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Meet the 2008 All-Stars

HCASC 2008: An
Answered Call to Action

Smile for the Camera!

Oakwood University makes HCASC History



The team of Oakwood University with Oakwood President, Dr. Delbert Baker; Institutional Representative, Dr. John Anderson, their coach, Dr. Renae Elliott and Marc Burt

The final day at HCASC began with the excitement of the 2008 Final Games. In the first match, Howard University met Alcorn State. Howard, behind at the half never gave up, earning 100 points alone in the second half, but it was not enough to make up their deficit. Alcorn State advanced with a final score of 230-165.

The second semi-final found Louisiana stalwart, Southern Univ.-Baton Rouge, pitted against Alabama powerhouse, Oakwood University. Marcus Cooper, Jr. helped Oakwood find its stride with the first toss-up of the game and the entire team powered through to a final berth with a score of 375-60.

The 2008 HCASC final was a match of the titans. They both led their divisions; Oakwood in DuSable and Alcorn in Wells; with 7-0 records. Not shaken by any match-up, they both moved toward the inevitable match that would decide who would carry the championship back to their schools.

Game one brought a phenomenal first half by the Oakwood team, racking up 210 points in the first eight alone.

Alcorn made a sound effort in the second half, besting Oakwood by 30 points but it wasn't enough to eat away at the early lead substantiated by the Oakwood team. Final score: 285-165.

Alcorn stormed out of the gate in the second game, its chance to ensure a third game. At the half the score was Alcorn, 180 to Oakwood's 85. Captain Jeremy Nelson and his team continued to bring the heat and finished the game with a lead of 160.

The third game was the deciding factor and neither team let up. Each team advantage was answered by the other team—equaling the playing field. In the last minute, Alcorn State gained control but only garnered 10 points on the bonus, giving Oakwood the win by five points.

Oakwood Captain, Alesis Turner was unable to describe his elation following the win as the team posed for pictures and intermittingly texted friends and family the news. Sherwin Faria, Turner and Michael Vance, Jr. are seniors and will not be returning; but Cooper is ready to bring back another team in 2009 to

defend their newly earned title.

HCASC 2008 could not be complete until we all meet back where it began to close the tournament among new and old friends. This year's closing ceremony featured the music of Black Violin, a duo of violinists that merge classical and contemporary music styling to create a distinctive genre. Will B and Kev Marcus inspired coaches, volunteers and students alike into an improptu soul train line with their ingenuity and unique performance.

Seated in each division for one last time, the HCASC family honored Marvin Gabriel Norman of Texas Southern University with the Ernie Jones Sportsman Award and the divisions' eight all-stars. Everyone smiled and laughed as highlights from the week lit up the screens and people saw themselves or someone they had befriended in the week.

Hugs and smiles bookend the competition and they hold us until we meet again: same place, same purpose and to celebrate our twentieth year.



2008's Ernie Jones Sportsman of the Year; Texas Southern's Marvin Gabriel Norman

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Violin virtuosos, Black Violin creatively inspired the Strong 64.



Morgan State Captain, Willie Cole, puts his stamp on a new HCASC tradition: Closing Shout-outs.



We love smiles here at Honda!



Don't hurt 'em UMES.



The 2008 HCASC All-Stars.

ALDRIDGE Brittani Ware, SUBR

TURNER Gabrielle McMahan, FAMU

WELLS Terri N.F. Day, WSSU

DU SABLE Ivory K. Johnson, MVSU

BUFFALO Dwain Williams, Medgar Evers

WALKER Brandon Wolff, Harris-Stowe

BECKWORTH Christopher Jackson, GSU

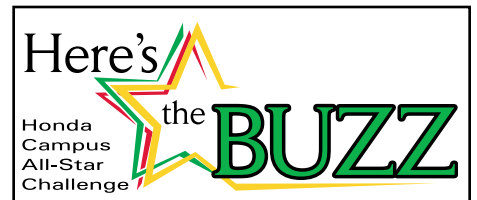
SMITH Sarah G. Francis, Xavier



Fayetteville State can truly lean on each other!



Up, Up and AWAY!!!!



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