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Awards Dinner*

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Greetings:

As Mayor of Atlanta and an alumnus of Howard University, it gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to the Howard University Alumni Club of Atlanta as you host your *Charter Day Awards Dinner*.

This year marks the 146th anniversary of the charter enacted by the United States Congress and signed by President Andrew Johnson on March 2, 1867, which established Howard University. To honor its founding, the Howard University Alumni Club of Atlanta promotes excellence in education through professional development, community service and scholarship. The dedication of the Howard University Alumni Club of Atlanta ensures that the institution continues its commitment to educating students and preparing future leaders.

I am the proud product of an HBCU and believe that I am the 59th Mayor of Atlanta in large part because of my experiences at Howard University as both an undergraduate and law school student. Your presence tonight demonstrates your unwavering commitment to our future generation by ensuring they have access to a high quality education. I appreciate your invaluable contributions to our youth and celebrate your hard work and dedication to helping them succeed.

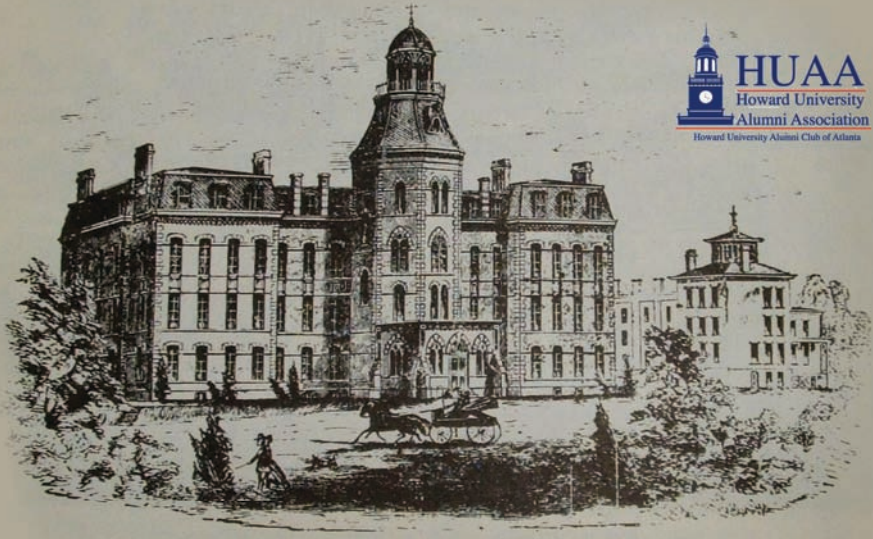
I also pay tribute to this year's honorees: The Honorable Kimberly Esmond Adams, Dr. Jaha Howard, Nancy Flake Johnson, Chip Joyner and Dr. Olly Duckett. Your diligence and devotion to promoting excellence in leadership and community empowerment enriches the lives of students and ignites their desire to become scholars and maintain involvement in their community.

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, I extend best wishes to honorees, distinguished guests and Howard alumni for a memorable occasion. Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of our young scholars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kasim Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kasim Reed



Howard University in Washington, D.C., was incorporated on March 2, 1867, by an act of Congress.

Program

Reception
Welcome
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies
Invocation
Dinner
Entertainment
University Remarks
Trailblazer Award
Law Award
Community Empowerment Award
Entertainment
Business Award
Medicine Award
Closing Remarks
Alma Mater

Dr. Olly C. Duckett

Dr. Olly C. Duckett is a proud double alumnus of Howard University, earning both a Bachelor of Science in chemistry (HU '59) and medical degree (HU '62). While at Howard, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Chapter.

Dr. Duckett began his anesthesiology career with an internship at Mercy Douglas Hospital in his native Philadelphia, PA. In 1964, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a Captain and General Medical Officer stationed at Otis Air Force Base. He became a staff anesthesiologist for Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, CT, and at Shriner's and Wesson Memorial Hospitals in Springfield, MA. In 1972, he moved

to Atlanta, GA where he practiced for the next fifteen years. While there, he earned his certification as a Diplomate in the American Board of Anesthesiologists, served as anesthesiology department chairman of Southwest Community Hospital and Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, and as a staff anesthesiologist at Hugh Spaulding Pavilion.

In 1987, Dr. Duckett returned to Howard University Hospital, serving as clinical director, vice chairman and chairman for the Department of Anesthesia; and chairman of the hospital's Committee on Drug Screening Protocol. In 1990, he became the Director of the Department of Anesthesia for Bon Secours Hospital in Baltimore, MD, where he remained until his retirement in 2005.

Dr. Duckett, a lifelong supporter of Howard, served the University with distinction. His involvement includes President of the HU Alumni Club of Atlanta; member of the University's President Search Committee; and Charter Life member and executive board member of the HU Medical Alumni Association. This year, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his medical school graduation, Dr. Duckett is donating \$50,000 to establish an endowed scholarship.

Dr. Duckett married Carolyn E. Brown Duckett (HU '62). They have seven children (five of whom attended Howard University) and twelve grandchildren (one currently a Howard sophomore). Although Dr. Duckett and Mrs. Duckett are divorced, they remain life-time friends.



Dr. Jaha Howard

Dr. Jaha Howard is a pediatric dentist with a thriving private practice in the Vinings area of Atlanta. His practice is committed to excellence in dentistry and compassion toward every family. His professional mission statement reads: "A+ Pediatric Dentistry of Atlanta will provide an exceptional dental home for children of all social, ethnic, and medical backgrounds; and will foster a warm and loving environment while promoting practical oral health education for families."



This year, Dr. Howard celebrates 10 years as an alumnus with a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Howard University. During his undergraduate career he served in various capacities in student government, including Undergraduate Trustee. He was also initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Chapter. Later in 2007, he received his dental degree at Howard, finishing among the top of his class and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. He then trained at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he received the distinction as a specialist in pediatric dentistry along with a master's degree in Oral Sciences.

Dr. Howard grew up in southwest Atlanta and is a proud Mays High School graduate. He and his wife, Vanessa (HU c/o '04), have been married over five years and have two children, Garrison and Joy Gabrielle. Dr. Howard is an active part of his community. He often makes fun-filled appearances at various schools where he educates children of all ages on the importance of a healthy smile. Dr. Howard also has the pleasure of serving as a deacon at the West End Church of Christ where he works directly with evangelism efforts in Atlanta. He gives all praise to God and desires that others see Christ through him.

Nancy Flake Johnson

In 2008, Nancy Flake Johnson became the President/CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, Inc.. Nancy is passionate about collaborations and advocates for empowering our community through education, urban economic development, workforce development, civic engagement and entrepreneurship.



Nancy earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at Howard University and a Master of Science in Taxation at DePaul University in Chicago. Ms. Johnson was a certified public accountant for more than 15 years and worked in Atlanta at Arthur Andersen & Co. and later Coopers & Lybrand. She also operated her own accounting, tax and business development consulting firm in Detroit. Nancy joined The Urban League Movement as the Vice President of Programs for the Detroit Urban League in 2006.

Nancy served as the Executive Director of the Howard University Small Business Development Center and adjunct professor in the Howard University School of Business for 10 years. While at Howard, she created small business development programs and special events including the annual conference “Salute to Blacks in Business” that honored successful Black entrepreneurs from across the country. She also created and served as Executive Producer/Co-Host of “The Small Business Magazine” television series presented by WHMM that aired on public television stations across the country. Nancy also served on the Board of Advisors of the Howard University Entrepreneurship Institute.

Nancy’s service includes the Clark Atlanta University School of Business Board of Advisors, City of Atlanta Workforce Development Board, various National Urban League Task Forces, Georgia Education Equity Collaborative, U.S. Department of Human Services Strengthening Families Task Force, and Leadership Atlanta. She has received numerous awards including Atlanta Business League Most Influential Women of Atlanta and a Leadership Excellence Award by The Women of The Atlanta Job Corps. Nancy is single, a native of Detroit and the proud stepparent of Camille, Sarah, and Philip Johnson who reside in Southfield, Michigan.

Judge Kimberly E. Adams

The Honorable Kimberly M. Easmond Adams earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard University and her Juris Doctor Degree from the Notre Dame Law School. She was recently elected to her second term as a Judge on the Superior Court of Fulton County. Prior to her election to the bench in 2008, Judge Adams served as a Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney for nearly six years. She began her public service career in 2002 after more than three years of practice as an employment attorney.



A past president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA), Judge Adams has served her community in a number of capacities, including; the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Technical College Foundation, The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, and Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association and the Foundation of Wesley Woods. Judge Adams is the Chair-Elect of the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section and serves as parliamentarian of the National Bar Association Judicial Council. She also is an active member and officer of Cascade United Methodist Church; and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Judge Adams has been the recipient of several honors and awards, most notably, Who's Who in Law and Business by the Atlanta Business Chronicle (2006); Superwoman by Atlanta Tribune Magazine (2011); Woman of the Year - "Ordinary Woman With Extraordinary Talents" by Women Looking Ahead News Magazine (2008), the Gate City Bar Association Thelma Wyatt Moore Legacy Award and the Alvin McKenna Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Notre Dame Law School Black Law Students Association. Judge Adams was named to the Atlanta Business League's 2012 List of Atlanta's Top 100 Women of Influence. In 2012, Judge Adams received the Spirit of GABWA Award – GABWA's highest award; and she was honored with The Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service.

Judge Adams is an alumnus of both Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia.

She resides in Atlanta with her husband, Michael. They are the proud parents of a son, Michael.

Chip Joyner

Darren “Chip” Joyner, a 1992 graduate of Howard University, is a restaurant industry veteran with over 15 years of management experience. He has managed stadium concessions at The Forum in Los Angeles and during the U.S. Olympic Games, both in Atlanta in 1996 with Host Marriott Services and Los Angeles with Ogden Food Services in 1984, and airport concessions at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. Chip’s management experience includes tenure as Director of Operations at the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, then the world’s busiest airport, where he co-managed a team of 100 managers and 800 full and part-time employees.



Currently, Chip is the owner and operator of The Real Chow Baby restaurant on Ponce. Prior to opening The Real Chow Baby in 2010, Chip founded Joyner Ventures, LLC, a restaurant consulting, management and investment company. Joyner Ventures, LLC became co-owner of the original The Real Chow Baby restaurant, which opened in 2006. Chip also served as Vice President of Taco Joy,

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Victor Blackwell

Howard University alumnus Victor Blackwell joined CNN August 2012 as an anchor and correspondent based in the network's headquarters in Atlanta, GA. Blackwell co-anchors CNN Newsroom Saturday mornings with Randi Kaye. Prior to CNN Victor was anchor for WPBF 25 News in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts. He has received an Emmy award, several regional Emmy nominations and Associated Press Awards, two Telly awards, and honors from the Society of Professional Journalists. He earned the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award and the UNITY Award, both from the Radio and Television Digital News Association, for a special report on the disproportionate dropout rate amongst young black men. Blackwell's recent reporting includes the fall of Lance Armstrong and the powerless Carnival Triumph in the Gulf of Mexico, and the seven day hostage standoff in Alabama.



Latrese Bush

Soulful songstress Latrese Bush has performed as a background vocalist for Grammy Award winning artists ranging from Jennifer Holiday to Justin Bieber. From Bluffton, SC, her acting debut was in *The Fighting Temptations*, also performing background vocals on the soundtrack. Her credits further include appearances with Tyler Perry's and Palmer Williams' productions. Check out one of her most recent artistic projects: featured vocalist on Joey Sommerville's

"The Get Down Club".



Anthony Shackelford

Anthony Shackelford left Gainesville, Florida in 2000 headed for Howard University and has taken the country by storm every day since. He preaches a ghetto gospel using his in your face truths to rouse laughter in diverse crowds. Anthony Shackelford will make you laugh and educate you at the same time. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Inc. and a graduate of Howard University. twitter.com/SHACKDD



DJ Kemit

Howard Alum Kevin Hyman also known as DJ Kemit (BA '92) is the creator of "4Evermore," the No. 1 Adult Urban Contemporary song that put Anthony David on President Obama's radar. To his credit, DJ Kemit has been spinning since 12 years old. Among his credentials, include working as *Arrested Development's* production manager until 1996. Since then, he's worked with artists such as Jean Baylor of Zhane and behind the scenes professionals like Craig Love, producer for Usher. DJ KEMIT is instrumental in guiding the house, soul and hip-hop scenes in Atlanta – and beyond.

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We welcome the high school students in attendance who have been accepted to Howard University. These students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement throughout their secondary school career. Many have been awarded scholarships by the University and other organizations as distinguished scholars. While most have expressed a genuine interest in becoming a Howard University student, there are others whose decision we are hoping to influence through sharing the uniqueness of who we are during this occasion.

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Alma Mater

Reared against the eastern sky
Proudly there on hilltop high,
Far above the lake so blue
Stands old Howard firm and true.
There she stands for truth and right,
Sending forth her rays of light,
Clad in robes of majesty;
O Howard, we sing of thee.
Be thou still our guide and stay
Leading us from day to day;
Make us true and leal and strong,
Ever bold to battle wrong.
When from thee we've gone away,
May we strive for thee each day
As we sail life's rugged sea,
O Howard, we'll sing of thee.

Lyrics, J. H. Brooks, 1916

Music, F. D. Malone, 1916