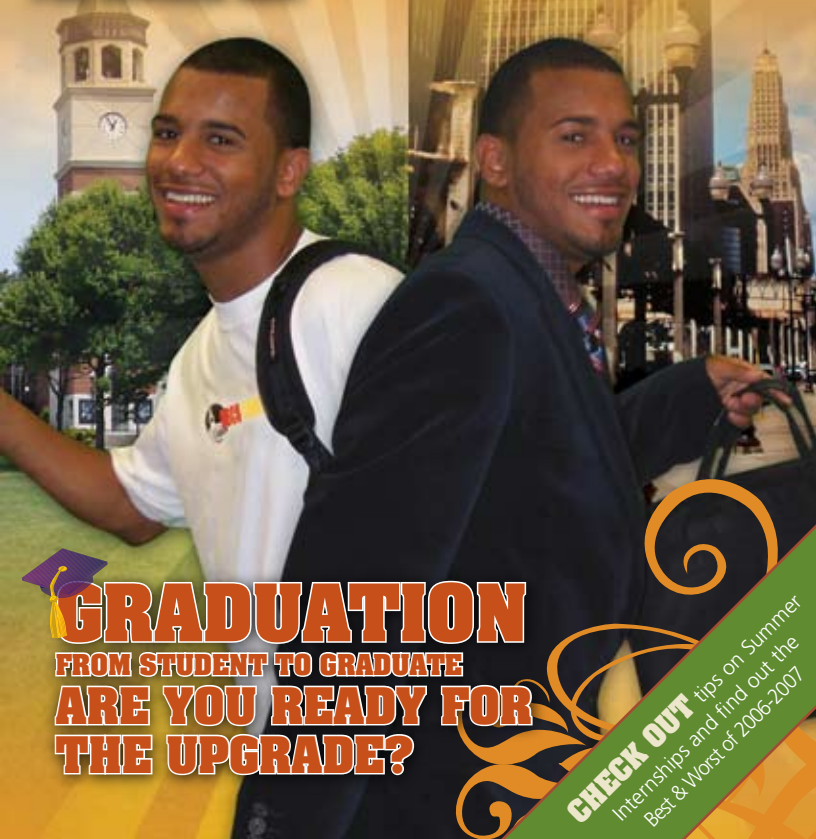


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Will Moss

FROM THE FOUNDER

What's Up! I know that the school year is coming to an end and your brain is probably on overload right now as you deal with graduation, finals, and looking for a summer job.

But don't worry, in this issue we have stayed true to form by providing you with plenty of information to help you find that great job or internship! For the graduating seniors, congratulations, you made it! We have vital tips that will help you along with your journey to the other side: The "real world."

Stay Connected! Be sure to use HBCUCONNECT.COM as a way to stay informed and in touch with your college buddies and the overall HBCU community. We recently revived "The Café", which is a source you can use to bug out with your friends and talk about anything under the sun. Visit: forums.hbcuconnect.com and find out what's crackin'.

As usual hit us up with any questions or suggestions for the website or the "On Campus" edition of our magazine. This magazine is for you, so let us know what you want to see, and we'll keep the opportunities and information coming... So have fun this summer and remember: "HBCUCONNECT.COM—GET CONNECTED!!!"

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information!*

Thanks, Omar

Dear Omar:

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Maximize Your Summer!

By Jessica Johnson



With summer around the corner, it's very tempting to dive right into relaxation mode and major in "Sleep 101", but sleep later and look for scholarship opportunities. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

① Identify an Internship Related to Your Field. Finding an internship related to your field increases your chances of identifying scholarship opportunities.

Many companies provide stipends that can be used towards your tuition. If your internship does not provide a stipend, write a letter thanking them for the opportunity, and ask if they would be willing to make a contribution towards your educational pursuits.

② Make an Appointment with the Financial Aid Department. The summer is normally down time for financial aid offices on most college campuses. Schedule an appointment to talk with someone about

your current financial aid package. Who knows? There may be funds left over from the previous year or newly added donor funds that you may be eligible to receive.

③ Find Out if there is an Alumni Chapter in Your Area.

Many colleges and universities have alumni associations that provide scholarships for both current and prospective students. Take some time to find out if the alumni chapter in your hometown provides funding or any type of assistance with identifying additional funds for your education.

④ Reconnect With The Organizations That Have Already Awarded You Scholarships.

Share with them the highlights of your college experience thus far, and find out if there are any opportunities to receive additional funding.

In addition to www.hbcuconnect.com, try www.scholarships.com and www.collegedata.com for your scholarship search. For more tips on the scholarship application process, visit www.minorityscholarshipquest.org

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You Have Your Diploma—Now What?

By Jehan M. Bunch



Congratulations! You are about to graduate from college and the world is yours to conquer! You prob-

ably have no clue what you're going to do with the rest of your life, or maybe you are one of the really wise people and have it all planned out. Either way, no doubt about it, your lifestyle is changing.

Here you'll find some valuable information and tools to use to navigate you through your new world.

First, you will need some paper. I am not talking about the ordinary writing kind, but that money green kind. This money should be stashed away for an emergency. Perhaps it takes you longer than expected to land that dream job or your car all of a sudden goes dead. Your personal stash will help you get through these

unforeseen situations. So, instead of buying some new Gucci shades with the money you get at graduation save it for a rainy day, you just might need it!

Next, dress for success, but not for a Naomi Campbell affair. You don't need to be a slave to fashion; you can be trendy and smart and look great all at the same time. Be thrifty. Shop at thrift stores and always look for the bargains. You can cut your costs by 75 percent says Nancy Duncan, author of *How to Invest \$50-\$5,000*.

Another great tip is to take the bite out of the lip. Get a pre-paid phone card and control your minutes versus being on someone's contractual plan. By doing this you will be aware of what you're paying for and it's often cheaper.

Okay, now some individuals might find this next tip a little



There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises.' Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.
Author: Orrin Hatch

difficult, but it is vital. Learn to cook. Pack your lunch for work and in the evening cut back on eating out so much. Get in tune with your chef skills and start to bond with your kitchen and you'll save a bundle!

Last but not least once you land your dream job join your company's 401 (k) plans. Most companies let you sign on as soon as an initial probationary period ends. Setting aside 10 percent to 15 percent of each paycheck toward retirement is a good goal.

If 10 percent is stretching it then start with 5 percent and gradually work your way up. "That's like free money," says Beth Kobliner, author of *Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties*. "It's really a no-brainer and something you should do."

Getting your diploma is a huge accomplishment and should not be taken lightly, so continue to work just as hard in the real world and you will graduate into a world of success!

We want to know about your "life after school" experience please send us your story at: jbunch@hbcuconnect.com



EVENTS

¹ CANCUN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (THE JUMPOFF)

Place: Cancun, Mexico

Date: May 25–28, 2007 ★

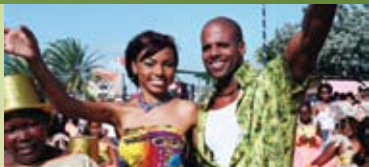
Comments: For anyone that has been to Cancun knows that the FUN is Non-Stop! Each year, more participants agree that this is the hottest spot to be during Memorial Day Weekend. Once again it's on.

² URBAN BEACH WEEK – MIAMI, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Place: Miami, Florida (South Beach)

Date: May 25–28, 2007

Comments: Are you looking for the most exciting urban beach party in the world? The Urban Beach Week is the largest Urban



Festival in the world that caters toward the professional Hip Hop Generation from 23 and over. Approximately 300,000–350,000 participants make the annual trek to South Beach for 4 days full of fun, food, festivities, entertainment, music and more..

⁶ B.E.T. 7TH ANNUAL AWARDS SHOW

Place: Los Angeles

Date: June 26, 2007

Comments: The seventh annual B.E.T awards. Pre-party and after parties with the all the top celebrities and musical artist makes this the hottest ticket in town. You voted the #1 awards show & after party.



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We want to see how much fun you had at these events, so please send your pictures to: jbunch@hbcuconnect.com and we will post them in our next issue and on the website.

THE BEST & WORST ALBUMS OF 2006-2007

By HBCU Connect Members

HBCU Connect polled our members to see what they thought were the best/worst albums of 2006 and most anticipated for 2007.

Check out what they had to say.



Leandra Hudson

Best albums: *Dream Girls* sound track, Lloyd, Pretty Ricky

Worst album: K Fed

Best songs: Walk it out, Ballin, and Like A Boy

Worst Song: Lost with out you, but it wasn't so much of bad thing it just didn't last long.



Darrell Brassell

Best album: Musiq's new one is definitely a hot one!!!



Daniella Peete

Best album: ROMEO thought he was straight clownin in his new video, Ciara album is hot, Wayne, Crimb Mob



Danesha Little

Best album: Corinne Bailey, Musiq, Robin Thicke, Dreamgirls

Sound track

Worst album: Omarion (only 2 nice tracks really) and I can't think of any other CDs that could take this title...



Adesegun Adenekan

Best album: As of right now I have heard no good

albums this year that have actually catch my attention span for longer than a week, rich boy... lifespan of a week, umm musiq souldchild... Unfortunately its no soulstar or ijuswannseing. Rap—NONE. R&B—John Legend, Once Again beautiful CD



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Shed Your Winter Flab for Summer Abs

By Jehan Bunch

With swimsuit weather quickly approaching many of us are faced with the difficult task of shedding our winter flab that we put on during the school year. Well, have no fear, there are several things you can do to get those summer abs and feel and look stunning all at the same time!

1 Keep track of your caloric intake. Believe it or not calories do count, but rather than starve yourself do the opposite and eat more! Most health professionals suggest eating five small meals a day, which will speed up your metabolic rate and will allow your body to absorb and utilize more nutrients. Sounds easy enough right?

2 Divide your calories up. Divide your calories into the correct portions of protein, carbohydrates and fats, yes fats! Great sources of protein are turkey, fish and lean cuts of red meat. Sources of carbs are vegetables, fruits and oatmeal. What about the fat? You don't have to cut it all out, but cut it to a minimum. Instead of going to McDonald's so much try eating foods in their natural state versus processed foods.

3 Go to the gym. Eating the right food is only the icing on the cake. You have to work out to keep the FAT off! Aerobic activities such as bicycling, walking, jogging are all great fat burners. It is suggested that you work out for thirty minutes a day three to five days a week.

4 Take things slow. As in the words of Janet Jackson "Let's wait awhile" it will take some time before you will see any results so be patient. Set yourself a realistic goal for losing the weight. Shoot for 1-2 lbs. per week to lose and keep track of what you eat everyday.

Sources: www.shapeupshop.com



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FEATURED FEMALE

WHO: Meladie Clopton

SCHOOL: Elizabeth City State University

CLASS: 2011

MAJOR: Sociology

REPRESENTING: Aurora, CO

CLAIM TO FAME:

I am going to become the next CSI detective!!! You'll see me on TV walking with all of the celebrities as their personal law enforcement, lol. But i actually hope to marry someone who becomes something good in life! Then you'll see me on his side.



MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT/

PERSON:

My mother!!!

CURRENT WHEREABOUTS:

Colorado!!! UGH (lol)



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MOST WANTED



FEATURED MALE

WHO: Darius Burgess

SCHOOL: Johnson C. Smith University

CLASS: 2009

MAJOR: Computer Engineering

REPRESENTING: Miami, FL

CLAIM TO FAME:

After under grad I'm going to be working for Microsoft. During this time I am going to be attending another HBCU to earn both my master's and doctoral degree in computer engineering.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT/ PERSON:

My most memorable moment in college was when I was name



Mr. Freshmen for the class of 2009.

CURRENT WHEREABOUTS:

At home in Miami Florida



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HBCU BLOGS



THE BIG BROWN BALLER

By Dr. Boyce D. Watkins

I turned the TV on ESPN
I saw the Big Brown Baller again
The one who can jump straight out of the gym
Who scores 50 points and hangs on the rim

The latest great athlete of the NCAA
The next billion dollar asset they won't have to pay
The guy that's encouraged to skip out on class
To run the 40 yard dash for university cash

The Big Brown Baller was on lots of billboards
Coke and Toyota and Walmart and Ford
I hear the "cha-ching" as the college gets paid
Just call him piano cause the boy's getting played

I'm a finance professor, so I'll ask like a geek
How can you put "students" on TV every week,
as they graduate slow, your cash flow will grow
And you never give that player a cut of the dough?

The player can't show me any stuff that he's got
But the coach told me that he just bought a new yacht
Some jewels for his cat, diamonds for his wife's ear
All owed to the fresh negroes he recruited last year

The Big Brown Baller wasn't doing so hot
His mom got evicted, his brother got shot
The NCAA came and put on the clamps
When he tried to buy groceries with his mama's food stamps

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VOTE FOR THE HYPE AWARDS!

By Reginald Culpepper

I have a few questions for you. A friend of mine is thinking about transferring to an HBCU this fall. So he asks me which school he should look at. Naturally, I was biased and mentioned Clark Atlanta University (CAU), my alma mater.

I bragged to him about how nice the campus was, the great city environment of Atlanta, and even how fine the women are.

Then I remembered when I visited Hampton University's campus early last year, they had a nice collection of fine females as well. Then I remembered how nice the campus of the University of Maryland—Eastern Shore had looked when I was there to deliver a few boxes of our first issue of HBCUConnect "On Campus" magazine. So at that point, I took off my biased hat and told him that each school is special and he would have to research the schools himself. But he kept hounding me like I knew the answer. So I need your help. Here are my questions:

Which campus looks the best?
Who has the best band?
Who has the finest females?
Who has the best looking men?
Which campus boasts the best Greek life?

I had even more questions than that but I just wanted to throw those out for you to ponder over. So let's see:

Best campus—Clark Atlanta ✓
Best band—Clark Atlanta ✓
Finest females—Clark Atlanta again ✓
Best Looking men...





Huh? You don't like my picks? Have you ever BEEN to Clark Atlanta? Hmmmm. So you think that another school can beat my school? Let's put it to the vote. I set up a section on the site so that the whole HBCUConnect community can let everyone else know who has the best. Here is your chance to hype up your school.

Welcome to the Hype Awards!

The Hype Awards let you vote for the best campus, the best parties, the best cheerleaders/dance teams, and even the best cafeteria food (*yeah, right! *). The finalists will be announced in our next magazine issue as well as on the web site. To vote, simply log into HBCUconnect.com (http://www.hbcuconnect.com/hype_awards.cgi), where you can place your vote and see who is leading in each category.

Not only can you vote on your school, but we also give you a chance to PROVE IT! Prove it by uploading photos or video footage of why your school deserves the top spot. I have already uploaded some video of the lovely ladies of the CAU dance team so my proof is there. Where is yours?

So what are you waiting for? Norfolk State? Better vote for your school or you could very well see Hampton on top. You got any pictures that provide solid proof that your school has the best parties? Upload them and let everyone else see for themselves. I mean, people can talk all they want, but a picture is worth a thousand words and video is worth even more.

So now that you know, let me get back to my voting and I will see you all on the web site!

Best homecomings—Clark Atlanta ✓

Best school spirit—CAU all day baby! ✓

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