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Important Updates

Opening Banquet: Revelations and Remembrances



HCASC 2008 Hall of Famers Grace Lockridge and Randy Johnson pose with American Honda's Marc Burt and Eric Conn.

Number 19 has begun. This is what teams have been preparing for since number 18 ended, and everyone has descended on Orlando again. The excitement, as always, is more that can be imagined or put into words. Everyone that walked through the doors, old hands or newbies, greeted and smiled as they completed registration.

An enthusiastic arrival announcement greeted each team after the long trip to Orlando. After completing the necessary paperwork and obtaining a name badge, it was into the Honda Expo for pin trading, greeting new and old friends, and some video games—a brief respite before the opening banquet.

The banquet is the first gathering of all 64 teams. As always, the meal was well prepared, but nothing could have prepared the room for the announcement of Eric Conn's retirement. In a heartfelt show of support, the entire HCASC family offered a standing ovation as Mr.

Conn passed the torch of the HCASC program to American Honda's Marc Burt. Mr. Burt immediately jumped into the fray by leading off the announcement of this year's Strong 64.

HCASC added two new division leaders, Maggie Walker and the Buffalo Soldiers. Both leaders exemplify the excellence and spirit of achievement that is endemic to the HCASC experience.

Each year, HCASC not only honors current participants, it remembers the players that answered the "Call to Action," in years past.

Grace Lockridge attended Langston University and played for the mighty Lions leading her team to a runner up finish in 1992. Lockridge's leadership in education library science and nursing in Tulsa, Oklahoma has earned her a place in the HCASC Hall of Fame.

North Carolina Central's Randy Johnson represented his alma mater on six NCT teams, went to five nationals

where in 1997 he was a part of NCCU's final four team. Today, Johnson runs a juvenile diversion program. He earned a J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and has accepted a commission to the JAG Corps in the U.S. Army.

Both honorees competed in the HCASC era that featured four sectional competitions that sent teams to a televised national on BET.

Sheila Johnson, co-founder of BET and owner of Salamander Hospitality, delivered this year's keynote address. As the first black female billionaire, Johnson shared her life story as a play with three acts. As impressive as her achievements are she was even more impressed by the talent in the room. Johnson stated that all the achievers in the room should strive for excellence and reminded them that the greatest risk in life is to play it safe.

As teams rest and prepare for the competition ahead, they should be sure to heed the "Call to Action." Good Luck in today's matches!



Gabrielle Jones and Christopher Bonner, as members of the Program Advisory Committee, welcome students to Orlando

EXPO MOMENTS



Coppin students enjoy the art of Lisa Jones



Xbox-ing in the Expo



Bronco pride comes to Orlando!



The ladies of Xavier strike a pose...

The "One Word" Challenge

We know--we know, you're thinking that it can't be done. No one can pin down the perfect word that covers all of these five days. It has to encompass the excitement, the energy, the anticipation and the camaraderie that is HCASC. We asked students to challenge themselves and describe HCASC in one word.

**Can you put
HCASC into
one word?**

"Indescribable."

-Everett Burwell,
University of the District of Columbia

"Life-changing."

-Tiera Carter,
Coppin State University

"Family."

-William Meeks,
Dillard University

"Stupendous."

-Bert Williams,
Texas Southern University

"Phenomenal."

-Richard Robinson,
Clark-Atlanta University



*"Unmatched" and "Friends" said Kris Ferguson
and Terri Day of Winston-Salem State*

*Thought of your one word? Find a Buzz
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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 p.m. to join the team. All who attend will receive a special pin.



Express yourself with personalized pins.

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