

# NCT Buzz Sheet



Your daily report of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship

Sunday, April 3

## Surprise Announcement at Team Welcome Dinner



*Excitement rippled through the room at the Team Welcome Dinner.*

Steve Morikawa officially opened the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship Tournament last night at the Team Welcome Dinner. The surprise of the evening was the increase in grant awards for the final four. The national champion and runner-up will receive a \$75,000 grant and \$30,000 grant respectively, while the semi-finalists will take home \$20,000 each. The announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause for Honda's continued support of HBCUs.

"Discover Greatness" is this year's theme, and Morikawa asked all the players to live up to their full potential, knowing that they can accomplish anything that they dream. "As tomorrow's leaders, we challenge you to harness your passion and intellect to bring value to society," Morikawa stated. Also heightening the excitement of the evening were video welcomes from Tiger Woods on behalf of the Tiger Woods Foundation and Honda's famed ASIMO.

New to the Team Welcome Dinner was a Honda Emoji Challenge. Each table competed against each other, in an attempt to decipher the humorous and challenging emoji clues. Ultimately, three tables answered all six questions correctly. Of the three, Table #5 emerged as the winner of a special prize.

The composition of the eight divisions was kept secret until their teams were announced at the dinner. This year, the Orange Division was named in honor of Eugene Bullard, the acclaimed WWI fighter pilot, while legendary civil rights and labor activist A. Philip Randolph was honored in the Purple Division. Throughout all 8 divisions, classic rivalries and exciting match-ups abound. Steve Morikawa confirmed that it is truly anyone's year to win.

# HCASC Expands the Hall of Fame



Two alumni were inducted into the HCASC Alumni Hall of Fame last night. John Harkless is an alumnus of Morehouse College, where he played on the HCASC team for five years. After receiving his Ph.D. in Theoretical Chemistry from Cal-Berkeley, Harkless began a distinguished teaching career at top-ranked institutions, including University of Cincinnati, MIT and Howard University. Harkless has also served as National Program Chair and National Vice President for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. He's working to reform that organization's Science Bowl based on his HCASC experience, in an effort to make that program top notch for future scientists and engineers.

The second inductee last night was Daniel Dye, a two-time HCASC champion for FAMU. During his final season in 1999, he served as FAMU's captain and earned the Sportsman of the Year Award. Dye is an accomplished litigator and legal scholar who was named Professor of the Year at Arizona Summit Law School. He also maintains a legal information and commentary blog and has been a frequent commentator on legal issues for television, radio and print. He also serves as deputy director for the National Bar Association. Both inductees are proud members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



*Above: Table #5 walked away with honors in the Emoji Challenge*

*Left: Florida A&M coach Dr. Vivian Hobbs and her Hall of Fame son Chuck Hobbs were noted as two generations of HCASC excellence.*

## Sunday Reminders:

- 1) Set your phones to silent, not vibrate, to post social media updates during game play.
- 2) Game results should be tweeted and posted to Facebook and Instagram; use #HCASC so that your posts will show up on the Tagboard at HCASC.com and in the Honda Student Center.
- 3) Don't forget to trade pins for that awesome Apple Watch.