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**Howard University Graduate School to Sponsor Second  
Annual Edward Alexander Bouchet Forum**  
*Julian M. Earls, Ph.D., to Serve as Keynote Speaker*

**Washington, D.C., September 12, 2007** – Howard University Graduate School will sponsor the Second Annual Edward Alexander Bouchet Forum in its quest to continue to promote diversity in doctoral education and the professoriate. During the ceremony, new inductees will be honored who exhibit the characteristics of academic excellence and service exemplified by Bouchet during his lifetime.

The Bouchet Honor Society was established in 2005 by graduate students and administrators at Howard University, the nation's largest on-campus producer of African-American Ph.D. recipients, and Yale to commemorate Edward A. Bouchet, the first African-American to obtain a Ph.D. degree in the United States, which he received in Physics from Yale in 1876. The goal of the Bouchet Honor Society is also to produce graduates of high caliber who are prepared to be scholars and committed to providing advanced higher educational opportunities for graduate students across the nation.

In addition to Howard and Yale, other leading research universities participating as member institutions of the Society have included Cornell, Georgetown, Washington University at St. Louis, and the Universities of Washington and Michigan.

**WHAT: Second Annual Edward Alexander Bouchet Forum**

**WHO:** Keynote Speaker, Julian M. Earls, Ph.D., Executive in Residence, Nance College of Business Administration, Cleveland State University, and co-chair, Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council for the State of Ohio

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, 10 a.m. to Noon

**WHERE:** Howard University (Main Campus)  
School of Business Auditorium  
2600 Sixth Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.

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