

Closing Banquet: An HBCU
Talent Showcase

Meet the 2009 All-Stars

HCASC 20 in Pictures

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An Elite Class: Oakwood Prevails At HCASC 20

The final rounds of 2009 were historic. For the first time, the quarter final rounds were played on the stage as well as the semi final and final matches.

The games began with North Carolina Central University facing off against Alabama A&M University. NCCU accumulated a 115 point lead in the early minutes of the round. Not easily defeated, A&M narrowed the margin to 40 points at the half. By the end of the game, though, the score stood at 275-215 and NCCU advanced to the semi-finals.

Next up were Morgan State and Tuskegee. The evenly-matched teams traded toss-ups, and by halftime, the score was 130-75 in favor of Tuskegee. Tuskegee maintained their lead and won with an ending score of 275-120.

Arguably the most exciting match in recent history, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Morehouse went head to head in a game that was literally won in the last second. UMES held a 70-0 lead in the beginning, but Morehouse pulled ahead and accrued a 50-point lead at the end of the half. The second half of play was an even exchange until Morehouse earned a 30-point bonus with less than :30 remaining. A correct answer with :01 remaining left Morehouse victorious with a score of 270-265.

Defending champions Oakwood met Norfolk State in a match that quickly got off to a 195-0 lead. With a 170 point lead at the half, Oakwood maintained momentum and advanced to the semi finals with a 420-160 victory.

The semi final rounds began with NCCU vs Tuskegee. Tuskegee led 140-85 at halftime, but NCCU tied the game with 3:00 remaining and skillfully gained the lead. With a score of 250-155, North Carolina Central University had earned its spot in the 2009 HCASC Finals.

The second semi final round featured



For the second year in a row, the scholars of Oakwood College take home the championship trophy. They are now a member of an elite group of institutions that can claim back-to-back HCASC wins along with FAMU, Morehouse and Tuskegee.

the returning champions Oakwood against four-time HCASC victors Morehouse. The battle highlighted the level of excellence that is inherent to this competition. Morehouse held a 40-point lead after 8:00. Oakwood steadily and ably answered the second half's questions and when the final whistle sounded, they had earned their spot in the 2009 finals.

The Finals were an adrenaline rush for the audience and the teams alike. NCCU performed at the top of their game and ended the first match with the score standing 245-195 in their favor. In Game Two, Oakwood's depth and breadth of knowledge led to a 350-190 win. The tie-breaking third game required both teams to manage their time, wisdom and energy. This was both teams' fifth match within four hours. With some struggles along the way, Oakwood and NCCU kept the score tight. By the half, there were only 20 points separating the teams. NCCU fought the good fight, but Oakwood's championship level of play won in the end. With a final score of 295-140, Oakwood had become a back-to-back HCASC Champion.

The 2009 HCASC Closing Awards Banquet showcased HBCU talent by featuring FAMU's Strikers All Stars and Clark Atlanta graduate Bobby V. HCASC shout-outs were given. The Buzz acknowledges the Purple Division, who were inadvertently excluded from that segment. In a gesture of pure grace and class, Oakwood's Captain, Alesis Turner, invited scrimmage partner Alabama A&M to share the stage. As HCASC 20 drew to a close, students clad in tuxedos and gowns clicked cameras into the wee hours of the morning.



Alesis Turner of Oakwood invites Alabama A&M to share the stage

HCASC 2009: 20 Years in the Making



North Carolina Central University listens attentively during the championship match



Relaxing before the Closing Banquet



The Best of the Best: HCASC's All-Stars take the stage in recognition of a job well done



HCASC shout-outs

Sarah G. Francis, Xavier	66.43
Alesis Turner, Oakwood	66.43
Ava Barrett, Alcorn	43.57
Anthony Pratcher II, Howard	56.43
Eric Stephens, Paine	46.43

Ivory Johnson, MVSU	98.57
Ashley Underwood, Harris-Stowe	73.57
Gabrielle McMahan, FAMU	70.71
Jeremy Herrin, Savannah State	65.71



Gennifer Robinson of Sojourner-Douglass is the 2009 Ernie Jones Sportsperson



HBCU's own Strikers All Stars (top) and Bobby V (bottom) entertained the crowd



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