A Pipeline to Howard, STEM Fields
Editor’s Letter

Howard Connection Yields Success

If you walk into any classroom at Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS)², you might find students creating mobile apps, designing video games, conducting experiments in cellular biology or learning about bull and bear markets. The expectations are high there, as dedicated teachers cultivate a love for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). A rigorous curriculum paired with the ideal location on Howard’s main campus is a recipe for success—more than 90 percent of its graduates enroll in college, including at Howard. You can read more about the school’s efforts in this issue of Howard Magazine.

And, while the middle school is a model for how to engage young children in these fields, the University is boosting its efforts to increase minorities in STEM and will launch a program this fall within its new Center for Academic Excellence to increase the retention and graduation rates of low-income STEM students and to improve the rates of low-income minority students entering graduate/professional programs and the workforce. You can read more about these efforts in the coming months on www.howard.edu and in the next edition of the magazine.

In this issue of Howard Magazine, we say goodbye to Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., Howard’s 16th president, who retired in December after five years. Ribeau’s vision of campus and academic renewal has left an indelible mark on the Howard legacy. Later this year, students, faculty, alumni and staff will see some of his impact when the two new residence halls and the Howard University Interdisciplinary Research Building open. And while we thank Dr. Ribeau for his service, we also welcome Wayne Frederick, M.D., as Howard’s interim president. His inaugural column can be read on p.2.

We hope you enjoy this issue, and, as always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to send a note to magazine@howard.edu. Don’t forget to download the magazine’s mobile app on iTunes or visit us at www.howard.edu/howardmag.

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Our Shared Story

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

There is no question Howard is a special place. I am truly humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve our *alma mater* as the interim president. When I came to Howard 25 years ago, I had a singular dream—to become a physician. Howard poured in me far more than I consciously sought or even imagined. It was here that I was trained as a scholar, mentored to be a humanitarian and immersed in the virtues of excellence and leadership. The Howard core values became a way of life—a love for service and a determination to make a difference in my community. It is what distinguishes a college degree from a Howard education. This is a shared story. Every day, our 70,000 living alumni work to transform their communities and the world around them.

I am providing a few key updates and enlisting your assistance. Higher education institutions like Howard continue to be impacted by the uncertain global economic climate. We are working aggressively to manage costs and maximize efficiency while achieving key learning outcomes and delivering high-quality health care. As we aim to diversify our revenue streams, the goals are to increase support from fund-raising as well as monetize our research and innovations.

Our students are excelling in the classroom and spend countless hours giving back to the community, which is a Howard tradition. However, our students need our continued support. Far too often, I come across a student in excellent academic standing who cannot afford to pay for school. Please invest in our future through the Bridging the Gap Campaign. To learn more, visit www.howard.edu/bridgingthegap.

We will celebrate our 147th Charter Day, March 7–8, with a convocation and dinner. I encourage you to attend. Charter Day is the one occasion each year when the entire Howard community is called together to remember the audacity of the founders in creating a University focused on emancipated men and women. At a time when national opinion was doubtful about the educational potential of former slaves, Howard’s founders created an institution with a normal school to prepare teachers, a college, a medical school, a law school and a theological school. Just as boldly, those founders included women as students and faculty members, 75 years before that was usual in these professions. When our efforts as faculty, students, staff and alumni are successful, we justify the faith of those founders that high-quality education, allied with imaginative ideals and relentless work, can transform the world. I look forward to seeing you at Charter Day. For more information, please visit www.howard.edu/CharterDay.

As we look toward our 150th anniversary in 2017, we have boundless opportunities ahead. We are uniquely positioned to further transform the United States and world as we have over the past century and a half. I ask that you join us on this rewarding journey.
Cut from a unique cloth, Reggie Ray is as intricate as the costumes he designs for national and international stages. As costume designer for Howard University’s Department of Theatre Arts since 1995, he is the definition of an untiring working artist.

Ray began his journey with the arts in Cleveland, where he studied fashion and performed as a dancer with the Cleveland Ballet and the Karamu House Theatre. In 1980, he met Mike Malone, a former musical theater chair, celebrated Black director/choreographer and founder of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, whose influence paved the way for Ray’s career. “Malone was my mentor and is the sole reason why I got into theater,” Ray explains.

Through the years, Ray has mentored and influenced scores of students. He embodies a spirit of commitment and a willingness to give himself over to his work, and he requires this same commitment from his students.

“My ideology is for them to develop process and procedure, understanding there is no one way to do something,” he says. “By thinking out of the box and working in groups, they know how to be a valuable part of the workforce.”

The collaborative spirit that he cultivates in his classroom is something that Ray has emulated throughout his career. For more than 30 years, Ray has trained and worked with some of the best theater professionals. In 1982, a costuming opportunity from Malone—Sankofa, featuring Ossie Davis and Lynda Gravatt—brought him to D.C. Moving wasn’t easy, but he did so with an old car, $35 and a friend’s couch to sleep on. He was brought on as the wardrobe supervisor thanks to Al Freeman Jr., actor, director and former chair of Howard’s Department of Theatre Arts.

Ray’s career was placed on hold after he developed Crohn’s disease in the late 1980s, but his resilience was on display once again. In 1995 he became the full-time costume designer and artist-in-residence for Howard’s theatre arts department, working alongside professors Henriette Edmonds, George Epting, Joe Selmon and Vera Katz. He credits his colleagues with informing his unforgettable teaching style.

“Throughout the years, I have found that the mixture of working both in the professional world and academia is the best way of forwarding information to students,” he says.

In 1989, he began working with Joy Zinoman, founder of D.C.’s Studio Theatre, and in 1994 he received a prestigious Helen Hayes Award.

Additionally, Ray is fond of many other theater artists, including mentor Ron Himes, founder of the St. Louis Black Repertory Company. Himes first toured Ray’s designs outside of D.C., garnering national attention, most recently that of director Kenny Leon for the Broadway play Stick Fly, which featured Ray’s former student Tracie Thoms (B.F.A. ’97).

This year, he will reunite with Leon for the Broadway production Holler if Ya Hear Me, based loosely on the music of Tupac Shakur.

Ray’s legacy reflects those who guided him, and he credits his parents with teaching him treasured life lessons. “They were stellar and always there for me,” he says.

Ray likes to incorporate into his artistic process a quote from director, choreographer and friend Patdro Harris: “When you’re dealing with difficult situations in the profession that you love … that difficulty should always be viewed as a sign of you and your colleagues making the best art you possibly can. We all must train our youth to stand on the shoulders of our ancestors to build a legacy, and not rest on it.”

Gibson is a writer based in Washington, D.C.
Wayne A.I. Frederick (B.S. ’92; M.D. ’94; MBA ’11), provost and chief academic officer, was named interim president of Howard University. Frederick is a respected surgical oncologist who has also served as the director of the Howard University Cancer Center.

Kurt Schmoke, general counsel and former dean of the Howard University School of Law, was named provost, and Artis Hampshire-Cowan, senior vice president and secretary, was named chief operating officer.
Students Take Flight Aboard Aircraft

Howard University students, along with NASA and faculty mentors, ventured to NASA Johnson Space Center’s Ellington Field in Houston to conduct experiments aboard the reduced-gravity aircraft. The Reduced-Gravity Education Flight Program gives students the opportunity to design, build and fly experiments in reduced gravity. The team was selected for the Minority University Research and Education Program, a flight program based on scientific merit and educational outreach potential.

The team has been working with NASA scientists and engineers to develop experiments based on current research. Students and their NASA mentors performed the experiments aboard a microgravity aircraft. The aircraft produces periods of weightlessness for up to 25 seconds at a time by executing a series of approximately 30 roller coaster-like parabolas over the Gulf of Mexico. During the free falls, students gathered data in the unique environment that mimics space.

From l-r, graduate student Raul Garcia-Sanchez, who served on the ground crew, physics professor Prabhakar Misra, Ph.D., and undergraduates Janelle Holmes, Aara’L Yarber, Ajamu Abdullah and Ryan O’Donnell conducted experiments aboard a NASA reduced-gravity aircraft.
Exhibit Honors Mandela

Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) is hosting the U.S. premiere of an internationally acclaimed photographic exhibition—*Nelson Mandela: Character, Comrade, Leader, Prisoner, Negotiator, Statesman*—coninciding with the celebration of its 100th anniversary this year. The Mandela exhibit will be on display in the MSRC Gallery in Founders Library through April 27, 2014. The MSRC Gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The exhibit was curated and produced by the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, South Africa, with support from Howard University, the Republic of South Africa’s Department of Arts and Culture, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Howard University Republic of South Africa Project.
Lecture Pays Tribute to Nonviolent Principles

Nirupama Rao, the former Indian ambassador to the U.S., delivered a captivating lecture on Howard’s campus last fall in honor of civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. The lecture, “Gandhi for Our Century: The Message Enduring,” was based on the nonviolent strategies that each man used to inspire civil rights struggles that transformed the world.

“The influence of Gandhi has by no means ceased his political action strategy, and the well-planned and -executed application of nonviolence continues to inspire struggles across the world,” Rao said.

Rao drew connections between King and Gandhi with stories about Gandhi’s impact on the historic 1963 March on Washington, as well as India’s struggles for freedom and the Montgomery bus boycotts.

Although they never met, King and Gandhi were driven by similar beliefs. Gandhi’s philosophy of peace, truth and “ahimsa” (nonviolence) was adapted by King for the U.S. civil rights movement.

“The interconnected existence between African-American communities in the U.S. and the people of India to end discrimination and domination by one race against another makes for a fascinating and compelling history,” Rao said.

The Gandhi Memorial Lecture, established by the Howard University Board of Trustees in 1958, evolved into the Martin Luther King-Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture. In 1966, King delivered the lecture at Howard; in 2010, Gandhi’s grandson, Rajmohan Gandhi, gave the lecture.

Student Scholar to Study at Oxford

Biology major Angel Rogers received a Luard Morse Scholarship and will spend the 2014 spring semester of her junior year studying at Oxford University, St. Edmund’s College, in England. Rogers said she plans to pursue a medical degree and a doctorate in biomedical and biochemical studies.
Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer at Facebook, introduced her Lean In campus initiative at Howard, which focuses on leadership, mentoring and empowering young women. The initiative expands on some of the principles Sandberg wrote about in her book, Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead, and encourages students to establish support groups, or “Lean In” circles, on campus.

“One of the most important things that we have to understand is that no one does it alone. Lots of data tells us how important peers can be,” she said.

Sandberg brought that message to the School of Business auditorium, where she shared her personal experiences of gender discrimination and her successes at overcoming barriers. She also took aim at the representation gap in corporate leadership.

“When we address bias openly and honestly, we can understand it, we can change it and we can get more inclusive leadership,” she said. “For leadership to work, that leadership needs to be more inclusive.”

The launch of the program delighted students like Chinazu Ejiofor, a sophomore business management major. “My goal in life is to empower women,” Ejiofor said. “And [it gave me hope] to see someone of her stature still have time to reach back and help us to see the potential we have as women.”

Sandberg has also served as vice president of global online sales and operations for Google and as chief of staff for the U.S. Treasury under the Clinton administration.

Sandberg told the audience that there were big challenges in the world that would require big reforms, but said she believed every student in attendance would be a future leader.

“It is your leadership that will matter for our country and our world’s future,” she said.
Professor Will Help Lead White House Efforts to Support HBCUs

President Barack Obama named Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D., the deputy director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Toldson, an associate professor in the School of Education, is editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education and a senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

As part of the leadership team for the White House Initiative on HBCUs, Toldson works with the presidentially appointed HBCU Board of Advisors and assists Arne Duncan, U.S. secretary of education, as a liaison between the executive branch and HBCUs across the country.

“I plan to promote a level of excellence among HBCU faculty, staff, administrators and students, which will empower them with the leverage they need to meet the challenges, promises and potential of HBCUs today,” Toldson said.

The White House Initiative on HBCUs is the voice of the HBCU community at the Department of Education and helps shape policy and deploy resources to better serve HBCU students, faculty and families. The initiative also works with 32 federal agencies that support HBCUs through federal grants and contracts.

Faculty Awards

Goulda A. Downer (M.S. ’86; Ph.D. ’88), project director of the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center and assistant professor in the College of Medicine, received the inaugural Healthcare Leaders Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives-Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter. Downer was recognized for her contributions to the advancement of minority leadership and her promotion of health and wellness. Downer also received the 2013 Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Leadership in Advocacy Award from Del. Donna Christensen (D-USVI) during the organization’s health disparities conference in Washington, D.C. Downer has helped educate and train more than 43,000 clinicians to provide culturally competent, quality HIV care nationwide in an effort to reduce HIV disparities in communities of color.

Edna G. Medford, Ph.D., chair of the Department of History, received a 2013 Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Medford is one of the country’s leading authorities on 19th-century African-American history, Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. Medford holds a master’s degree in U.S. history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mohammad F. Mahmood, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Mathematics, received $400,062 from the Department of Defense to conduct a three-year study on fast chemical dynamics of energetic materials at high pressures and temperatures using ultrafast laser techniques. Mahmood, also a visiting scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, will be the principal investigator for this project.
Opening Convocation kicked off the official start to the 2013–14 academic school year on Sept. 27, bringing with it the second-largest freshman class in 15 years, with 1,596 new students.

Keynote speaker Rushern L. Baker III (B.A. ’82; J.D. ’86), county executive of Prince George’s County, Md., reflected on his own Howard experience, from meeting his future wife on the first day of classes to joining Omega Psi Phi fraternity. “Howard exposed me to something I had never seen before: a collection of young African-American students who came to school believing they could change the world. It was liberating; it was life-changing; it was and it is the Howard experience,” he said.

Baker emphasized to students the importance of leadership and education, while reminding alumni of their responsibility to uphold and protect the heritage of the University by supporting it financially and providing other resources for the future. “We must give back because Howard has given us so much. We must give back because every great university has a strong and supportive alumni,” Baker said.

The School of Divinity started the school year with its 97th Annual Alumni Convocation at the Howard Thurman Chapel on Oct. 16–17. The theme was “Black Megachurches: Preaching, Politics and Possibilities.”
Howard turned Bison Blue during Homecoming 2013, Oct. 22–Oct. 27, as alumni, faculty, students, family and friends reminisced and renewed their connections to the University.

Academy Award–nominated actress Taraji P. Henson (B.F.A. ’95) and actor Lance Gross (B.F.A. ’04) teamed up as grand marshals of the parade, while comedian Marlon Wayans, who began his college career at Howard, was the grand ambassador. During the week, there were also performances by Erykah Badu, Brandy, Trey Songz, Eric Benet, Mary Mary and Migos. Howard beat the Morgan State Bears, 28–14, at Greene Stadium.
Jacob Walker remembers feeling nervous and excited as he walked to the microphone to ask Microsoft founder Bill Gates a question. It was 2006 in the ballroom of the Howard University Armour J. Blackburn University Center when Gates came to unveil Microsoft’s then-innovative gaming system, the Xbox 360. Walker says he and his classmates were by far the youngest people in the room.
There is one major key to the school’s overwhelming success: “The Howard University connection.”

“I was this super-short kid in the 6th grade,” says Walker, now a sophomore majoring in biology at Howard University. “I wanted to know, with all of the contributions he’s made, what has kept him motivated through it all. Then I asked if I could shake his hand. I was baffled that I was talking to Bill Gates. It was crazy!”

That moment helped Walker realize he was participating in an invaluable learning experience by being one of the first students to attend the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS)². The public charter school was established by Hassan Minor Jr., Ph.D., a retired senior vice president at Howard, in 2005 on the main campus and is housed in the former Human Ecology building next to Founders Library. The current student body, which consists of 320 students in grades 6–8, is 95 percent African American and 5 percent Latino. Although two-thirds of the students enter the school performing below grade level—with half coming in performing three grades below grade level—the school not only brings those struggling students up to grade level, but helps them become advanced students.

Now that the middle school’s first two classes have graduated from high school, statistics show that 95 percent enrolled in college within four years of leaving middle school and 98 percent did so within five years, says Yohance Maquibel (B.B.A. ’95), the middle school’s executive director. Several former students returned to the campus where they spent their middle school years and, like Walker, are now studying at Howard.

“The Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science is truly a crown jewel,” says Wayne A.I. Frederick, M.D., Howard’s interim president. “The more than 90 percent of (MS)² graduates now enrolled at Howard and other universities around the nation are evidence of our success. We are reaching back and populating the pipeline to college and the STEM fields.”

Leveling the STEM Fields
The middle school’s mission includes developing a sound foundation in all academic areas, with a strong focus on the all-important STEM fields: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. A 2013 report from the National Science Foundation estimates that in 2010, only 5 percent of workers in science and engineering fields were African American. The lion’s share of STEM professionals—51 percent—were White men. STEM jobs are projected to grow 17 percent by 2018, compared with less than 10 percent growth for all other occupations, and workers in STEM fields earn 26 percent more than others, according to the U.S. Department
of Commerce. The middle school’s goal is to boost African-American participation in the field by providing Howard University and other colleges a steady stream of students well-prepared for the increasingly high-tech, global economy. So far, nine former (MS)^2 students have enrolled at Howard University.

“Our emphasis is not to provide an OK education, but a superior one,” says Maqubela, who has been with the school since its inception. Of the first class of (MS)^2 students who went to college, about a quarter to a third chose a major in the STEM fields, he says. “For the second graduating class, we saw it increase to 54 percent.”

He expects that percentage to rise as the school evolves and continues to bring in Howard professors, along with entrepreneurs, to provide specialized instruction on key subjects, such as developing and marketing mobile apps, raising financial support through crowd-sourced fundraising, architecture, mechanical engineering, video game design, cellular biology and advanced mathematics.

The middle school’s longer school day allows for two additional class periods: one for accelerated classes and one to provide specialized intervention for students who need it. “We are completely nonselective,” Maqubela says of the school, which doesn’t screen applicants. “We have a lottery, so there is a large performance gap among students, and some have to be brought up to grade level in math or reading.”

Despite this, the middle school has succeeded with the students randomly chosen from 350 applications to fill its roughly 120 annual slots. “There is no secret sauce to create a rigorous program,” Maqubela says. “We take all students and bring them up to this level. If we don’t answer that challenge in this country, we will be at a severe disadvantage, and the economic downturn we saw will be nothing compared to what we will have in front of us. The industrial age is gone. Most jobs are intelligence-based.”

**College Campus Is Ideal Location**

In addition to the rigorous program, Maqubela says there is one major key to the school’s overwhelming success: “The Howard University connection.”

**Google Inc. awarded (MS)^2 a $250,000 grant in 2011 for the Fab Lab, a computer-animated design and manufacturing lab to create prototypes of inventions.**

**(MS)^2 students received the most awards of any school in the Citywide Science and Engineering Fair.**

**Rebecca Christian, (MS)^2 reading specialist and spelling bee coach, is the winningest coach in D.C. spelling bee history.**

**(MS)^2 was the only D.C. charter school selected as a NASA Summer of Innovation Partner school.**

**Florentia Spires was a 2012 NASA Endeavor Fellow and one of only 24 Department of Energy Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows for 2013.**

**Teachers Michelle Taylor and Jason McNeil were awarded the Helen Matthews Rand $15,000 scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in teacher education.**

**30 students were invited to the White House for Astronomy Night in 2009.**

**Kimberly Worthy, (MS)^2 social studies teacher, was named 2009 D.C. Teacher of the Year, the first ever from a D.C. charter school.**

**100% of the teachers are highly qualified, according to the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board.**
He cites access to University laboratories and technology and the support from professors, as well as undergraduate and graduate student volunteers. Students get an additional boost, he says, from the role models the middle school students encounter. “Every day our kids come to school and walk past an 18- to 26-year-old representation of themselves that they will see nowhere else—not only on campus, but in their classrooms teaching them,” he says.

Brianna A. Turner who attended the middle school and is now a sophomore psychology major at Howard, says the resources at the middle school make it top notch. “You can’t go to any other middle school and get that amount of technology,” she says. “Before coming to (MS)², I hadn’t been exposed to hands-on labs. It was more than simply learning from a book. When I got to high school, I was well prepared. Being on a college campus for middle school prepared me to be more independent in college.”

Turner chose to attend Howard after researching other colleges. No other school offered a high-level psychology program coupled with the experience of attending a historically Black university, she says. “There was so much I’d lose if I gave this up, so Howard is where I needed to be.”

Ngozi Burrell, a freshman biology major at Howard, credits the middle school with fostering her love of science. “Being there and competing in the science fair, I was able to find my passion,” says Burrell, whose eighth-grade science project won her a trip to a citywide science fair. She then garnered an invitation to a weeklong paid internship at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where she did forensics and crime scene-like fingerprinting and observed an animal dissection all before she entered high school.

Burrell is currently nailing down her career path, but she’s certain it will be in a science field. “I may want to go into genetics and work with diseases and homeopathic remedies. I’m also considering being an obstetrician/gynecologist.”

Walker, who posed the question to Bill Gates, plans to take his talents to medical school.

“T don’t know what kind of doctor I’ll be, but I know I want to have ‘M.D.’ behind my name.”

Middleton Miles is a writer based in Virginia.
Wesley Ellis (B.A. ’06; M.A.T. ’08) had no intention of becoming a teacher when he entered Howard University as an art major. But in his first week, he attended a class about the need for more Black male teachers in schools.

“It woke me up to something different,” Ellis says.

After changing his major to history his sophomore year, he felt a calling to teach. Ellis interned with the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS)² during his senior year under the mentorship of Kofi Handon, then chair of the Department of Social Studies.

“He took me under his wing, and I learned a lot from him. During the time I was an intern, I bought into the vision of the school, met the executive director and was offered a job,” Ellis says.

He has been teaching at (MS)² for six years and is the youngest teacher to ever chair the social studies department. “Because the department has had a great reputation for so many years, we have spearheaded initiatives to improve the overall climate and culture of the whole school,” Ellis says.

When students graduate, he says, he wants them to leave with a broad academic skill set and character traits instilled at the school.

“Academically, we want them to have a good understanding of reading effectively, have good research skills, be honest and be able to debate and argue their point effectively. We want them to have certain skills that can follow them through high school and college,” he says.

Ellis has been influenced by the Leap Schools in South Africa, which have a “Life Class” that allows students to share how they feel, what they think and what they are experiencing in their communities, and he has brought this method to his own department at the middle school.

“At least once a week, his students talk respectfully with each other about different issues, and Ellis feels this is one of the most rewarding things his department offers.

He says he looks forward to more Howard University students mentoring and volunteering at the middle school, and says there are paid and unpaid internships for students skilled in the sciences and the arts.

“A lot of the kids have so many creative talents that aren’t being tapped into because they don’t have mentors helping them,” he says.

The middle school is unique in that more than 50 percent of its teachers are male, a fact that attracts parents during open house. (Less than 2 percent of America’s teachers are Black men, according to the U.S. Department of Education.) The middle school is also located on Howard’s campus, which allows students to witness what the future might hold after high school.

“We can take field trips on campus to see someone doing something interesting, whether it’s in the chemistry building or fine arts. We don’t have to go far,” Ellis says.

Jett is a recent alumna and former intern in the Office of University Communications.
Professor Inspires a First in the School of Divinity

Islamic studies program breaks down barriers and promotes interfaith dialogues

By Na’Tasha Jones (B.A. ’12)
“Diversity is very important. If you stay in the same community, with the same ideas, you can become closed off.”

Last March, she helped to organize Howard’s first conference on the Qur’an and Qur’anic studies. The discussion included experts from several schools, including Howard University, Georgetown University and George Mason University, and touched on Qur’anic ethics, gender in the Qur’an and the Qur’an in dialogue with Jews and Christians. She plans to make the conference a biannual program.

Eliminating Gender Stereotypes
Alwani also spends extensive time on research, which is focused on women’s religious scholarship and Islamic family law. She explains that her research and publications “contribute to and forward the scholarly debate on women, gender and family relations within an Islamic framework and on the relationship between civil and religious laws in the area of family.” She “strongly promotes the role of Muslim women as religious scholars” and says she feels drawn to these areas because of her background in Islamic jurisprudence.

A 2013 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship at Howard allowed her to travel to Egypt, Morocco and the Netherlands to conduct research on promoting women’s religious scholarship. She has published several articles and is working on a book about Muslim female scholars and their critical role in socioeconomic, cultural and political reform.

As the first female jurist to serve on the board for the Fiqh Council of North America, an association of Muslims who interpret Islamic law in North America, Alwani is quite familiar with opposition to her work. However, this is not a deterrent for the passionate professor.

“Challenges are always present,” she says. “However, it gives me a sense of understanding that we need to do more and we have more to work on.”

“Patriarchy is a global phenomenon whose impact on the images and attitudes of the Arab world will continue to be a bone of contention,” says Sulayman Nyang, Ph.D., professor in the Department of African Studies at Howard. “It is a concept that creates a division between those people whose minds and thoughts have residual feelings for the demands of tradition on the one hand, and those who wish to profit from the fruits of social change in gender relations without foregoing the biological borders between men and women.”

In the future, Alwani would like to see the Islamic studies program continue to grow. Eventually, she hopes to expand the subject matter on an interdisciplinary level to other schools such as business, social work, law and political science. “Beyond discussing Islam itself, you are discussing different people, cultures, geography, history and philosophy.”

Alwani also hopes she can continue to help her students, as well as her colleagues, understand the value of research as a means to create understanding and tolerance.

“I tell my students, before you decide to form an opinion on a topic, you must do your research and base that opinion on facts and information, not simply hearsay or emotions,” she says.

This lesson allows each student to broaden his or her overall study skills and focus. “It’s a challenge in a good way,” Alwani says. “A student once told me, ‘I’m a better Christian now than I was before, because I know more and I understand more.’”

In the end, says Alwani, the School of Divinity, just as any other discipline, is and must remain diverse.

“Diversity is very important. If you stay in the same community, with the same ideas, you can become closed off,” Alwani says. “It should not be scary to learn something new.”

Jones, a writer based in Maryland, is the former strategic communications specialist in the Office of University Communications.
Howard University kicked off its 2008–2009 academic school year with a new leader at the helm. Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., a longtime educator who had previously served as head of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, became Howard’s 16th president. Ribeau brought with him a vision of renewal to the University at a time of great change in the nation. Just a few months after Ribeau’s tenure began, the energy and pride was palpable on campus over the election of Barack Obama, the nation’s first Black president. Ribeau drew on the excitement and implored the Howard community to continue the work of those who had come before them and to build on the University’s guiding principles of truth and service, social justice and activism and a commitment to academic excellence.

“Remember our legacy, reclaim our legacy, renew our legacy. We are Howard University,” he said at the time.

Ribeau retired in December, but leaves behind his own legacy of academic and building revitalization with several initiatives that will lay the groundwork for the future. His focus on campus-wide renewal included an evaluation of academic programs (President’s Commission on Academic Renewal) and faculty (Phased Retirement Plan). His Students First Initiative introduced technology upgrades, launched the Bison One card program and expanded shuttle schedules and routes. And he oversaw the groundbreaking for two new residence halls and the Howard University Interdisciplinary Research Building (all scheduled to open later this year), and renovations in several buildings, including Burr Gymnasium, Locke Hall and Cramton Auditorium.

Throughout his tenure, Ribeau enthusiastically engaged with alumni, faculty, students and staff and built on the Capstone’s foundation toward a renewed future.

Thank you, Dr. Ribeau!
Rosie Allen-Herring

By Ashley Bayton

An elected leader since high school, Rosie Allen-Herring (B.A. ’88) stands by a philosophy that has carried her far in life: “Care about the people, and the work will take care of itself.”

As the new president and CEO of United Way of the National Capital Area, and as the first African-American female to hold this position, Allen-Herring stands ready to significantly impact the nation’s capital and the global philanthropic com-
An Early Emphasis on Giving Back

The youngest of 10, Allen-Herring says she was born into “an amazing group of talented overachievers.” The Allens always reminded their children that any gift or talent they possessed existed only for the purpose of helping others. Service was so ingrained in the family upbringing, Allen-Herring knew that being a servant was the most important role she could have. Her parents’ emphasis on giving back was the strong foundation she built on at Howard.

“One of the most powerful things about coming to Howard and coming to D.C. was the opportunity to be a part of an environment where people of color succeeding and doing well were not viewed as exceptions—they were the standard,” she says.

Inspired by the environment of progressive thought and challenging discourse at Howard, Allen-Herring called upon her lessons learned while growing up in Mississippi as she challenged herself to prove her preeminence.

“At home, everyone thinks you’re great; they love you and you are celebrated,” she says. “When I got to Howard, my mentors and professors encouraged me, but also challenged me to always be better. My classmates, who I loved and respected, taught me to be ready to compete with anyone, anywhere.”

Allen-Herring spent her early years at Howard determined to keep her grades high and her focus sharp. But she also began to take the University’s motto of truth and service to heart and became a student leader. She joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and was quickly recognized for her leadership abilities, eventually serving as the chapter’s president. In 2013, she served as the sorority’s centennial convention co-chair.

“When people are made to feel good about their contributions, they will give and do more,” she says. “When, as a leader, you demonstrate your value of the team and their efforts, they will instinctively value it too.”

Allen-Herring followed her sister, Ivye Allen (B.A. ’83), to Howard and was then followed by two nieces in the 1990s. Today, she is the proud parent of a Howard freshman, Nala Herring.

‘Do Well by Doing Good’

Allen-Herring’s leadership model served her well as she transitioned out of Howard and into her career. She spent 21 years with the Fannie Mae Corporation, in a series of roles in asset management, community development finance, regulatory compliance and her final role of leading the corporation’s community investment and engagement division nationwide.

Throughout her tenure at Fannie Mae, she married her business acumen with her understanding of social responsibility investments across the country.

One project during her tenure, though, remains close to her heart: Howard University’s LeDroit Park Revitalization Initiative, which combined historic restoration with new construction.

“I loved being a part of that effort because I understood the significant impact of that initiative. I knew every project made a difference, but the LeDroit Park Initiative allowed me to see the impact of my work up close and personal,” she says. “It’s one thing to learn and read reports; it’s another to go out and touch and see the difference for yourself.”

Her understanding of her calling to improve lives has led her to her newest leadership position.

“At United Way, the sky is the limit in terms of opportunities to enrich the lives of others,” she says. “My mind is already churning out ideas about new strategies and collaborative relationships that can lead to real solutions.”

In her zeal, she will not lose sight of the lessons that brought her this far.

“I am keenly aware of the duty I have here to be a voice for the voiceless,” she says. “I won’t get distracted, because I have a mission to fulfill.”

She is also aware of her responsibility as a trailblazer in her field.

“My parents taught me that all good leaders are good servants, and Howard taught me to be equipped and ready for whatever challenges I face,” she says. “Given the phenomenal legacy of the United Way, we are excited by what lies ahead. I am excited. I’m driven to do what my 91-year-old mother still challenges us to keep in mind: ‘Do well by doing good.’

Bayton is the social media coordinator for the Office of University Communications.
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### Milestones

#### 50s

**Eva Donaldson**, M.S. 1953, was asked to serve as a founding member of the Science Center Advisory Council at Johnson C. Smith University. She also is a member of the Patient Advisory Group in the Department of Medicine at Howard University Hospital.

**Jeanne C. Sinkford**, B.S. 1953; D.D.S. 1958, received the Shils-Meskin Award, which honors social responsibility in oral health. Sinkford is a nationally and internationally renowned dental educator, administrator, researcher and clinician. In 1975, she was named dean of the College of Dentistry, making her the first female dean of any U.S. dental school.

#### 70s

**Raymond Cox**, B.S. 1970, was named executive medical director of Volunteers in Medicine, Hilton Head Island, S.C. Cox previously served as senior vice president of medical affairs/chief medical officer of Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C., and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore.

**Isiah Leggett**, M.A. 1972; J.D. 1974, was elected to a one-year term as president of the County Executives of America. He is also an *emeritus* professor at Howard University School of Law.

**Anthony C. Roberts**, B.A. 1973; J.D. 1976, raised $6,000 to create a bust of President Barack Obama as chairperson of the Mayor's President Barack H. Obama Bust Committee. The bust was unveiled Dec. 13, 2012, at Trenton City Hall in New Jersey.

#### 80s


**Donna Fox**, B.A. 1981, published *The Nerdy Writer*, a road map for those looking to author technical documents or who desire to become technical writers. Fox is a contractor for federal and commercial clients providing technical writing and training services.


**Peter W. McCauley**, B.S. 1982, was promoted to oversee Cigna’s medical executives in its Northeast region. He will also remain market medical executive for the Midwest region.

**Sharon L. Poitier**, B.A. 1982, was promoted to assistant director of education (humanities/social sciences) for the Ministry of

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**Dwane L. Tinsley**, M.S.W. 1978, was appointed a U.S. magistrate judge for the southern district of West Virginia. Tinsley has practiced law as assistant prosecuting attorney for Fayette County, Va., as assistant U.S. attorney for the southern district of West Virginia, as managing trial attorney for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and, most recently, in private practice.

**Geri Allen**, Mus.B. 1979, was honored, along with Howard vocal jazz ensemble Afro Blue, with resolutions by the New Jersey General Assembly.
Education in Nassau, Bahamas. She is also an adjunct professor of history at the College of the Bahamas.

Cheryl M. Burgess, M.D. 1984, is the founder, medical director and president of the Center for Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery in Washington, D.C. She is an assistant clinical professor at Georgetown University and George Washington University. She also does weekly dermatology segments on NBC-WRC in D.C., and has been recognized by her peers as a top dermatologist in Washingtonian magazine.

Iris Drayton-Spann, B.A. 1984, was promoted to senior director of human resources at Goodwill Industries Inc. Member Services Center in Rockville, Md.

Ralph Remington, B.F.A. 1984, was named Western regional director/assistant executive director for the Actors’ Equity Association. Remington will oversee the operations, collective bargaining and contract administration in 14 states and supervise a staff of 22.

June C. McKinney, B.A. 1987, was elected the first African-American female president of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary. Prior to becoming a member of the judiciary, McKinney practiced administrative law for more than 12 years and last served as a senior assistant attorney general, where she represented numerous statewide administrative boards and commissions. In 2005, she was elected the first African-American president of the statewide organization, Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

Tanya Acker, B.A. 1992, was named of counsel for Goldberg, Lowenstein and Weatherwax, LLP.

Inga Dyer, B.A. 1992; J.D. 1996, was named vice president of business and legal affairs for REVOLT TV, a new station founded by Sean Combs and launched in October on Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Leshell Hatley, B.S.C.E 1994; M.C.S. 1998, executive director at Uplift Inc., received the Entrepreneur Leadership award at the 2013 Women of Color STEM Conference, a multicultural event that identifies and caters to women in scientific and technical careers.

Jason Miccolo Johnson, B.A. 1994, unveiled a photography exhibition in D.C. that features photos inspired by Thelonious Monk’s album Misterioso.

Terry Bruner, B.A. 1996, received congressional proclamations for his service in the Houston community by U.S. Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee and Al Green at the 100 Black Men Metropolitan Houston Chapter 2013 Scholarship Gala. Bruner is the founder and principal of Terry Bruner Law Office in Houston.

Claudia Gordon, B.A. 1996, was named associate director of public relations at the University of Houston.
Young Designer Debuts New Line

Michelle Gibson, B.A. 2013, is poised to conquer the fashion industry. The up-and-coming designer launched her company and e-store, Simply L3ve, and presented part of her spring/summer 2014 collection during last year’s New York Fashion Week and D.C. Fashion Week’s Eco-Fashion Show.

Gibson’s collection hit the runway with soft colors, abstract geometrical designs and timeless pieces, all handmade and dyed. She also offers custom orders for clients, basing the design and garment strictly on the client’s vision and consultation. Simply L3ve’s aesthetic use of symmetry, color and digital prints stems from Gibson’s background in computer graphics. “The love stories from my personal life inspire the silhouettes, emotion and creative direction for the season,” she says.

The Prince George’s County, Md., native (pictured above in the black dress) launched Simply L3ve in March 2011 while she was a sophomore at Howard. She places an emphasis on eco-conscious fashion. “Being a young designer pushing for eco is definitely pushing toward a new wave of fashion. I’m very personable with my customers and I’m all about customization, and that separates me from other designers,” Gibson says. —Brittany Jett

Stephanie Jackson, B.A. 1996, received the 2013 Fulbright Scholarship to the International Education Administrators Seminar in the United Kingdom. She is among the initial cohort of 20 U.S. international education and senior-level university administrators that were awarded a grant to the UK. Jackson is an assistant director of undergraduate advising and professional development in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Adrienne Noel, M.B.A. 1996, is the owner of Marketing Minds at Work, a marketing and public relations firm that was named a finalist in the Platinum PR Awards.

Romal Tune, B.S.N. 1996, published God’s Graffiti, a memoir and a source of empowerment for youth.

Eric A. Hurley, M.S. 1997; Ph.D. 2000, was named chair of the psychology department at Pomona College. He is also joint-appointed in psychology and Africana studies.

Allison Chisolm Danels, B.A. 1998, was named by the National Bar Association and IMPACT as one of the 2012 Nation’s Best Advocates “40 Lawyers Under 40.”

Nicole Smith Oliver, B.A. 1998, was awarded a first-place scholarship from the Greater Hartford, Conn., chapter of the National Black MBA Association. She also accepted a position at Bay Path College in Springfield, Mass., as a marketing specialist.

Valyncia Simmons, B.A. 1999, was named by the National Bar Association and IMPACT as one of the Nation’s Best Advocates “40 Lawyers Under 40.” She was also named a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star. Simmons is a partner at Baker Williams Matthiesen, LLP in D.C.
Damien L. Sneed, Mus.B. 2000, will tour with Wynton Marsalis and Chorale Chateau as the conductor for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. He will also be conducting workshops in select cities.

Nicolas Fletcher, B.S. 2001, was elected as a student representative to the board of directors at the American Medical Association Foundation. He previously was an AMA Foundation Student Ambassador. He attends Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

Natalie Madeira Cofield, B.B.A. 2002, was featured on the cover of the March 2013 edition of Black Enterprise for her work as the founding president of the Austin Black Technology Council. She is president and CEO of Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce in Austin, Texas.

Latrice Foster, B.S. 2002; D.D.S. 2008, is the owner of Say Aaahh! Pediatric Dentistry in Houston.

Kerry-Ann Hamilton, B.A. 2003; Ph.D. 2010, was named Howard University’s assistant vice president for communications and marketing. Hamilton’s responsibilities include management of media and public relations, strategic communications, publications and digital media, while serving as the University spokesperson.

Tiandra Hodge, B.A. 2003; M.B.A. 2011, was selected to participate in Challenge Detroit, a yearlong program aimed at attracting and retaining talent in Detroit to spur revitalization.

Jamayla Scott, M.S.W. 2003, received the Mary McLeod Bethune Educator Award by the Bergen County, N.J., NAACP. Scott is a guidance counselor and school social worker in New Jersey.

Lloyd Freeman, B.B.A. 2004, was elected to the board of directors of the Garden State Bar Association, which works to enhance the status of minority attorneys in New Jersey. Freeman is an attorney at Archer & Greiner P.C.

Brandon Edwards, B.A. 2005, and Shea Scott, B.F.A. 2005, were married Sept. 6, 2013, in Orange County, Calif. Scott works in TV development at Dick Clark Productions, and Edwards is a business analyst for ICANN.


Flashback
The 1966 members of Alpha Kappa Sorority Inc., Howard chapter.
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Blog Aims to Motivate Fathers

Frederick Goodall, B.A. 1994, is helping men become better fathers with his popular website, Mocha Dad (mochadad.com).

Since launching the site in 2008, Goodall has been motivating fathers to become more involved with their families and communities, while also chronicling his own experiences as a father, which he says were shaped by growing up in a single-parent household.

Goodall has received numerous accolades for Mocha Dad, including being listed No. 12 on “Houston’s Top 100 Social Media Power Influencers” in 2013. He has a large following on social media and holds regular Google+ Hangouts to discuss parenting topics. He also writes for several online publications, including Mommy Noire.

“I’m thankful that I’m able to give fathers a voice and help them to become better versions of themselves,” he says. “Being a dad is hard work, but it is the best job any man could have.”

—Megan Sims

Shirlethia V. Franklin, J.D. 2007, was selected as a White House Fellow for 2013–14. She is a senior associate at Alton and Bird LLP in Atlanta.

Karl C. Jones, B.B.A. 2007, and Tatiana King, B.B.A. 2007, were married Aug. 16, 2013, at Herrington on the Bay in North Beach, Md.

Rueben Canada, J.D. 2008, was named winner of the Specialty Food Association’s My Story, My Ad contest for his wellness elixir, Jin+Ja. He received a free ad campaign and a three-day trip to San Francisco.

Janelle Jolley, B.A. 2008, was named one of Atlanta’s 10 Startups to Watch by Creative Loafing for Sidewalk District, an online marketplace for local independent retailers.

Richard B. Young Jr., B.A. 2008, will return to Citigroup in New York as a sovereign wealth fund manager.

HUAA Celebrates 50

The Howard University Alumni Association (HUAA) is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Please help support it today through a membership by visiting thehuaa.org. Membership dues are $35 for the Clock-Tower Level (one year) or $105 for the Founder’s Level (three years). In addition to supporting Howard and HUAA, members receive benefits, which include discounts at Kimpton Hotels, Working Advantage and the Howard University Bookstore.

“It’s important that alumni reach out and get involved,” says Chris Washington (B.A. ’92), HUAA president. “We need 100 percent participation.”

Ann-Marie Adams, Ph.D. 2010, was selected as a delegate for the UN High-Level Discussion on International Migration.
In Memoriam
Alumni

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Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts, B.S. 1946, died Aug. 30, 2012. Roberts was a social worker, college counselor and educator. She devoted much of her adult life to community service and received several awards, including the NAACP’s Medgar Evers Lifetime Achievement Award and the Mississippi Medal of Service. She co-wrote the memoir My Story, My Song: Mother-Daughter Reflections on Life and Faith, with her daughter, Robin Roberts. She was 88 years old.

Barbara Peacock Mallette, B.Mus. Ed. 1953, died Feb. 4, 2012. She served in the District of Columbia Public Schools and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She was 81 years old.

James L. Bell Jr., B.S.C.E. 1954, died Sept. 11, 2013. Bell served as a lieutenant during World War II. He also served on the board of directors of Chattanooga Speech and Hearing, Blood Assurance, Chattanooga Air Pollution Control and the Chattanooga Engineers Club. He was 92 years old.

Guy Thomas Garrett Jr., B.A. 1954, died Feb. 7, 2011. Garrett served in the U.S. Army for three years as an infantry officer. Following his military service, he served in the human resources field for many years. He retired in 1988 as vice president of personnel for The New York Times Company. He was the first African American admitted to membership in New York City’s Union League Club. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was 78 years old.

James Whiteing Holley III, D.D.S. 1955, died Oct. 5, 2012. In 1968, he became the first African American to serve on the city council in Portsmouth, Va., and in 1984, he was elected the first African-American mayor of Portsmouth, serving two terms. He was 85 years old.

Edward B. Cross, M.D. 1952, died Aug. 14, 2012. Cross served as medical director for the Peace Corps and as chief of medicine and chief of ambulatory care for the U.S. Public Health Service. When he was later promoted to assistant surgeon general with the U.S. Public Health Service, he became the first African American to hold the position. During his career, he also served as the director of health nutrition and population programs for the African Bureau of the Agency of International Affairs. He won numerous awards, including the Distinguished Alumni Award of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He was 91 years old.

Ernest Davis, B.S. 1953, died June 1, 2013. Davis served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He received numerous awards, including two meritorious service medals from the U.S. president. After his military service, he worked as deputy director and executive director at Tecumseh Consortium in Springfield, Ohio, a job training organization that helped people retool themselves for the job market. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was 83 years old.

Barbara Anne DeLaney, B.A. 1957, died Jan. 23, 2012. DeLaney retired as a foreign language educator for the Newark, N.J., public schools. She traveled to and served many communities in Africa, even sponsoring a Gambian soccer team. In 1996, she received an award for her international advocacy of soccer before many Gambian dignitaries and United Nations officials. She was 78 years old.

Charles A. Hines, B.S. 1962, died July 4, 2013. Hines was a retired major general, serving in the military for nearly 40 years. He was the director of health and security for the Smithsonian

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Alvin R. Robinson, B.S.E.E. 1960, died Sept. 8, 2013. Robinson worked as a civic engineer. He was also a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. He was 85 years old.

Joyce L. Peaco, B.A. 1961, died March 17, 2013. Peaco served as an educator for the Wilmington, Del., public school system. She was 73 years old.

Bernard Keith Fitzgerald Bowen, B.S. 1962, died Feb. 24, 2013. He was an All-American in soccer and cricket and was captain of Howard’s inaugural cricket team.

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Nelson Mandela
July 18, 1918—Dec. 5, 2013

The former president of South Africa, whose leadership and activism led to the demise of institutional apartheid, died on Dec. 5, 2013, at the age of 95. Howard University continues to celebrate his great legacy. On Oct. 7, 1994, Howard conferred on Mandela an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The following year, H. Patrick Swygert, president emeritus, led a delegation of Howard faculty, administrators and trustees to South Africa to explore the potential for collaborative projects with government agencies, universities and other institutions. Upon returning from that visit, members of the Howard faculty organized the Howard University Republic of South Africa Project, which led the South African Research Archival Project, a documentation project designed to identify, locate, inventory and disseminate oral and visual materials pertaining to South Africa’s long struggle for freedom and human rights. A memorial tribute for Mandela was held on Howard’s main campus on Jan. 15.

Rest in peace, Madiba!
Institution, and also served as the sixth president of Prairie View A&M University and as an adjunct professor at Lone Star College-CyFair in Texas. He was 77 years old.

**Delores E. Adams, M.S.W. 1964,** died May 7, 2013. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She was 83 years old.

**Portia A. Scott, B.A. 1964,** died Oct. 2, 2013. Scott had a long and distinguished career at her family’s newspaper, Atlanta Daily World, before retiring as managing editor. She was active in a variety of civic and community organizations and was a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Atlanta chapter of The Links, Inc. She was 70 years old.

**Judith L. Bremner, B.A. 1967; D.S.W. 1995,** died Aug. 12, 2013. She was a certified social worker and CEO of Judith Bremner Consulting Services. She was 68 years old.

**Kenneth Garnett Brown, B.A. 1969,** died April 21, 2013. Brown worked at Continental Illinois National Bank of Chicago and then at Model Cities Economic Development Corp. in Philadelphia. He later worked for the railroad system in Pennsylvania, holding various positions with Conrail, Septa and Amtrak. While at Howard, he was president of the Young Christian Leadership and a member of the ROTC. He was 66 years old.

**Richard A. McDaniel, J.D. 1969,** died Feb. 1, 2013. In the early 1970s, McDaniel worked at the law firm of famed civil rights lawyer Cecil B. Moore until he started his own practice. For 25 years, McDaniel was a civic activist and specialized in domestic and personal injury cases. He was an advocate for African Americans and women and published a paper on workplace sexual discrimination that appeared in the law journal of Rutgers University. He was a member of several organizations, including the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and served as a president of the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia. He served on several boards, including the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP. He was 73 years old.

**Andrew K. Sanderson, M.D. 1975,** died June 30, 2013. Sanderson was one of the first Black trainees to complete a surgical internship at Washington Hospital Center. After this internship, Sanderson and his wife of 40 years, Carolyn (B.A. 1971) moved to Los Angeles, where he practiced general and family medicine for more than 30 years, in a number of practice environments, including serving as director of student health at California State University at Northridge. Sanderson also led many church-based initiatives to improve the health of minority communities and served as a mentor to countless youth pursuing health careers. He was 63 years old.

**Steve Jones, B.A. 1978,** died Aug. 2, 2013. He was a longtime music critic for USA TODAY and received several awards during his career, including the National Association of Black Journalists 2006 Task Force Legacy Award. He was 57 years old.

**’80s**

**Danette A. Wills, B.F.A. 1984,** died Aug. 20, 2013. Wills served as a senior public relations counselor at the Terrie Williams Agency, where she managed accounts that included clients such as Mo’Nique and Louis Gossett Jr. She previously worked as director of media relations and publicity for Black Entertainment Television (BET). While with BET, she led publicity for several programs, such as BET Movies, and spearheaded BET’s exclusive interviews with O.J. Simpson, Mike Tyson and Oprah Winfrey. She was 52 years old.

**Ellis Nathaniel Porter, D.M.I. 1985,** died July 2, 2013. He was 82 years old.

**John P. Lee, B.S. 1987,** died Sept. 9, 2013. Lee served two years in the U.S. Army and was a special education teacher. He was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He was 51 years old.

**’00s**

**Enoch Samuel Tims III, B.A. 2004,** died Jan. 30, 2010. While at Howard, he was a laureate scholar and a member of the Hilltop newspaper staff. He was 27 years old.
Bison Bookshelf

Health Care Reform and Disparities: History, Hype and Hope (Praeger), by Toni P. Miles (Ph.D. ’84; M.D. ’85), examines the significance of the Affordable Care Act and its impact on health care disparities in the U.S. The book includes research on the historical inequities in health care and new policies and regulations that have evolved from the health care law.

The Savage Way (Wiley), by Frank Savage (B.A. ’62), is a memoir by one of the first African Americans to find success in the world of high finance. Savage, chairman emeritus of the Howard University Board of Trustees, shares poignant life and business lessons about the importance of self-confidence and adherence to one’s core values, the need for integrity and an unwavering sense of ethics.

Bet on Black: African-American Women Celebrate Fatherhood in the Age of Barack Obama (Kifani Press), edited by Kenyra Rankin Naasel (B.A. ’03), is a collection of heartfelt essays by 20 women, including several Howard alumni, about the dynamic relationships they had with their fathers and their experiences being raised by single fathers.

Under Color of Law: The Story of an American Family (iUniverse Books), by A. Dwight Pettit (B.A. ’68; J.D. ’70), is the author’s personal story of his involvement in three important civil rights cases and the impact of these cases for himself, his family and the nation.

Thin Description (Harvard University Press), by John L. Jackson Jr. (B.A. ’93), examines an ethnic group situated along the fault lines of several diasporas—African, American, Jewish—and provides an anthropological account of how race, religion and ethnographic representation must be understood in the 21st century.

Focus on Offenders: The Key to Eliminating Domestic Violence (Kevin E. Reed), by Kevin E. Reed (J.D. ’96), offers discussions on ways that communities can significantly reduce domestic violence and end domestic homicides.

God Smiled on Me (Anointed Rose Press), by Irene Chikaka (B.A. ’66; J.D. ’69), is an autobiographical account of the author’s journey from college to prominence as an educator, community activist and entrepreneur before and after the independence of Zimbabwe.

100 Things I Hate/Love About Dentistry (Teague Principle, LLC), by Evelyn Teague Samuel (D.D.S. ’00), is a professional guide on how to build a successful private practice, using practical solutions to run an efficient dental office.

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The Men I Let Define Love (Pen & Pad Publishing, LLC), by Janelle M. Williams (B.A. 2010), takes a humorous approach to one young college student’s quest for love at a fictional HBCU campus, where she admittedly has made some bad choices in love.

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Howard University

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Please join Howard University and its extended family for the Class Reunion Weekend 2014, May 8th - May 11th. Classes celebrating reunions are those ending in 4 & 9. We extend a hearty congratulations to the members of the Class of 1964 who will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Howard University. Please visit www.howard.edu/alumni/reunions for more details.