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## Awakening "Your Challenging Spirit" at HCASC 2006



*Opening Banquet Speaker Tavis Smiley with Dillard University's HCASC Varsity Scholars*

It is another year, and that means another Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. As always Thursday was filled with laughter, reuniting, and, of course, making those first moves in the pin trading contest before the playing begins.

The 17th annual HCASC opening ceremony started this year's competition with a theme of "your challenging spirit." This year's theme stresses that each challenge in life prepares students for the road ahead, giving them an opportunity to find and define themselves.

Eric Conn charged students to recognize and work through these challenges, and social commentator and talk show host, Tavis Smiley drove the sentiment home. Smiley now hosts *Tavis Smiley* on PBS and *The Tavis Smiley Show* on the PRI radio network.

He stated that success should be measured by what one becomes and can be determined by personal definition. He shared with the Strong 64 the distinction between greatness and success, and the

importance of knowing the difference.

To illustrate the success of HCASC players, three alums were inducted into the third class of the HCASC Alumni Hall of Fame, created during the 15th anniversary HCASC tournament.

Matthew Barnhill, a member of North Carolina A&T State University's 1990 Nationals team, is currently the Senior Vice President of Market Research for Black Entertainment Television. Barnhill started the department in 2000, and during his tenure won eight Telly Awards for promotional excellence. To serve his community, Barnhill is on the board of directors for AIRS, an organization focused on providing housing and life skills training to families that are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Morgan State University, Thaddeus Hoffmeister played on MSU's team from 1992-1995. After completing his undergraduate degree, he received his law degree from Northeastern University

School of Law and now serves as the Chief Counsel and Legislative Director for Congressman Bob Filner. He also serves as a Captain in the United States Army Reserves, and is an international/operational law attorney.

Born in Heidelberg, Germany, Captain Myles B. Caggins III played for four years with Hampton University. After completing the Army Reserves Officer Training Corps, he went on to complete the Ordinance Officers Basic Corps and the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course with Honors. During his career he has received several commendations including the Bronze Star.

The Hall of Fame highlights greatness beyond the gameroom. These HCASC alums inducted this year, show the strength of the minds that compete in the tournament. Every year the teams come better prepared than before, with each competitor, possessing that challenging spirit.



*Hall of Fame Inductees (l-r) Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Capt. Myles B. Caggins III and Matthew Barnhill*

## REPRESENTING FIRST "EVERS"!

Medgar Evers College is the only HBCU in New York and now it has made its first appearance at HCASC. MEC walked through the doors of its first HCASC tournament on Thursday and the team is thrilled to be here.

"I love it," said co-captain Folasade Second. "The people are fun and bubbly; coming together for education."

The team is comprised mostly of New York natives, with one from New Jersey and another from Haiti. Kevin Adams is the team coach.

"We received a notice in the mail in May 2005; we looked through it, checked out the website and had a discussion with Tish and Lillian," said coach Kevin Adams of their initial exposure to HCASC.

"Based on the conversation we had with them, we came out to the coaching training in September and from that point we were pretty much sold on it."

Adams created an HCASC club at



*Medgar Evers joins HCASC for the first time!*

MEC to foster interest, and he hopes that once his players leave Orlando they will share their experience with other students at MEC and spike the interest even higher in the future.

Co-captain, Rogelio Knights, Jr. stated that they are trying to take the tournament because "nobody knows about us yet," and Second said that they are gaining experience to take back with them to MEC.

"We plan on being here to stay," affirmed Adams.

## YOUR HCASC MOMENT...

What does HCASC mean to you? Find me and let me know! We'll be sharing your HCASC Moments throughout the weekend.



*Danika Brown shows her smile!*

To me HCASC means family and togetherness because when you're here you don't know any strangers. Everyone treats you like they have known you all their lives. They hug you, they smile and treat you like somebody. They remember you when you come back and that really makes you feel good.

*Danika Brown*

*West Virginia State University*

HCASC is the opportunity to come out and meet a whole array of people from different colleges doing the same thing you're doing--which is going for that championship.

*Koyett Miles*  
*Benedict College*



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HCASC is being able to come together once a year to create friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime.

*Rance Johnson*  
*Dillard University*

## HCASC Blood Drive

Appointments are still available for the HCASC blood drive! Help replenish the stores depleted after last year's storm season.

Allow one hour for donation before your next game. All donors will receive a special pin.



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## PIN TRADING UPDATE!

Be sure to trade as soon as you are able! Remember the early bird gets the worm and the prizes!



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