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Hall of Famers Inspire and Mackie Motivates the Strong 64



(l-r) Clint Holmes, Hall of Famers Shayla Thomas-Patton, Brian Ross, Stephen Nurse-Findlay, and Eric Conn

The passion and excitement that defines HCASC has returned to Orlando. Some people are new and some are old pros at the fast-paced weekend, but the things that remain the same are the joy and smiles that light up the Expo as soon as the first team arrives.

The 18th annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, Evolution of a Champion, kicked off in full-force on Thursday evening with an opening ceremony full of inspiration and explosive entertainment. Dr. Marvin Young, Shayla Thomas-Patton, Brian K. Ross and Dr. Stephen Nurse-Findlay, former HCASC players and forever HCASC family members, were inducted into the HCASC Hall of Fame.

Dr. Marvin Young was a player for Prairie View A&M University from 1989 to 1990 and is now an urologist in southern Florida. Former Alcorn State University player, Shayla Thomas-Patton, also a healthcare professional, delighted in the opportunity to return to HCASC once again, bringing back fond memories of her college days.

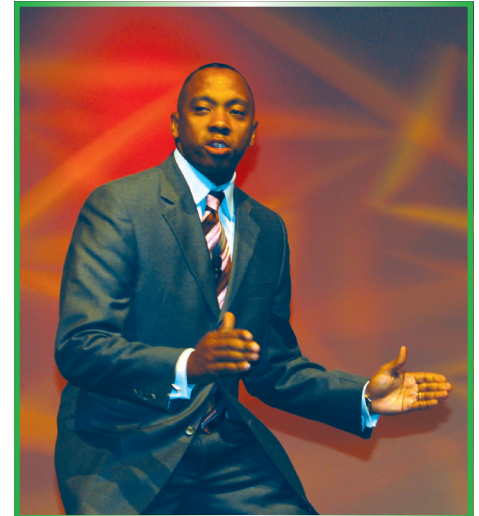
"I still remember that Kool Moe Dee answer I gave—BET never let me forget

it by using the answer as promotion throughout the summer," said Thomas. Even though she is now a volunteer, Thomas-Patton said she still has that nervous energy of a player waiting for games to begin.

Brian K. Ross, a player for Florida A&M University from 1991-1994, now works as an attorney. Dr. Stephen Nurse-Findlay, a Tuskegee player from 1991-1995, accepted his induction with pride.

Central Florida's own dance troupe, U-Turn, entranced the audience with a strong performance detailing history through the African-American experience. U-Turn, a nonprofit arts organization, is determined to change the world and challenge its audiences through dance. The talents of the company were used to entertain and educate.

The charge of the evening was graciously handled by Dr. Calvin Mackie. With a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech, Mackie used his history and his experience to inspire the HCASC teams of 2007. Mackie, living in New Orleans, is a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority and



Dr. Calvin Mackie digs deep into his experiences to excite the HCASC audience

was a prominent figure in Spike Lee's documentary, "When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Parts." Pulling from his book, "A View from the Roof: Lessons for Life and Business," Mackie left nothing to be desired and prepared the audience to take on the challenges of Friday and Saturday and also the years to come.

"We need your leadership, we need your energy and we need your academic achievement," said Mackie. "We need you to be on fire. Blow this weekend away, but not only this weekend—go back to school and dedicate yourself to academic excellence at school and forever."



Members of U-Turn Dance Troupe

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Jamarr Rayne, Savannah State

“HCASC is a competition that represents diversity and gives students a chance to fellowship with other students competing.”

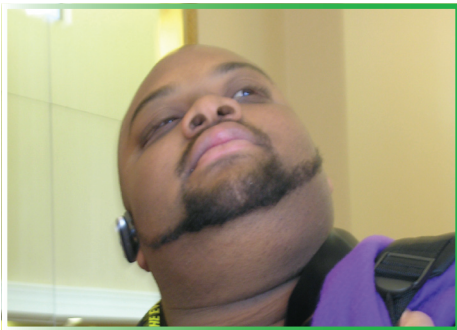


Eric Finley, Morehouse

“HCASC is a family tradition to me. My brother was on the Morehouse championship team about two years ago.”

“HCASC is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet students from other HBCUs around the country and to compete in friendly academic competition. It is a wonderful experience, and it is the kind of experience I wish all our students could have.”

*-Dr. Mickey L. Burnim,
President, Bowie State University*



P.J. Peterson, FVSU

“HCASC uplifts and represents the scholarship part of life and the perseverance part of life. ...That is HCASC in a nutshell to me.”



Malcolm Edwards, Wiley College

“HCASC allows me to meet people from other schools—mingle with them, network and build deeper friendship bonds than I had before.”

What does HCASC mean to you?

Share your HCASC Moments throughout the weekend. Look for a Buzz staffer today!

Support Our Troops

Openings are still available for the HCASC Care Package Team! Help assemble the packages and prepare them to be sent to our HBCU soldiers around the globe.

Be in the Palm Ballroom tonight at 8 pm to join the team. All who attend will receive a special pin.



*Cap your Friday night
with a movie!
Showtimes for
Downtown Disney are
available at hcasc.com*

PIN TRADING UPDATE!

Collect and trade as many as you can!
Remember, the first complete sets
get the prizes!



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