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NATIONAL WINNERS OF THE 6th ANNUAL MICROSOFT WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER SKINS CHALLENGE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Washington, D.C., (May 3, 2007) – Howard University in conjunction with Microsoft Cooperation and the National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE) will host the Microsoft Windows Media Player Skins Challenge awards program on Friday, May 4, 2007 at 4 p.m. on the University’s main campus.

The awards program includes an interactive showcase of the 2007 Windows Media Player Skins finalists representing Howard University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Purdue University-Indianapolis and Norfolk State University. This year, for the first time, students at selected high schools also competed.

The competition is a product of a partnership with Howard University, Microsoft and NSBE designed to encourage underrepresented minorities to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Skins Challenge provided the opportunity for the young minority participants to develop skills with XML, Object Oriented Programming and Digital Art.

WHAT: **Windows Media Competition Inspires Future Computer Scientists and Engineers**
The Windows Media Player Skins Challenge winning teams will be announced during an awards program at Howard University.

WHO: Team finalists from Howard University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Purdue University-Indianapolis and Norfolk State University.

WHEN: Friday, May 4, 2007
4-6 p.m.

WHERE: Howard University
Blackburn Center, Auditorium
2400 Sixth Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Note: Before and after the program, attendees are welcome to tour the “HU Nano Express,” a mobile laboratory enabling nanotechnology.

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