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Howard West Program Expands and Inspires

The Art of Impact



Impact.

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1. have a strong effect on someone or something.

Not everybody can do it.

Not every university is capable of it.

Impacting the world is not easy. It's an art – one that Howard University has had down pat since its founding in 1867.

Those inside the community have lived and breathed this influence day in and day out. Walk across "The Yard" with open ears and easily overhear a pair of friends or colleagues alike talking about this one's success here, and that one's accomplishment there. Outsiders certainly see and hear the effects of Howard's brilliant Black minds being manifested about in the globe's professional stratosphere. They read it in the news media, social media, University publications or elsewhere.

The pages of this issue ride the wave of those 150-plus years of Howard University impact and expansion beyond the campuses themselves. You will read about the University's partnership with Google Inc. in Silicon Valley, Howard West; its plans to improve elements of the main campus landscape; the new, larger OB ward at the Howard University Hospital and sundry stories about HU's powerful footprint throughout.

Celebrate with us as we put the spotlight on the continued work of Bison, both near and far.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

RaNeeka Claxton Witty, MFA

Alumni on the Move

We hear so many amazing stories about alumni making an impact in their careers and communities, but we just don't have the space to publish articles about all of them in *Howard Magazine*. If you have a unique or fascinating story about an alumna or alumnus, we want to know about it. Please email us at magazine@howard.edu.



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The HBCU Difference

By Wayne A. I. Frederick (B.S. '92; M.D. '94; M.B.A. '11)



The role that Howard University continues to play in the world is one of excellence. We are creating history every day, although the academic landscape outside of our campus is changing. Not only are the dynamics of access to education much different now than they were at the onset of this institution's founding, but now, there are more opportunities for Black students to attend any school they choose and dream the biggest dreams they could ever have—which is what I did when I came to this country from Trinidad and Tobago as a 16-year-old with sickle cell anemia who wanted to become a physician.

Howard University was the only place in the world where I could fulfill my dreams. No one at Howard ever questioned my capacity or abilities, and that is the HBCU difference. I think that's why HBCUs are even more critical today than in the past. Last year, fewer Black males applied to medical school than in 1976. We have a crisis taking place right in front of us, but the focus often is that there's opportunity everywhere. Unfortunately, the opportunity is not quite what it's made out to be. Sometimes, it is a "sheltered opportunity," one with a lot attached to it. HBCUs take away the shackles because, when you attend an HBCU, you are presented with an unbridled opportunity to fulfill your potential and bring your wildest dreams to fruition.

Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed selfless people become more engaged and involved to ensure a better future for Howard University. During the last year alone, we have announced that Howard West, the University's academic partnership with Google, will expand to cover the full academic year beginning fall 2018. Howard West is an extension of our commitment to producing industry-ready Black computer science graduates who will enter the workforce with the added invaluable knowledge gained by working alongside the leading experts at Google.

Howard West serves as the realization of a vision to expand Howard's presence to the West Coast. It is also a significant step forward for Google's efforts to recruit and retain diverse technical talent. Howard West will prepare hundreds of industry-ready Black computer science graduates and future leaders with the power to transform the global technology space into a stronger, more accurate reflection of the world around us. In partnership with Google, we envisioned this program with bold outcomes in mind—to advance a strategy that leverages Howard's high-quality faculty and Google's expertise, while also rallying the tech industry and other thought leaders around the importance of diversity in business and the communities they serve.

Howard University is a national treasure—not only because of our legacy, but also because of what is happening right now. Our core values of excellence, leadership, truth and service are at the center of Howard's vision to develop scholars and professionals who drive change while engaging in scholarship that provides solutions to contemporary global problems.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA
President

One Howard Family's Legacy of Scholarship, Giving

By Tamara E. Holmes (B.A. '94)

For many alumni, Howard University is a family affair. But one family has not only witnessed several members achieve the distinction of earning a Howard degree, they have created a legacy that will ensure that many more students get to follow in their footsteps.

The Artishia and Frederick Jordan Scholarship Fund has provided \$700,000 in financial assistance to 64 Howard University students since 2011. The scholarship fund was founded in 1976 by African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Frederick D. Jordan at Morris Brown College in memory of his late wife, Artishia Wilkerson Jordan. When Morris Brown closed its doors in 2009, the Jordan Scholarship Board formed a partnership with Howard University, where both Frederick and Artishia attended in the 1920s.

Frederick completed his bachelor's degree at Northwestern University. While at Howard, he was the treasurer of Howard's first Student Council and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Artishia was active in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the French Club and the Howard chapter of the YWCA before graduating in 1922.

Frederick's sister Alice also attended Howard in the 1930s. Since then, there has been a Jordan family member at Howard from 1961 through 2015, including sisters Patricia Jordan Cleveland Van Dyke (B.S. '65), Jennifer Jordan (B.A. '67; M.A. '70), Jacqueline Jordan Irvine, (B.A. '68; M.A. '70) and Angela Jordan Davis (B.A. '78). Jennifer Jordan taught for 40 years in Howard's English Department.

The family has continued the scholarship in the memory of the bishop and



Bishop Frederick D. Jordan

his wife for students who display academic excellence, a passion for community service and involvement in religious life. The application process is managed through the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. On March 4, eight students who received scholarships during the 2017-18 academic year were honored during the Chapel's Sunday service.

"Each young scholarship recipient represents the qualities that the Bishop and Mrs. Jordan and all of us admire: hard work, academic excellence and most

importantly a strong spiritual foundation dedicated to service to our community," said Kelli Irvine Neptune, secretary and treasurer of the Jordan Scholarship Fund Board, during the presentation at the scholarship ceremony.

The scholarship is designed to provide students with support and assistance as they think critically about the intersection of faith, service to the community and academic excellence, said Jacqueline Jordan Irvine, current manager and former president of the board. "The only thing we ask in return is if they ever get in a position to help somebody else, do it and pass on the blessing that they've received," she said.

For the students, "this program means opportunity," said Yolanda Jean-Baptiste, a junior biology major and 2017-18 scholarship recipient. "It's an opportunity for me to grow and stress less about finances and an opportunity to continue my education so one day I can give to someone else and return the favor."

Denise Morris, a junior biology major, agreed, saying the scholarship "allowed me to continue my education when I didn't think I was going to be able to come back to Howard due to financial reasons."

The Jordan family not only plans to continue helping Howard students reach their educational goals, but they hope to inspire other alumni to do the same.

"Howard is a family of families," said board member Dedra Owens (B.A. '90). "If you have 10 family members who were alumni and each contributes \$1,000 a year, at the end of the year you have \$10,000 you can give to a Howard student. That can make a difference."



JUSTIN D. KNIGHT

Where Education Is Couture: The ‘Dr. Muhammad Experience’ at Howard

By Bahiyyah M. Muhammad, Ph.D.

No boring pedagogy here. These courses are one of a kind. Contemporary, rare and made to order. “Policing Inside Out™” was born out of desperation. A mandate from the student body. We need to do something about all these police killings of Black bodies, students cried. For a week, students protested during my office hours in groups, one after the other. Offered only at Howard, this class brings officers, students and community members into a single class with cultural excursions to be explored off-campus and experienced alone. Through a buddy system, students and officers are paired in teams and sent out into the world to explore. One in a police uniform and strapped with a Glock 19. The other in lightly torn jeans and a fashionable HU sweater from @lastbisonstanding. Both built from the same human cloth.

Through this simple commonality, they are required to communicate on their own terms as they navigate shared experiences to a variety of trust-building field trips. Trips include visits to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, specifically to view the Emmet Till Casket, the Martin Luther

These opportunities transform traditional classes into experiences filled with durability, accuracy and versatility.

King Memorial and the Law Enforcement Memorial. In addition, students complete 16 hours of ride-alongs with law enforcement officers, a shooting simulation and tactical training. Through this journey, students, officers and community members humanize, empathize and learn to respect one another.

Designed for the student’s specific requirements and needs in mind, these opportunities transform traditional classes into experiences filled with durability, accuracy and versatility. The common thread at the seam: truth and service.

Comprehensive research is redefined and given an applied approach at Howard University, an anchor institution in a growing metropolitan space. After a decade of exploring the lived experiences among children of incarcerated parents, I took 15 brave undergraduate students to live on the grounds of a federal prison as

part of my course curriculum. Through our flagship Alternative Spring Break experience, students spent seven days at Alderson Federal Prison Camps in West Virginia being of service to incarcerated mothers and their children. At Howard, I have been able to bring my scholarship to life by working to reunite families of the incarcerated and create experiences where students battle with dualities emerging from research and life.

At a time when the world has become more divided and indecisive, Howard is one.

Bahiyyah M. Muhammad, Ph.D., Franklin Fellow, is an assistant professor at Howard University’s Department of Sociology and Criminology.

In Their Shoes

By Beryl Kessio

The Student Effect

Year after year, Howard University students make an impact on society beyond the University's classrooms. *Howard Magazine* caught up with a group of students to discuss what they're doing to change the world. Here's what they had to say:

Troi Henderson

Junior
TV and film major, playwriting minor
Chicago, Illinois

I was able to create new relationships during study abroad with students at other D.C. schools, and fostering those relationships has taken me out of D.C. and helped me explore its other communities. This has helped expand my overall creativity and connection to the city.



Bhawesh Thapa

Junior
Civil engineering major
Balaju, Nepal

Having been raised in a very homogenous place, it was very important for me to understand and interact with different people around me. I have been expanding my skills outside of Howard's borders by learning to connect with people. I have played soccer for as long as I can remember. Soccer is a team sport. You need to communicate with your teammates to play. In the States, I play with Americans, Jamaicans, Mexicans, to name a few, who have a different style of playing the sport. But, as you play with them for a while, you get to know them as simply friends or a person like you, instead of as foreigners. This helped me enjoy the sport more and create new relationships outside of the classroom.

BERYL KESSIO



James Ousman Cheek

Senior

Environmental studies major, Japanese minor
Washington, D.C.

Since presenting at the 2017 HBCU Climate Change Conference, I've been inspired to correct issues with waste management strategies both in the U.S./Global South and countries at other stages of development. I am in the process of starting a nonprofit through which I hope to initially approach the city in order to create comprehensive recycling, composting, waste reduction programs and investigate mechanisms of waste reduction. Additionally, I've been honing my artistic skills through graphic design, 3-D modeling, clothing construction/design and general networking with D.C.'s creative community. I'm currently work at a print shop/creative venue on Georgia Avenue and Kennedy Street. As I see it, my interests overall actually reinforce each other, so my priority is pursuing opportunities that help me become more well-rounded and engage with what I'm passionate about to affect positive change.

3,259

Number of undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences during academic year 2017-18, excluding the summer semester

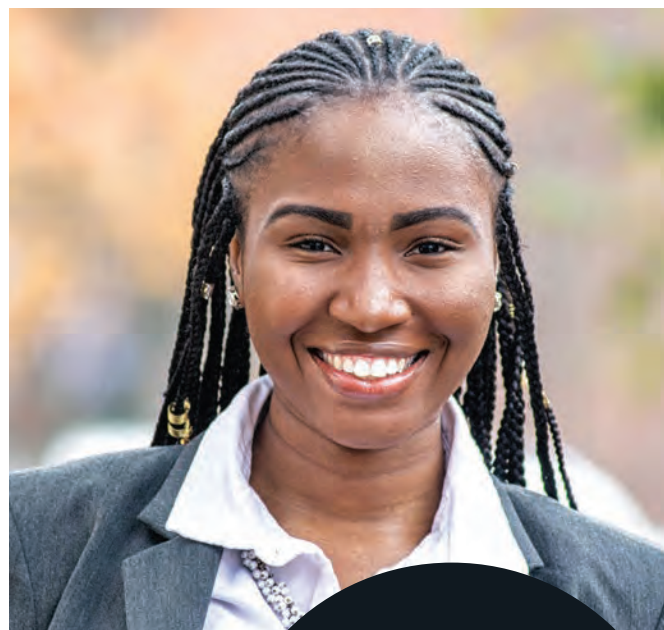
Brooke Ward

Freshman

African-American studies major,
administration of justice minor
Atlanta, Georgia

D.C. provides myriad opportunities for learning from professionals from the political climate of the city. In this way, I've been able to actualize my aspirations and participate in tangible ways. With this privilege of first-hand experience, I've been able to critically think about my career paths following college.





2 Howard Students Selected as Marshall Finalists

Howard University senior computer information systems major Simeon Kakpovi (B.B.A. '18) of Silver Spring, Maryland—by way of Benin—and Mary Morris (B.A. '18), an acting major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were named finalists for the 2018 Marshall Scholarship.

6,547

Total number of undergraduate students enrolled at Howard University during academic year 2017-18, excluding the summer semester



Howard Senior Advanced as Class of 2019 Schwarzman Alternate

Howard University senior and international business major Jordan Culpepper of Hazel Crest, Illinois, was named an alternate for the 2019 class of Schwarzman Scholars. Culpepper was selected for this distinction alongside the 147 winning scholars, chosen from more than 4,000 applicants from 39 countries and 97 universities spanning the globe.

Culpepper is the second Howard student to advance in competition for the Schwarzman Scholarship—the first student being HU alumna Greer Roberts (B.B.A. '17), who also was an international business major. Roberts is a member of the Schwarzman Scholars Class of 2018.

JUSTIN D. KNIGHT (TOP); BERYL KESSIO (BOTTOM RIGHT)

CONGRATULATIONS



JUSTIN EDWARDS

TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Howard University student Justin Edwards, a junior political science major, as a Truman Scholar for 2018. He was chosen from a pool of 756 students nominated by 311 colleges and universities, a record number of institutions. The 194 finalists received their awards in a ceremony at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in May.

Edwards is the 11th Truman Scholar in Howard history, and the third Truman Scholar in the last consecutive three years.

Recipients of the Truman Scholarship receive a \$30,000 scholarship toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming to help prepare them for careers in public service leadership.



94th Annual Homecoming Recap

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Howard University celebrated its annual Homecoming with students, faculty, staff, community members and alumni from around the world. The weeklong schedule of events included the Howard University Homecoming Golf Classic, the incomparable Yard-

Fest and the Annual Day of Service—just to name a few. New traditions were introduced, such as the HU Ideas Festival, a showcase of provocative conversations, ideas and discussions on the most important issues of the day. ■HU

BERYL KESSIO (CENTER), JUSTIN D. KNIGHT (ALL OTHERS)



Opening Convocation 2017

During the 150th Opening Convocation, former FBI Director James Comey called on students to become well-rounded citizens and prepare to make a difference.

“There is a lot of pain and hurt in this country and this world right now, and it will be there when you graduate from Howard University,” Comey said. “Our country is going through one of those periods where we are trying to figure out who we really are and what we stand for. It’s painful, it’s hard, and sometimes it is a bit scary. But if you think back over Howard’s 150 years, you will find reason to be optimistic.”

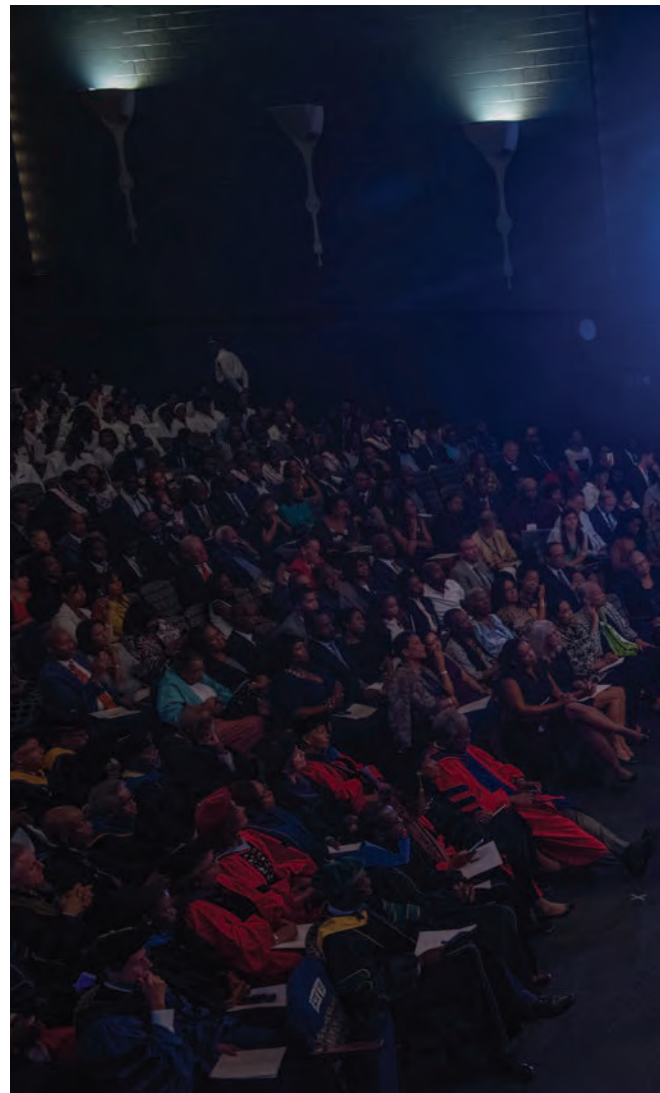
The Opening Convocation at Howard University is a time-honored tradition, officially signaling the start of the academic year. The ceremony is a welcoming event for new students and an opportunity to recognize recent achievements at the University.

Howard University President Wayne A. I. Frederick encouraged students to be open to new ideas and new perspectives.

“As an academic institution, it is Howard University’s responsibility to provide a platform that will help our students develop their own beliefs and ideologies, ask challenging questions, engage with others they may or may not agree with and find the meaning of truth,” Frederick said.

Founded on March 2, 1867, the University has embarked upon its 150th year anniversary as a premier institution of higher education. At the sesquicentennial mark, Howard University has exemplified an amazing outlook in positive growth. In September 2017, *U.S. News & World Report* released its Best Colleges Ranking. Howard, the only HBCU ranked among national universities, improved to No. 110, moving up 14 spots from the previous year.

In August, Howard University appointed Comey the 2017-18 Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy. As the holder of the chair, Comey is charged with leading and conducting five lectures. ■■



JUSTIN D. KNIGHT





JUSTIN D. KNIGHT

Freshmen Move-in 2017

Howard University faculty, staff, personnel and returning students welcomed a freshman class of 2,079 students, as they began arriving on campus in August. ■ HU





School of Education Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Preparation

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation announced that Howard University's School of Education is one of 43 providers from 22 states and the District of Columbia to receive accreditation for its educator preparation programs. The School of Education has been granted accreditation for seven years with no areas for improvement. The Fall 2017 review by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation's accrediting body increased to 101 for the total number of providers approved under the new Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation teacher preparation standards. These rigorous, nationally recognized standards were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

The School of Education specifically champions the needs of Black and other underrepresented students in urban communities. Asset-focused teaching methodologies and interdisciplinary coursework prepare candidates to think and reflect critically, analyze and solve problems, make ethical decisions, translate theory and research into effective practice, and understand self, history and community.

Howard University Cancer Center, Howard University Hospital Announce New Cancer Physician

Dr. Vinita Singh has been appointed assistant professor of medicine in the College of Medicine and will serve as hematology-oncology fellowship program director. Singh has a broad scope of practice and treats many of the most common cancers. She has specialized experience in breast, gynecologic, colorectal and hematologic malignancies.

After earning a medical degree from the Armed Forces Medical College in New Delhi, India, Singh completed her residencies at Delhi University (OB-GYN) and Washington Hospital Center in internal medicine. She also completed a fellowship in hematology-oncology at Washington Hospital Center. She brings more than 25 years of experience in oncology, internal medicine and hematology.

College of Medicine Earns Full Accreditation

The Howard University College of Medicine has been granted continued full accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the national accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to M.D. degrees in the United States and Canada.

School of Social Work Hosts St. Louis Group of Social Work Deans

The Howard University School of Social Work hosted more than 50 deans/chairs from social work programs across the country with research portfolios. The group is known as the St. Louis Group and is led by Dr. Luis Zayas, dean and Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at the University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work. Howard University President Wayne A.I. Frederick, Provost Anthony Wutoh and Gary Harris, Ph.D., dean of Graduate School, offered remarks to the group on Jan. 10 at the Interdisciplinary Research Building. Howard alumni, Martell Teasley, dean of College of Social Work at the University of Utah and president of the National Association of Deans and Directors, also joined the group.

468

Total number of professional students enrolled in the College of Medicine during academic year 2017-18, excluding the summer semester

Smithsonian Science Education Center, Howard University Join Forces to Increase Diversity in STEM Teaching

To tackle the issue of underrepresentation in STEM teaching and leadership, the Smithsonian Science Education Center, in collaboration with the Howard University School of Education, hosted a STEM teacher leadership summit in February that was funded by Shell Oil Company and powered by Teach to Lead. At this summit, teams of educators nationwide created plans for attracting, retaining and developing a diverse STEM teaching workforce in their districts, positioning themselves as catalysts for systemic change. By increasing representation among STEM teachers, schools increase the diversity of STEM students and subsequent career opportunities available to them.

Distinguished Alumni Award goes to Leffall

Legendary surgeon Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall Jr. (M.D. '52), Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery in the College of Medicine, was honored with the Howard University College of Medicine Distinguished

Alumni Award at the 2017 National Medical Association annual convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Leffall's professional life has been devoted to the study of cancer, particularly among African-Americans. As national president of the American Cancer Society, he launched a program on the challenge of cancer among Black Americans in 1979. Dr. Edward Cornwell, chairman of the department of surgery, presented the award at the College of Medicine Alumni dinner.



HBCU Social Work Network Partners in Uplift

Schools of Social Work at Howard University, Morgan State University, Clark Atlanta University, Jackson State University and Norfolk State University Schools have launched the HBCU Social Work Network. Their inaugural event was held in Dallas, Texas, at the Annual Professional Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education on Oct. 21. Sandra Edmonds Crewe (Howard University); Anna McPhatter (Morgan); Jen-

nie Jones (Clark Atlanta); Isiah Marshall (Jackson); and Rowena Wilson, deans of the five programs that offer Ph.D. programs in social work, participated in a panel presentation, HBCU Social Work Network: Grand Challenges through the Lens of Social Justice. The presentation emphasized the unique experiences of African-American communities and reported on data collected by the HBCU Social Work Network.

The HBCU Social Work Network is open to all HBCU social work programs. The focus of the network is to collaborate on research and practice initiatives across the 40 programs. This includes professional development seminars, TED talks and more.



Howard University Present at Oscars

In addition to presenters and nominees, Howard University was visible behind the scenes at the 2018 Academy Awards Gala, televised live on March 4 from the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles, California on ABC-TV.

Pictured from left to right are Professor Fred Irby, III, trumpet; Maestro Harold Wheeler, music director and orchestrator (B.S. '64) and Michael Bearden, keyboards (B.S. '86) at Capitol Studios in Hollywood, California.



Provost Anthony K. Wutoh Receives Edward Bouchet Legacy Award

Howard University Provost Anthony K. Wutoh, Ph.D., a champion of excellence in higher education, service and research, recently received the Edward Bouchet Legacy Award and provided keynote remarks at Howard University Graduate School's 12th annual Bouchet Forum.

Formerly the director for the Center for Minority Health Services Research as well as the Center of Excellence, Wutoh has varied interests, including pharmacoepidemiology, international health, health services/outcomes research and evaluation of large population databases, particularly in the area of AIDS and HIV infection in older patients. His research has received more than \$50 million in grant funding from government agencies and foundations. A testament to his global interests, he has led and participated in various international programs, including sponsored projects in Nigeria, Zambia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Ghana.

College of Pharmacy Earns Full Accreditation

The Howard University College of Pharmacy has been awarded full reaccreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education is the national standard-setting organization for professional degrees in the education of pharmacists.

171

Number of graduate students
enrolled in the College of Nursing
and Allied Health Sciences during
academic year 2017-18, excluding
summer semester

Howard University Early Learning Program Earns Accreditation

Howard University Early Learning Program, serving 3-5-year-old students on Howard University's main campus, has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children—the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children uses a set of 10 research-based standards to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in high-quality early learning environments. To earn the accreditation, the Early Learning Program went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by an on-site visit by the accrediting body assessors to verify and ensure that the program met each of the 10 program standards and other corresponding criteria.

For more information, call 202-806-7102, or go to huelp@howard.edu.

803

Total number of graduate students enrolled in the Graduate School during academic year 2017-18, excluding summer semester

School of Divinity Recognized as World-Changing Seminary

Howard University School of Divinity has been named a winner on the Center for Faith and Service's "Seminaries that Change the World" Class of 2017-18 list. The list contains 33 schools nationwide, from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry to Yale Divinity School.

College of Pharmacy, Food and Drug Administration, GlaxoSmithKline Announce Fellowship

The Howard University College of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration and GlaxoSmithKline, announced the creation of a new fellowship centered on regulatory affairs and policy.

The two-year fellowship provides practical training and experience in regulatory affairs for fellows to gain expertise in regulatory approaches and requirements for drug development and marketing. Through a combination of academic, industry and regulatory rotations, fellows will develop an in-depth understanding of the drug development process and regulatory affairs processes from the pre-clinical to post-marketing stages.

University to Serve as Research Partner in Cooperative Agreement with NASA

The NASA Goddard Space Flight Center recently announced an \$87.5 million cooperative agreement to support research performed by the Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science & Technology (CRESST) under the CRESST II agreement. Led by University of Maryland, College Park, Howard University will serve as a research partner along with University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Catholic University of America and the Southeastern Universities Research Association, a consortium of 60 research universities.

Part of the CRESST II mission will work to increase the involvement of minority and women scientists in space science research and to facilitate undergraduate and graduate student participation in active research projects. Currently, there are about 10 African-American astronomers working as tenured professors in the United States.

Howard University Awarded Funding for Yoruba Language Abroad Project

Howard University Professor Bayo Omolola, Ph.D., of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, was awarded a \$73,530 grant to conduct an intensive eight-week Yoruba language program at the University of Ibadan's Language Center in Nigeria, during summer 2018.

The award gives Howard University a chance to implement a project that will take American students from various colleges and universities who are learning Yoruba to Nigeria. Howard University is the third U.S. institution to win the grant since the program started in 1993, along with the University of Wisconsin and the University of Florida.

Howard Alumna Earns Rangel Fellowship

Howard University alumna Chaniqua Nelson (B.A. '11, M.A. '13) has been awarded a 2018 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship. The Durham, North Carolina, native was one of 30 fellows selected from 60 interviewed finalists originating from a pool of 540 applicants.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State and managed by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University, the Rangel Fellowship supports extraordinary individuals who want to pursue a career in the U.S. Foreign Service with up to \$95,000 of graduate school assistance over the course of two years.



School of Business Announces 2 New Programs

The School of Business has announced two new programs, in partnership with Dalton Education. The programs are: the Virtual Classroom Certificate in Financial Planning and the Self-Paced Online Certificate in Financial Planning Programs. The Virtual Classroom Certificate in Financial Planning Program is a live, online, instructor-led, comprehensive financial planning education program that satisfies the education requirement to sit for the CFP exam. The Self-Paced Online Certificate in Financial Planning Program also satisfies the CFP certification education requirement.

School of Communications, Department of Theatre Arts Program Listed Among Best

For the second consecutive year, Howard University is listed in a recent College Factual ranking of journalism degree programs. The Cathy Hughes School of Communications Media, Journalism and Film program was ranked 20 out of 183 nationwide. This makes journalism at Howard a top 20 program in the United States.

The Department of Theatre Arts program also was ranked 23 out of 306 nationwide. The ranking mentions Howard's setting in an urban center as great for scholars trying to find adequate chances for social networking, experience and exploration.

New Appointments

Dr. James G. Taylor was recently appointed director of the Center for Sickle Cell Disease, a key institute for the study of new sickle cell drugs, by Howard University and the Howard University Hospital. Dr. Hugh E. Mighty, dean of the College of Medicine and vice president of clinical affairs, also announced Taylor's appointment as professor in the Howard University Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology. Taylor also will attend patients at Howard University Hospital.

Previously, Taylor was assistant clinical investigator of the Genomic Medicine Section of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

David Oliver (B.B.A. '04) (*below center*), a world Olympian, was appointed director for the track and field program at Howard University, by Kery Davis, director of athletics. The Denver, Colorado, native was destined to be a track and field star after his mother, Brenda Chambers, secured a spot on the 1980 Olympic Team in the 400-meter hurdles. Oliver

returns to his alma mater as a highly decorated professional athlete. He was the 2008 Olympic Bronze Medalist in the 110-meter hurdles, and the 2013 World Champion in the same event. On the indoor track and field stage, he earned the gold medal in the 2008 USA Indoor Championships in the 60-meter hurdles and bronze in the 2010 World Championships. He maintained top 10 rankings in the world for 11 consecutive seasons and has received several accolades, including the 2010 Jesse Owens Award, which recognizes the USA's Most Outstanding Track Athlete. A two-time All-American as a student-athlete at Howard University, Oliver was inducted into the 2014 Howard University Hall

of Fame and the 2016 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. Oliver has been featured in several magazines, including *Essence Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Sobe Fit Magazine*, *Stack Magazine*, *Spikes Magazine* and *ESPN The Magazine*.

Yolanda Pierce, Ph.D. (*below right*), was appointed dean of Howard University's School of Divinity. She is the first woman to hold the position. Previously, Pierce was the Elmer G. Homrighausen Associate Professor of African American Religion and Literature and the director of the Black Church Studies Program at Princeton Theological Seminary. She also was director of the Center for the Study of African American Religious Life at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Pierce holds a Ph.D. and two M.A. degrees from Cornell University, as well as a B.A. degree from Princeton University. Her research specialties include African-American religious history, womanist theology, African-American literature and race and religion. Pierce is an ordained Christian minister, dedicated mentor, community activist, board mem-



ber of a foster care agency and cable news commentator.

Alonda Thomas was appointed director of public relations. Recently named one of the “Top 25 African American PR Millennials to Watch” in the *Huffington Post*, Thomas will be responsible for the development and management of the communications and media relations strategies designed to enhance the University’s reputation and visibility internationally.

Through her roles at North Carolina Central University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, coupled with her work on campaigns for major networks and film studios, she has combined her public relations skills with her passion to promote historically Black colleges and universities. Thomas recently served as senior public relations manager at TV One. She earned her bachelor’s degree in public relations from FAMU and a master’s degree in integrated marketing communications from Florida State University, where she was a university fellow and taught public speaking.

Nefertiti Burton was appointed full professor and chair of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Theatre Arts. She takes over from Kim James Bey, who served as department chair for more than six years.

Previously, Burton was professor and chair of the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. She holds an MFA in directing from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a research certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she studied media/arts and film production. Burton has taught performance workshops in Senegal, Brazil and South Africa. She has performed and directed in regional theater, off-Broadway and in international venues including Adelaide, Australia; Beijing, China; and Grahamstown, South Africa. Burton



has led study abroad tours with students, faculty and staff to South Africa, Senegal, China and Cuba.

Minnie V. Baylor-Henry (B.S.P. ’72, *right*) was recently appointed to the Howard University board of trustees. She is president of Baylor-Henry Associates and executive partner of YourEncore, a leading provider of proven expertise to the life sciences and consumer goods industries. She is the former worldwide vice president for regulatory affairs for Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices and Diagnostics. In this capacity, she was responsible for coordinating the regulatory strategy for Johnson & Johnson’s device companies. Baylor-Henry received her pharmacy degree from Howard University’s College of Pharmacy and a law degree from Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law.



The Rev. Dr. Michele V. Hagans (B.S. ’73; M.E.G. ’76; M.Div. ’07; D.M.I. ’13; *left*) was recently appointed to the Howard University Board of Trustees. She is president and CEO of Fort Lincoln New Town Corp. An accomplished developer, entrepreneur and leader, she has been honored

by the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and the D.C. Building Industry Association. Hagans has earned four degrees from Howard University: a bachelor’s degree in zoology, master’s degrees in engineering and divinity and a doctor of ministry. She received her MBA from George Washington University.



Danette G. Howard, Ph.D. (B.A. ’97, left), was recently appointed to the Howard University board of trustees. She began her first term as alumni trustee on the Howard University board of trustees in 2015. She is chief strategy officer and senior vice president of the Lumina Foundation, the nation’s largest private foundation focused solely

on increasing student access and success in postsecondary education. In this capacity, Howard leads the foundation’s

integrated approach to implementing its strategic priorities, including continued leadership of Lumina’s state and federal policy work. Previously, she served as secretary of higher education in Maryland, leading the state’s postsecondary education coordinating agency, the Maryland Higher

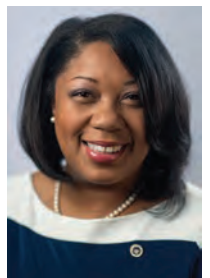
Education Commission. Howard earned her bachelor’s degree, *summa cum laude*, from Howard University; a master’s degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Education; and a Ph.D. in higher education policy from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Shelley Stewart Jr., CPSM, MBA (right), was recently appointed to the Howard University board of trustees.

Stewart is the vice president of Sourcing and Logistics and chief procurement officer of DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware. He also has responsibility for facilities services and real estate. Previously, he was a senior vice president of operational excellence and chief procurement officer at Tyco, where he led supply chain initiatives across the company in addition to working with Tyco’s India Business Council. Before Tyco, he served as senior vice president of supply chain with Invensys, as well as vice president of supply chain with Raytheon. He also worked at United Technologies in a variety of senior roles. Stewart earned his MBA from the University of New Haven and also holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in criminal justice from Northeastern University in Massachusetts.



Dawn Williams, Ph.D. (right), was recently appointed as dean of the School of Education. Williams has served as the interim dean since June 2016 and will continue to report to Provost and Chief Academic Officer Anthony Wutoh, Ph.D.



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Recently, Howard University School of Business alumnus Wendell E. Mackey, CFA (B.B.A. '86) donated \$250,000 to Howard University to support the creation of a Bloomberg Finance Lab. In order to prepare students to thrive in finance-related fields, the School of Business has contracted with Bloomberg to purchase licenses to the Bloomberg Professional Service. The donation will support the build-out, equipment and licenses of 12 Bloomberg terminals.

The lab in the School of Business will be part of the school's trading floor. The lab officially opened during Charter Day celebrations in March.

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Charlene Jackson Thompson

Attorney/President and CEO of Thompson Economic Development Services, LLC

By Erin Perry

For Charlene Jackson Thompson (J.D. '94), the choices she makes about her family, career and volunteer work are deliberate.

"Everything for me comes from a place of service," said Thompson, who lives in Baldwin, New York.

With a strong focus on underserved, economically disadvantaged communities in Long Island, New York, she is a certified adult educator and a lawyer whose practice area includes real estate, wills, trusts and estate planning.

She serves in an appointed position as commissioner of the Village of Hempstead Community Development Agency in New York's Nassau County. She remains Of Counsel at Comrie and Associates law firm in Freeport, New York.

Thompson is determined to change Long Island's narrative. She said she is most proud of her real estate work with the Uniondale Community Land Trust, which paves the way for affordable housing and homeownership.

"There's a long-term affordability covenant on the land, and the ownership of the land stays with the trust," she explained, adding that the homeowner has to get a mortgage on the cost of

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the home only, not the land. "If that homeowner decides to sell the house later, which they're entitled to do, there's a limit to the windfall they can make on it, and they have to sell it to another eligible homeowner."

Thompson, who has spent more than 15 years focused on real estate, housing and development issues, said the land trust is a genuine, homegrown effort.

"Being that this Uniondale Community Land Trust is truly derived from the views of the community working together to try to come up with its own solutions ... that's what makes me most proud," she said.

In 2017, the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce nominated Thompson to receive the Women

of Distinction award. In May of that year, Sen. John E. Brooks (D-New York) presented Thompson with that award, citing her dedication to social and economic justice.

While attending Howard University School of Law, she appreciated the diverse knowledge and being allowed to embrace all aspects of herself.

"The thing about Howard that I loved the most was being around so many brilliant minds and people who look like me," she said.

At Howard, she was relieved she didn't have to practice code-switching. The broad conversations in class, where students and professors discussed rap music one minute and Supreme Court cases the next, were liberating. ■HU

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Leah Aden

Senior Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc.

By Melanie Newman

Leah Aden (J.D. '06) enrolled at Howard University School of Law to gain tools to be an advocate for Black people and a social engineer fighting for equality.

“Because of the abolitionist, suffragist and civil rights movements, and the work of advocates challenging the status quo, Black women like me are free and have more opportunities to thrive,” Aden said. “With my Howard education, I continue this tradition of seeking justice and opportunity for Black people. Like countless civil rights lawyers, I hope to be as impactful on our country as some of the greatest Howard Law alumni, like Thurgood Marshall and Pauli Murray.”

As senior counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.—

America’s premier legal organization fighting for racial justice founded by Marshall—Aden uses her education to do just that.

She has litigated a variety of racial justice issues, with a focus on voting discrimination. As part of the litigation team in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, Leah defended the Voting Rights Act, one of the nation’s landmark laws, before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013. However, in *Shelby*, the Court gutted an essential federal protection that unleashed a wave of voting discrimination against people of color across the country.

Following that decision, Aden is using the remaining provisions of the Voting Rights Act and Constitution to fight

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state and local governments that are denying or abridging people of color's right to vote. She successfully represented Black voters against strict photo ID laws in several high-profile cases: *United States v. Texas/Veasey v. Perry* and *South Carolina v. United States*. She also successfully challenged electoral structures operating in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and Fayette County, Georgia, that have unlawfully diluted Black voting power.

Aden also works to end the practices of felony disenfranchisement and prison-based gerrymandering, which diminish the power of Black individuals and communities. She has significantly contributed to numerous Supreme Court briefs, including two cases heard this term – *Gill v. Whitford* and *Husted v. APRI*. She frequently writes about voting rights, authoring *Democracy Diminished*, a report that tracks potentially discriminatory voting changes that jurisdictions have unleashed since the 2013 *Shelby* decision, and has contributed op-eds to The Hill and CNN.

Aden proudly joins many other members of her family who are part of Howard University's legacy, including her late great uncle Alonzo J. Aden (B.A. '33), who founded and curated Howard's Gallery of Art. ■■

'80s



A. Scott Bolden (J.D. '87) was recently appointed managing partner of Reed Smith LLP's Washington, D.C., office. This is Bolden's second time in this key role. He previously served as the firm's D.C. managing partner from 2008-2014, before joining its 26-member executive committee as an at-large member. Bolden replaced Gary Thompson in this leadership position.



Iris Drayton-Spann (B.A. '84) was recently named vice president of human resources and organizational development of WETA.

Drayton-Spann heads the hiring and human resource development operations for the Greater Washington Region's leading public television and radio broadcaster and national television producer. Drayton-Spann reports to Jason R. Daisey, senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer, and works closely with WETA leadership and the workforce of approximately 290 individuals.

'90s

Denine M. Rogers, MS, RDN, LD, FAND (B.S. '92) was selected as one of the top 10 dietitians in the country from Today's Dietitian Magazine for 2018. She has a master's degree in complementary alternative medicine specializing in herbal medicine at the American College of Health Sciences and has graduated with honors from the Delta Epsilon Tau International Honor Society. She continues to run her integrative functional nutrition private practice called Living Healthy in Douglasville, Georgia, and also work as a nutritional telehealth consultant at Anthem.



Meshea Poore (B.A. '98), a long-time champion of under-represented people, has been named vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion at West Virginia University. Poore, an attorney who served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 2009-2014, is in private practice in Charleston, where she also serves as president of the West Virginia State Bar. Her appointment was effective Feb. 19.



1,000
Number of undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Business during academic year 2017-18, excluding summer semester

'00s



Jeffrey Henry (BBA '05) and Jennifer Henry (B.S. '06) welcomed their second child, Jones Ira Linvol Henry, on Sept. 5, 2017.

Brittany Gail Thomas (B.A. '08) and Garreth Fearon got married on July 16, 2016, at the Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Their reception was held in the Salon Campeche at Hotel El Convento. The couple met through a mutual friend on Howard University's campus in 2007 while Thomas was a student.



'IOs



Rahel Marsie-Hazen (B.A. '10) was recently selected by AD2SF and the SF Egotist for the "32 under 32 Award for 2018," which honors the top professionals in advertising and marketing in San Francisco, California, under the age of 32.



Alexander Pullen (B.A. '10) was recently selected as one of 15 young professionals named to serve on the Society for Human Resource Management's highly selective Young Professional Advisory Council for a one-year term.

The 15 represent a diversity of HR roles and companies in the industries of hospitality, energy, higher education, government and others.

The role of the council is to advocate for SHRM's young professional members (those age 30 and younger) and provide guidance to SHRM for attracting and retaining young professionals. Selection is competitive. SHRM received more than 400 applications for only 15 spots on the council.

Love Story: Philip and Moriah Parker



Philip L. Parker (B.A. '11)
National Account Manager, Magid

Moriah Thomas Parker (B.B.A. '12)
Private Equity Associate, Federal Capital Partners

Location: Frederick, Maryland (July 7, 2017)

The Meeting: August 2008 Freshman Move-in at Meridian Hill Hall. Philip was a sophomore volunteer, and Moriah was a freshman moving in. The couple connected through mutual friends more than a year later when they both lived in University Towers Complex in Hyattsville, Maryland.

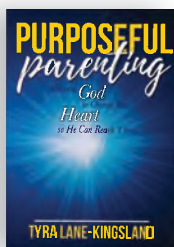
The First Date: February 2010 double date dinner for Valentine's Day

The Why: "We found that we complemented each other in ways that provoked self-growth and unwavering friendship," Moriah Thomas Parker said.

Other Info: Moriah is member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., initiated at Alpha Chapter. ■IU

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Bison Bookshelf



Purposeful Parenting: Allowing God to Change Your Heart So He Can Reach Yours (Good Success Publishing), by **Tyra Lane-Kingsland** (B.A. '99) encourages parents and educators of children of all ages to nurture children who love God, themselves and others by being adults who know the way, go the way and show the way. Using Biblical wisdom, the book makes the process of parenting approachable with hope and confidence.

Toad Suck Summer: A Civil Rights Era Journey from Hawaii to the March on Washington (Discuss History LLC), by **Laurence Wiig** (B.A. '64) is a travel memoir telling the story of two White University of California students moving through the segregated South in the 1960s.



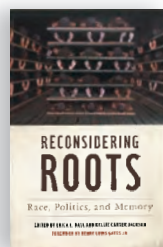
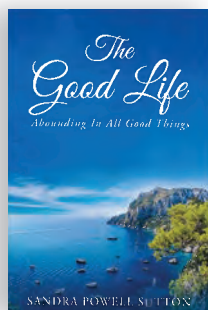
Native Girl Rites (Metamorphosis Publishing), by **Indigo Cox**, also known as **Dr. Malana Moshesh** (M.D. '97), is a suspenseful tale of a mixed heritage town abortionist who opposes perspectives from the women seeking care, the doctors providing care and the religious extremists who want to end all abortions.

Kinder County (Taylor Made Publishing LLC), by **Reta M. Shiver** (M.Ed. '73) is a fictional account of trials and challenges in the life of a public servant. The story focuses on discriminatory situations faced by a minority woman executive in the South while in her role as a government official.



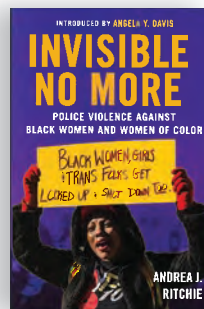
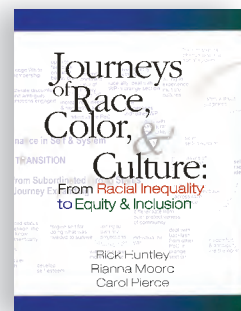
How to Pray a Prayer That Changes Things (Carl Bentley Ministries), by **Carl Bentley** (D.Min '88) is a brief compendium of prescribed behaviors, attitudes and disciplines that can be engaged to increase the probability of bringing about change in conditions and situations.

The Good Life: Abounding In All Good Things (Christian Faith Publishing Inc.), by **Sandra Powell Sutton** (J.D. '90) teaches seven groundbreaking lessons on how to enjoy the good life. The book teaches about how a relationship with God can make days enjoyable, productive and complete, as well as how people can learn to make informed decisions in every area of life.

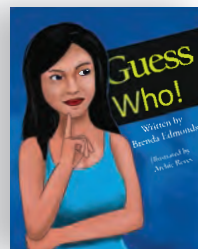


Reconsidering Roots: Race, Politics, and Memory (The University of Georgia Press), by **Kellie Carter Jackson** (B.A. '04) and **Erica L. Ball**, is a co-edited volume that examines Alex Haley's "Roots," as a historical novel, mini-series and a 2016 remake. This scholarly collection devotes itself entirely to understanding the remarkable tenacity of the film's visual, cultural and political influence on American history.

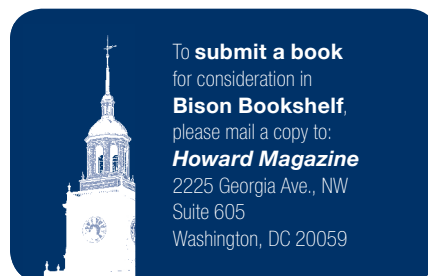
Journeys of Race, Color, & Culture: From Racial Inequality to Equity & Inclusion (New Dynamics Publications), by **Rick Huntley** (M.S.W. '86), **Rianna Moore** and **Carol Pierce**, explores people of color and White people at the intergroup and whole system levels and offers a path to effectively dialogue between the racial identity groups.



Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color (Beacon Press), by **Andrea Ritchie** (J.D. '02) seeks to undo the erasure of Black women and women of color from the media-driven narratives in the ongoing public dialogue surrounding the epidemic of police violence and brutality in the United States. Ritchie, a police-misconduct attorney and Black lesbian immigrant, draws on individual stories and existing research to identify broader patterns and examples of policing that drive police violence against Black women and women of color, all while identifying commonalities and differences from the experiences of Black men and men of color.



Guess Who! (Page Publishing) by **Brenda Edmonds** (M.S.W. '84) is a children's mystery book that keeps the reader anticipating and full of suspense throughout.



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CONQUERING THE TECH FRONTIER

Howard West Gives Howard Greater
Impact through Presence in Silicon Valley

BY TAMARA E. HOLMES (B.A. '94)

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Diversity has not been one of Silicon Valley's strong points. But as a new generation of technology professionals prepares to enter the workforce, that may be changing. Howard University is playing a role in creating more opportunities for all.

While African Americans make up 12 percent of the workforce in the United States, in 2015 they accounted for 2.2 percent of the technology workforce in Silicon Valley. Some of the country's biggest tech firms have expressed a desire to reverse those trends. For example, Facebook, in 2016, committed to giving \$15 million to Code.org, an organization that promotes access to computer science among minority students.

One reason that may contribute to the disparity is the fact that many technology

companies have in the past focused their recruitment efforts on universities like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon rather than Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which produce nearly 30 percent of African-American students with bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. However, HBCUs are now getting an opportunity to experience Silicon Valley first-hand, thanks to a new Howard initiative with Google called Howard West.

Expanding the Bison Reach

In January, Howard announced that it would expand an academic partnership with Google to allow 100 rising juniors from Howard and partner HBCUs to participate in a yearlong immersive program that would allow students to work side-by-side with Google employees. Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, students will gain yearlong access to a dedicated workspace on Google's Mountain View campus, as well as receive a stipend to cover living expenses. The announcement follows a successful three-month pilot program that students in Howard's computer science program took part in last summer.

In addition to giving students a first-hand look at what it's like to work in the heart of Silicon Valley at one of the premier technology firms in the world, Howard West gives the University a visible presence on the West Coast.

There are many benefits associated with expanding Howard's geographic presence, said Howard University President Wayne A. I. Frederick (B.S. '92, M.D. '94, M.B.A. '11). For one, students get the opportunity to assimilate in the

professional atmospheres of the industries they are interested in. In this case, students won't be limited by geography, so they will have some of the same opportunities as students of schools located near Silicon Valley, such as Stanford University or the University of California, Berkeley. As a result, students can "infiltrate the industry with world-class talent from Howard who can provide unique and diverse perspectives," Frederick said.

Google credits Howard for coming up with the vision and setting the groundwork to make the program happen. When the announcement was made, Bonita Stewart (B.A. '79), Google's vice president of global partnerships, said, "Howard West will continue Howard's tradition of providing unprecedented access to opportunity, only now with a presence in the heart of Silicon Valley."

Howard and other HBCUs are also uniquely positioned to lead diversity efforts in Silicon Valley.

"HBCUs are a critical component in Google's overall diversity efforts because they proportionally generate the largest number of Black U.S. STEM college graduates and have significantly improved Google's intern diversity hiring," said Gozie Nwabuebo, Google's Team Lead for Howard West.



781

Number of undergraduate students enrolled in the Cathy Hughes School of Communications during academic year 2017-18, excluding summer semester

The Evolution of the Program

Howard West isn't Howard's first experience with Silicon Valley. Howard and Google have worked together through a longstanding partnership called the Google in Residence program. Under that initiative, Google engineers are embedded as faculty at Howard and other HBCUs.

"That not only gave Google an idea of the student body and the kinds of students Howard attracts, but more importantly, it allowed our students to glimpse engineers and interact with them," said Harry Keeling, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science.





759

Total number of undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Engineering & Architecture during academic year 2017-18, excluding summer semester

efit. A faculty-in-residence component allowed Howard professors to work side by side with

Google engineers to understand some of the biggest problems the industry is currently working to solve. As a result, Howard faculty could then bring that knowledge back to revise and update the computer science curriculum so that it, too, can keep pace with the lightning-quick changes in the world of technology.

"This newly developing educational paradigm is holistic in nature," said Achille Messac, Ph.D., Howard University dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture. "It firmly maintains the theoretical rigors of traditional higher education, while injecting the pragmatic aspects of the corporate world and practical computer science."

Studying Google's culture provided some interesting insights, said Gloria Washington, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Howard University Department of Computer Science.

"It's fail fast and recover quickly. You're encouraged to try solutions in a fast-paced environment, but even if you fail, you learn from it and you recover quickly by trying something else," she said.

Getting Howard students comfortable with the prospect of failure and teaching them how to catapult from that failure to a better solution is one of the keys to career success, Washington added.

Measuring the Outcomes

It's one thing to watch "The Internship," a movie about two salesmen who land an



Howard West is a natural extension. In 2017, the inaugural summer, Howard sent 27 rising juniors to take four courses over the 12-week period. For the students, the summer kicked off with an opening ceremony, in which they got to meet top Google executives, such as CEO Sundar Pichai. Each student was also paired with a mentor from Google who could offer guidance throughout the summer.

The students had the opportunity to see what a typical day in Silicon Valley might look like, said Christina Robinson, a computer science major who will graduate in 2019. All the classes had one Howard faculty member who would teach along with one designated Google staffer. Lab assignments were developed by Google

employees, giving students an opportunity to tackle real-world problems.

"We would get a lecture and a lab on a particular subject and then have to apply what we learned," Robinson said. Classes started at 9 a.m. and ran until 3 p.m. Then students would spend time in the lab between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. In the evenings, they worked on homework assignments that tested their knowledge of the day's lessons and often had to turn the assignments in before midnight. While intense, the program showed students that it takes hard work to excel in the industry, yet their confidence increased as they realized how well prepared they were to get the job done.

Students weren't the only ones to ben-

internship at Google, and another to actually live the experience. Robinson admits that the Howard West residency was nothing like what she imagined it would be. The program “enabled me to see my strengths and weaknesses as a student compared to other people who I’m essentially competing against,” Robinson said.

Another benefit was the real-world experience, said Leland L. Burge III, Ph.D., a professor in the Howard University Department of Computer Science..

“They’re actually working on a team, and Googlers are on that team,” he said. “So, they have a project leader, they have a project manager, a team lead, and they have other Googlers, and they’re all asking for deliverables.”

In other words, students get a taste of the real-world pressures that come with a technology career.

“Having them immersed in that type of situation better prepares them for what it will be like when they actually leave and go out to become employees,” Burge added.

Google also touted the first year’s accomplishments. “The inaugural summer exceeded our expectations in many ways, and we’re excited to take everything we learned to make the next session even better,” Nwabuebo said. “Students and faculty noted both the rigor and

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Bonita Stewart, Google’s vice president of global partnerships (B.A. ’79)

degree of immersion in life at Google as the program’s most compelling aspects—and the Googlers involved said there was a true exchange of knowledge, culture and understanding.”

Howard West is also helping to address the industry’s diversity problem. For example, one of the biggest barriers to getting a job in the tech industry is the hiring process, which involves a challenging technical assessment called a whiteboard interview, in which applicants must solve coding problems in real-time on a whiteboard. Thanks to insights from the residency, Howard now has a course that will help students prepare for whiteboard interviews.

There is also a benefit to the community at large, said Howard University Provost and Chief Academic Officer Anthony K. Wutoh, Ph.D. “Because there is such a reliance on the use of computers and technology that it crosses almost every discipline, we felt that this is a way that the University could have significant impact.”

The greatest measure of success will take some time to realize, as graduates set out on their career paths.

“The ultimate outcome is for more people of color and diverse backgrounds to be hired in the tech industry,” Frederick said. “Howard University will serve as a catalyst for this change.” ■IU





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Howard is ranked No. 110 in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges Ranking of National Universities. It is the only HBCU to be ranked in top 110.

School of Social Work

Ranked **NO. 30** in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Social Work Programs and is among the top 15 percent of graduate social work programs. The School of Social Work continues to be the highest ranked HBCU.

College of Engineering and Architecture

Ranked **NO. 132** among engineering colleges in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*)

School of Education

Ranked **NO. 105** among graduate programs in education (*U.S. News & World Report*)

School of Law

Ranked among **top 20** Public Service Schools (*National Jurist Magazine*)

School of Business

- Ranked **top 30** for Online Executive MBA program (*College Choice*)
- Ranked among **Best Business Schools** (*Princeton Review*)
- Ranked **No. 1** Greatest Resource for Minority Students (*Princeton Review*)
- Ranked **top 3** for Most Competitive Students (*Princeton Review*)
- Ranked **No. 78** among top MBA programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)

College of Medicine

Ranked among **top 3** schools meeting nation's medical needs, (*Annals of Medicine*)

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Painting Our HISTORY

Original artwork captures Howard's
incomparable past, unity and pride

BY KATTI GRAY

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Vaunted artist Charly Palmer isn't a Howard grad. But being commissioned to render artwork capturing the University's 150 years of pushing pedigreed strivers, movers and doers into the world, for him, is its own kind of soul-satisfying glory.

"Doing this piece, doing the research for this piece, coming back during homecoming and standing on that sacred ground ..." began Atlanta-based Palmer, who's 38-by-28 inch watercolor of Howard faces, places, signs and symbols was unveiled during October 2017's homecoming weekend.

"I didn't attend the University," Palmer continued, "but I'm now a part of the permanent history. And that is a great feeling."

Equally gratifying is the fact that 100 percent of sales for Palmer's original watercolor-on-cotton canvas commemorative piece will generate scholarship dollars for Howard students. Thus far, there are 150 lithograph prints available.

Palmer's work comes courtesy of the Howard University Alumni Association, which began pitching its idea for a scholarship-generating, commissioned work of memorializing art more than two years ago, said Nadia Pinto (B.B.A. '08), the association's president and member of the five-person committee that collaborated with Palmer on what the artwork should depict.

"When I look at it," said Pinto, a Houston-based business consultant and

co-founder of a retail start-up, "I see an image of Howard in the past and in the present. It highlights our history of activism and unity and progress but also triumph, joy, leadership ... Howard is a strong place, and not just for Howard's alumni, faculty, staff and students but for all people of the African diaspora."

Prints will be sold for \$1,500 each until May's commencement ceremony, when the price becomes \$1,867, a numerical nod to the year Howard's first students matriculated.

Attorney Nina Hickson (B.A. '80), general counsel to an Atlanta community redevelopment project, said, "It's certainly my love for the institution" that prompted her to be among the first to purchase the lithograph. "I'm just really, really drawn," Hickson said, "to the images and the colors, the variety of people represented, the heritage represented. It engenders the good feelings I have about my experience at Howard."

The value of the lithograph rests, in part, in Palmer's renown and reputation, said Columbus, Ohio, attorney Tony Hutchins (B.B.A. '80), an estate planner for artists, self-describe art junkie and chairman of that five-person committee.

"Charly Palmer," he added, "has a history of doing commemorative pieces for institutions and for marking milestones that are unique to the African-American experience. It's a nostalgia piece in a lot of ways. There are bits and pieces of this image that will remind people of what and who is Howard."

Those images are of students, of yesteryear and today. They depict the civil

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Charly Palmer

rights and Black Power movements. They include Howard Hall, the clock tower and hammer away at Howard's "truth and service" ethos and motto.

"It is aesthetically pleasing," Hutchins said, "and has an emotional tinge that makes me proud and lets me reflect on my time on The Yard. Howard, for a lot of us, was a place where we grew up in our awareness of our history and developed pride in the accomplishments of people who looked like us and a pride in the people who sat in class with us."

"I hope," Pinto said, that Palmer's art "reminds Howard alumni of our deep, rich history, of what we stood for in 1867 and how our purpose now, as a University, is just as important ... We are dealing with things today that mirror the '60s and '20s. And there is still joy and triumph in the midst of that journey."

"I hope," said Palmer, of alumni and others who see and buy his work, "that they will well up inside, looking back and remembering, and that they will feel such a sense of achievement." ■ HU

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Since its inception more than 150 years ago, Howard University has been at the forefront of preparing globally competent students for positions of leadership and social responsibility.

A photograph of a hospital room. In the foreground, a hospital bed with a beige and white checkered blanket is visible. Two white pillows are propped up against the head of the bed. A wooden bedside table is attached to the bed frame, holding a white call button and a small black container. The background shows a white wall with medical equipment, including a wall-mounted unit with multiple outlets and a red emergency button. A window with a wooden frame is visible in the upper right.

Room Making For Life

Howard Hospital
Gives Birth to
Expanded OB
Ward in Partnership
that Brings Better
Health Care to
D.C. Residents

BY CASSANDRA SPRATLING

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Davene McCarthy White's (B.A. '74) appreciation and admiration for Howard University Hospital's OB ward runs deep, both personally and professionally.

She started her nursing career at Howard in 1971, when it was still called Freedmen's Hospital. The Howard grad has since held multiple roles at the hospital, most of which involved caring for sickly newborn babies.

On the personal side, in December 2017, her grandson, Kanaan White became her fourth grand- child born at Howard University Hospital.

One would think she could not be prouder to be affiliated with the historic medical facility.

But a conversation with White quickly reveals newborn reasons why she and myriad others who care for and about mothers and babies are even more excited about what's going on at Howard University Hospital.

Recently, the OB ward of the hospital was expanded, moves that are expected to more than double the number of deliveries at Howard University Hospital to almost 2,000 in the coming years.

The deal that sealed the expansion will increase services the hospital can offer to all patients, even beyond infant and maternal health, thus helping to improve health equity for D.C. residents.

"It is absolutely the best thing that could happen for women, infants, children and families in the district, and it serves as a model for the nation."

Howard decided to expand its OB ward and services in 2017 after two other D.C. hospitals—Providence and Unity Medical Center—stopped delivering babies.

"Howard stepped up to fill that void," said Dr. Hugh Mighty, dean of the Howard University College of Medicine. "Howard Hospital has always had a tradition of taking care of the underserved. I can't think of a more noble way to do that than by serving mothers and their babies because that's our future generation."

The expansion is part of an operating



agreement between Howard University Hospital and Unity Health Care, which operates more than 20 clinics in D.C. In addition to the expanded infant and maternal care, Howard will be able to offer specialty care beyond obstetrical care. Those specialties include orthopedic medicine, ophthalmology, cardiology and urology.

The partnership positions Howard and Unity to help reduce the high infant mortality rates and the high maternal mortality and morbidity rates of D.C. residents, Mighty said.

According to a District of Columbia Department of Health Report, the infant death rate was 7.6 per 1,000 live births in 2014, up almost 12 percent from the previous year. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Black mothers nationally die at three to four times the rate of white mothers.

"We will be able to increase services across the board," Mighty said. "Howard will be able to provide more high-risk obstetrical care and more comprehensive care throughout the community."

The partnership with Unity represents the continuation of the Howard legacy, said Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, president of Howard University.

Frederick said it will allow Howard to bring even higher quality care to D.C. patients, especially in Wards 7 and 8, which he called medical deserts due to the paucity of medical services there.

Frederick, a surgical oncologist who trained at Howard himself, said the collaboration offers another stellar example of Howard's mission in action.

"When you come to Howard, I often say, you don't just come to get a degree; you come to get an education, and that education comes alive when you go out and change the world around you," he said. "This expansion allows us to go out and go change the world in a positive fashion."

Unity President and CEO Vincent A. Keane called the collaboration a fitting continuation of the shared commitment both Howard and Unity Health Care have to improve the health of D.C.'s underserved population. Those residents

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will benefit from the combined care from Howard's specialists and Unity's primary care providers.

"More and more today, there's a focus on integrative care," Keane said. "There's a linkage necessary between the primary care, the specialists and the hospital. All three elements are in this agreement. And while it's focused on women's care, we expect it to impact all care. This partnership manifests that need to collaborate, and we're very excited to do that."

The expansion represents a \$2 million investment in improved care for women and children, said James A. Diegel, FACHE, Howard University Hospital CEO.

"We are stepping up once again to welcome patients in need of care, regardless of their ability to pay," Diegel said. "It contributes to Howard's re-emergence in playing a robust role in obstetrical care and prenatal care. It feels like getting an injection of new business and that energizes the rest of the hospital. It allows us to be more competitive with other hospitals."

The key part of the OB ward expansion is 12 refreshed and renovated rooms for pregnant mothers—in a previously unused section of the hospital—and the addition of a third operating room in the obstetrical suite of the hospital.

The renovated rooms are freshly painted with healing colors, such as lavender and soft orange, and are furnished with new televisions, beds, nightstands and pull-out beds so fathers or other support persons can room-in if desired, said Dr. Shirley Evers-Manly, chief officer of nursing and patient services at Howard University Hospital. The rooms opened to patients in late March.

"When pregnant women come here to deliver, it is like witnessing a new miracle every day," she said. "We have updated the rooms with state-of-the-art equipment, and we are providing interprofessional education to our care providers to improve the patient experience and the care we provide before, during and after their babies are born," Evers-Manly said.

She said that the OB ward expansion also includes:

- Two renovated triage rooms, up to six from the current four
- Three new laboring rooms, up from

seven for a total of 10

- Five rooms dedicated to caring for moms with health concerns, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and mental illness, during or after childbirth
- Expansion of the neonatal ICU nursery, from six to 18 beds
- Reopening of the Transitional Nursery, which will have 18 beds, up from 14 beds

The Transitional Nursery is a licensed unit, referred to as "intermediate care," for sick babies who do not require intensive care but require 6-12 hours of nursing each day, Evers-Manly said. It also provides care to low-birth weight babies who are not sick but require frequent feeding and who require more hours of nursing than normal.

Additionally, one of the 12 renovated birthing rooms will allow a woman to have a variety of delivery options, including a water birth. Some women prefer water births because the warm water helps a laboring woman's muscles relax, which often speeds labor. Also, they believe babies born in water enter the world more gently.

The hospital also plans to offer midwives and expects to hire about 30 additional full-time caregivers, in conjunction with the expansion.

Evers-Manly expressed great excitement about these expanded services.

"One of the little miracles could be the

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Davene McCarthy White
(B.A. '74)

next Barack Obama or Michelle Obama or Dr. Mighty or Dr. Frederick," she said.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Shelly McDonald-Pinkett (B.S. '83) said the expansion continues Howard's mission of being a primary place for delivery and other care that dates back to 1862 when it was founded as Freedmen's Hospital to care for former slaves.

"The new rooms will allow mothers and babies to room-in which is recommended for the safety, comfort and bonding of mother and child," said McDonald-Pinkett. "We will also be better able to assist mothers with breastfeeding and other services new moms may need."

Frederick can speak personally to the quality of infant and maternal care offered at Howard Hospital.

He and his wife, Simone, had their youngest daughter, Kirie, now 11, at Howard Hospital.

"We are certainly fans," he said. "We are simply grateful for the excellent care we received."

Care is expected to get even better with the expansion.

"It offers women the benefit of a one-stop shop for all their health care needs and provides care to newborns in a family-friendly environment," White said. "We will make that woman feel special by giving her an environment that's beautiful, comfortable and top-quality."

White was already a registered nurse when she fulfilled a longstanding dream to earn an undergraduate degree from Howard University. Though she earned that 1974 degree in history, she wound her way back to medicine. She became director of public health programs for the hospital in 2000.

Her affection for Howard goes even beyond the four grandchildren born at Howard University Hospital. Both of her now adult children, Njideka White (B.S. '99; M.S.W. '04) and Nkosi White (B.S. '02), are Howard University grads.

"I have full confidence in the care at Howard hospital," Davene McCarthy White said. "We really have top-of-the-line services. Now we are going to have top-of-the-line facilities for the patients. It's a wonderful opportunity for women and children." ■IU

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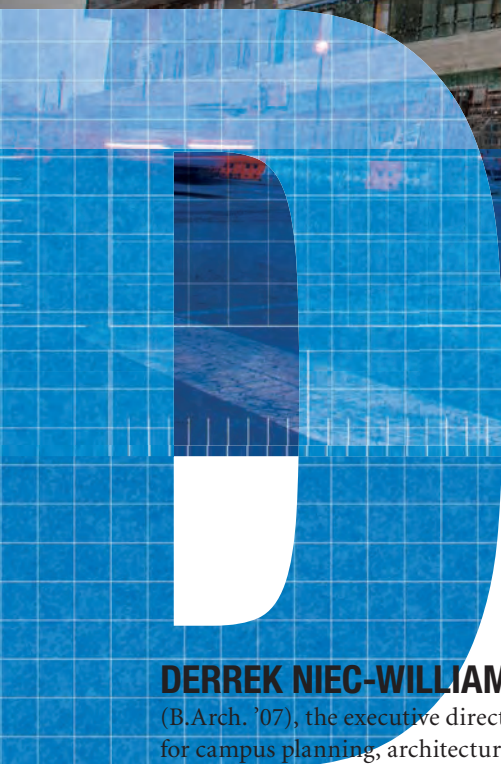
Howard's Main Campus to See Changes in Next Few Years

BY BRIAHNNA BROWN (B.A. '16)

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The Barry Place development will be a mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor and multi-family apartments and townhome-style units.



DERREK NIEC-WILLIAMS

(B.Arch. '07), the executive director for campus planning, architecture and development, and Anthony Freeman, the senior real estate adviser to the president, have been with Howard University since 2015. Together, they have worked together to bring Howard University into the 21st century's changing Washington, D.C. landscape—in line with President Wayne A. I. Frederick's plans for Howard.

"Dr. Frederick believes that our brand can be further expanded into many of the neighborhoods in the District of Columbia," Freeman said. "He is moving the University beyond its core."

Freeman described their role as "connecting the dots between ideation, opportunity and implementation." The

pair must tackle the question, as Freeman explained, "How do you bring innovative community development strategies and techniques to a University where we're basically building a city?"

Niec-Williams and Freeman are responsible for the implementation of multiple major changes the campus has seen over the last five years, including the Interdisciplinary Research Building, the two new residence halls—College Halls North and South—and the new cafeteria in the Mary M. Bethune Annex, a co-ed apartment-style living option on campus. These were part of the campus master plan that was crafted in 2012 as an out-

line of the University's major real estate development plans.

The campus master plan, however, is "unimplementable" in its current state, Niec-Williams said, as it calls for more than a billion dollars of new construction without a way to fund it; the University is at the precipice of launching a new master planning process to be able to implement the plans they have for Howard University.

"I think part of the problem that me and Tony are here to solve at the University is to try and balance spending on new facilities with revenue and revenue streams from real estate development activities that would ultimately pay for the rehabilitation of our campus," Niec-Williams said.

The Meridian Hill Hall ground lease was one of the first deals the two orchestrated, which was necessary after a fire in 2014 burned out the majority of one of the floors. Along with the code issues that had been grandfathered because of the building's age, the cost to repair and



Anthony Freeman

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renovate the building would have been at a major loss to the University. Instead, they structured a long-term ground lease that allows the University to maintain ownership of the property so that when the University gets the property back at the end of the lease, it will have been updated to code and could be used as student or commercial housing. These kinds of deals will be a recurring theme for the University's real-estate dealings.

"We want to retain ownership over almost all the land that we have, yet we want to realize optimal value for that real estate today because the market is hot now," Niec-Williams said.

Another recurring theme for the University's real estate developments is the furthering of the University's educational

mission through these deals, Niec-Williams said. All the University's partners are required to hire Howard students as interns, and there are incentives to include Howard alumni in those projects as well. The University also exclusively looks at partners that have people of color in meaningful roles at the company who would actively participate in the process.

Like with Meridian Hill Hall, the University entered a long-term ground lease of Slowe and Carver residence halls. The conditions in those buildings were "definitely not in keeping with the brand and caliber of Howard University," Niec-Williams said. The campus master plan called for the closure of the two halls upon the completion of College Hall North and College Hall South, bring-

ing the younger and more "academically vulnerable students" closer to the main campus. With the long-term ground lease of those buildings, the developers still met the University's mission-centric requirements as well as maintaining the namesakes of the buildings because they memorialize major contributors to African-American history.

The Howard Plaza Towers deal that Niec-Williams and Freeman negotiated was necessary for the building's functionality. The buildings had been run for about 30 years during the fall and spring semesters as well as both summer sessions, leaving only about two weeks every year for minimal updates to the building, such as painting the walls. After decades of this, various infrastructural issues put

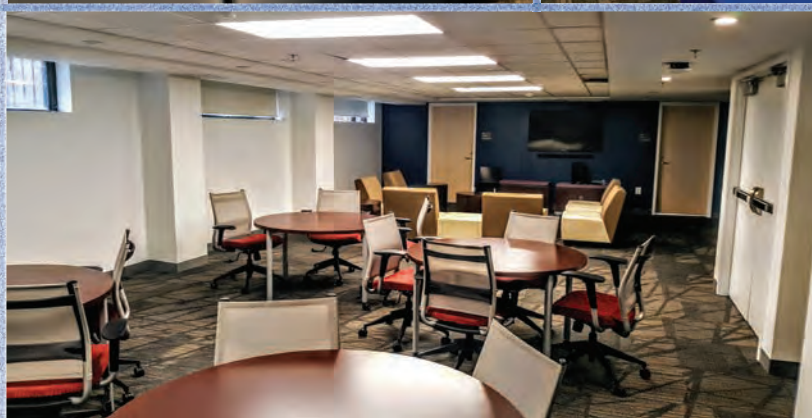
Everywhere you look, Washington, D.C., is changing, and Howard University is surrounded by that change.

Meridian Hill Hall is under ground lease. Eventually, it could be used as student or commercial housing.





The Howard Plaza Towers offered students a fresh look and feel when it opened in fall 2017.



the towers in a “serious state of disrepair,” Niec-Williams said.

“Obviously that wasn’t something that we could just put a Band-Aid on, that needed to be a full gut renovation and rehabilitation,” Niec-Williams added.

Through a \$144 million concession agreement with Corvias Campus Living, of which \$70 million went directly to renovations, which allows the University to maintain land ownership without the management responsibility, the Howard Plaza Towers opened to students in fall 2017 with a new look. The kitchen appliances in the apartment-style dorm rooms have been replaced and the spaces have

Today’s Howard University students are accessing their information digitally rather than through more traditional research methods, so the plan with the Undergraduate Library is to eliminate the books that are not unique to the identity of the University or the African Diaspora. The library will provide collaborative space for students to study in various settings—from silent to loud environments—and give students a place to meet and work together. Additionally, the library will provide climate-controlled storage for the Moorland-Spingarn collection to be housed at the lowest section of the library.

development is also being built; it will be a mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor and multi-family apartments and townhome-style developments around it. Freeman explained that for this deal, the land developer donated \$15 million in land to Howard. The University then leased back to the developer, adding to its asset base by allowing the University to own the land on which this building will stand.

“We wanted a quality project with all the mission-related initiatives that Derrick has talked about,” Freeman said. “We’re particularly excited about having access to workforce housing for faculty,

The Howard Plaza Towers opened to students in fall 2017 with a new look.

new finishes. The buildings have been heavily amenitized by removing the first-floor units in the west towers and adding computer labs, social and recreation lounges and even a classroom space.

“The idea was to create a living and learning environment for the upperclassmen that live there, and I think that we hit the mark,” Niec-Williams said. “It’s a really good story to be able to tell: coming in and really fixing a building that was plagued with just about every issue you could imagine, and doing so in record time and delivering that in time for the start of the fall semester.”

In addition to the past innovative deals that Niec-Williams and Freeman orchestrated, there are multiple plans for the University’s future in Washington D.C. For example, the University has been able to fund the Undergraduate Library project—which has been backlogged since 2012 from a lack of funding, the pair explained. The project will be a “complete reimagining of what a library is,” Niec-Williams said.

Plans for the Howard Center are less concrete, as congressional tax reform bills could potentially impact tax-exempt financing for universities, but tentatively, the University will adaptively reuse the building that had been plagued with various issues because of its age. The retail aspect of the Howard Center, which includes the Starbucks and the University’s bookstore, would remain untouched. The administrative building above, however, which was a hotel and supper club at its inception in 1975, will return to its origins with a University club on the third and fourth floors that will serve as a conference space and hospitality center. The upper floors of the Howard Center will be converted into apartments that would be available for faculty, staff and students as well as University affiliates who have demonstrated a “dedication to the institutional mission,” Niec-Williams said.

On the corner of Sherman Avenue and Barry Place, just across from Howard Plaza Towers-West, the Barry Place

staff and graduate students.”

With these innovative real estate strategies, Niec-Williams and Freeman are helping ensure that plans are in place to keep the campus properties in good condition for generations to come while the University is continuing to grow with the perpetually changing dynamics of the community surrounding it in a way that benefits the Howard University community at large.

“In addition to creating value for the University, we’re also focused on animating the campus,” Freeman said, “basically bringing a level of excitement and a sense of place to our campus to really deliver what our faculty, staff, students and stakeholders want, which is an exciting, vibrant campus.

“We really want the campus to be a great place to learn, live, work and play,” Freeman continued, “and with a lot of our initiatives over the next couple of years, you’ll see a fundamental metamorphosis of the campus and our properties around the campus.” ■HU



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'30s

Willie Pearl (Kelker) Porter, DIP.N. 1936, died March 15, 2017. After graduating from Howard, she became a registered nurse and public health nurse. She was appointed supervisor of nurses at the Florida A&M College Hospital. She was the health instructor, school nurse and worked in several other capacities for the College's Luch Moton High School for 28 years. She earned a B.S. in sociology from Florida A&M University and a master's degree in medical and surgical nursing at Indiana University. She was 105.

Mary Ann Vincent Clarke, DIP.N. 1938, died February 20, 2017. After graduating from Howard, she earned a B.A. in sociology from West Virginia State College in 1941. She moved to St. Louis to work at Homer G. Phillips Hospital for 35 years until her retirement in 1976. She was an active volunteer and member of organizations such as AARP and the NAACP. She was initiated into the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in December 1940. She was 103.

'50s

Harry E. Lanauze, B.S. 1951, died May 7, 2017. He was one of the estimated 100 Tuskegee airmen from the Pittsburg region in the 332nd Group in the U.S. Army Air Corps known as the Red Tails for the look of the P-51 Mustang aircraft they flew. After graduating from Howard, he earned a master's degree from Catholic University. He took a position as a professor of embryology and biology at Fort Wayne State College in Fort Valley, Georgia, before earning his medical degree at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. He became a full-time emergency room physician at McKeesport Hospital. He was 91.

Dr. Eliza J. Taylor, DIP.N 1956; B.S. 1963; and M.D.1967, died June 2, 2017. After graduating with her third degree from Howard, she earned a master's in public health administration from Johns Hopkins University in 1974. She served in multiple medical capacities during her career at a neighborhood health center and the District of Columbia Department of Corrections. She was 81.

Margie Belle Allen Singleton, B.A. 1959, died January 24, 2018. After graduating from Howard, she continued her existing career with the Agency for International Development and its predecessor agencies, the first of which was the Economic Cooperation Administration. She began as a statistical clerk, receiving numerous citations for exceptional performance, thus helping to break the glass ceiling for African-American women. While enrolled at Howard, she met and later married Eugene L. Singleton (L.L.B. 1956). She was a member of the Prince George's County Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the Questers Inc., and Metropolitan Baptist Church.

'60s

James Peaco, B.A. 1965, J.D. 1968, died August 4, 2016. After graduating from Howard, he became a member of the District of Columbia Bar by written examination in 1969. He also became a Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration alumnus in 1978. As a distinguished Air Force ROTC graduate, he went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force and the D.C. Air National Guard. He retired as a full colonel judge advocate in 1997. He retired as an attorney from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. During his freshman year at Howard, he met his future wife, Freddie Lilly. They were married in 1967. He became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. while at Howard.

Arthur Anderson, B.S. 1961, died Sept. 26, 2017. After graduating from Howard, he went on to earn a master's degree from American University in 1963. He worked for IBM until his retirement in 1990. He was 85.

'70s

Shirley Itensil Wilson, M.A. 1972, D.S.W. 1996, died October 19, 2017. After graduating from Howard, she became a professor emeritus of Delaware State University, adjunct professor at Howard University and worked for the Department of Social Services in Washington, D.C.

Maj. Gen., USA (retired) John R. Hawkins, III "Hawk," B.A. 1971, died Feb. 3, 2017. After graduating from Howard, he earned a master's degree in public administration and a juris doctor degree from American University, with study in international law at the University of London in England. He is a graduate of the National Security Fellowship Program at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University. He was a national issue commentator on TV and radio and an editorial commentator for *The Afro* newspaper. Hawkins was professor of communications and public relations at Prince George's Community College. He served as deputy chief of public affairs and marketing for the U.S. Army worldwide. He also was one of the first U.S. Army generals into Pakistan and Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001.

Doris E. Piggott Laure, F.H. D.I.P. N 1973, died April 30, 2016. After graduating from Howard, she served for 44 years as an ICU/CCU Nurse. Laure was also a member of Freedmen's Hospital Alumni Association, Class of 1973. She was 73.

Dr. William V. McCoy, D.D.S. 1970, died June 27, 2017. After graduating from Howard, he operated a private dental practice for more than 45 years. He provided orthodontic care to many children who could not afford the service and taught dentistry and orthodontics at home and in the Netherlands. At the time of death, McCoy had been teaching at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in the School of Dentistry and Fortis' Institute in the dental hygiene program. He was active in his community, including being a member of a Masonic Lodge and Harry T. Burleigh Society, and on the boards of Penn State Behrend and Good Fellows at Mercyhurst University. He loved to golf and travel the world. He was 75.

'80s

William J. Taggart, B.B.A. 1984, died June 8, 2017. After graduating from Howard, he held numerous leadership positions as a business executive in Atlanta, Georgia. Most recently, he had been named Morehouse College's interim president. Prior to that, he served as Morehouse's chief operating officer. Taggart was actively involved in various business and civic organizations, such as being CEO of Atlanta Life Financial Group, a key member of 100 Black Men of America and the Rotary Club of Atlanta. He was 55.

'90s

Magaly Cano Maldonado, B.B.A. 2007, died December 31, 2017. After graduating from Howard, she worked for many years as a manager for Discover Financial Services. Cano Maldonado joined the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in 2005 as the only initiate of Mexican heritage. She was president of the American Marketing Association, Howard University Chapter; a member of Mu Kappa Tau National Marketing Honor Society; secretary and treasurer of the Spanish Language Society; vice president of the Entrepreneurial Society; and chair of the Yearbook Bison Policy Board. She was 32.



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