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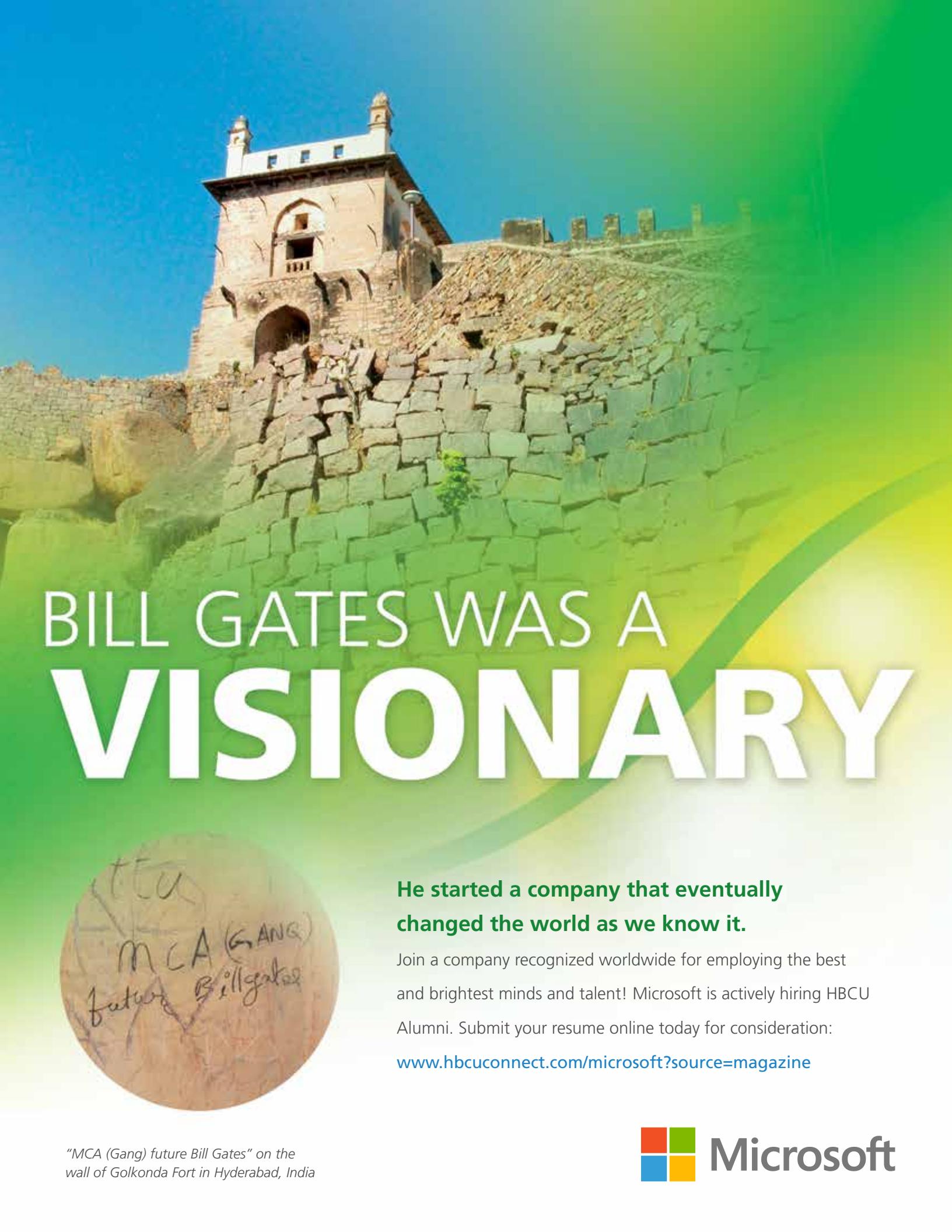
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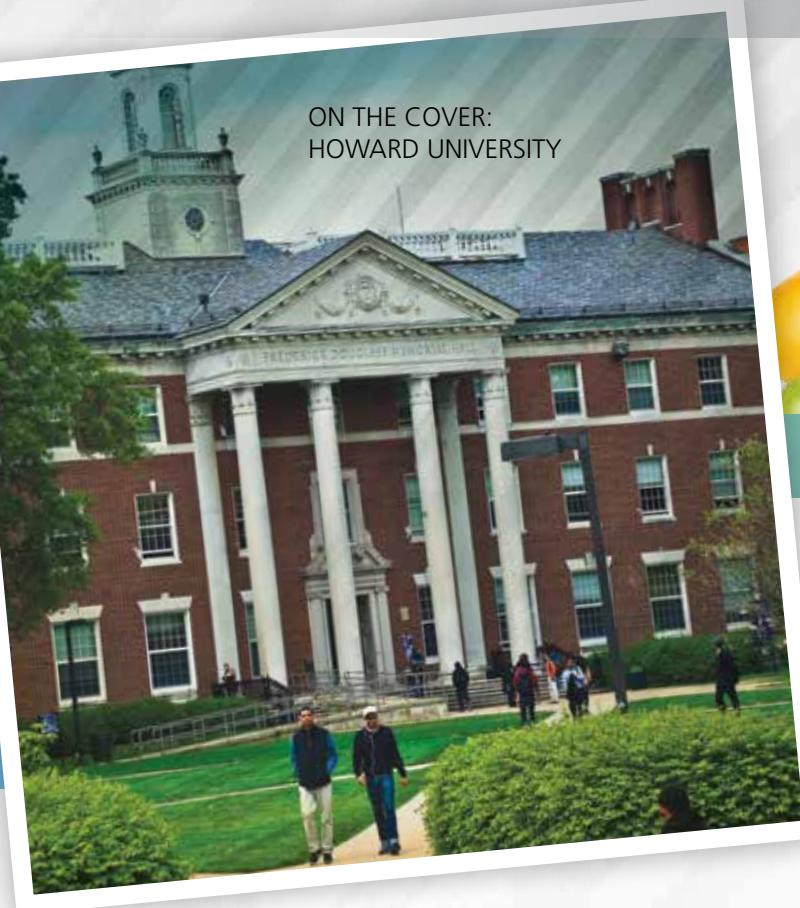
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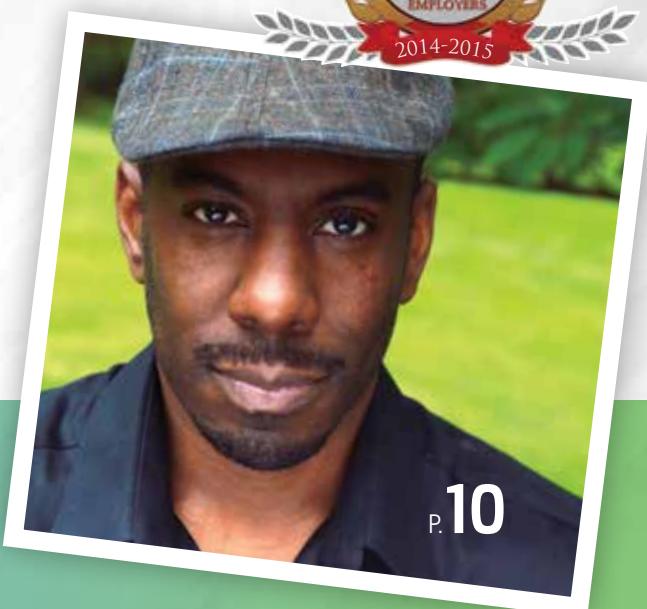
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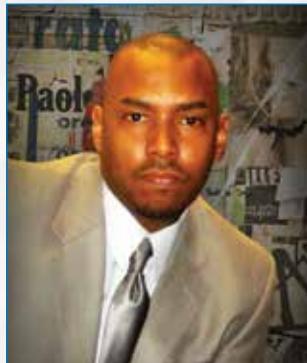
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A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Hello HBCU Family!

In this issue of HBCU CONNECT Magazine, you'll find more great content for and about HBCU Alumni! Staying true to form, the magazine is successfully transforming into a publication that highlights the success of our nation's HBCUs, proven by the success of their graduates!

If you are interested in being featured in the next issue of HBCU CONNECT Magazine, submit your profile to us using the following url:

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Also in this issue you will find some excellent employment opportunities from our partners, Microsoft, College of Lake County, MDRC, TriHealth, Ivy Tech Community College and more. Be sure to take a look at the pages in the magazine featuring their opportunities and visit their websites to find out more and take advantage of the right opportunity for you, or spread the word.

On the horizon for next year, we have great news! We are going to be hosting a new HBCU Alumni & Friends Cruise on Royal Caribbean cruise line. In case you missed the first few cruises we hosted, Royal Caribbean was the best of them all, and we are going to do it again. There will be lots of fun on the ship, including a spades tournament, costume party, exotic destinations for exotic professionals like yourself, so be sure to check out the details here in this issue, and then visit www.hbcucruise.com to sign up for the cruise. Space is limited of course!!

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for staying tuned in to HBCUConnect.com and helping us to stay alive and relevant with over 1.2 million members since 1999. I am humbled by your support and attention to our work. We will continue to stay dedicated to bringing you more opportunities in all aspects of your lives as thriving professionals.

Sincerely,

Will Moss

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HBCU HOMECOMING SCHEDULES

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	START DATE	TIME	CITY, STATE
Alabama A&M University	Grambling State University	10/4/2014	2:00 PM	Huntsville, AL
Alabama State University	Stillman College	11/22/2014	1:00 PM	Montgomery, AL
Albany State University	Clark Atlanta University	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Albany, GA
Alcorn State University	Texas Southern University	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Lorman, MS
Benedict College	Morehouse College	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Columbia, SC
Bethune Cookman University	Howard University	10/11/2014	4:00 PM	Daytona Beach, FL
Bowie State University	Virginia State University	10/18/2014	4:00 PM	Bowie, MD
Central State University	Concordia College	10/18/2014	1:30 PM	Wilberforce, OH
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Lock Haven	10/18/2014	1:00 PM	Cheyney, PA
Clark Atlanta University	Paine College	11/1/2014	TBA	Atlanta, GA
Concordia College	Wesley College	10/11/2014	12:00 PM	Selma, AL
Delaware State University	North Carolina A&T State University	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Dover, DE
Edward Waters College	Newport News Appretice	10/25/2014	3:00 PM	Jacksonville, FL
Elizabeth City State University	Chowan University	10/25/2014	1:30 PM	Elizabeth City, NC
Fayetteville State University	Livingstone College	11/1/2014	2:00 PM	Fayetteville, NC
Florida A&M University	Norfolk State University	11/1/2014	3:00 PM	Tallahassee, FL
Fort Valley State University	Paine College	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Fort Valley, GA
Grambling State University	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Grambling, LA
Hampton University	Morgan State University	11/1/2014	2:00 PM	Hampton, VA
Howard University	Florida A&M University	10/18/2014	1:00 PM	Washington, DC
Jackson State University	Mississippi Valley State University 1	0/11/2014	2:00 PM	Jackson, MS
Johnson C. Smith University	Saint Augustine's College	11/1/2014	1:00 PM	Charlotte, NC
Kentucky State University	Miles College	10/18/2014	1:30 PM	Frankfort, KY
Lane College	Miles College	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Jackson, TN
Langston University	Weyland Baptist University	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Langston, OK
Lincoln University -Missouri	Texas College	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Jefferson City, MO
Lincoln University -Pennsylvania	Elizabeth City State University	10/18/2014	1:00 PM	Lincoln University, PA
Livingstone College	Saint Augustine's College	10/11/2014	TBA	Salisbury, NC
Miles College	Central State University	10/11/2014	4:00 PM	Fairfield, AL
Mississippi Valley State University	Prairie View A&M University	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Itta Bena, MS
Morehouse College	Albany State University	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Atlanta, GA
Morgan State University	North Carolina Central University	10/18/2014	1:00 PM	Baltimore, MD
Norfolk State University	Delaware State University	10/11/2014	2:00 PM	Norfolk, VA
North Carolina A&T State University	Florida A&M University	10/25/2014	1:00 PM	Greensboro, NC
North Carolina Central University	Hampton University	11/8/2014	2:00 PM	Durham, NC
Paine College	Edward Waters College	10/18/2014	2:00 PM	Augusta, GA
Prairie View A&M University	Alabama State University	10/11/2014	2:00 PM	Prairie View, TX
Saint Augustine's University	Fayetteville State University	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Raleigh, NC
Savannah State University	Norfolk State University	10/4/2014	TBA	Savannah, GA
Shaw University	Johnson C. Smith University	10/25/2014	1:00 PM	Durham, NC
South Carolina State University	Savannah State University	11/1/2014	1:30 PM	Orangeburg, SC
Southern University and A&M College	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	10/4/2014	5:30 PM	Baton Rouge, LA
Stillman College	Clark Atlanta University	11/8/2014	1:00 PM	Tuscaloosa, AL
Tennessee State University	Florida A&M University	9/27/2014	6:00 PM	Nashville, TN
Texas College	Wayland Baptist	11/1/2014	2:00 PM	Tyler, TX
Texas Southern University	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Houston, TX
Tuskegee University	Kentucky State University	10/25/2014	1:00 PM	Tuskegee, AL
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Prairie View A&M University	11/8/2014	2:30 PM	Pine Bluff, AR
Virginia State University	Lincoln University - Pennsylvania	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Ettrick, VA
Virginia Union University	Lincoln University - Pennsylvania	10/11/2014	1:00 PM	Richmond, VA
Virginia University of Lynchburg	Wesley College	10/25/2014	1:00 PM	Lynchburg, VA
West Virginia State University	WV Wesley	10/11/2014	1:30 PM	Institute, WV
Winston-Salem State University	Saint Augustine's College	10/18/2014	1:30 PM	Winston-Salem, NC

HBCU CLASSIC SCHEDULES

CLASSIC	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DATE	TIME	CITY, STATE
Palmetto Capital City Classic	Benedict College	South Carolina State University	8/30/2014	5:00 PM	Columbia SC
John Merritt Classic	Tennessee State University	Edward Waters College	8/30/2014	6:00 PM	Nashville TN
MEAC-SWAC Challenge	Alabama A&M University	North Carolina A&T State University	8/31/2014	11:45 AM	Orlando FL
State Farm Labor Day Classic	Texas Southern University	Prairie View A&M University	8/31/2014	4:00 PM	Houston TX
Battle of the Firsts Classic	Lincoln University - Pennsylvania	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	9/4/2014	7:00 PM	Lincoln University PA
Inaugural Classic	Alabama State University	Tennessee State University	9/6/2014	5:00 PM	Montgomery AL
Tiger Bowl	Stillman College	West Alabama	9/6/2014	3:00 PM	Tuscaloosa AL
Missouri Classic	Lincoln University - Missouri	Langston University	9/6/2014	3:00 PM	Kansas City MO
Eddie McGirt Classic	Johnson C. Smith University	Kentucky State University	9/13/2014	2:00 PM	Charlotte NC
AT&T Nations Football Classic	Howard University	Morehouse College	9/13/2014	3:30 PM	Washington DC
Bahamas HBCUX Football Classic	Central State University	Texas Southern University	9/13/2014	5:00 PM	Nassau
Southern Heritage Classic	Jackson State University	Tennessee State University	9/13/2014	6:00 PM	Memphis TN
Two Rivers Classic	UNC Pembroke	Fayetteville State University	9/13/2014	6:00 PM	Pembroke NC
Cape Fear Classic	Shaw University	UNC Pembroke	9/20/2014	TBA	Wilmington NC
Down East Viking Football Classic	Elizabeth City State University	Benedict College	9/20/2014	4:00 PM	Rocky Mount NC
NY Urban League Classic	Howard University	Morgan State University	9/20/2014	3:00 PM	East Rutherford NJ
Chicago Football Classic	Central State University	Morehouse College	9/20/2014	3:00 PM	Chicago IL
Southwest State Fair Classic	Grambling State University	Prairie View A&M University	9/27/2014	TBA	Dallas TX
Louis Crews Classic	Alabama A&M University	Grambling State University	10/4/2014	2:00 PM	Huntsville AL
Circle City Classic	Central State University	Kentucky State University	10/4/2014	3:00 PM	Indianapolis IN
Atlanta Football Classic	South Carolina State University	North Carolina A&T State University	10/4/2014	3:30 PM	Atlanta GA
Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic	Morehouse College	Tuskegee University	10/11/2014	2:00 PM	Columbus GA
Battle of the Bay Classic	Hampton University	Norfolk State University	10/18/2014	1:00 PM	Hampton VA
State Farm Magic City Classic	Alabama A&M University	Alabama State University	10/25/2014	2:30 PM	Birmingham AL
Prince Hall Shriners Classic	North Carolina Central University	Savannah State University	10/25/2014	2:00 PM	Durham NC
Lucille Brown Community Youth Bowl	Virginia Union University	Bowie State University	10/25/2014	1:00 PM	Richmond VA
Commemorative Classic	Johnson C. Smith University	Livingstone College	11/8/2014	1:00 PM	Charlotte NC
Turkey Day Classic	Alabama State University	Stillman College	11/22/2014	1:00 PM	Montgomery AL
Battle of the Real HU Classic	Howard University	Hampton University	11/22/2014	1:00 PM	Washington DC
Florida Blue Florida Classic	Bethune Cookman University	Florida A&M University	11/22/2014	TBA	Orlando FL
Bayou Classic	Grambling State University	Southern University and A&M College	11/29/2014	1:30 PM	New Orleans LA

OUR 2015 TOP 50 EMPLOYERS OF HBCU STUDENTS & GRADUATES

Based on our extensive relationships with faculty and staff at our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the largest database of companies actively hiring students and graduates of HBCUs, HBCUConnect.com has announced their 2015 list of the top 50 employers of HBCU Students and Graduates.

In order for companies to be considered, we use a standard list of criteria that includes a company's HBCU specific outreach, conversations with the companies to learn about their recruitment efforts, relationships the companies have with HBCUs or alumni organizations, and the overall visibility of the efforts made by the companies being considered. Consideration for the actual rankings for the companies was based on their consistency in effort, level of investment, actual hires and creativity in their outreach.

Over the last 12 years, the HBCU CONNECT team has been working hard to connect employers with the talent produced by our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Having a top 50 list is a great way to congratulate and encourage these companies to continue their efforts and to notify HBCU faculty, students and graduates about the employers putting a strong effort towards recruiting them.





1. Microsoft
2. Wal-Mart
3. Monster Worldwide
4. Merck
5. The United States Coast Guard
6. Walgreens
7. McGraw-Hill Financial
8. Department of State
9. Disney Worldwide
10. Nxtex Energy
11. Premier Health Partners
12. MDRC
13. Ford Motor Company
14. College of Lake County
15. L'oreal

16. Infosys Limited
17. Parker Hannifin Corporation
18. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
19. IBM
20. Grand Rapids Community College
21. Verizon Wireless
22. Paul Quinn College
23. Achievement First
24. Brown-Forman
25. CNH Industrial
26. Windstream
27. Oakton Community College
28. UnitedHealth Group
29. Northern Kentucky University
30. KIPP Public Charter Schools
31. Delaware County Community College
32. Fresno Unified School District
33. Unilever
34. Bucknell University
35. Harvard University
36. Land O' Lakes
37. Allstate Insurance
38. NYPD
39. Nebraska Wesleyan University
40. Defense Contract Management Agency
41. Motlow State Community College
42. Transportation Security Administration
43. UPMC
44. Azusa Pacific University
45. Stony Brook University
46. Nationwide Insurance
47. Polk State College
48. Wet Seal
49. Emerson College
50. Central New Mexico Community College





Howard University's Tobi Gadison, has been nominated as Best Actor for his role as Nicholas in the independent film, *Myra's Angel*, at this year's 18th Annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF), in New York City, June 19-22. Conceived in 1997 to promote diversity in film and television, ABFF is dedicated to showcasing quality films by and about people of African descent and new talent in front of and behind the camera. The film, about a man's journey for redemption as he tries to clear his name of a robbery he did not commit, is one of eleven to debut and received six nominations.

Tobi was always attracted to acting and music as an imaginative child growing up in a Washington, DC household rich in HBCU history. "As far back as I can remember, most of my dad's side (Robert E. Brown) attended Xavier University in New Orleans." His maternal great grandfather and grandfather, Drs. Pinkney Marion Henderson and Purvis Sinclair Henderson; and his maternal grandmother, Dr. Helen O. Dickens, attended Howard University School of Medicine. His mother, Dr. Jayne (Henderson) Brown, attended for her post baccalaureate premedical studies

Meet Tobi Gadison:

American Black Film Festival 2014 Best Actor Nominee and Howard Alumni

Written by J. Coleman

and residency. Tobi and his sister, Kai, attended in the 1990's. As a business major "I wanted to be an artist and repertoire talent scout, but never really found my niche. They put me in business, acting and jazz classes but it was not the right fit." So Tobi headed to New Orleans, starting successful landscaping and photography businesses. On the crest of the area's booming film industry he signed with a talent agency after appearing in a church play sponsored his drama ministry. His career took off. He was featured in commercials, local productions and prominent movies such as *Ray*, *Dukes of Hazzard*, *Glory Road* and *Just My Luck*. The decision to dedicate his life to acting came when he saw Don Cheadle in *Devil in A Blue Dress*. "His character did it for me". However, things would change drastically when Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. Tobi lost everything. Displaced and bewildered, he migrated to Los Angeles. He reconnected with friends in the business and perfected his craft. Eventually, Tobi returned to the East Coast to Philadelphia, and while busy with theatre roles and commercials a manager-friend rallied for his role as Nicholas. "I convinced the producers that no one else could deliver the realness of the character like I could". He got the



part. The film was shot locally, as well as in New York. Tobi feels blessed to be an ABFF nominee. "This is a vehicle where we can show and tell our own stories from our perspective, as diverse as anyone else is on this planet." As the multi-layered, marred, and emotionally crippled Nicholas character, Tobi feels the film's take home message is "Be careful of your choices. Although there is redemption for everyone, your choices and relationships affect not just you, but those around you."

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HOW TO Manage and Reduce Emotional Eating

AS A COPING MECHANISM FOR STRESS

If only life could be simpler. If only you had less to do, or more time, you might not be under such stress. Did you know that a survey by the American Psychological Association found that one-third of Americans live with extreme stress? Nearly half said stress is damaging their health, relationships, and work.

Many people turn to eating food, usually high in fat and sugar, to help them cope with stress. Over time, those extra calories and fat can lead to weight gain. Other people do the exact opposite when faced with stress—eating less food than usual or skipping meals altogether.

Whether you're eating too much or too little, using food to help you deal with emotions, such as stress, may lead to poor weight management.



Why Does Emotional Eating Occur?

The link between stress and eating most likely begins in the brain. When faced with a real threat, the body releases chemicals to help you either fight or run away. These chemicals also help curb hunger for a short period of time. However, when faced with ongoing, long-term stress (such as health or relationship problems), many people turn to eating high-fat, high-calorie foods for comfort.

Studies show that eating high-fat foods may help you feel content and satisfied. However, these feelings may be short-lived—foods high in fat actually can increase stress hormones and help keep them high.

What is the real trouble with emotional eating? Once the joy of eating fades, the feelings that caused you to eat in the first place remain. In fact, you might even feel worse after eating the amount or type of food that you did. That's why it's important to learn the differences between physical and emotional hunger.

Physical vs. emotional hunger

Making a connection between eating and your feelings is not always easy. Using a journal can help. Be sure to write down:

- What you ate
- How much you ate
- How you felt at that time (such as being stressed, bored, or anxious)

If you discover that you're eating due to stress:

- Find a replacement activity to do instead. Take a 10-minute break to reenergize. Listen to some feel-good tunes. Do an activity that you enjoy until the urge to eat passes.
- Take a moment before reaching for food. Do you rush through the day without giving yourself a chance to unwind? Take a few minutes when you get home to relax before you eat. Then think about how you're feeling at that time.
- Get rid of the foods that tempt you. Find yourself reaching for the same foods when feeling stressed? Keep them out of the house so you will not be tempted to eat them.
- Eat a balanced diet. Eating a balanced diet—one that contains foods from all of the major food groups—helps give your body the nutrition and energy it needs to fight stress. Having regular meals, carrying nutritious snacks, and planning your meals also may be helpful.

Breaking the cycle

Breaking the cycle of emotional eating can be challenging. However, there are many professionals you can turn to for support. These include:

- Counselors and therapists who can teach you healthier ways to deal with stress
- Dietitians and nutritionists who can help you make healthy food choices
- Fitness experts who can get your body's feel-good chemicals moving through exercise instead of food

If you continue using food to cope with stress or if you have any other questions or concerns, talk to your health care professional. He or she may want to ensure that you're managing your weight safely, and if needed, may suggest professionals who can help you have a healthier relationship with food.

When you're under stress, remember: you're not alone. And some of these small suggestions may be a big help.





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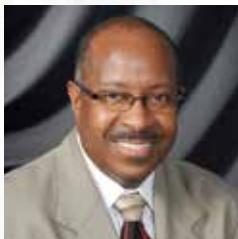
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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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DAMILOLA OLU-AYENI



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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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MAJOR: Political Science
CLASS: 1994
EMPLOYMENT: Temporary Faculty Instructor at California State University, Los Angeles; California State University, Dominguez Hills

Dr. John Spruill III received his undergraduate degree in political science from Hampton University in 1994, and his master's degree in Communicative Sciences & Disorders in 2000. A true hip-hop aficionado, Dr. Spruill is the co-founder of www.professu.com, and is the first in the nation to acquire a dual-title PhD in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences-Gerontology, from Purdue University.

DR. JOHN SPRUILL III

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MAJOR: Agronomy
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MAJOR: History
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EMPLOYMENT: Assistant Vice President for Federal Relations at UNC system



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HBCU CONNECT partners with Merck for novel approach to health

Alliance will connect black audience with targeted lifestyle and health information.

COLUMBUS, Ohio – HBCU CONNECT (www.hbcuconnect.com), the trusted source for community engagement and lifestyle information for the alumni of America's Historically Black Colleges & Universities, recently announced a new partnership with innovative pharmaceutical company Merck (www.merck.com). The alliance, which has just launched, will provide HBCU CONNECT's educated African-American readership with targeted health and lifestyle information relevant to the black community through a dedicated health and wellness microsite (www.hbcuconnect.com/merckengage).

The Health and Wellness microsite will include co-branded content relevant to HBCUCONNECT.com readers while providing a wealth of useful health information and simultaneously offering Merck a unique opportunity to engage this important customer segment. The partnership is designed to offer resources that can improve awareness and help better manage common health conditions prevalent in the African American community.

In addition to the microsite HBCUConnect.com members will have access to all of Merck's consumer offers which include disease management, fitness tips, healthy eating, recipes, and coupon offers by accessing the comprehensive website at www.MerckEngage.com. MerckEngage.com offers health information, tips, and tools website visitors can rely on every day.

"Our readers are smart, conscious consumers and offer our partners a personal link to the most powerful movers and shakers in the African-American community," says Will Moss, CEO of HBCU CONNECT. "We're honored to partner with a corporation of such great stature and look forward to a beneficial business relationship that will benefit both of our institutions as well as HBCUConnect.com's readers."

While its educated African American readership benefits from useful health and lifestyle resources from Merck, HBCU CONNECT presents the pharmaceutical giant with a valuable

marketing opportunity: the potential to reach more than 1.5 million followers across HBCUConnect.com, Facebook, and Twitter. Both brands recognize the value of connecting with the African-American community in such a personal way and look forward to bringing useful health and wellness content to such a crucial network.

HBCU CONNECT is the undisputed leader in uniting alumni of America's foremost HBCUs with valuable resources for career development, community engagement and now even health and wellness. In addition to its flagship site, HBCU CONNECT hosts a number of other sites designed to engage with educated consumers in the African-American community, including BlackNews.com and BlackHealth.org.

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JEROME BAILEY



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 CLASS: 2004
 EMPLOYMENT: Founding Partner / COO at The Petrochemical Standard Inc.



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JOHN MARSHALL



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 CLASS: 1972
 EMPLOYMENT: Managing Director at Dominion Resources, Inc.

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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 EMPLOYMENT: Landscape Designer / Architect at JDDesigns, LLC

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LAURA COLLINS



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LAURON THOMAS

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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 CLASS: 1997
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LEWIS MARSHALL

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LORENZA COFFIN



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 EMPLOYMENT: Administrator at Montgomery County Public Schools

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 CLASS: 1989
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SERGIO ROZZELLE



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 CLASS: 2000
 EMPLOYMENT: Deputy Regional Health Administrator at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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SHENELL BOLDEN

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TAMMI THOMAS



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TIHISHA RAWLINS

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ANTHONY RAY



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 CLASS: 1972
 EMPLOYMENT: Child, Youth & Schools Services Program Specialist at US ARMY

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CASANDRA BLASSINGAME



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 EMPLOYMENT: Student Activities Coordinator at Kentucky State University

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Corey Waites graduated from Kentucky State University in 2009 as a Criminal Justice major. He now works for Kentucky State University as a Student Activities Coordinator in the Office of Student Life. He is passionate about being able to give back and guide students to excellence and graduation from his alma mater.

COREYWAITES

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Curtis Walls, a Landscape Architecture major from North Carolina A&T State University, was the football captain & member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Following college, he worked for Design Workshop and played in the CFL & AFL. Currently Curtis trains with Nascar and is the owner of a non-profit, a consulting firm, Charlotte Greek Picnic, Single Mother Empowerment Symposium, and Nxlevel Charlotte.

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CURTIS WALLS



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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



FULL NAME: Darryl Lassiter
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 CLASS: 1986
 EMPLOYMENT: CEO/Producer-Director at DDL Entertainment

Darryl D. Lassiter is a graduate of Alabama State University. He has produced over 100 music videos, most recently a collaboration with Ann Nesby, Canton Jones, Shonlock & Jeff Sparks. He has also produced a dozen national TV commercials and documentaries. He wrote, produced, and directed "Pay The Price", the first movie ever on Black College Marching Bands.

DARRYL LASSITER

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Deberah Williams is the Founder & CEO of a self owned company called A Fresh Start, LLC. A Fresh Start, LLC educates and trains the community on credit and budgeting. Deberah works with clients all over the country. She partnerships with banks, real estate agents, churches, school and greek organizations to enrich the community on the importance of great credit. This 1985 Norfolk State University graduate also received the Torch Award.

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 CLASS: 1985
 EMPLOYMENT: CEO at A Fresh Start, LLC

DEBERAH WILLIAMS



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Deborah Scott Thomas is President & Chief Executive Officer for Data Solutions & Technology Incorporated (DST), a consulting firm located in Lanham, MD. For the past 20 years, Thomas has been respected for her business acumen and is considered a thought leader with expertise in building successful client teams while focusing on strategic operations and execution. Thomas sits on a host of boards including the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

DEBORAH SCOTT THOMAS

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Derrick Chatman is Owner/CEO of Southern Mecca Records and Owner/Executive Producer of DC's New Artist Profile Radio & Television shows, which has been launching pad for artists including Young Dro, Drama, Nick Branden, Sonny Spoon, Soulism featuring DJ Skillz, CMD Styles, and Jon Aymos, Tana, and so many others. Chatman gives credit to his Morehouse College experience for inspiring his dreams!

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 MAJOR: Business Administration
 CLASS: 1984
 EMPLOYMENT: CEO at DC Productions/ Southern Mecca Records

DERRICK CHATMAN



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Doni Glover is the Founder and President of an indie black news website that specializes in black business and politics. The 1996 McNair Scholar is a step away from his Master's Degree in International Affairs. He's covered news in Jordan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Jamaica, and Canada with 21 visits to cover Obama White House and he hosts a 15-year-old news talk show on Radio One Baltimore.

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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 LOCATION: Newnan, GA
 MAJOR: Business Administration
 CLASS: 1977
 EMPLOYMENT: Pilot at Fed Ex

Drew was the only Black Navy Jet Attack Carrier Pilot in the active US Naval fleet at one time. He grew up in Harlem, New York, and Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. The difference being that in Brooklyn, his Russian immigrant grandparents raised him. Being raised by these two different and diverse cultures makes him a true product and example of America's melting pot.

DREW BROWN III

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Elisha Harris, III better known as "Coach Cadillac" has coached high school and college football for 35 years in Hampton Roads Virginia and North Carolina. His athletes earned a record number of scholarships to Division 1 Universities, five of whom played in the NFL, with three playing in Super Bowls. This 1978 Norfolk State University graduate was a football player and captain of a team that won three back to back CIAA championships.

FULL NAME: Elisha Harris
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 EMPLOYMENT: Teacher at Chesapeake Public Schools



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ELISHA HARRIS



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GARTHEN LESLIE

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 MAJOR: Criminal Justice
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GREGG CAMPBELL



FULL NAME: James Tate
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 EMPLOYMENT: Owner at Beyond W8 Loss Total Wellness Center

James is a certified Health/Wellness/Nutrition coach. In 2010, James weighed in at 415 pounds! Through prayer, changes in his eating lifestyle, and exercise, he has lost and kept off over 200 pounds. James is able to use this experience to relate to and help others achieve and even exceed their wellness goals.

JAMES TATE

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



FULL NAME: Jana Stewart
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 CLASS: 1997
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Jana Stewart is the president and CWO of Jana Stewart Fitness. This 1997 Florida A&M Graduate is also the founder of Bikini Booty Club Fitness, an International health, wellness, and lifestyle company for women. Jana teaches people all over the world about physical and financial freedom.

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LATRIECE PLEASANT



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MICHAEL DOUGLAS



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 EMPLOYMENT: Partner at The Art Brothers at ZuCot Gallery

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 EMPLOYMENT: Regional Chair, Organizational Dynamics and Psychology Programs at Wilmington University

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PATRICE GILLIAM-JOHNSON, PH.D.

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ROSCOE NANCE

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SHERRIE GILBERT



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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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Tiffany Woods is the Owner/Manicurist of Nola Nail Bar, LLC located in New Orleans, La. This 1999 graduate of Grambling State University is also a major advocate for her community. She works with a group of other professionals in the area to help boys, girls, men, women and even animals of the city of New Orleans.

TIFFANY WOODS

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Ms. Tokiwa T. Smith is a social entrepreneur and STEM educator with over 10 years of experience working in education and philanthropy. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Science, Engineering and Mathematics Link Inc., a nonprofit organization that exposes urban youth to STEM and CEO of Kemet Educational Services, a STEM educational consulting firm.

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 EMPLOYMENT: Engineering Educator at Duval County Public Schools



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WILLIAM JACKSON



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 CLASS: 2010
 EMPLOYMENT: Inventory Control Supervisor at Tyco Fire Protection

Zuri Stackhouse is a graduate of South Carolina State University and reigned as Miss SC State 2009-2010. Upon graduation Zuri was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant Logistics Officer and served in the United States Army for four years, achieving the rank of Captain. Zuri currently serves as the Inventory Control Supervisor for Tyco Fire Protection in their Atlanta Distribution Center.

ZURI STACKHOUSE

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CHARMAINE BETTY-SINGLETON



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CHEVELLA THOMAS

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DR. KAREN L THOMAS



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 EMPLOYMENT: New Journal and Guide Newspaper Columnist. at Retired after 36 years in Higher Education Administration NSU and ECSU.

Gerald Tyler retired from higher education administration after 36 years on July 1, 2013. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chancellor and Director of the Cluster Program at Elizabeth City State University. He also served as Director of University Relations, Coordinator of Military Programs, and Director of the Reclamation Project at Norfolk State University. In his retirement, he continues to write the "Pastor's Corner" column.

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



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KANTA CADOGAN

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 CLASS: 1967
 EMPLOYMENT: Operations Manager at DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education



KEN HOWARD



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 EMPLOYMENT: Executive Producer at Grad Student

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LACORA STEPHENS

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FULL NAME: LaQuanah Crawford
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 EMPLOYMENT: PRO Makeup Artist at MAC PRO Cosmetics



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LAQUANAH CRAWFORD



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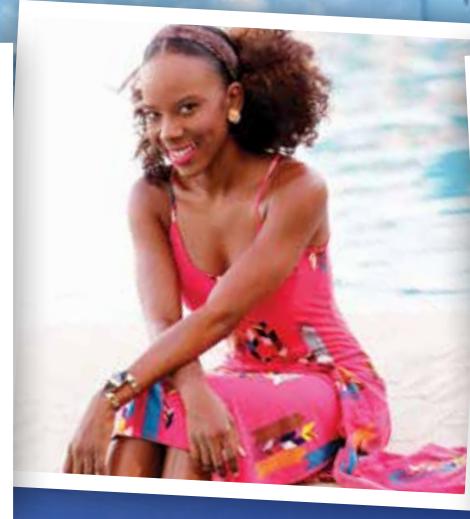
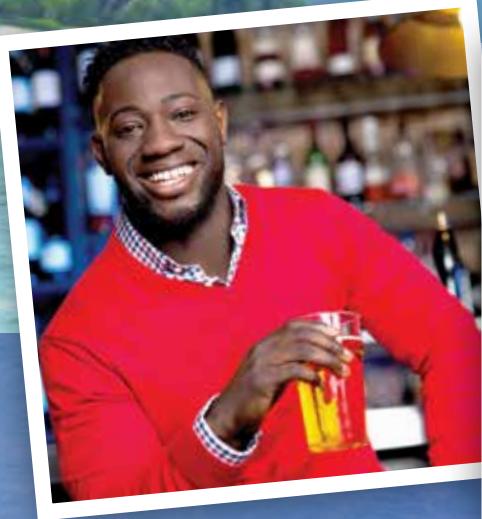
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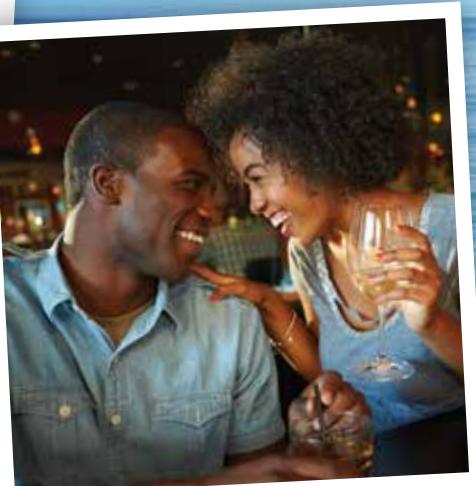
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