Oakwood Wins $25,000 Campus Pride Grant from The Home Depot

Oakwood University is one of three HBCUs that won one a $25,000 Campus Pride Grant in The Home Depot's 2014 RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL Campus Improvement Grant Program. Results were announced this morning on the nationally-syndicated radio program "The Tom Joyner Morning Show."

Oakwood's win of this year's competition will allow the University to re-seed the softball and soccer fields behind the Ashby Gymnasium, as well as install sprinkler systems.

According to the competition rules, Oakwood was selected because of a combination of the social media activity and voting score. The three applicants with the highest votes and most social media activity, as determined by the sponsor during the voting period, was awarded with the Campus Pride Grants.

"We thank everyone who voted, tweeted and posted images on Facebook that allowed us to win this grant," said George Johnson Jr., integrated marketing & public relations director at Oakwood University.

In 2013, Oakwood won the Tier 1 grant of $50,000, for the construction of an outdoor pavilion.

Calendar of Events

MAY

8 - Education Teacher Dedication Ceremony

Tree Planting Ceremony

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

9 - Social Work Pinning Ceremony

President's Senior Reception

Consecration

10 - Baccalaureate

Aeolians/University Choir Mini-Concert

Commencement

12-15 - Faculty/Staff Think Tanks

14 - Biblical Foundation Conference

20-23 - Faculty/Staff Think Tanks

JUNE

12-21 South Central
"Truly the network that Oakwood has developed helped us to win. We wouldn't have been able to do this alone with just the amount of people we have here on our campus," he said.

In addition to the three campus pride grants, Home Depot also awarded one $50,000 grant and 13 $10,000 grants in this year's competition, totaling $250,000 to HBCUs for campus and facility improvements.

Click here for more information about the Retool Your School Campus Improvement Program, or visit retoolyourschool.com.

About Oakwood

Oakwood University, a historically black, Seventh-day Adventist institution in Huntsville, Alabama, has as its mission to transform students through biblically-based education for service to God and humanity.