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Celebrating the 144th Anniversary of the Founding of the College

Thursday, February Seventeenth, Two Thousand Eleven
10:45 ante meridian

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
In the City of Atlanta
History of Morehouse College

In 1867, two years after the Civil War ended, Augusta Institute was established in the basement of Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga. Founded in 1787, Springfield Baptist is the oldest independent African American church in the United States. The school's primary purpose was to prepare black men for the ministry and teaching. Today, Augusta Institute is Morehouse College, which is located on a 66-acre campus in Atlanta and enjoys an international reputation for producing leaders who have influenced national and world history.

Augusta Institute was founded by The Rev. William Jefferson White, an Augusta Baptist minister, cabinetmaker and journalist, with the encouragement of The Rev. Richard C. Coulter, a former slave from Augusta, Ga., and The Rev. Edmund Turney, organizer of the National Theological Institute for educating freedmen in Washington, D.C. The Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Robert, trained minister and physician, was appointed the Institute's first president by William Jefferson White.

In 1879, Augusta Institute was invited by The Rev. Frank Quarles to move to the basement of Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta and changed its name to Atlanta Baptist Seminary. Later, the Seminary moved to a four-acre lot near the site on which the Richard B. Russell Federal Building now stands in downtown Atlanta. Following Robert’s death in 1884, David Foster Estes, a professor at the Seminary, served as the institution's first acting president.

In 1885, when Dr. Samuel T. Graves was named the second president, the institution relocated to its current site in Atlanta's West End community. The campus encompases a Civil War historic site, a gift of John D. Rockefeller, where Confederate soldiers staged a determined resistance to Union forces during William Tecumseh Sherman's famous siege of Atlanta in 1864. In 1897, Atlanta Baptist Seminary became Atlanta Baptist College during the administration of Dr. George Sale, a Canadian who served as the third and youngest president from 1890 to 1906.

A new era, characterized by expanded academic offerings and increased physical facilities, dawned with the appointment of Dr. John Hope as the fourth president in 1906. A pioneer in the field of education and civil rights, he was the College's first African American president. Hope, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University, encouraged an intellectual climate comparable to what he had known at his alma mater and openly challenged Booker T. Washington's view that education for African Americans should emphasize vocational and agricultural skills.

Atlanta Baptist College, already a leader in preparing African Americans for teaching and the ministry, expanded its curriculum and established the tradition of educating leaders for all areas of American life. In addition to attracting a large number of talented faculty and administrators, Hope contributed much to the institution we know today. Upon the death of the founder in 1913, Atlanta Baptist College was named Morehouse College in honor of Henry L. Morehouse, the corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society.

Dr. Samuel H. Archer became the fifth president of the College in 1931 and headed the institution during the Great Depression. He gave the school its colors, maroon and white, the same as those of his alma mater, Colgate University. Archer retired for health reasons in 1937. Dr. Charles D. Hubert served as the second acting president until 1940, when Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays became the sixth president of Morehouse College.

A nationally noted educator and a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mays is recognized as the architect of Morehouse's international reputation for excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. During the presidency of Mays, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bates College and the University of Chicago, the number of faculty members grew and the percentage holding doctoral degrees increased from two to 34 out of 65 teachers. The College earned global recognition as scholars from other countries joined the faculty, an increasing number of international students enrolled, and the fellowships and scholarships for study abroad became available. Morehouse received full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1957, and Mays' 14-year effort to win a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Morehouse was realized in 1968. Charles E. Merrill served as chairman of the College's board of trustees.

In 1967, Dr. Hugh Morris Gloster, class of 1931, became the first alumnus to serve as president of the College. Under his leadership, Morehouse strengthened its board of trustees, conducted a successful $20-million fund-raising campaign, expanded the endowment to more than $29 million, and added 12 buildings to the campus, including the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. Morehouse established a dual-degree program in engineering with the Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Michigan and Boston University. Gloster founded the Morehouse School of Medicine, which became an independent institution in 1981. He appointed Dr. Louis Wade Sullivan its first dean; Sullivan later became the school's first president. Dr. Gloster is recognized as the founder of Morehouse School of Medicine.

In 1987, Dr. Leroy Keith Jr., class of 1961, was named eighth president of Morehouse. During the Keith administration, the College's endowment increased to more than $60 million, and faculty salaries and student scholarships significantly increased. Construction of the Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Science Building was completed, Thomas Kilgore Jr. Campus Center and two dormitories were built, and Hope Hall was rebuilt. In 1994, Nima A. Warfield, a member of the graduating class that year, was named a Rhodes Scholar, the first from an historically black college. Under Dr. Keith's leadership, the “A Candle in the Dark” Gala was founded in 1989 to raise scholarship funds.

In October 1994, Dr. Wiley Abron Perdue, a member of the class of 1957 and vice president for business affairs, was appointed the third acting president of Morehouse. Under his leadership, national memorials were erected to honor Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and internationally noted theologian Dr. Howard W. Thurman, class of 1923. Perdue launched an initiative to upgrade the College's
academic and administrative computer information systems, finalized plans to build a dormitory and undertook construction of a 5,700-seat gymnasium to provide a basketball venue for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

On June 1, 1995, Dr. Walter Eugene Massey, class of 1958, was named ninth president of Morehouse. Massey is a noted physicist and is the former senior vice president and provost of the University of California System. Massey called on the Morehouse community to renew its longstanding commitment to a culture of excellence. Under his leadership, Morehouse embraced the challenge of providing its students a quality 21st century education and the goal of becoming one of the nation's finest liberal arts colleges.

Academically, Morehouse expanded its dual-degree program in natural sciences with the Georgia Institute of Technology to include other institutions and social science majors; launched the Center for Excellence in Science, Engineering and Mathematics with a $6.7-million U.S. Department of Defense grant; and established a new African American studies program.

The Division of Business Administration and Economics was accredited by the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Business (AASCB), resulting in Morehouse being one of only a handful of liberal arts colleges in the country that has both AASCB accreditation and a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The College also earned its re-accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 1993, Morehouse established the Center for International Studies, which was renamed in 1998 for former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Jackson Young. In 1995, the College established The Leadership Center, which includes diverse programs that foster leadership skills and encourage community involvement.

Under President Massey, Morehouse also improved its physical infrastructure. The Leadership Center building opened its doors in August 2005. Its occupants include The Leadership Center at Morehouse College, the Division of Business Administration and Economics, the Bonner Office of Community Service, the Emma and Joe Adams Public Service Institute and the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs and Global Education. Other campus enhancements included improvements to dormitories, the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel and classroom buildings; major renovations to the Archer Hall Student Center and Chivers-Lane Dining Hall; and the construction of Davidson House Center for Excellence, the John H. Hopps Technology Tower, a five-hundred-car parking deck and campus bookstore.

In the past several years, Morehouse has achieved several notable milestones. In December 2001, Christopher Elders, class of 2002, became Morehouse's second Rhodes Scholar. In the fall of 2003, Oluwabusayo “Tope” Folarin, class of 2004, was named the College's third Rhodes Scholar. Also in 2003, The Wall Street Journal named Morehouse one of the top 50 most successful schools across the nation when it comes to sending students to well-known, well-respected graduate and professional schools. In 2004, Black Enterprise magazine ranked Morehouse College the No. 1 college in the nation for educating African American students for the third consecutive term.

On February 14, 2003, Morehouse launched the public phase of The Campaign for a New Century, the most ambitious campaign in the history of the College. When the Campaign culminated in June 2006, the College had exceeded its $105-million goal, raising $118 million.

Also in June 2006, Morehouse received the coveted collection of personal papers of alumnus Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which includes more than 10,000 handwritten notes, letters, sermons, books and other paraphernalia.

On July 1, 2007, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin Jr., class of 1975, became the 10th president of Morehouse. He is a former president of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), the graduate theological seminary of the Atlanta University Center consortium. At Emory University, Franklin served as the Presidential Distinguished Professor of Social Ethics and was a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at the Emory School of Law.

Under Franklin's administration, the Howard Thurman Educational Trust Committee was convened to preserve, expand and deepen the impact of one of the College's greatest alumni who helped to transform modern American Christianity. The College also has been the recipient of several significant gifts, including $1.75 million from The Coca-Cola Company for emergency student scholarships; $1 million from Delta Air Lines for the Joseph E. Lowery Endowed Scholarship Fund; a $1-million, multi-year grant from UNCF for the HBCU Institutional Advancement Program (IAP); a three-year, $2-million grant awarded to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel by the Lilly Endowment to plan the “WorldHouse Initiative Realized” (WHIR) Program.

As Morehouse prepares to celebrate a century and a half of challenge and change, the College continues to deliver an exceptional educational experience that today meets the intellectual, moral and social needs of students representing more than 40 states and 14 countries—a distinguished institution dedicated, as always, to producing outstanding men and extraordinary leaders to serve humanity with a spiritual consciousness.
Program

Presiding
Dr. Weldon Jackson ’72
Provost and Senior Vice President
The Office of Academic Affairs

PROCESSIONAL
“Crown Imperial”
Sir William Walton

FESTIVE PRELUDE
“Entrata Festiva, Op. 93”
Flor Peeters
In Commemoration of the Centennial Celebration of the Morehouse College Glee Club
Brass and Organ
Dr. James Abbington ’83
Visiting Professor of Church Music
Mr. Christopher Stanley ’11, Trumpet I; Mr. Anthony Scruse ’14, Trumpet II; Mr. Allen Jones ’11, Trombone I;
Mr. Christopher Patterson ’13, Trombone II; Mr. Jordyn Gantt ’13, Timpani

PRAYER
The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr.
Dean, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
John Stafford Smith
Naval Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

HYMN
“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”
J. W. and J.R. Johnson

THE OCCASION
Provost Jackson

ANTHEM
“Your Voices Raise” (from Chandos Anthem 9)
George F. Handel
arr. A.T. Davison

GREETINGS
Dr. Robert Michael Franklin ’75
President, Morehouse College

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
President Franklin

ADDRESS
The Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III ’71
Senior Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church
President, State University of New York at Old Westbury
New York, New York
SPIRITUAL

“Soon-ah Will Be Done” arr. William Dawson

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE:
Doctor of Humane Letters
The Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III ’71

THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENTS:
Mr. Arthur J. McClung Jr. ’66
Dr. Robert E. Steele ’65

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 OTIS MOSS JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS

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*THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE HYMN

“Dear Old Morehouse” J.O.B. Moseley ’29

**RECESSIONAL

“Voluntary in G” Harold R. Nutt

Dr. Roy L. Belfield ’90
Organist

Dr. David E. Morrow ’80
Associate Professor and Director of the Morehouse College Glee Club

Dr. David F. Oliver
College Organist

Ceremonial Marshals

Dr. Tobe Johnson ’54
Macebearer and Chief Marshall

- Marshals of the Faculty: Dr. Melvin Rahming, Dr. Shirley Thompson
- Marshals of the Platform Party: Dr. David Cooke, Dr. Maureen Dinges, Dr. Uzee Brown ’72, Dr. Marcellus Barksdale ’65
- Marshals of the Students: Dr. Curtis Clark ’70, Dr. Curtis Crocket t’84, Mr. Alvin Darden ’72, Dr. Keith Hollingsworth, Dr. Elania Jemison-Hudson, Dr. Keith Howard, Dr. Willie Rockward, Dr. Robert Tanner
- Marshal of the Alumni: Mr. Henry Goodgame ’84

*Those who are able, please stand.
The Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III ’71, senior pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, has led the community development renaissance of Harlem, one of black America’s most storied neighborhoods. Butts’ influence also has extended far beyond the boundaries of his native New York City.

Butts has led a number of boycotts against institutions that practice racist policies and employment discrimination. Joined by religious leaders and other officials across the country, he led a campaign to eliminate negative billboard advertising in New York City communities. He was also at the vanguard of exposing rap music that includes violent and negative lyrics targeted at women. Butts’ boycott efforts have helped to sensitize the nation to the evils of exploitive advertising, and he continues on a mission to uplift the ethical standards of the human community.

In the Harlem community, Butts and Abyssinian congregation have been devoted to the community development initiatives surrounding homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, cultural awareness and ecumenical outreach.

Butts is one of the founders and serves as chairman of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a community-based, not-for-profit organization responsible for more than $600 million in housing and commercial development in Harlem. He also was instrumental in establishing the Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change—a public, state-of-the-art, intermediate and high school in Harlem. Butts also led the opening of the Thurgood Marshall Academy Lower School in September 2005.

A graduate of Morehouse College, Union Theological Seminary and Drew University, Butts is also president of State University of New York at Old Westbury. He has guided the campus as it has grown its enrollment, added full-time faculty, and expanded the services it provides to support and aid students. Under his leadership, the university earned accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, has invested more than $4 million in cutting-edge technologies, has also introduced five new residence halls and a new Student Union, and secured $72 million towards construction of a new academic building for the campus.

Butts also has taught in the African Studies Department at City College, New York; Black Church History at Fordham University; and continues to give lectures and speeches to colleges, universities and various organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

Outside of the classroom, Butts has been in myriad social and civic leadership positions. He is chairman of the board of North General Hospital in Harlem and the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; board member of the New York Blood Center, the American Red Cross of Greater New York, New Visions for Public Schools, and American Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn.

His international efforts include being a former president of Africare, an independent organization dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life in rural Africa.

Butts is the recipient of numerous commendations and honors, including the Man of the Year Award from the Morehouse College Alumni Association; Morehouse’s Candle Award; the William M. Moss Distinguished Brotherhood Award; and the Louise Fisher Morris Humanitarian Award. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Prince Hall Masons (having received the 33rd final degree in Masonry), and was recognized as a Living Treasure by the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
The Presidential Award of Distinction Recipients

Arthur J. McClung Jr. ’66

When Arthur McClung Jr. ’66 graduated from Morehouse College with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, it was the beginning of a life dedicated to building community-wide relationships. McClung gained engineering experience at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation and IBM and later transitioned into consumer relations roles at the Atlanta Urban League and the U.S. Action Agency.

In 1982, McClung joined the Georgia Power Company, one of the nation’s largest generators of electricity, as a consumer affairs representative. During his tenure with Georgia Power, he held seven additional positions, each one with more responsibility than the previous. When he retired in 2008, McClung was serving as director for the City of Atlanta Operations; he was the single point of contact for Mayor Shirley Franklin and was responsible for keeping the company abreast of all issues affecting business relationships with the City of Atlanta.

A devoted alumnus, McClung is an active member of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association and has served the College as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Advisory Board. In 1996, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. International Board of Sponsors. In 2000, he was awarded the Alumni Award for Public Service.

McClung currently serves on the board of directors of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity and the Georgia Perimeter College Foundation. He also is a member of the National ScoutReach Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. McClung completed the Program for Management Development at Harvard Business School and is a member of the Harvard Business School Alumni Association. Over the years, he has given leadership to the American Association of Blacks in Energy; Kiwanis International, Georgia District; the MARTA Board of Directors; the Fulton County Development Authority; Georgia Citizens for the Arts; United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta; and the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP, among others. He is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, Leadership Cobb, and the Regional Leadership Institute.

McClung and his wife, Angela—a Spelman alumna and a retired special education teacher—are the parents of one son, Art McClung III, also a Morehouse graduate.

Robert E. Steele, Ph.D. ’65

Robert E. Steele ’65 has been a leader in a diverse range of areas, including African American art and culture, public health, education and psychology.

Steele completed his studies at Morehouse, and in 1968, he received a master’s degree in divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School. He later earned a master’s degree in public health from the Yale School of Medicine, and he also earned a doctorate in psychology from Yale University.

In his early career, Dr. Steele was a chaplain at Metropolitan Hospital in New York, and he became an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1968. While a student at Yale, Steele held several graduate teaching fellowships and worked in the surrounding community as a mental health practitioner. He also served as an organizational consultant to various institutions and programs. In 1975, Steele joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Maryland, College Park, as an assistant professor—a position he still holds. From 1997 through 2004, he also served the University of Maryland as the associate dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Steele, who has published approximately 20 articles in professional journals and contributed to more than 20 technical reports, was appointed to the President’s Commission on Mental Health Task Force on Religious Support Systems by President Jimmy Carter. In 2001, he was added to the Yale Alumni Public Service Honor Roll.

A member of the American Psychological Association, the National Association of Black Psychologists, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and the Religious Research Association, Steele is a member of the board of directors for the Association of Yale Alumni in Public Health.

Currently, Steele is the executive director of the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland, College Park. Pieces of his personal art collection have been traveling to exhibit venues on the East Coast since 2002. He serves as a member of the Governing Board of the Yale University Gallery of Art, the Board of Directors of the National Black Arts Festival, and the Board of Directors of Brandywine Workshop in Philadelphia. Steele is also a member of the Collectors Club of Washington, D.C., Inc. and the New York Print Club.
Dear Old Morehouse

Dear old Morehouse, dear old Morehouse
We have pledged our lives to thee;
    And we’ll ever, yea forever,
    Give ourselves in loyalty.

        True forever, true forever
    To old Morehouse may we be;
    So to bind each son the other
    Into ties more brotherly.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit
Make us steadfast, honest, true
To old Morehouse and her ideals
And in all things that we do.

Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev’ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
        Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies;
        Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
        Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
    Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
        Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
    Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
        Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
        Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light;
    Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
        Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
    True to our God, true to our native land.