



JHJSOC Alum Bria Lewis, Howard Alum Phylicia Rashad, JHJSOC Alum Niquanda Brown at The Red & White Ball.

HOWARD ALUMNI CELEBRATE WITH EBONY

EBONY Magazine's three-day film festival, *Hollywood in Harlem* took place August 3-5th to celebrate Harlem Week and African-Americans' contributions to the world of cinema. Howard alumni, many from the John H. Johnson School of Communications, contributed to the star studded events which highlighted the achievements of Black entertainers. Invited guests included Spike Lee, Halle Berry, Loretta Devine, Debbie Allen, Phylicia Rashad, Ving Rhames and other African-American film industry greats.

JHJSOC alumnus and EBONY Associate Publisher Jeff Burns Jr. said, "We are pleased to be able to present this celebration of African-American film once more. With the generous help of our corporate partners, this promises to be an unforgettable event."

The festivities began with a tribute to African-American Women in Cinema and the presentation of the Hattie McDaniel Award. Additional events included The Walt Disney Company Family Day and the highly anticipated EBONY Red & White Ball which featured a salute to the Harlem Legends of Cinema.

EBONY Presents Hollywood in Harlem was sponsored by Cadillac with additional sponsorship by The Walt Disney Company, the United States Postal Service, GVC Networks, Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and Moet Hennessy USA.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2, 2006



Dennis Haysbert
Screening of "The Unit"
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October 13-15th

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October 19th-20th

Annual Communications
Job Fair



Greetings.

As we continue to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the John H. Johnson School of Communications, we are encouraged by the outstanding achievements of our alumni. We look forward to your return during the homecoming celebrations when we unveil our 1st Annual John H. Johnson School of Communications Alumni Weekend. [More...](#)

Throughout the year, we will continue to provide you with informative updates about your fellow alumni and, the exciting achievements of our students and faculty members.

Sincerely,



Jannette L. Dates, Dean

ALUMNUS EAGER TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AT THE JOB FAIR



Emmy Award winning, John H. Johnson School of Communications Alumni employed at ESPN. Ashley Ross, Jeff Anderson, Meshie Knight, Stan Verrett, Marcus Matthews, Michael Lyle, Cheré Boone, Kimothy Brown, Timothy Harmon, Aisha Chaney

In a rush to meet the Job Fair application deadline, JHJSOC students have gathered in the Office of Career Development to receive help with their resumes and to explore career options. The annual John H. Johnson School of Communications School of Communications Job Fair takes place October 19th-20th in the Blackburn Center.

Each year, students from across the country ascend to campus for the largest college communications job fair geared toward minorities in the country. "The Job Fair is the primary vehicle through which communication students can meet, network and interview with a national group of industry professionals. It provides a forum for students and practicing professionals to gain information about industry trends, ownership changes and technological advances in communications", expressed Carol Y. Dudley, coordinator of the annual event. Panel discussions are reflective of the various sequences offered in the School, and provide alumni with an opportunity to give back. Stan Verrett (SOC '82) ESPN anchor, will lead an exciting and informative panel entitled "How To Get Your Foot In The Sports Broadcasting Door".

Verrett is among the JHJSOC family at ESPN. Alumni currently working at the station have received six day time Emmy's and sing the praises of the nurturing environment at Howard and, the Annual Communications Job Fair.

The School of Communications gave me the training I needed to excel in the highly competitive field of broadcast journalism. It wasn't just the skills that I took from Howard that have been so important to my career. I also left with confidence instilled by a faculty and staff who believed in me and my classmates. My Howard experience still resonates. Now, the pride and responsibility of carrying on our School's rich tradition of producing outstanding communications professionals is part of what drives me in my career pursuits."

**Stan Verrett, Anchor
ESPNEWS**



Students interact with recruiters at the 2005 JHJSOC Job Fair

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The School of C not only gave me all of the technical and professional skills needed to achieve success, it also gave me a strong sense of self and confidence that has enabled me to stand out from the crowd in any educational or professional situation."

Depelsha Thomas McGruder
VP Business Operations & Strategy
MTV Networks
BA - Broadcast Journalism '94
MBA, Harvard Business School, '98

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YOUNG ALUMNI NEWS

"Howard manages to package a preview of the world in a snow globe. You get the chance to practice and prepare for the world prior to really being in it. In everything from the Administration to lounging on the yard, Howard finds some way to teach you something that you will learn from for the rest of your life." Jason Hightower



Jason Hightower '06

Jason Hightower, 2006 film graduate of the John H. Johnson School of Communications, is the first Howard University student to participate in the highly competitive Directors Guild of America's (DGA) Assistant Director Training Program. Hightower, who was also an Annenberg Honors Fellow, now works alongside television, screen and theater directors and attend seminars and special assignments under the supervision of DGA members. Upon completion of the two-year program, Hightower will be eligible to join the DGA as a second assistant director.

Founded in 1936, the DGA represents more than 12,700 members working in U.S. cities and abroad. Its mission is to protect the legal and artistic rights of directorial teams, contend for their creative freedom, and strengthen their ability to develop meaningful and credible careers.



Maxine Moffett '06

Maxine Moffett, a 2006 legal communications graduate in the John H. Johnson School of Communications, has received a Fulbright Scholarship to study and research at the Yaoundé University in Yaoundé, Cameroon, for 10-12 months beginning in October 2006. She also will maintain the Web site, "The Bridge," which will document the plight of AIDS activism throughout Africa. She hopes to link workers and activists in the field to develop a network that works to solve challenging situations. A native of Aurora, Illinois, Moffett first traveled to Africa during her senior year in high school as a Rotary Scholar. She spent time in Zimbabwe studying British literature and history.

JHJSOC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Stacy Anderson

Stacy A. Anderson is a senior print journalism major and business administration minor in the John H. Johnson School of Communications. The Atlanta native just completed a summer internship at the Wall Street Journal. Anderson has interned at washingtonpost.com, the Washington Examiner, BET.com, and CNN. She has also attended the New York Times Journalism Institute and the Rodgers Visit Program at the University of California-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism.

Anderson has been active on campus, serving last year Business and Technology editor of the Hilltop. She will return this fall as a copy editor. Anderson would like to pursue a career at a daily newspaper covering media, marketing and consumer reporting.

"I'm highly motivated and driven to succeed, but no one makes it on their own. I wouldn't have been able to accomplish as much as I have, if it wasn't for Ms. Dudley and Dr. Kaggwa in the School of Communications. I made it a point to annoy and visit Ms. Dudley's office frequently when I was an underclassmen and she has done so much for me. She has gone out of her way to make sure I accomplish what I set out to do. As for Dr. Kaggwa, he calls his students his 'sons and daughters' and he really means it. I have spent countless hours in his office just seeking his advice and guidance and I hope he realizes the value and wisdom he brings to students", expressed Anderson.

"I hope that alumni can come back and share their stories of success to motivate students. It only fuels the fire to see professionals that once sat at these very desks and walked these halls."

A NOTE FROM THE JHJSOC STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Treasured Alumnus:

My name is Debbie Origho and I serve as the Director of Alumni Relations for the John H. Johnson School of Communications Student Council. We are reaching out to our alumni to return to campus for an alumni reunion weekend during Homecoming 2006. Although you are no longer a student, we want to show our support and gratitude for the path that you have set for us to follow and to celebrate the strides you have made in your career, your life, and your community.

I invite you to join the John H. Johnson School of Communications Student Council in conjunction with the Office of the Dean for the JHJSOC Alumni Weekend: "**Relive the Memories...Capture new Moments!**" Alumni from the classes of 1971-1996 join us for a **Communications Summit and Networking Reception** on Friday, October 13, 2006. Then, Homecoming Saturday, October 14, 2006, everyone is invited for a **Family Reunion** all day on the Yard. Visit the John H. Johnson School of Communications tent where we will have give-a-ways and a pre-game reception. The weekend will conclude on Homecoming Sunday, October 15, 2006 with the **JHJSOC All Class Alumni Brunch** in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom. We will honor all of our beloved Alumni with a brunch and an awards ceremony with Dean, Jannette L. Dates.

As a current student in the *School of C*, I value the opportunity to interact and engage with alumni from my school, and I, along with my fellow classmates, hope you will join us for this exciting weekend! If you are able to attend any of our alumni events please complete and return the enclosed forms by October 4, 2006. If you have any questions, I can be contacted through email at pdcco@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon and may you continue to proudly represent the John H. Johnson School of Communications.

Sincerely,

Debbi Origho
Director of Alumni Relations
JHJSOC Student Council

A MESSAGE FROM JENNIFER OWENS, HUSA PRESIDENT



Jennifer Owens SOC '07

Greetings Alumni!

As a current student of the John H. Johnson School of Communications, I bring you hearty greetings from the Howard University Student Association. I am extremely proud to be a product of the illustrious "School of C" and am looking forward to finishing off my matriculation and becoming an alumnus.

The Howard University Student Association has been working diligently to accomplish the "mighty" but attainable goals set forth by the current administration, 46. In working towards these goals, HUSA operates with the desire to be a viable force within the Howard University John H. Johnson School of Communications, where all aspects of Howard are benefiting and gaining knowledge from its student leaders and this, of course, includes you.

I thank the Howard University alumni that have supported the students, but especially those who graduated from John H Johnson School of Communications, for their support of those who followed. We must never forget the commonalities we share as members of the Howard family and always remember the need for a continuous relationship with Howard and its alumni. For without Howard's long legacy of alumni, Howard would not be Howard University.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Owens
President
Howard University Student Association