





### Morehouse Sunday: A Legacy For A Lifetime

A.M.E. Bethel Church 1385 South Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

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**Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays** College President, 1940 - 1967

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"The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities."



#### **MOREHOUSE LEGACY**

Founded in 1867 in the basement of Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., by the Rev. William Jefferson White, with the encouragement of former slave the Rev. Richard C. Coulter and the Rev. Edmund Turney of the National Theological Institute, Morehouse College has had a 150-year legacy of producing educated men and global leaders.

Starting as Augusta Institute under the first president, Dr. Joseph T. Robert, the institution was created to educate black men for careers in ministry and teaching. At the urging of the Rev. Frank Quarles, the school moved to Atlanta's Friendship Baptist Church in 1879 and changed its name to Atlanta Baptist Seminary.

The seminary moved to downtown Atlanta, and then, in 1885, to a former Civil War battleground site in Atlanta's West End under President Dr. Samuel T. Graves. By 1897, the institution had become Atlanta Baptist College.

Dr. George Sale was named president in 1890, and Atlanta Baptist College expanded its curriculum and established a tradition of educating leaders for all American life.

During the tenure of the College's first African American president, John Hope, the College was renamed Morehouse College in 1913, in honor of Henry L. Morehouse, corresponding secretary of the National Baptist Home Missionary Society.

Dr. Samuel H. Archer lead the College as president during the Great Depression, giving the College its adopted colors of maroon and white. (1931-1937)

Beginning in the 1940s, the College's international reputation in scholarship, leadership, and service began to flourish, particularly as then-president, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, oversaw the increase of faculty members with doctoral degrees, accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

Under the presidency of Dr. Hugh M. Gloster '31, the first alumnus to serve as president, the College expanded its endowment to more than \$29 million, completed a \$20-million fund-raising campaign, and added 12 new campus buildings. The Morehouse School of Medicine was founded in 1975 and became independent in 1981

During the administration of eighth president, Dr. Leroy Keith Jr., the College's endowment increased to more than \$60 million, with faculty salaries and student scholarships also increasing. Buildings such as the Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall and the Thomas Kilgore Jr. Campus Center were constructed, and the College produced its first Rhodes Scholar, Nima A. Warfield. The College's A Candle in the Dark Gala was founded in 1989 to raise scholarship funds during this time.

Dr. Walter E. Massey '58, Morehouse's ninth president, ushered in a 21-century approach to learning;

his vision was for the College to become the nation's best liberal arts college. Morehouse leaders expanded the College's dual-degree program in natural sciences, launched the Center for Excellence in Science, Engineering and Mathematics, and established a new African American studies program.

The Andrew Young Center for International Affairs was established in 1993 and the Morehouse Leadership Program was established in 1995. These were combined into a new Center in 2012, named the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership, for the former United Nations ambassador.

Two more students became Rhodes Scholars: Chris Elders in 2002 and Oluwabusayo "Tope" Folarin in 2004.

By June 2006, the College had successfully completed its most ambitious capital campaign, raising a record \$112 million, far exceeding the campaign's goal of \$105 million. That same year, Morehouse became the custodian of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, more than 10,000 hand-written notes, sermons, letters, books. and other artifacts belonging to King, the College's most noted alumnus.

Dr. Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75 became president in 2007 and led the institution forward with his vision of the "Morehouse Renaissance," further elevating public confidence in the College's stature as a premier institution providing quality education and enhancing institution's intellectual and moral dimension. He accomplished this in part by establishing the "Five Wells"— well-read, well-spoken, well-traveled, welldressed, and well-balanced—which were about developing men of Morehouse with social conscience and global perspective.

Franklin oversaw the completion of a \$20-million project started by Massey, the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center and Music Academic Building, a facility named after the late legendary musician. The latter building would later be named The Aretha Robinson Music Academic Building, for Ray Charles' mother. Franklin also led cultivation efforts that increased the total number of new donors at the College by 4,500. Morehouse generated more than \$68 million in institutional funds and \$60 million in restricted funds from federal sources, including Congressional appropriations and competitive federal grants. In 2013, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 was named the College's 11th president. He and his team were champions of STEAM initiatives (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and significantly increased the College's private gifts, grants and contracts. During Wilson's tenure, computer science major Prince Abudu '16 became the College's fourth Rhodes Scholar.

Wilson played a pivotal role in bringing U.S. President Barack Obama to Morehouse as the 2013 Commencement speaker and in hosting Vice President Joseph Biden in 2015.

William James Taggart assumed the role of interim president of the College in 2017 after serving as chief operating officer since 2015. A results-driven leader in the private and public sectors, Taggart had more than 30 years of experience with Fortune 500 companies, higher education, and federal agencies. Tragically, just two months after his appointment, Taggart suddenly passed away in June 2017.

Harold Martin Jr. '02 left the Morehouse Board of Trustees temporarily to accept an appointment as interim president in June 2017, becoming the youngest person to lead the College since 1913. The attorney and business consultant with an extensive background in advising senior executives at higher education institutions and Fortune 500 companies served Morehouse College until Dec. 31, 2017. Under Martin's steady leadership, the College began to heal after suffering the tragic loss of Taggart.

Morehouse is the world's only HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) for men. It has produced four Rhodes Scholars, several college presidents, and leaders in many other fields. According to the National Science Foundation, Morehouse is the nation's top producer of black males who continue their education and receive doctorates. The National Science Foundation also ranked Morehouse as the No. 1 producer of black men who receive doctorates in education, life and physical sciences, math and computer sciences, psychology and social sciences, as well as humanities and the arts. Morehouse currently has more than 17,000 alumni representing more than 40 states and 14 countries. Morehouse College National Alumni Association Baton Rouge Chapter Officers 2018 - 2020

### LEADING THE WAY



**Bro. Isaiah Norwood, II '15** President



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## TRUE FOREVER

#### **DEAR OLD MOREHOUSE**

by J. O. B. Moseley

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.



### From the President's Desk

## OUR HOUSE IS YOUR HOUSE.

Dear Alumni, Friends, and Family,

I wanted to take the time to say thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to worship with us on this morning. Morehouse College has a rich and long standing legacy of setting the precedent for leadership, service, and scholarship in our community, and I am glad that we will be able to share a little bit of that light with you all today.

As we prepare to enter into the new year, let us not forget about our brothers and sisters on the margins of our society. One of the things we are called to do as Morehouse Men is to be sensitive to the struggles of others and to speak as well as act out against injustice anywhere and everywhere we see fit.

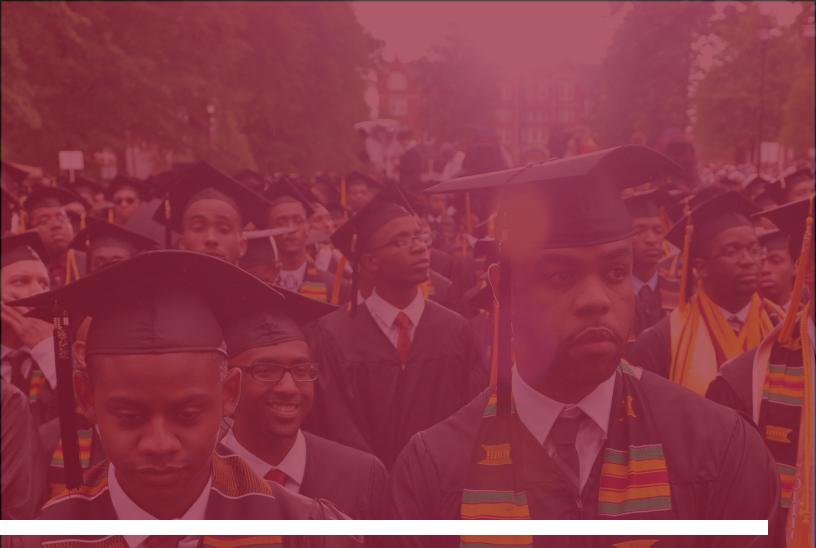
One of the most important parts of what we aim to do is build positive relationships with the young men in our community. We realize that children often imitate what they see and hear, whether productive or unproductive, and it is our responsibility to set examples for our young men that contradict the negative stereotypes they are often convinced about themselves.

I am very proud of the work Brother Kelly has done at A.M.E. Bethel church, and the brothers are extremely grateful for his continued support and work in the greater capitol city area. Thank you for taking care of our dear brother and thank you for giving us the space to share our message with you all.

For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit us at Morehousebr.org./

Sincerely,

Isaiah Norwood, II '15 Chapter President



## MOREHOUSE IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.



### **ALUMNI** SPOTLIGHT



#### Bro. J. Daniels '98

Daniels is currently the acting director of the Baton Rouge Housing Authority. He is a 1998 graduate of Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in Finance with a focus in Real Estate.

Over the past 20 years, Daniels' professional career has included various experiences in both the public and private sector organizations. He served in various executive positions in development firms where he built internal infrastructure to execute vertically-integrated, development platforms. Daniels has been instrumental in providing organizations with innovative policies as well as strategic and tactical capabilities critical to the success of developing sustainable communities.

### Bro. Cedric Richmond '96

Congressman Cedric Richmond represents Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cedric currently serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security and the House Committee on the Judiciary. He is an active member and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and a member of the New Democrat Coalition.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Cedric is a strong believer in the value of mentorship in his hometown. He is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, and his Juris Doctorate from the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans. Cedric is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Education Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.



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### MORE THAN YOUR TYPICAL COLLEGE

Founded in 1867, Morehouse is the nation's historically black college for men of exceptional ambition and promise. Here, like at many fine liberal arts and sciences colleges, you find: more than 2,000 students from 35 states and 17 countries, a 12:1 student-faculty ratio, 26 majors, seven varsity sports teams, and hundreds of student clubs, organizations, and fraternities. You also find...

+ A focus on LEADERSHIP and IDENTITY, apparent not only in the classroom but also in our unique residential experience, student-run organizations, and cherished traditions.

+ A VIBRANT URBAN ENVIRONMENT in the heart of downtown Atlanta mecca of the South and global hub of commerce, innovation, and intellect with more than 57 colleges and universities and more than 250,000 students.

+ A THRIVING INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY in which students find expansive opportunities to collaborate on projects, share classes, and incubate ideas with students from neighboring institutions—large state universities such as Georgia Tech, Georgia State and SCAD; our highly respected consortium of HBCUs, which includes Spelman and Morehouse School of Medicine; and renowned institutions such as Emory and Agnes Scott.

+ A legacy of HISTORY-DEFINING ALUMNI, like Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson; and Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses (to name a few).

Find out more:

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**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Class of 1948

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."



#### Pictured:

Cover Page: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr '48 (Top Left), Randall Woodfin '99 [29th Mayor of Birmingham, AL] (Top Right), Samuel L. Jackson '72 (Middle Left), John David Washington '06 [Former Rams Runningback, Major motion picture actor (Middle Right), Spike Lee '79 [Film Director/Actor] (Bottom Left), Derrick Watkins aka 'Fonzworth Bentley '96 [Television Personality, Author] (Bottom right).

Back Page: Edwin Moses '78 [Olympic Gold Metalist] (Top Left), Maynard H. Jackson '56 [1st Black Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia] (Top Right), Dr. David Satcher '63 [Former U.S. Surgeon General] (Middle Left), Mordecai W. Jackson '11 [1st Black President of Howard University] (Middle Right), Jeh Johnson '79 [Former Secretary of Homeland Security] (Middle Left), Leronne Bennett, Jr. '49 [Former