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Opening Banquet: Celebrating 20 Amazing Years



Jurnee Smollett served as co-host for the evening's event. She is pictured with American Honda's Marc Burt and Alumni hall of Famers Robert Evans and Dr. Robert Scott.

HCASC 20 got off to a roaring start last night. Old and new players alike have been building anticipation for this year's competition. With hugs and warm greetings, teams were already engulfed in the camaraderie and spirit of the event.

With the airplane and bus rides behind them, the teams arrived and set out to get their NCT experiences rolling. After having badges made, players headed off to the Student Union for the sweet release of video games, long-awaited reunions with old friends and the adventure of making new ones.

The banquet is the first gathering of all 64 teams. The feast was stellar, but the room was truly starstruck when the evening's speaker and co-host was introduced. Jurnee Smollett, star of

television and film, took to the stage and gave a heartfelt expression of her admiration of HCASC and the NCT for truly being a gathering of the best and brightest. Her passion for HBCUs, education and humanity were refreshing and well-received.

Lorraine Hansberry and Elijah McCoy were added as this year's new division leaders. Both are shining examples of the type of excellence and spirit that is endemic to the HCASC experience.

Each year, HCASC not only honors current participants, it remembers those former players who continue to reach new heights in their careers and their communities

Robert Evans attended Lane College and was an enthusiastic HCASC player. Evans' commitment

to his community and to leadership through education have garnered him a spot in the HCASC Hall of Fame.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Scott represented Jackson State University at HCASC for two years. Dr. Scott now pastors Central Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri and has been recognized repeatedly for being one of the most gifted preachers in the country.

Both honorees played during HCASC's early years and are members of Omega Psi Phi.

The evening was brought to a close with the soulful sounds of vocalist Chantae Cann. With a performance consisting of classic songs and original works, the Chicago-born chanteuse provided a preview of what can be expected when she begins touring with India.Arie later this year.

HCASC 20 is off to an exciting start. The competition will be rigorous, but the friendships are lasting. Good Luck in today's matches!



Clark Atlanta alumnae Chantae Cann delighted the audience with a soul-stirring performance

**Reminder: Tuxedo pick-up is in Salon VI.
Coaches have pick-up times on their game schedules**

HCASC QUOTABLES



*"I've been waiting all year for this!"
- Brittany Cleark, Jackson State*



*"Elegance meets intelligence."
- Michael Hines, Lane*



*"This is much more than just trivia!"
- Olawale Williams, Morgan State*



*"It's a beautiful thing when HBCUs come together."
- Danika Barber, UMES*

Best of Arrivals



*Benedict College asks the crucial question,
"So You Think You Can Dance?"*



*...and Coppin State answers,
"Yes, We Can!"*



Hampton shows their school pride with a spirited shout upon arrival...



...While Norfolk State and Prairie View keep it "fresh" for the camera.

Tours Sign-Up

This year, tours are on Saturday night. The options are Disney theme parks or the Florida Mall. There will be buses to and from Disney until the last park closes at 11pm.

Think Green

Each Division will participate in a conservation project as a part of the "Think Green" initiative. Collect your bottles and cans in the specially marked containers. The division that collects the most recyclables will earn special recognition (and a special surprise). Don't forget to bring your own ideas to the brainstorm on Saturday at 8 pm in the Honda Expo!



Thumbs up on HCASC 20!!!

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