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Come one come all and read the WTAC newsletter

The goal is to have a quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to help engage, highlight news, and provide information to Tuskegee University Alumni, Family, and Friends that they may find important. We hope to highlight, but not be limited to the following: current events in the area and at Tuskegee University, highlight members, business partners, and Tuskegee University Students from our area. With your help, we can make this newsletter great. If you have any news or think of any information beneficial to the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club's membership and supporters, please email the information to newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Tuskegee University News

Dr. McNair on a Leave of Absence

Tuskegee University President Lily D. McNair is currently on a six-month medical leave that was effective October 30, 2020. In her absence Charlotte P. Morris, Ph.D., former associate dean of the university's Brimmer College of Business and Information Science, is serving as interim university president.

Dr. Morris served as the institution's interim president between the retirement of Benjamin F. Payton and the appointment of Gilbert L. Rochon, and in 2017, she was interim president between the departure of Brian L. Johnson and the appointment of Lily D. McNair.

Source of the contents in this article:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/president-lily-d-mcnair-taking-temporary-medical-leave-dr-charlotte-p-morris-to-serve-as-interim>

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As part of its Community Education Initiative, Apple is supporting Tuskegee University with equipment and professional development to help the university become the pre-eminent HBCU C2 community center to bring coding and creativity to Tuskegee and the State of Alabama.

Faculty leaders from the University will participate in Apple's ongoing Community Education Initiative Learning Series to learn about coding and app development. Educators will explore innovative ways to engage with learners using Apple's comprehensive curriculum, which utilizes its easy-to-learn Swift programming language.

Source of the contents of this article:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/tuskegee-university-becomes-community-center-for-coding-and-creativity-in-collaboration-with-apple-and-tennessee-state-university>

New Educational Initiative from Lucasfilm Celebrates the Tuskegee Airmen

Lucasfilm recently launched an educational initiative and social media campaign to provide resources to students and educators that showcases the story of the Tuskegee Airmen. Content on the website includes the documentary *Double Victory: The Tuskegee Airmen at War*. Educational curriculum guides for grades 6 through 12 is also included on the website.

“Too often, we find the contributions of Black Americans left out of our history books. The Tuskegee Airmen were not just heroes during World War II, they were courageous changemakers in their communities,” said Lynwen Brennan, General Manager of Lucasfilm. “Their accomplishments paved the way for the civil rights movement and the desegregation of the military. Lucasfilm is proud to celebrate their legacy on Veterans Day and beyond, and we hope that their story will be passed down for many generations to come. There are no better role models for us all.”

Lucasfilm is also using its social media platforms to educate and inform the public about the Tuskegee Airmen story. The #FlyLikeThem campaign features personal quotes from the Airmen themselves. The free educational content is available now on [Lucasfilm.com/TuskegeeAirmen](https://lucasfilm.com/TuskegeeAirmen).

The contents of this story is courtesy of:

<https://thewaltdisneycompany.com/new-educational-initiative-from-lucasfilm-celebrates-the-tuskegee-airmen/>

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TNAA News

There is currently not any news from TNAA at the time of this publication.

Around the Northeastern Region

Long Island Tuskegee Alumni Association (LITAA) Annual Holiday Party

The Long Island Tuskegee Alumni Association held their annual holiday party on December 12, 2020. It was a virtual event. This virtual event consisted of a DJ, games, mix drink demonstrations, and prizes. All attendees had a fun time.

HBCU NEWS

Morris Brown College on Path to Regain Accreditation

Morris Brown College in Atlanta recently announced that its application for accreditation had been approved after nearly 20 years by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges. The organization called for a vote that could take place as early as this spring to reinstate Morris Brown with its full accreditation status. If this vote passes, Morris Brown will once again have access to federal funding. Morris Brown was previously accredited via the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools before losing its accreditation in 2002.

Contents of this story was provided by Randi Richardson of NBC News:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/morris-brown-college-path-regain-accreditation-n1247486>

Hampton President William Harvey Announces Retirement

Hampton University President William R. Harvey has announced that he plans to retire in the summer of 2022. Dr. Harvey will end his Hampton career with more than 45 years in leadership and service to the university.

According to university records, Hampton established more than 92 undergraduate and graduate programs and increased its endowment from \$29 to \$300 million under Harvey's leadership.

The university is among a handful of historically Black institutions to be designated a "high-research" university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, and is among the nation's most successful, historically-Black athletic brands.

Source for the contents of this article:

<https://www.hbcudigest.com/p/hampton-president-william-harvey>

Morehouse College School of Medicine Enters Partnership to Train More Black Doctors

Morehouse School of Medicine is entering a 10-year, \$100 million partnership with CommonSpirit Health in order to train more Black physicians. Through this partnership, five new regional campuses and graduate educational medical programs will be created in at least 10 different regions. Morehouse School of Medicine is one of four historically Black medical schools in the United States. CommonSpirit Health operates 137 hospitals nationwide and 1,000 care sites across 21 states. The partnership will ensure at least 300 more Black physicians complete their residency training each year, officials said.

Contents of this story was provided by Anika Chaturvedi of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

<https://www.ajc.com/education/morehouse-school-of-medicine-enters-100m-partnership-to-train-more-black-doctors/QYKYWAZYKRD6HLWOJGBLOGVKM/>

WTAC News

A Pandemic Created a WTAC 1st!

This pandemic has really challenged all of us in so many ways, but it also allowed the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club (WTAC) to come together and creatively find ways for people to engage, have fun, and show some good ole fashion TU love. On November 28, 2020, the WTAC activity committee members—Adrienne Cooper, Evan Strother, Christine Davis, David Reid, Justin Germany, Justin Lee, Jason Spears, Karina Jones, Janelle Miller, Tyra Beamon, Nick Griffin, and Alfred Harrison—were able to produce (*drum roll please*) the Club’s 1st Virtual Game night and it exceeded expectation.

The games were thoughtfully selected: Culture Tag founded by a DC, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) native African American women, Family Feud, Pictionary/Black Trivia, and Black Card Revoked. And, it was a hit! So much that, within hours, the committee received phone calls from fellow alumnus expressing their excitement to play, interest of games, and ‘trash talk’ on who would win. It was amazing!

TU DMV and even some New Jersey TU Alumni from all ages, including current DMV TU college students, attended the event: laughing, crying, cheering, encouraging, and even a little fired up, especially when someone answered who is the queen of soul and said Anita Baker over Aretha Franklin. It was a live experience with 95% of the participants had their camera’s on and mute’s off with a comfort level, embracing the event. Game night lasted for 2 hours and at the end, people did not want it to stop. They were asking the WTAC club, when is the next game night and made the suggestion on the spot. The president of the WTAC, Marcus Cooper, was in attendance and heard the request from all of us to watch the Mike Tyson and Roy Jones, Jr. through Zoom. The fight, being that same night, led the president to say, “let’s do it!” Right on the spot, an after-party fight night was in progress. The game night, now after party fight night crowd was hyped and excited! They were talking ‘smack’ before the fight, during the fight, and after the fight with Dr. Watson expressing, “I can whip both of them!” as he was talking about Mike Tyson and Roy Jones, Jr. Watching the fight together as a WTAC family; it was AWESOME with a capital “A”!

Who would have thought a pandemic could create an opportunity for WTAC to step out the box, have fun, and show love toward each other virtually? I guess it is true, all you need is love and TU family, and we’re going to have a good time or like the Tuskegee University Marching Crimson Piper Band would say while playing “BALL N Parley”, whether it is sunny or gray, we going to Ball N Parley”.

The feedback was so sensational that the committee and the WTAC club has now put another idea in the works. In other words, using T.D. JAKES famous words, “GET READY! GET READY! GET READY!!”.

So, let this article not only encourage you to make time to participate in future events that the WTAC will host, but to provide new ideas, as we are willing to listen. All you have to do is bring yourself, your ideas, be open minded, and let's make it happen together. If you have any great ideas, comments, or interest in being a part of the WTAC activity committee team, you are more than welcome! Send your information to the email address wtac@tuskeeedmv.org, and the committee will follow up. Also, if you are not already a current member of the WTAC, it is not too late. Here is the membership link to make it happen.

[Membership Dues – The Washington-Tuskegee Alumni Club \(tuskeeedmv.org\)](#)

In conclusion, that night was epic! Can't wait for the next!!

WTAC is Now on YouTube and Instagram!

The Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club (WTAC) now has an official YouTube channel and Instagram page. This new channel and page will allow WTAC to share new and exciting content in order to highlight the great impact that the club is having in the DC area in order to support Mother Tuskegee. Just search "Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club" on YouTube and click on the subscribe button. Our first goal is to achieve 100 subscribers, and with your help we can achieve that goal in no time! And to follow us on Instagram, search "tuskeeedmv" and once you are on the page click the follow button. Subscribe to the WTAC YouTube channel and follow the WTAC Instagram page now!

POSTPONED: WTAC 80th Anniversary Celebration

In October 2019 the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club (WTAC) turned eighty years old. To celebrate this milestone occasion, WTAC was scheduled to host an 80th Anniversary Celebration event. The celebration event will be a speakeasy theme. The event was scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020. As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it was recommended by the 80th Anniversary Celebration Committee and approved by the WTAC General Body to postpone the event for a later date. The new date is to be determined. For the most up to date information about this event or club's response to the pandemic visit the club's website at www.tuskeeedmv.org and continue to monitor your email for the latest correspondences.

DCHBCUAA 2020 Elections Results

The Washington, DC HBCU Alumni Alliance (DCHBCUAA) recently conducted its 2020 elections at its November 2020 general body meetings. Officers were elected for a two year term starting in January 2021 and ending in December 2022.

Dr. Nardos King (Virginia State University) has been re-elected to her second term as the DC Alliance President.

Ms. Chandra Fleet (Bethune-Cookman University) has been elected as Vice-President.

Ms. Sharelle Dailey (Florida A&M University) has been re-elected as Treasurer.

Ms. Kristen Rutledge (North Carolina A&T University) has been re-elected as Financial Secretary.

Mr. Willie Williams (Hampton University) has been re-elected as Parliamentarian.

No nominations were received for the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions and will be filled by the President once the new term begins.

In order to serve as a DCHBCUAA officer, candidates have to be a member of a participating member chapter or club of the DCHBCUAA; are a financial member of their local alumni chapter/club and their national alumni association; and have served in an elected position of their local alumni chapter/club Executive Board.

Philadelphia HBCU Alumni Alliance has Launched

The Philadelphia HBCU Alumni Alliance has recently launched. The founding members of the Philadelphia HBCU Alumni Alliance are as follows:

Bennett College National Alumnae Association Delaware Valley Chapter

Cheyney University Alumni Chapter of Philadelphia (CUACP)

Delaware State University Alumni Association Philadelphia Chapter

National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. - Philadelphia Alumni Chapter

Morgan State University Alumni Association, Philadelphia Chapter

Norfolk State University Greater Philly Chapter

North Carolina A&T State University Philadelphia Alumni Chapter

National Alumni Association of Spelman College (NAASC) Philadelphia Chapter

Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter - West Virginia State Alumni Association

Wilberforce University Alumni Association (WUAA) Philadelphia, New Jersey, Delaware Chapter

The Philadelphia Alliance joins the Atlanta, Washington, DC, and Chicago HBCU Alumni Alliances. WTAC is a member of the DC HBCU Alumni Alliance, and the Atlanta Tuskegee Alumni Club is a member of the Atlanta HBCU Alumni Alliance. The umbrella organization of the HBCU Alumni Alliances is the National HBCU Alumni Alliance. For more information on each of the HBCU alliances visit their respective websites listed below.

<https://phillyhbcualumni.org/>

<https://hbcualumniatlanta.org/>

<https://www.chihbcualliance.com/>

<https://www.dchbcu.org/>

Annual HBCU 5K Run/Walk

The 8th Annual HBCU 5K Run/ Walk and Community Day presented by Xfinity that was scheduled to be on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Freedom Plaza in Downtown Washington, DC has been postponed until Saturday, July 10, 2021. As of this publication, the Run/Walk is scheduled to be a virtual event. This event is organized by the Washington, DC Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance (DCHBCUAA). The DCHBCUAA is a non-profit community-based organization that collaborates mainly to strengthen the community through our impactful programs and to provide support to underserved students interested in attending HBCUs. WTAC is a proud member of the Alliance. For more information about the Run/Walk, visit the Alliance's website at www.dchbcu.org. Or for assistance in registering or if you have

additional questions about WTAC's involvement with the DCHBCUAA please email wtac@tuskegeedmv.org.

Annual HBCU Black Tie Gala

The annual HBCU Black Tie Gala that was originally scheduled for September 2020 has been postponed until 2021. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 gala is tentatively scheduled to be a virtual event. More information to come in future publications of this newsletter and via email communications.

Additional Upcoming Club Events

Check your email or our website <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org> for the most up-to-date information.

More information about the above events to follow via the club's website at www.tuskegeedmv.org and through email correspondences.

Upcoming Club Meetings

General Body club meetings are currently scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. No meetings are scheduled for the months of July and August. Meeting dates and times are subject to change due to holidays and meeting space availability. Meeting information can be found on our website at <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org>. All meetings are currently planned to be at Petworth Neighborhood Library, 4200 Kansas Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20011, 3pm-5pm unless otherwise noted. The dates for the next few months are listed below:

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Sunday, April 11, 2021

For meetings dates and times of WTAC Committee meetings please contact the appropriate committee chairperson. If you are interested in joining one of the many committees please contact the appropriate committee chairperson or email the general WTAC email address at

wtac@tuskegeedmv.org.

College Recruitment Activities, Information, and Schedules

The recruitment calendar is currently being developed for the 2020-2021 academic year. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with recruitment events, email the Recruitment Committee Chairperson at the email address below. To find out more recruitment information or volunteer: contact Melvin Ross at melvin.ross@tuskegeedmv.org

Member Spotlight

There are members doing great things for our university and in our community, please take the time to tell us about it so we can share, contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Student Spotlight

The Scholarship Committee of the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club has awarded \$30,000 dollars worth of scholarships for the Fall 2020 school term. Thirteen students, ranging from Freshman to Seniors applied for the WTAC Fall Scholarship. We are in the process of notifying the students and the university of the awards. If you are interested in being a part of the Scholarship Committee, email scholarship@tuskegeedmv.org. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!

If you have a Tuskegee Student you think we should know about, please contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Financial Members for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year July 1st - June 30th

B. Akinlosotu	Kenitra Fewell	Joyce Lipscomb	Sinclair Skinner
Darlene Baker	Agnes Fields	Darryl Love	Anthony Smith
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Tovah Dorsey-Pollard	Debra Kemelek	Melvin Ross	Walden Woods

Financial Members for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year as of January 29th

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Shalonda Covington	Joyce Lipscomb	Chris Richardson	Ralph Williams
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Christine Davis	Sherman McKenney	Melvin Ross	
Craig Dexter	Janelle Miller	Michele Shelton	

Any questions about your membership status, please email us at wtac@tuskegeedmv.org.

Membership Goal (100 Members)



Membership By Month

