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Hall of Famers and Coach of the Year Honored at Opening



Honda's Stephan Morikawa is pictured with 2011 Hall of Fame inductees Mark Branch (Morgan State University) and Blake Dye (Winston-Salem State University).

As the sun set on Day One of HCASC 22, the Great 48 filtered into the Opening Banquet dressed to the nines and eager to begin the most anticipated weekend of the year. With Marc Burt and Seshmi Roberts returning as co-hosts, the evening began with the third installment of HCASC Shout-Outs. These included a friendly competitive challenge issued by Daniel Clark of North Carolina Central, an overview of Network Tag by Kendra Joseph of Kentucky State University, and second failed mack attempt by Junious Smith, Jr. of Fayetteville State, who later redeemed himself with his notable freestyle skills.

After the Great 48 Roll Call, two new additions to the HCASC Hall of Fame were introduced. Blake Dye played for Winston-Salem State University. Since then, he has

dedicated his life and work to serving and creating opportunities for underserved student populations. Mark Branch, a graduate of Morgan State University, spends his days at NASA as an Aeronautics Engineer. For leisure, Mark spins nothing but the hits as DJ Scientific.

HCASC 22 marks a new way of acknowledging and rewarding the champion spirit that prevails at HCASC. The Coach of the Year Award has been instituted this year. This award recognizes the diligence and commitment that is required of the coaches. The inaugural recipient is Dr. Vivian Hobbs of Florida A&M University. Dr. Hobbs has dedicated herself to her students and this program for 21 years. As the winningest coach in the program's history, she is well-deserving.

Adding to the mellow mood and atmosphere of the evening, singer and songwriter EarthTone graced the stage with her sublime brand of good-for-the-soul music. EarthTone attended Albany State University.

The evening closed out with a short welcome clip from a group of former players who now volunteer with HCASC.

As the teams head into the fiercest of competition this morning, the opportunities to exchange ideas and work the HCASC Network abound.



Dr. Vivian L. Hobbs was honored as the Inaugural HCASC Coach of the Year.



Seshmi Robertson interviews Kentucky State University's Kendra Joseph during the banquet.

UPDATE: Yearbook team photo times are being rescheduled. Division Liaisons will have more information shortly

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With a 3-to-1 margin of wall posts in the HCASC Facebook Support your HBCU contest, Stillman College came away with the big prize.



HCASC Volunteers added some flavor to this year's t-shirts courtesy of Honda's Donna Hammond



In the Student Union, The Michael Jackson Experience is bringing out the performer in everyone.



The Alabama State University Hornets look over The Buzz after being greeted at the airport.

To Do Today

The main focus is on the Round Robin matches today, but there are still other things to do. Be sure to stop by the Grad Studies Expo, located on the Mezzanine bridge between Poinsettia/Quince and Azalea/Begonia. Also set aside some time to explore future career opportunities at Honda 411 located just outside of lunch.

Don't forget that yearbook photos are being taken today, and dinner is on your own this evening. Also, don't miss out on Network Tag and a chance to win awesome prizes. Did you get a pic of your table sign from last night's dinner? Keep up the good work! Today, be sure to snap a photo of a Grad School Recruiter with the HBCU name in the picture and the Leaderboard showing your divisions's stats. It's also a good time to start getting group shots of the six teams in your room.

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