The National Alumni Council of the UNCF

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Dear fellow alumni, students and friends,

I am truly pleased to report that we celebrated a great 2015 Leadership Conference in the “Queen City” of Charlotte, NC on February 19-22, 2015!!

Many hours of planning were spent in preparation for the Conference and the attendance indicated that the planning was worth the time and energy. We thank the 10 host member institutions – Allen University, Benedict College, Bennett College, Claflin University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, Morris College, Saint Augustine’s University, Shaw University and Voorhees College. They each played a vital role in conference planning. We thank the Local Host Committee, the local UNCF staff and all volunteers for the energy, enthusiasm and vigor they demonstrated in working together to bring our Conference to fruition.

We were extremely excited about this year’s schedule featuring some very outstanding speakers and presenters. The Legacy Award Gala featured our Hall of Honor and Outstanding Young Alumni representatives from member institutions, James E. Stamps Award recipient, Bill McGill Male Scholarship and our newest award, the Charles Stephens-Ernest Fair Female Scholarship.

The Legacy Award recipients this year featured two individuals who have earned recognition in their own right for community service, support of education and support of the students attending our member institutions. They are Bishop George E. Battle, Jr, Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and Mrs. Mary Breaux Wright, International Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

A special “thank you” is extended to Sam Burston, Rubye Taylor-Drake and Kristina Broughton who worked extremely hard to answer the many challenges we had to resolve during this entire process. Their level of commitment is an inspiration for each one of us.

We are especially grateful for the support of all of our sponsors – corporate, individuals and organizations – who provided financial resources to help fund this Conference. We are truly inspired by the continued interest in helping young people obtain an education. After all, they are our future leaders.

Most of all, however, we are grateful to those individuals who supported the 2015 UNCF NAC/NPAC Leadership Conference with their attendance. They found the Conference to be exciting, informative and enjoyable, as well as an opportunity to network with colleagues, friends and others.

Again, on behalf of the National Alumni Council and National Pre-Alumni Council Board of Directors, we thank everyone who shared with us and helped us to truly enjoy our visit to the “Queen City” of North Carolina!! We trust that you will find this edition of our newsletter to be informative and interesting, as we share with you the many activities conducted during this Conference! We hope it will inspire to you to join us in 2016 as we gather in New Orleans to celebrate the annual UNCF 70th National Alumni Council and 57th National Pre-Alumni Council Leadership Conference.

Respectfully,

Dorothy K. Colson, President
Guest Speakers

Opening Assembly Luncheon Speaker: Kenston Griffin – Best-selling Author, Trainer and Coach

Leadership Luncheon Speaker: Denise S. Hartsfield – District Court Judge

The Hall of Honor distinction is awarded to individuals nominated by their institutions who meet at least the following criteria: earned undergraduate or graduate degree from the institution, outstanding achievement in their professional, civic or community activities and/or distinguished service to their alma mater. There were 29 Hall of Honor members inducted:

Allen University  Eliza Brown-Spurling
Benedict College  Arthur Tucker
Bennett College  Elayne Gibbs-Jones
Bethune-Cookman  Rufus L. Wilson, Sr.
Clark Atlanta  Priscilla Boston-Florence
Dillard University  Dr. Warren Jones
Edward Waters  Malachi Beyah
Fisk University  Robyn Jefferson-Sims
Florida Memorial  Eric “KO” Wilson, Sr.
Huston-Tillotson  Robert G. Stanton
J. C. Smith Univ.  Marion H. Massey
Lane College  Teresa Jones, Esq.
LeMoyne-Owen  Sadie Wiley
Livingstone College  Susan Watson
Miles College  Arnetta Hilliard
Morris College  Ruth McFadden Pendergrass
Oakwood University  Michelle Cooper
Paine College  George Bailey
Philander Smith  Veronica Nesbitt
Rust College  Paula Drungole-Ellis
St. Augustine’s  Dr. Willnella Patray-Peters
Spelman College  Edwina Palmer-Hunter
Talladega College  Walvid D. King, Sr.
Texas College  Gwenolyn Wilkinson-White
Tougaloo College  Dr. Diana Grant-Burke
Tuskegee Univ.  Burdett Rowe
Voorhees College  David G. Miller
Wiley College  Lillian Banks
Xavier Univ.  Dr. Brandy Gallien

The Outstanding Young Alumni recipients must have received their undergraduate degree from the institution in the last 10 years and have made outstanding contributions to his/her alma mater, the community and/or UNCF. There were 21 Outstanding Young Alumni member inducted:

Allen University  Angela R. Norton
Benedict College  Tameka Brown
Bethune-Cookman  Jerrica M. Lee
Edward Waters  Jessica Georges
J. C. Smith Univ.  Alexis Bibbs
Lane College  Fisher P. Smith
Livingstone College  Chad Lewis
Miles College  Arnetta Hilliard
Oakwood University  Frank Harrell, II
Paine College  Kisha Lucette
Philander Smith  Roderick L. Dunn
Rust College  Portia E. Ellis
St. Augustine’s  Eve Craig
Spelman College  Michelle Bradley-Emebo
Talladega College  Seddrick T. Hill, Sr.
Texas College  Mardell Y. Lloyd
Tougaloo College  Shirlethia V. Franklin
Tuskegee Univ.  Justin Germany
Voorhees College  Dayvion Goddard
Wiley College  Jessica Edmond-Mathis
Xavier Univ.  Heather A. Brighthart

Other Award Recipients:

Legacy Award Honorees: Mary B. Wright – International Grand Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
George E. Battle – Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church

James E. Stamps Award: Sherry Paramore, Area Development Director; Bethune-Cookman University

Bill McGil Male Scholarship: Martin R. Curry, II, Talladega College

Stephens-Fair Scholarship: Kierunya Davis, Tuskegee University

Miss UNCF Competition Winners (Based on Per Capita)

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Grand Total Raised: $92,634.00
The following information reflects fund-raising reports from Inter-Alumni Council Chapters for the past fiscal year.

### Inter-Alumni Councils Chapters

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**GRAND TOTAL ----** $713,168.84

Awards were presented as follows:

- **Tier One**
  - **First Place** Chicago IAC
  - **Second Place** Greater New York IAC
  - **Third Place** Washington, DC IAC

- **Tier Two**
  - **First Place** Philadelphia IAC
  - **Second Place** Columbus IAC
  - **Third Place** Dayton IAC

- **Most Improved** Chicago IAC

It was an exciting Leadership Conference!!! The workshops were great and provided an opportunity for alumni, student and staff to share together their thoughts, ideas and to learn from each other. We appreciate the support of all involved, especially those volunteers who worked non-stop to make it a success. A special thank you is extended to the Charlotte Local Host Committee for an awesome job planning this year’s convention.
My focus the past two years has been on recruiting UNCF graduates and undergraduates to become active in their appropriate constituent groups (National-Pre-Alumni Council, Inter-Alumni Councils, and National Alumni Associations) of the National Alumni Council. I have had the pleasure to serve as a keynote speaker; training presenter and a greeter/hostess for recent UNCF events: Dayton’s IAC, James E Stamps Breakfast; Northern Cleveland, IAC Membership/Volunteer Presentation and Columbus IAC HBCU College Fair and UNCF Mayor’s Luncheon.

I personally seek opportunities to share and raise awareness on the importance of the UNCF institutions. I try to introduce small facts about UNCF in my conversation with individuals I meet. One day riding in the elevator at my job as a public health consultant, I introduced myself to a dynamic young woman. So when I asked where she attended college her response made me smile. Afterwards, I invited her to lunch to discuss her participation with the Columbus IAC and the NAC. Please read about UNCF’s investment Sierra Mullen below.

The thought of pursuing a career in public health never crossed Sierra Mullen’s mind until her junior year at Spelman College. It was a professor in the College’s Environmental Science and Studies department who provided that introduction. Sierra had enrolled in an “Introduction to Environmental Science” course primarily to fulfill her natural science requirement. Unbeknown to that professor, Sierra had no intention of expanding her knowledge about “plants and trees.” But that soon changed when Sierra delved further into environmental issues related to illness and disease. After graduating from Spelman in 2010 with a degree in Spanish, she soon left the comfort of the humanities to pursue various public health opportunities. In 2013, Sierra graduated from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine with an MPH in Epidemiology.

Sierra is currently a CDC/Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Applied Epidemiology Fellow at the Ohio Department of Health in the area of Maternal and Child Health. Created in 2003, the CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship is a two-year program for recent graduates from schools of public health that provides high quality, hands-on training in the field of applied epidemiology at a state or local health agency under the guidance of experienced mentors. Sierra chose the fellowship because it offered: a unique learning environment to strengthen her epidemiological skills, a strong mentorship component, professional development opportunities, and a mission to build future public health leaders.

During her fellowship, Sierra has been involved with numerous projects related to maternal and child health such as perinatal smoking, early childhood obesity, maternal mortality, infant mortality, and social determinants of health. Her experience thus far at the state health department has aided in her growth as an epidemiologist, guided by faith and an unwavering desire to address contemporary public health issues. After completing her fellowship, Sierra plans to continue working as an epidemiologist for a government agency and, after some time, pursue her PhD. Sierra is forever grateful to that Spelman professor for directing her towards the path of public health.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Evans
Vice President for Membership
NTIAC Partners on Literacy Initiative

On Friday, March 21, 2014, the members of the North Texas Inter Alumni Council in partnership with the UNCF Dallas Office, Mr. Hiawatha Williams, CEO of Williams Chicken franchises, and Mrs. Doris Williams, Founder of Righteous Wisdom Services delivered over 300 new books and furniture for a reading corner to J.N. Ervin Elementary School in Dallas, TX. Also present at the event was NTIAC member and Texas State Rep. (D). Ms. Toni Rose.

The theme for the day was: “READING - OH! THE PLACES YOU CAN GO!!”

The group arrived at J.N. Ervin at 9:00am to set up the furniture and the books in the library and followed with a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication of the Williams Reading Corner. In a brief student assembly, I chanted with the students “knowledge is power and reading is powerful”. Principal, Mrs. Tamika Barnett, and the students have adopted the chant as part of their morning message. We proceeded to classrooms to read to the students. Each student was given a gift bag with a book to check out and take home, a book marker, and other prizes.

The Literacy Initiative is part of the NTIAC’s mission to develop college bound students and to partner with groups that share this mission.

Respectfully,

Q’Juan Gray
Southwest Regional Representative
From the Desk of Joyce Delk
Northern Regional Representative

Dayton Mayor's Luncheon
UNCF AN EVENING OF STARS

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LOS ANGELES (April 17, 2015) – UNCF (the United Negro College Fund) recently taped its 36th installment of UNCF An Evening of Stars®, a celebrity-packed event that raises money and awareness for minority education. The show is full of performances and scholarship presentations to inspire and support the next generation of “Rising Stars.” This year’s show highlights 20 students and presents more than one-half million dollars to students attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

UNCF An Evening of Stars® will air on April 26, 2015, 10p/9c on the BET Networks. For the third consecutive year, Anthony Anderson (Black-ish) serves as the show’s host. Superstars Yolanda Adams, Toni Braxton, Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds, Estelle featuring Jussie Smollett, K. Michelle, Kem and Morris Day & The Time all deliver heartfelt performances. Anderson presented scholarships to four students attending HBCUs, and partnered with R&B singer Ronnie DeVoe to pay off an HBCU graduate’s student loan debt. Rapper Big Sean, who performed with the Miles College Choir, and country singer Mickey Guyton, also performed and made special scholarship presentations.

For 36 years, UNCF An Evening of Stars® has been the hallmark of African American superstars supporting education. In continuation of its tradition of star power giving, UNCF has partnered with leading artists, and their personal foundations, to deliver on UNCF’s motto: “A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a wonderful thing to invest in®.” In special pre-recorded appearances, celebrities Kevin Hart, Chris Paul, Usher Raymond and Pharrell Williams made significant scholarship donations in partnership with UNCF. Each star surprised exemplary students with notable scholarship awards to help fund their educations.

“UNCF and its celebrity partners and sponsors understand now is a crucial moment in which we all must recognize and demonstrate by our actions and deeds that ‘Black Lives Matter’. Perhaps more than ever, we must continue to fill the need UNCF has been bringing to light since its inception,” said UNCF president and CEO Dr. Michael L. Lomax. “I am immeasurably grateful to these young artists, philanthropists, and our sponsors, who are stepping up and answering our call.”

The City of Atlanta served as UNCF An Evening of Stars® city partner, and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed was a presenter on the show. An array of stars in television, film, sports and music also participated: Trai Byers (Empire), Jermaine Dupri, Grace Gealey (Empire), Tamia and Grant Hill, Thomas Q. Jones, Claudia Jordan (Real Housewives of Atlanta), Keshia Knight Pulliam (Tyler Perry’s House of Payne), Ludacris, Ne-Yo, Dania Ramirez (Devious Maids) and Dr. Carolyn Williams, mother of music producer Pharrell Williams.

This year's show was made possible by national sponsors McDonald’s and Wells Fargo. Target is an official sponsor and “Target Rising Stars” sponsor. Buick is a major sponsor. BET Networks, iHeart Media, Inc. and Sinclair Broadcast Group serve as media partners. The Walton Family Foundation and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are philanthropic partners.

UNCF An Evening of Stars® was produced for the third consecutive year by Jesse Collins Entertainment, and taped at the Atlanta Civic Center on April 12, 2015. The show will air nationally on BET Networks, Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 10p/9c, and also in syndication on April 25 and 26. Check local listings for times. To support education through UNCF, text UNCF to 50555, Call 1-800-332-8623 or go to UNCF.org.
Miss National UNCF & the Royal Court

1st Runner-up
Johncella Bates, Stillman College

2nd Runner-Up
Candiace Sulker, Bethune-Cookman University

3rd Runner-up
Johncella Bates, Stillman College

Miss National UNCF
Kai Schees
Wiley College
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