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Challenge

2009 HCASC
Scrapbook

Hall of Fame, Class of 2009

Sweet 16 Playoff Chart

Back to Back Wins for Oakwood in Year 20



Oakwood University celebrates their second consecutive championship (l to r): Dr. Rennae Elliott (Coach), Alexander Brown, Meaghan Hicks, Marcus Cooper, Jason Primus, Alesis Turner, Sheila Baker, and Dr. Delbert Baker (President)

For the second year in a row, Oakwood University has won the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) earning the title and a \$50,000 institutional grant for their university. For their second championship, Oakwood faced the varsity scholars of North Carolina Central University during three exciting games. The victory makes Oakwood the fourth university to earn back to back wins.

Though Oakwood earned a *second* win, it was a year of *firsts* for the championship. For the first time, all eight of the quarterfinalists played their playoff games on the main stage on Sunday morning. Another first was that HCASC alumni moderated the playoffs.

Christopher Washington (Harris-Stowe) and Charles Hobbs (Morehouse) moderated the quarterfinal matches, while long-time volunteer Dr. Laurie Fluker lent her talents for the semifinals. HCASC's own Thomas Cunningham (FAMU) stepped to the mic for the final three games.

As always, the games were full of excitement. In a thrilling moment,

Morehouse rattled off a last second bonus that edged them over Maryland Eastern Shore by a razor thin five points.

The 2009 championship was the culmination of dozens of rounds of gameplay for all 64 teams. Nine All-Stars were named on the basis of their outstanding, individual performances. From the round robin games through the playoffs, the 20th Annual National Championship demonstrated the very best of camaraderie, competition and good sportsmanship.

At the Closing Banquet The HCASC spirit was fully on display when Oakwood's Alesis Turner invited hometown rivals Alabama A&M to join them on stage. The surprise elicited smiles from the team, which often practices with Oakwood.

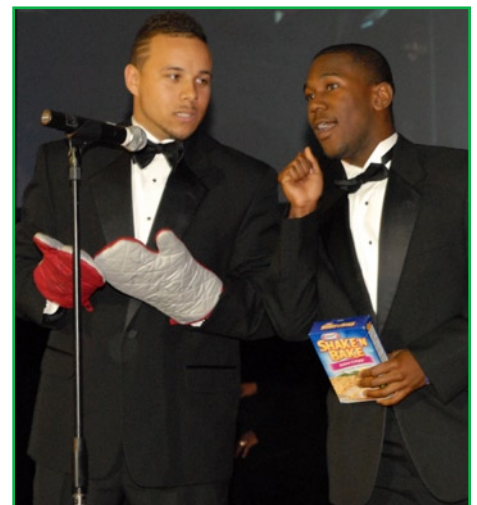
Energetic performances by "The Strikers" and Bobby V increased the festive mood of the milestone event. As the evening drew to a close, the students were invited to share "shout outs" and reminiscences of their time at the 2009 HCASC NCT. Truly, it was a celebration of "20 Years of Excellence."



Oakwood captain Alesis Turner invited Alabama A&M to join them on stage.



A tie in the Black Division resulted in nine All-Stars being named this year.



Lyric Flood and Philanda Moore of Clark Atlanta offer an amusing "shout-out."



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HCASC Volunteer shares his art

Most HCASC participants know him as an affable volunteer and alum of Morehouse College, but at the 2009 HCASC NCT, Stacey Grayson revealed his passion for fine art. Grayson was selected to display some of his pieces in the Honda Expo/Student Union Art Gallery. He brought samples in two media: wire sculpture and ornate wall hangings.



J. Stacey Grayson



Each sculpture requires hours of painstaking effort to render the vivid slices of life.

The HCASC family also extended its reach to Grayson's cousin, accomplished textile artist Aisha Lumumba. Her quilts are now a part of the collections of Ambassador Andrew Young and many other noted collectors.

For the HCASC Art Gallery, she featured several of her "fiber works," displaying a wide range of colors and textures.



2009 Sportsperson of the Year Awardee



Gennifer Robinson (right) proudly accepts her trophy from Rosalyn Jones (left).

Gennifer L. Robinson, of Sojourner-Douglass College, was named the Ernie Jones Sportsperson of the Year at the 20th Annual HCASC Closing Banquet.

The award is named in the memory of one HCASC's early leaders and cherished friend, Mr. Ernie Jones.

A Baltimore native, Ms. Robinson is a Human Services major. Her supportive spirit, friendly personality, and willingness to offer encouragement to teammates and opponents alike impressed the judges and her peers.

Hall of Fame Class of '09

The Player Alumni Hall of Fame was established to honor former players who have made significant achievements in their lives. Two honorees were selected in 2009.



Robert Evans and Dr. Robert Scott were recognized at the Opening Banquet.

Robert Vincent Evans played for Lane College from 1996 to 2000. Evans is the Director of Diversity, Saint Louis University High School and co-founded the organization Black Men Speak Up. Evans also founded and serves as tournament director for the St. Louis Metropolitan Black History Knowledge Bowl.

The Reverend Dr. Robert Charles Scott played for Jackson State in 1990 and 1991. Dr. Scott has also been selected as one of the top twenty young preachers in the country by the respected journal, "The African American Pulpit." Today he serves as the pastor of Central Baptist Church in St. Louis.

The third featured artist for 2009 has a long-standing relationship with the HCASC program. Acclaimed multi-media sculptor Charles Dickson has crafted the HCASC trophies—including the towering Championship trophy since 2002.

His gallery contributions included an intricate bronze bust, as well as free form body studies (in bronze) and an abstract wood carving.

HCASC has always celebrated all types of intellectual achievement. The inclusion of these talented artisans from the HCASC family was a perfect way to celebrate the 20 year legacy of the theme of "Friends for Life."



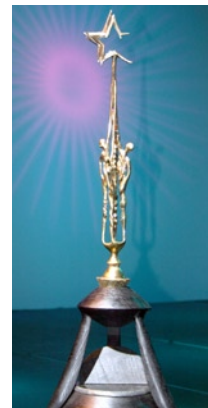
Aisha Lumumba and one of her textile tapestries



Charles Dickson, sculptor extraordinaire



"Nita Fae", a bust in bronze by Charles Dickson



HCASC Championship Trophy

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HCASC Day by Day

- Arrivals... WE'RE HERE!!!
- NCT Registration is next...
- Relax for a bit...
- ...then time for dinner
- Friday morning: GAME ON!
- Friday night... down time
- Friendly rivalry on Saturday
- Grad Expo offers options
- 2009 Finals
- Time for the Big Leagues...
- And that's 20 YEARS!!!
- Awards given...
- VICTORY!!!

"Thinking Green" Bears Fruit

The service learning project for the 2009 HCASC NCT centered on the environment. Participants were encouraged to "Think Green" and share their ideas at a brainstorming discussion.

Students discussed initiatives on their campuses including geothermal heating for dormitories, rain reclamation for gardens, removal of lead paint, composting for fertilizer and even increased student fees to be dedicated for new "green" programs.

The session produced outstanding ideas and a commitment to creating sustainable and other "green" solutions on the HCASC campuses. Here are some key proposals:

- Drafting a "green resolution" addressed to all HBCU's regarding sustainability and other "green" issues. All Presidents will be asked to endorse the resolution.



Paine College goes "Green"!

- "HCASC Clean Up Day", to be held on all campuses before the end of the Fall semester.
 - Visit elementary schools near the campuses for neighborhood clean-ups.
- With these ideas in place, it's clear that the HCASC motto of "Friends for Life" extends to the environment as well!

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