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The Stars Come Out

Meet the 2004 All-Stars

HCASC 2004: A Retrospective

## The Stars Come Out for HCASC's 2004 Closing Ceremony

The final round of this year's HCASC national championship kicked off what would promise to be both a memorable and eventful finale to this year's event.

After defeating playoff qualifiers Bethune-Cookman and quarter finalists Hampton during Saturday's final games, Morehouse's team went on to eliminate Clark Atlanta in the semi-finals and trump Maryland Eastern Shore in what can certainly be deemed a most entertaining final face-off. "UMES gave Morehouse a run for their money," one spectator commented. "It was a really close game for a minute; a really good game to close out the year."

After an afternoon of excursions to different Orlando destinations, the stars came out to participate in the final event of this year's festivities. The closing banquet was full of surprises, including a spectacular performance by long-standing R&B sensation En Vogue.

A fabulous dinner and flamboyant dessert were only the beginning of this sparkling evening. The men of Morehouse were named national champions for the third time in HCASC's fifteen-year history.

Senior John Thomas of the Morehouse team, honored as one of this year's eight division All-Stars, was also the recipient of the annual Ernie Jones Sportsperson of the Year Award.

The closing featured a video presentation of this year's national competition, from the arrival of the first team bus to the final rounds of this morning's championship game. En Vogue's performance was a surprise to many and a joy for all. Original members Cindy Herron and Terry Ellis introduced the crowd to newest En Vogue member Rhona Bennett, and wowed the crowd with their *Funky Diva* style, performing classic hits and singles from their newest album, *Soul Flower*.



For the third time, the Maroon Tigers of Morehouse College were named champions of the national competition. Their three-round finale against Maryland Eastern Shore is sure to be remembered as one of the best in HCASC history.



The lovely and talented ladies of En Vogue graced the HCASC stage as tonight's musical guest.



Cheers to you, HCASC!



UMES team captain Matthew Lang is all smiles after being named one of eight All-Stars.



The banquet ballroom was resplendently decorated for the black tie affair.

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Clark Atlanta thinks hard during their semifinal match against Morehouse.



This HCASC competitor shows some winning spirit during the final ceremony.



Morehouse's John Thomas was the man of the hour at the evening's closing ceremony: he was not only named one of the eight All-Stars and awarded the Ernie Jones Sportsperson award, but was also this year's highest scoring competitor, with a per-game average of 83.57.



Eric Conn presents the leading scorers from the eight divisions with their special All-Star medallions. Each All-Star's institution receives an additional \$1,000 grant from American Honda.

Matthew Lang, UMES	BOWSER	Jonathan Evans, FAMU	WHEATLEY
J. Campbell, Southern-B.R.	CUFFEE	Justin Bullock, N.C. A&T	CRUMMEL
Keith Green, Tuskegee	FOSTER	Roger Belton, Fayetteville St.	TERRELL
John Thomas, Morehouse	JOPLIN	Frederick Bryant, Oakwood	BANNEKER



The 2004 Championship ring



This spectator is thoroughly entertained by the day's final games.



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