

# Here's the BUZZ

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SEASON 21

The 21st season of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) is underway. This year, 80 HBCUs will vie to compete in the National Championship in Orlando, Florida, April 10-13, 2010.

As a result of economic realities, the HCASC program has undergone some significant changes for the coming year. The program has been carefully and thoughtfully reviewed and restructured to ensure that the core aspects of the program remain intact, even in difficult times.

At its heart, the program brings together students for an academic quiz competition that highlights the accomplishments and academic abilities of America's HBCUs and fosters the creation of lifelong friendships.

An equally important part of Honda's unwavering commitment is to maintain the level of direct HBCU grant support while



*Schools must have their tournaments certified to qualify for the institutional grants.*

continuing to provide the NCT experience for as many teams as possible. Accordingly, the following changes will be in place for the 2009-2010 season.

First, the NCT will feature a field of 48 teams, selected in the same manner as previous seasons. Second, teams will travel with four players and a coach.

Third, for the first time, all registered teams that complete and certify Part 1 Qualification materials will receive a minimum grant of \$1,000.

The changes streamline NCT competition in a number of ways. Round robin play will be completed in one day. That means students, volunteers and staff miss one less day from their institutions. Further, gameplay will begin on Sunday, thereby insuring that all divisions and teams will have a uniform gameplay distribution. Email HCASC Program Coordinator Tisha Lynton at [tisha@hcasc.com](mailto:tisha@hcasc.com) with any questions about the new structure. Good luck to all!

## WHITE HOUSE HONORS HCASC

On August 29th, the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge program was honored by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities in recognition of twenty years of service to the African American community and HBCUs.

The award was presented by the newly installed Executive Director of the Initiative, John Wilson, a Morehouse graduate.

This recognition is a singular achievement which represents Honda's unwavering commitment to education and the high purpose of everyone who works so hard to make HCASC the phenomenal success it has been.

This honor would not have been possible without the presidents, staffs, volunteers and students of all the competing HBCUs. So truly, the entire HCASC family shares in this noteworthy accomplishment.



*An engraved award was presented at a private luncheon for HBCU Presidents during the White House Initiative Weekend*

## Part 2 Checklist

Visit [www.hcasc.com/nct/qual2.asp](http://www.hcasc.com/nct/qual2.asp) to get started!

**✓Liability & Copyright Acknowledgement**  
Must be signed or submitted by a faculty or staff member at your institution who has the authority to sign on behalf of your institution.

**✓Institutional Eligibility**  
This form must be signed by each member of the NCT Team and then signed and sealed by the institution's Registrar confirming Spring and Winter quarter enrollment.

**✓Team & Participant Registration**  
Must be submitted online. Please check all spellings, travel dates and other issues that could affect a player's availability carefully with the players before submitting this form.

## 2009-10 Enrollment Update

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge enters its 21st year with 80 participating HBCUs. As the semester draws to a close, campuses will host their tournaments and begin training a Varsity Squad to compete in the National Championship.

As a reminder, **all Part 1 materials must be submitted and certified** to be qualified for the new \$1,000 grants.

The Part 2 Deadline is **January 26, 2010**. Again, schools are encouraged to practice with their students, keep in contact

and select their teams before the deadline.

The HCASC online Program guide is full of excellent tips, gameplay drills, study resources and ideas on creating a winning program.

ALABAMA A&M UNIV.  
ALABAMA STATE UNIV.  
ALBANY STATE UNIV.  
ALCORN STATE UNIV.  
ALLEN UNIV.  
BENEDICT COLLEGE  
BENNETT COLLEGE  
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIV.  
BOWIE STATE UNIV.  
CENTRAL STATE UNIV.  
CHEYNEY UNIV.-PENNSYLVANIA  
CHICAGO STATE UNIV.  
CLAFLIN UNIV.  
CLARK ATLANTA UNIV.  
COPPIN STATE UNIV.  
DELAWARE STATE UNIV.  
DILLARD UNIV.  
EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE  
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIV.  
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIV.  
FISK UNIV.  
FLORIDA A&M UNIV.  
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIV.  
GRAMBLING STATE UNIV.  
HAMPTON UNIV.  
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIV.  
HOWARD UNIV.  
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIV.  
JACKSON STATE UNIV.  
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIV.  
KENTUCKY STATE UNIV.  
LANGSTON UNIV.  
LEMOYNE-OWEN COLLEGE  
LINCOLN UNIV.-MISSOURI  
LINCOLN UNIV.-PENNSYLVANIA  
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE  
MARTIN UNIV.  
MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE-CUNY  
MILES COLLEGE

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV.  
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  
MORGAN STATE UNIV.  
MORRIS COLLEGE  
NORFOLK STATE UNIV.  
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIV.  
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV.  
OAKWOOD UNIV.  
PAINE COLLEGE  
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIV.  
RUST COLLEGE  
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE  
SAINT PAUL'S COLLEGE  
SAVANNAH STATE UNIV.  
SHAW UNIV.  
SOJOURNER-DOUGLASS COLLEGE  
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIV.  
SOUTHERN UNIV.-BATON ROUGE  
SOUTHERN UNIV.-NEW ORLEANS  
SPELMAN COLLEGE  
STILLMAN COLLEGE  
TALLADEGA COLLEGE  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIV.  
TEXAS COLLEGE  
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIV.  
TOUGALOO COLLEGE  
TUSKEGEE UNIV.  
UNIV. OF ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF  
UNIV. OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE  
UNIV.-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
VIRGINIA STATE UNIV.  
VIRGINIA UNION UNIV.  
VOORHEES COLLEGE  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIV.  
WILBERFORCE UNIV.  
WILEY COLLEGE  
WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIV.  
XAVIER UNIV.  
YORK COLLEGE

## Coaches, keep in touch with your team



The holidays connect family and friends, and your HCASC players are an important part of that circle. Here are some tips to ensure that everyone is on the same page as schools reopen in January.

- Make sure to have current email, home and cell phone numbers for each player as well as back-up players.
- Touch base often. Many universities are shut down a full month during the Winter break. A lot can happen in that time. If a player has to leave the team, you want to be able to contact alternates.
- Encourage the team to play the HCASC on-line games during the break. Research and question writing assignments will help keep players on their toes.
- If pre-registration for the Spring semester is possible, request that your students complete the process. This can save time in confirming eligibility upon their return to campus.
- The dates of the NCT are April 10-13, 2010. Make sure no family commitments have arisen that would create a conflict. Remember, there are fees associated with player changes after Part 2 has been submitted.
- If the team is in town, a holiday scrimmage can be a great way to involve family and friends in the fun!

Strong communication is vital to success in HCASC. These few simple tips can help maintain a competitive edge and peace of mind in the midst of all the holiday cheer.

## 2010 Pre-NCT Tournament Schedule

To help prepare teams for the NCT, there are official HCASC Pre-NCT Tournaments. HCASC supplies the game questions for these tournaments at no cost to the hosts.

There are "Group A" Tournaments and "Group B" Tournaments. Each HBCU may attend only one "Group A" and one Group B" tournament (two Pre-NCT Tournaments total).

### GROUP "A"

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**Check [hcasc.com](http://hcasc.com) for updates on tournament fees and sign-up deadlines. Tournament slots fill up quickly, so act now!**

*Happy Holidays  
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