conference leading 3.95 GPA, while sophomore physics major Bruce Cousens, who had a 3.26 GPA, also was honored.

Ajanaku Named Collegiate Golfer of the Year

SENIOR OLAJIWON AJANAKU was honored with the Collegiate Golfer of the Year Award by African American’s Golfer’s Digest in April during The Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga.

“Our list of honorees represents the strong leadership, success and diversity present in the game of golf today, and each has made a substantial impact in the golf industry, especially in developing relationships within the African American community, in particular,” said Debert Cook, publisher of the magazine.

Ajanaku, an accounting major from Fort Worth, Texas, was one of several individuals honored as an Outstanding Leader in Golf. He was chosen for his significant accomplishments in golf over the past year.

While competing for Morehouse, Ajanaku was named the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and helped lead the Maroon Tigers to a NCAA Division II national golf championship. He is now embarking on a professional golf career.

Butcher Named to SIAC Baseball All-Conference and All-Academic Squads

SENIOR OUTFIELDER and catcher Bryan Butcher made his mark on the baseball diamond and in the classroom this year.

He was named to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference’s All-Conference baseball team and the SIAC All-Academic baseball team.

Butcher, a native of Portland, Ore., led the Maroon Tigers in batting average, hits, stolen bases and total bases during the 2012 season. He was named the SIAC East Division Player of the Week in late March.
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Reunion Registration
Kilgore Campus Center

8:30 a.m.
Morehouse College Alumni Association
Spring Golf Challenge
West Pines Golf Club, 9090 Rose Ave., Douglasville, Ga.

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Golden Tigers Breakfast
Douglas Hall

10 a.m.-Noon
Morehouse Alumni Recruitment Team Training
2nd Floor Seminar Room, Kilgore Campus Center

10 a.m.
Individual Candidate Photos
King Chapel

11 a.m.-Noon
“Meet the Challenge” Legacy Training Session
Douglas Hall

12:30 p.m.
President’s Welcome Luncheon
Chivers Dining Hall

1 p.m.
Group Photo
B.T. Harvey Stadium

2 p.m.
National Alumni Association General Body Meeting
Sale Hall Chapel for the Inward Journey

2 p.m.
National Alumni Association and Commencement Rehearsal
King Chapel

4 p.m.
Ritual of Final Procession Ceremony (New Alumni Induction)
King Chapel

7 p.m.
Morehouse-Spiezian Joint Reception
Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway
2020 Convention Center Concourse
Atlanta, Ga. 30337

SATURDAY, MAY 19

8 a.m.-Noon
Reunion Registration
Kilgore Campus Center

10 a.m.
Class Agents Meeting
2nd Floor Seminar Room
Kilgore Campus Center

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Class Reunion Fundraising Meetings
1937 - Lounge, Kilgore Campus Center
1947 - South Lounge, Kilgore Campus Center
1957 - 1st Floor, Kilgore Campus Center
1967 - President’s Dining Room
1977 – John Hope Hall
1987 - Lecture Room 7, Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall
1997 - Chivers Dining Hall
2007 - Room 106, George Sale Hall
2017 - Lounges, Kilgore Campus Center
2027 - Snack Bar, Kilgore Campus Center
2037 - Seminar Room, Kilgore Campus Center
2047 - Room 109, Sale Hall
2057 - Lecture Room 1, Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall
2067 - Chapel for the Inward Journey, Sale Hall
2077 - Room 107, Sale Hall

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Class Reunion
Kilgore Campus Center

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Still Life - Kilgore Campus Center

12:30 p.m.
Meet the Challenge - Kilgore Campus Center

1 p.m.
Group Photo - B.T. Harvey Stadium

2 p.m.
National Alumni Association General Body Meeting
Sale Hall Chapel for the Inward Journey

2 p.m.
National Alumni Association and Commencement Rehearsal
King Chapel

9 a.m.
President’s Breakfast
Sale Hall

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2077 - Room 107, Sale Hall

3 p.m.
National Alumni Association General Body Meeting
Sale Hall Chapel for the Inward Journey

3 p.m.
National Alumni Association and Commencement Rehearsal
King Chapel

Noon-1:30 p.m.
Class Photo
Steps, Kilgore Campus Center

Noon-2:30 p.m.
Reunion Cookbook
Kilgore Campus Center

1:30 p.m.
Hope and Maya Gravesites Memorial Service
(Knoring deceased alumni over the past year)
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3 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service
King Chapel

6:30 p.m.
Reunion Cocktails

7:30 p.m.
Reunion Banquet
Georgia International Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Concourse
College Park, GA. 30337

SUNDAY, MAY 20

5:45 a.m.
Candidates report to King Chapel

6:45 a.m.
Alumni Convocation Formation
(Amore: alumni straw hats, maroon blazers or seersucker suits) Gate entrance Bradley Hall

7:30 a.m.
Class of 2012 procession begins from King Chapel

8 a.m.
128th Commencement
Century Campus

Name:
Michael A. Davenport
Title:
Transportation Manager
Hometown:
Atlanta
Tenure at Morehouse:
17 months
Something not commonly known about Michael:
Michael was a church musician for 23 years, mainly as a drummer for Cobb Christian Ministries, his church in Atlanta.
He played on a CD that the choir recorded seven years ago.

What I Do

“ I maintain all of the Morehouse vehicles which include 43 golf carts, one motor coach and 26 other vehicles, mainly other cars, trucks and vans. For various departments, I help in the transportation scheduling for their trips and events, and I must that the College is working with outside transportation vendors that have safety ratings of superior or better. A big part of my job is transporting faculty, staff and students. I manage a crew of two Morehouse drivers and 10 temporary professional drivers. That crew will pick up people, transport students, cheerleaders, sports teams, the Board of Trustees and organizations like our debate team on out-of-town trips. What I love about this job is working with the people. Anytime I can help young men who are striving to better themselves through education, it really gives me a lot of satisfaction. That was one of the main drawing cards for me in coming to Morehouse. As an Atlanta University Center graduate (Clark Atlanta University), this was something that I knew I wanted to do—come back to theauc and help young men.”