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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. MMB Leadership Breakfast \$20

Feb 25th @ Crowne Plaza Jax Airport
9 A. M. ~ 14670 Duval Road

Alumni Meet N FREE

Greet @ Déjà Vu Restaurant & Lounge

Feb 6th @ 5:30 P. M. - 9:30 P. M.
1827 Pearl St.

Monthly Alumni Meeting Every 1st Thursday 6 P. M.
Bono's BBQ
Norwood Avenue

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HBCU Hall of FAME

Congratulations

The 4th Annual Induction Ceremony of the North Florida HBCU Alumni Hall of Fame was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6 P. M. on the campus of Edward Waters College. The event was held in the Adams/James Sports Complex. Dr. Otis Girardeau, a B-CU Class of '75 Graduate was this year's B-CU Inductee into the 2011 class Hall of Fame.

Dr. Girardeau is the owner of Otis Girardeau DDS PA here in Jacksonville and is currently a senior Dentist with the Department of Corrections. He is married to Carolyn and has one son, Jaron.



Dr. Trudie Kibbie Reed Visits Duval County

Dr. Trudie Kibbie Reed was a special guest at the November 3, 2011 Duval/Nassau Alumni Meeting. Dr. Reed presented the "B-CU Arena Major Gifts Initiative". The new, larger, multi-use arena would replace the Moore Gymnasium and offer student athletes a state of the art facility with multiple uses to include athletic regional and conference tournaments, high school rivalries, health and employment fairs, summer

campus, large community events, a location for nationally recognized speakers, convocations, classrooms, and learning labs. Dr. Reed is challenging every alumni chapter to raise \$1,000,000 for the arena through corporate sponsorships, private donors, gifts, or pledges. Naming opportunities are available and donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on the donor wall. Donations, pledges,

and gifts should be forwarded to the Institutional Advancement Office, 640 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.



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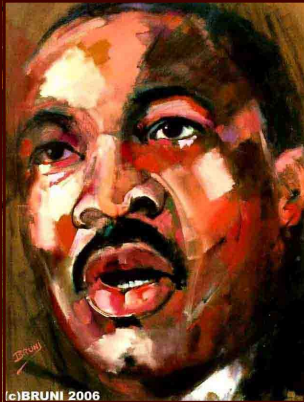
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Annual Alumni Christmas Party Highlights

The Annual Duval/Nassau Alumni Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 @ 7:30 P. M. at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel. The theme was "Line Dancing Delight" and special appearances were made by Representative Corrine Brown and Former Senator Tony Hill.



Dr. MLK Jr. Parade Highlights



The Duval/Nassau Alumni Chapter participated in the Dr. MLK Jr. Holiday "Celebrating The Brotherhood of Man" Parade on Monday, January 16, 2012. Pictured: B-CU Alumni, Teresa Brown/Miss Duval/Nassau Alumni Chapter B-CU NAA Representative, Diamonds of Intimidation Ladies Step-Team, and the Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology Cheerleaders. A Special Thank You to Mr. Paul Horne at Mike Davidson Ford for the Mustang Convertible.



Teacher of The Year

Congratulations to B-CU Class of '99 Graduate, April McRae "Teacher of The Year" at S. P. Livingston Elementary. Over the last 13 years with Duval County Public Schools, April has taught grades 2nd, 4th, and 5th and served on the Writing, Reading, Science, Safety and Discipline Teams, Lead Tutor for Huxstable Education Solutions, Inc., member of the of the Museum of Contemporary Art Education (MOCA), and an Engagement & Student -Teacher Coach.

April credits her motivation to teach to her

mother Eula McRae (pictured), former 1st grade and Sunday School Teacher. April states that her mother was committed to excellence and ensured that students had a thirst for knowledge. April is following in her mother's footsteps and the belief of Educator Marva Collins that "Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind and the essence of teaching them is to make learning contagious and have one idea spark another".

**Congratulations to
Letitia Flanders 2009-2010 "Teacher of The Year"
Jean Ribault Senior High School**





Teresa Brown is the Duval/Nassau Alumni B-CU NAA Representative for 2011-2012. She is looking forward to representing the chapter (a second time) at the National Alumni Convention to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida in June of 2012.

Miss/Duval Nassau 2011-2012



Community Service Involvement

The Duval/Nassau Alumni Chapter has continued to work closely with the Clara White Mission to serve a hot breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting @ 8 A. M. Food Donations are still needed (i.e. eggs, grits, or sausages) and can be delivered to 613 W. Ashley Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. To volunteer, please contact B-CU Alum ~ Archie Grover @ archie.grover@comcast.net.



“Enter To Learn & Depart to Serve” Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

Current Student/Graduate Activities



The Duval/Nassau Alumni Chapter hosted a Meet N Greet/Bowling Outing with Current B-CU Students at the King Pin Bowling Center on January 11, 2012. All of the students were delighted to share their first semester experiences with B-CU alums and are looking forward to future outings with the chapter.

Alums present shared some of their on campus experiences as well. The Alumni Chapter sponsored food and bowling for current students, alums, family and friends who attended the event.

Current students in attendance were: Carmecia, Chad, Dante', Jasmine, Devonte and Future Wildcat, Renika.

Legacy Facts

Did You Know?

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was known as a National Leader in Education and Civil Rights. Also, she was the President of many organizations including the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the National Council of Negro Women, the Coolidge Administration's Child Welfare Conference, the Hoover Administration's National Commission on Child Welfare and Commission on Home Building and Home Ownership as well as the advisor on minority affairs for five U. S. Presidents. During her leadership, Dr. Bethune organized two national conferences that focused on the problems of black Americans, advocated for the integration of the American Red Cross and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, led voter registration drives, anti-lynching campaigns, and fought against the segregation and inadequate healthcare for black children. In 1904, Dr. Bethune started the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute (known today as Bethune-Cookman University) with only \$1.50 and a few students. Over the years, the school grew with the addition of nursing classes in 1911. After a black student was denied medical attention at a white hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida, Dr. Bethune opened a hospital to serve the black community and allow training for nursing students. The hospital eventually closed in 1931.



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Community Leadership Breakfast

The Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Community Leadership Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 @ 9 A. M. at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Airport Hotel. The Guest Speaker will be former Senator Tony Hill and Honorees: First Lady Estelle McKissick/Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, Wilhelmina Brown/Jenkins Bar-B-Que, and the Honorable Betty Burney/District 5, Chairman/Duval County School Board. Tickets are still available @ \$20 Adult & \$10 Student. Please contact team leaders Darrell Brown @ 904.307.8492, Channell Jones @ 904.504.0973 or Jimmie Harper @ 904.765.0861 for ticket purchase. This event will be a fundraiser event to raise money for book scholarships to High School students in the Duval/Nassau county area.

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