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**Bow Wow and Omarion Announced as Howard University's 2007
Homecoming Ambassadors and Grand Marshals:**

*R&B Legend Chaka Khan to Serve as Grand Mistress of Ceremonies for the Parade and
International Supermodel and Actor Tyson Beckford to Again Host the Chevy Showcase of Bands*

Washington, D.C., October 5, 2007 – Howard University announced today a star-studded line-up for Homecoming 2007: *RARE...Rekindle an Amazing Remarkable Experience* with a host of celebrity icons from the fashion, film and music industries. Actor, rapper and music producer Bow Wow and Omarion, singer, actor and author, will be the 2007 Homecoming Ambassadors and Grand Marshals.

Our annual Homecoming celebration is a much anticipated event here at Howard, and this year is no different," said Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert. "Certainly, it is a wonderful opportunity to relax and be entertained in an atmosphere of friendship and family, and for our alumni to reconnect with Alma Mater. As usual, we have an exciting line-up of activities and I know it will be a joyous event for all."

The *Hollywood Howard Homecoming Parade*, will feature more than 20 bands from the community and across the country in the Ninth Annual Chevy Showcase of Bands. R&B legend **Chaka Khan** will serve as the Grand Mistress of Ceremonies. Celebrity judges include **Bow Wow and Omarion** (Homecoming Ambassadors and Grand Marshals); eclectic actress (D.C. native and Howard University alumna) **Taraji Henson** ("Baby Boy", "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation", and "Four Brothers"); R&B artist **Tank**; international supermodel and actor **Tyson Beckford**, host of the Chevy Showcase of Bands; international modeling pioneer, trailblazer, and talent icon **Bethann Hardison**; **Melyssa Ford**, model and TV-show host; and **Steven Nichols** (alumnus, class of 07) former "Real World" participant.

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Per Homecoming custom, following the parade, **Bow Wow and Omarion** will participate in the official coin toss for the 1 p.m. kick-off Homecoming Football Game between the Howard Bison and the North Carolina A&T Aggies on Saturday, October 20. Homecoming events spanning October 12-20 will also include Yard Fest, Alumni Gala, R&B and Gospel Concerts and more.

For more information about Homecoming 2007, *RARE...Rekindle an Amazing Remarkable Experience*, visit www.bisonhomecoming.com.

Howard University is a private, research university that is comprised of 12 schools and colleges. Founded in 1867, students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Since 1998, the University has produced two Rhodes Scholars, a Truman Scholar, a Marshall Scholar, 19 Fulbright Scholars and 11 Pickering Fellows. Howard also produces more on-campus African-American Ph.D. recipients than any other university in the United States. For more information on Howard University, call 202-238-2330, or visit the University's Web site at www.Howard.edu.

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Schedule Highlights:

Mr. & Miss Howard University Pageant

“Sankofa”

Friday, October 12, 2007 | 7 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

Student \$5/General Admission \$8

Coronation Ball

“Relics of Royalty”

Saturday, October 13, 2007 | 7 p.m.

TBA

General Admission \$20

Gospel Show

“My Super Hero....Jesus is His Name”

Sunday, October 14, 2007 | 7 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

Student \$10/General Admission \$15

Comedy Show

“License to Laugh: A Night of Comedic Euphoria”

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 | 7 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

Student \$15/General Admission \$20

Fashion Show I & II

“The Art of War”

Thursday, October 18, 2007

7 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

Student \$15 & \$20/

General Admission \$20 & \$25

Yardfest 2007

“Code RED”

Friday, October 19, 2007 | 12 p.m.

Upper Quadrangle “The Yard”

FREE

R&B Concert

“Rare Moments in the Making”

Friday, October 19, 2007 | 7 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

Tier \$30/Orchestra \$35

Homecoming Parade

“Its a Hollywood Howard Homecoming”

Saturday, October 20, 2007 | 10 a.m.

Main Campus

FREE

Homecoming Game

“Howard Bison vs. North Carolina A&T Aggies”

Saturday, October 20, 2007 | 1 p.m.

Greene Stadium

For ticket prices, please contact the Athletics Department

Step Show

“The True Howard Story”

Saturday, October 20, 2007 | 7 p.m.

D.C. Armory

General Admission \$25