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Opening Banquet: The Best is Yet to Come



Gary Kessler, Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Administration and Corporate Affairs for American Honda shared heartfelt comments with the attentive audience.

All around the country, HCASC teams arose with one goal in mind: to get to Orlando safely. Whether a first-time player or a returning champion, HCASC 21 promises great competition and endless opportunities to make one's very own *Friends for Life*.

As the Great 48 arrived, excitement filled the air. A streamlined registration process ensured that players would get a chance to unwind in the Student Union before preparing for the evening's main event.

In an intimate and exquisite setting, the opening banquet began with a welcome from Gary Kessler, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Administration at American Honda. Co-hosts Marc Burt and Seshmi Robertson started by acknowledging the dedication of the players. Dr. William Pollard of Medgar Evers College delivered the invocation. Old and new friends mingled as dinner was served.

Following dessert, it was time for the teams! The Red Division was named for cycling champ Marshall "Major" Taylor, while Blues pioneer W.C. Handy titles the Yellow Division.

In the true spirit and tradition of HCASC, two alumni were inducted into the Hall of Fame. LaDonne Lankster was a player for Virginia Union University from 1994-1997. Now an attorney, she has received many accolades for excellence in her career.

Tweail Moten was an HCASC player at Albany State University from 1995-1998. He is now a certified parliamentarian and has received a great deal of recognition for his accomplishments.

Once the Hall of Fame inductions were complete, HBCU presidents who made the trip to HCASC were recognized. Presidents from, Huston-Tillotson, Wilberforce, Talladega, York, Mississippi Valley State, Medgar

Evers and Prairie View A&M were present.

The entertainment portion of the program came next. K. JoyAnn, an award-winning singer, energized and inspired the crowd with renditions of popular songs, including a stirring performance of Yolanda Adams' "Still I Rise."

The end of dinner signaled the beginning of HCASC 21 competition. This year is sure to be one for the record books. Let the games begin!



K JoyAnn engaged the audience with a rousing call and response performance.

Dinner is "On Your Own"

Want to catch a movie? Do some quick shopping at Downtown Disney or just grab a bite to eat?

Tonight, the choice is yours! Teams should see the Division Liaison for disbursement of their stipends. Enjoy the evening and have fun!

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Play for Everything and Lose for Nothing...It is Winning Time...Go Braves of Alcorn State University...from the Big Homie lol —Robert "AlphaMath" Patrick



Behold, the Green & Gold Norfolk State
University Spartans safe travels to Orlando
and bring home the Gold. THIS IS SPARTA!!!

— Maurice Hawkins

Post Facebook updates on the Mezzanine computer

HCASC participants may post up to the minute reports on all the NCT action at the Facebook station! Located adjacent to Narcissus/Orange Blossom, this dedicated unit is for wall posts, pictures, videos... anything you want to share about the HCASC experience. Become a Fan of the HCASC page and get started today!

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Air hockey is just one of the entertainment options in the Honda Expo/Student Union.



William Moore of Southern University-Baton Rouge checks in with his team.



The ladies of Spelman College hit the scene with a new coach and a new attitude



HCASC Volunteers celebrate the arrival of a busload of excited students!



A Kentucky State scholar makes her mark on the Student Union graffiti wall.



Paine College in the house and racking up points at the pool table.

Don't Forget it's Picture Day!

Today is yearbook picture day, so look your best in your team outfits. Pictures will be taken in International Ballroom South (where meals are served). Don't be late for your appointment time and make sure that the whole team is available.



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