The Morehouse College Adams Scholars Program is committed to shaping a core of students who will set a standard for excellence in service to the community.

**More Adams Quotes**

“Doing community service not only benefits me, but it benefits others as well”
Johnnie L. Morris ’19

“My service through the Adams Program has given me the ability to have a meaningful impact on my community. The condition of the underprivileged in the Atlanta community is dark and desolate, but the Bonner/Adams programs are a bright beacon of light from which the Atlanta community has come to depend on and cherish.”
Frederick Slaughter ’20
The Adams Scholarship Program is named after Mrs. & Mr. Emma and Joe Adams of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Joe Adams had been the long time friend and manager for the late singer/songwriter Mr. Ray Charles who was also charitable supporter of Morehouse College. The Adams and Mr. Charles were all recipients of Honorary Degrees from Morehouse College. The Adams’ generosity toward Morehouse college has been evident since 1994, when they first began to make annual donations to the Emma & Joe Adams Scholarship Program. This program supports 28 students who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to community service, and who seek to balance that commitment with academic excellence.

In 1998, at a Morehouse on the Move function in Los Angeles, the Adams announced that they would grant Morehouse an additional $1.5 million over the following five years with a considerable portion being earmarked for the Leadership Center where the program is physically housed.

In 2005, staff from the Office of Community Service, along with 20 Adams Scholars made an unforgettable trip to Los Angeles to engage in community service on Emma & Joe Adams’ turf. Arranged by several Morehouse College alumni, Adams Scholars served at a number of agencies in Watts and surrounding communities. The experiences proved eye-opening for Adams Scholars, as it gave them the opportunity to forge west-coast partnerships.

After having the opportunity to meet personally Emma & Joe Adams, the scholars were thrilled to embrace the legacy of this phenomenal duo. With mutual respect and admiration, the BOCS staff was pleased to announce the continued support of the Adams to the tune of an additional two million dollars. The program was now to remain in perpetuity, one of Morehouse College’s premier service organizations.

Each year, 28 young men commitment to rendering more than 350 hours annually in support of some of the following community partners:
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- M. Agnes Jones Elementary
- Kipp Strive Academy
- Fulton County Juvenile Court
- Raising Expectation Program

Program Overview

Quotes from Adams Scholars:

“The little things you do today will make a better tomorrow for someone else.”
Branden Marshall ’17

“Service is planting seeds in the minds of young lives, so when you go you leave behind a forest of knowledge.”
Haki Pratt ’18

“Service is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact on young lives and leave a lasting legacy!”
Jonathan Mensah ’19

“The spirit of service is the heart of humanity.”
Kristopher Shemwell ’19

SUMMARY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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