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Former OU faculty leads Howard University Hospital as CEO

Herbert Buchanan, a Washington, D.C., native and veteran health care executive, was named chief executive officer of Howard University Hospital, effective October 1.

Buchanan (...) will direct the day-to-day activities of the hospital, including community relations, financial management, marketing, information technology and clinical and administrative operations,” according to a news release from Howard University Hospital.

Pastor Polite’s letter: OU Board Member named “Lawyer of the Year”

Dr. Pollard,

I thought you would be proud to know that an alumnus of Oakwood and a member of the OU Board of Trustees, Clifton R. Jessup, Jr., (pictured, left) was recently named "Lawyer of the Year" by the peer-determined prestigious publication, 2013 Best Lawyers in America. http://www.gtlaw.com/News-Events/Newsroom/Press-Releases/164532/24-Greenberg-Traurig-Texas-Attorneys-Included-in-2013-Edition-of-Best-Lawyers-in-America

As an alumnus of Oakwood myself, I am always gratified and filled with pride whenever a fellow alumnus earns public recognition and honor for themselves and the institution that laid the formative foundation for their professional development and subsequent success.

Not only does Clifton demonstrate excellence in his professional life, but he also exemplifies commitment and excellence in his personal life as a valued member of the City Temple SDA Church in Dallas, TX, of which I serve as senior pastor.
Despite his busy schedule and numerous professional obligations, Clifton faithfully serves our church as an Elder, Pastoral Assistant for Administration, Finance Committee Chairman, Young Adult Ministry Leader, Young Adult Sabbath School Teacher, and Church Board member. He is very involved in the warp and woof of our church life, even being in regular attendance at midweek Prayer Service.

A staunch supporter of Christian education, Clifton and his wife, Venita, have not only matriculated their own two children through Oakwood, but also freely and regularly given of their means to personally ensure that other young people have the opportunity to benefit from "the Oakwood experience."

Because Clifton is of humble demeanor, no one would ever know of his professional or personal accomplishments if they depended upon him to share them. That's why I am taking this opportunity as his proud pastor to inform you that another son of Oakwood has made his alma mater proud.

Be blessed, then be a blessing!

Eddie C. Polite, Senior Pastor | City Temple SDA Church, Dallas, TX

According to its website, the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America was compiled based on over 4.3 million confidential evaluations provided by the leading attorneys throughout the country – the most extensive peer-review process developed by any legal referral guide. This survey process included votes from over 43,000 leading attorneys nationwide. Because all listings are based entirely on the evaluations of currently-listed attorneys, listing in Best Lawyers is widely regarded within the legal profession as a singular honor.

The 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America also lists two Texas-based attorneys as "Lawyers of the Year." Only one lawyer in each practice area and city is honored as "Lawyer of the Year," making this a significant accolade for those chosen. (…) The designations are based on particularly high voting averages during the peer-review assessment conducted with thousands of lawyers every year. One of the Greenberg Traurig Texas-based attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers as “Lawyers of the Year” is (OU Board Member) Clifton Jessup, Jr.  http://www.gtlaw.com/People/Clifton-R-Jessup_Jr.

Editorial note to Atty Jessup:

Counselor, know that Team PR is praising God with you for this honor, and we're . . .

Editorial note to Atty Jessup:
OU police cadet ministers to NAEA classmates

Corporal Shawn Byrd, who is currently attending the 157th Session of the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, AL, was recently elected to the position of Chaplain for his class of 94 cadets. Within two weeks of his matriculation, Corporal Byrd became known among his peers for his spiritual attributes and Christian lifestyle which led to his nomination and election.

Byrd began leading out in an early morning prayer and devotional group that has increased from 15 to over 50 participants. He now solicits others to partake in leading out in various aspects of the morning sessions that include a devotional thought, testimony, and prayer. Byrd joins recent graduates from the Oakwood University Police Department (OUPD) who have served as class president and section leader in their respective classes.

OUPD Chief Lewis Eakins says, “We sincerely appreciate the continued unparalleled confidence and support of administration as we continue to strive to represent Christ first, and provide for a safe learning environment.”

The Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University (CAMROU) announces the ‘AHL AL-KITĀB LECTURE SERIES

The inaugural lecture of the ‘Ahl al-Kitāb Lecture Series is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at the Powell Auditorium at Oakwood University. The presenter will be Dr. Zainab Alwani, assistant professor of Islamic Studies at Howard University. The theme for the lecture is “Biblical Prophets of the Qur’an.”

The ‘Ahl al-Kitāb Lecture Series has been established to stimulate respectful dialogue on the relationship between the Bible and the Qur’an. While acknowledging the unique nature of these religious texts, lectures will cover distinct themes that the two revered books have in common. Lecturers are selected from scholars in the Abrahamic faith traditions who are distinguished by their contribution to interfaith understanding and academic advancement. Held on the campus of Oakwood University, the lectures provide an opportunity for the academic community to engage in open discussion and critical inquiry. All lectures are open to the general public.

For more information, please contact Dr. Keith Augustus Burton (camrou@oakwood.edu or 256-726-7883).
Upcoming Aeolians activities:

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<td>Friday</td>
<td>October 5 – 2:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Conductor of the Huntsville Symphony, Maestro Gregory Vajda – Master Class with the Aeolians</td>
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OU alum shares his father’s story in new book

From Karnack to Compton: One Man’s Journey and Presence by Oakwood alumnus Ronald McCowan, chronicles the life of a young African American male from a poor backwoods farm in the Jim Crow 1930s to the often maligned suburb of Compton, CA. (…) Although beleaguered by self doubt, anger, sadness, and disillusionment he was able to channel those negative energies into a positive direction and escape from a seemingly hopeless and predestined state of affairs.

http://shop.blackbookplus.com/product.sc?productId=7250&categoryId=-1

Special ‘College Days Chapel’ Announcement

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, there will be a special chapel to welcome and celebrate our College Days visitors. Classes normally held on Tuesday during Chapel will be moved to Thursday, October 11. This is a one-time change. Chapel will resume as scheduled on Thursday, October 18.
### 2012 College Days Schedule

**Sunday, October 7**

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<td>Brunch</td>
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<td>Registration</td>
<td>Blake Center</td>
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<td>Oakwood Campus Tour</td>
<td>Eva B. Dykes Library (outside)</td>
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<td>Basketball Tryouts (Men &amp; Women)</td>
<td>Ashby Auditorium</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
<td>Millet Activity Center</td>
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<td>Chaperone Orientation</td>
<td>Carter Hall Chapel</td>
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<td>Bus Loading for Game</td>
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<td>Basketball Game</td>
<td>UAH Spragins Hall</td>
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<td>Breakfast</td>
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<td>Worship</td>
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<td>General Session 1</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>General Session 2</td>
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<td>Departmental Visits</td>
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<td>Praise and Worship</td>
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For the first time in Oakwood’s history, this Christ-centered school is now armed with a team of four chaplains (pictured, l-r: Howard Weems, Marshall Kelly, Kimberly Pearson, Ronald Pollard). Throughout this school year, OU? Oh, Yes! will update you on OSL’s evolving ministries, by highlighting one or two of its program initiatives.

When visiting Huntsville, feel free to participate in any of these in-reach and/or outreach activities, by calling OSL at 256-726-7018, or by visiting http://www.oakwood.edu/ou-life/spiritual_life.

“Ignite” (Sunday Evening Praise) - Every Sunday Night

- Completed five “Ignite” programs, focusing on a series of outlined themes.
  - Recorded and archived students’ weekly testimonies
  - Established “Interactive Prayer Walls,” using social media (Twitter, Media Buzz, etc.)
  - Currently developing team of 10 Leaders
  - “Ignite” Future Plans:
    - Add 2-3 more members to Team Ignite (PR; AV; Drama)
    - Survey 1st-time freshmen, to make sure the program is meeting their needs
    - Showcase junior and senior theology students to present weekly devotions

“Serve” Outreach (Local, National & International Missions) - Every Sabbath

- Local outreach to Millennium Nursing home, attended by 23 students attended, who prayed and sang with residents
- Creating Outreach team to head local missions
- Working with OU Service-Learning coordinator, AVP Mrs. Patricia Stewart-Daniel to integrate service learning with local missions
- Mission Trip to Memphis: November 8-11, 2012
  - Partnering with South Central Conference and its local churches
- Coordinating with Oakwood Transportation Department to furnish buses to accommodate students for local and national mission trips
• Conducted an initial interest meeting with students who wish to participate in planning and executing an outreach team’s activities
• International coordination (long term missions) and recruiting
• Assist in recruiting for local missions
• International coordination (long term missions) & recruiting

• “Serve” Future Plans
  o Revamp the media/advertising approach for outreach
  o Develop and brand an Outreach team
  o South Carolina outreach mission trip (January, 2013)
  o Orlando, Florida mission trip (Spring Break, 2013)
  o Partner with Southwestern Adventist University for a dual-institution mission trip
Oakwood University 2017-2022 ??

From September 18-20, 60 individuals – OU administrators, board members, faculty, staff and students, and Huntsville civic leaders – gathered for a three-day Strategic Actioning Session Retreat at Huntsville’s historic Roundhouse. To experience what all occurred, and enjoy a “sneak preview” of what Oakwood University will look and feel like over these next five to ten years,

1. Visit the website at www.marbleleadership.com
2. User name: Oakwood
3. Password: itistime
The Department of History and Political Science welcomed approximately 250 people to McKee Business & Technology Complex auditorium, for the second in its “Legal Careers Seminar Series” on Wednesday evening, September 26. The guest speaker family law attorney Ms. Amber James, of Huntsville’s James Family Law (left).

The program began with an invocation and devotional by Ms. Alexandria Carrington, a sophomore Pre-Law major and chaplain of the OU Pre-Law Society. On behalf of the OU administration, Dr. George Ashley, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affair, welcomed Ms. James and all in attendance. Ms. Leandra Joseph, a sophomore International Studies major and president of the OU Pre-Law Society, issued a general welcome. Dr. Samuel London, Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, introduced the guest speaker.

Ms. James described about her personal journey into the legal field, her duties and responsibilities as a family law attorney, and tips for students aspiring to become family law specialists, and answered several questions from the audience. Ms. Joseph, accompanied by Dr. London, presented Ms. James with gifts of appreciation – including a hardbound copy of the volume *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* by Ellen G. White.

In her remarks, Professor Helen Fischle, Chair of the Social Work Department, mentioned the similarity of certain duties undertaken by family law attorneys and social workers. She praised Ms. James for her commitment to serving minors as a certified Guardian Ad Litem. Professor Fischle also commended the guest speaker for unabashedly integrating her Christian faith with public service.

Dr. London gave special recognition to Ms. Samantha Richardson, a junior Pre-Law major, for altruistic service and continued support for the department and its initiatives, and presented her with a memento of appreciation. Ms. Nia Johnson, a sophomore International Studies major and vice-president of the OU Pre-Law Society, gave the closing announcements. After closing prayer by Ms. Daneal Barnaby, a sophomore Pre-Law major and secretary of the OU Pre-Law Society, refreshments were served, courtesy of the Department of History and Political Science.
Beginning November 1 - All Payroll Time-entry will be automated for Oakwood employees.

✓ No more timecards!
✓ Hourly employees will now clock-in electronically.
✓ Payroll and benefits information will now be available online 24/7.
✓ Improved efficiency of payroll process.
✓ Helps the environment!

An additional Payroll Training Session (for Timekeepers and Managers) has been scheduled for Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m., in the McKee B&T Bldg Training Center (downstairs). To sign up, call ext. 7026.

OU enrollment tops last year’s record 2000 students

Paul Gattis reports on al.com that “Enrollment drops again at Alabama A&M; other Huntsville colleges get more students,”
http://blog.al.com/breaking/2012/10/enrollment_drops_again_at_alab.html

Here are some interesting Oakwood highlights:
1. OU’s fall enrollment surpassed last year’s record/milestone mark of 2006;
2. This fall’s 2,019 student-mark represents an overall increase of 13 students, despite a tough economy;
3. More specifically:
   • First-time freshmen increased by 6% - from last year’s 386 to 408;
   • LEAP enrollment upped by 7% - from last year’s 135 to 148;
   • OU students studying abroad went from last year’s 15, to now 19 - a 27% increase;
   • We added one more male -- totalling 870, vs. last year’s 869 -- while adding 12 more females (now 1149, compared to 1137 in 2011 - yet still maintaining our male:female 43:57 ratio!
NORTHERN CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY (NCU)  
ALUMNI DAY  
October 20, 2012  
A Beacon on the Hill: Keep the Dream Alive!

At Moran Hall Auditorium  
9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School

11:00 a.m.  
Divine Worship  
Dr. Neil Reid  
*Calf*pastor of NCU Church  
Ministerial Director  
Georgia-Cumberland Conference (Central Region)

5:30 p.m.  
Vesper Thought

Q & A (State of the University)  
Dr. Trevor T. Gardner  
President of NCU

For more information, call (256) 859-2433.

Travel down Memory Lane  
Saturday night for good old time fellowship  
Games! Fun!  
Food on Sale!

NEWS FLASH!  
Prince Phillip is coming to town accompanied by Sweet Rolls!  
All at  
4920 University Square  
See you there!!!
Worship Service
Nov. 3rd
Christ Unity Evangelical Church
208 E 61st St.
Speaker - Wesley Knight

FOCUS Friday
Nov. 2nd 7-9 pm
Little Black Pearl
1060 E 47th St.
Basketball
7pm - Ratner Athletic Center
University of Chicago
5530 S. Ellis Ave.
$7 Students/$10 Adults

College Fair
Nov. 4th
10am
Little Black Pearl

4pm Concert
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

WELCOMES YOU
TO THE
WELLNESS PROGRAM:
FALL PREVENTION

FIRST SDA TOWERS
JOHNSON TOWERS
WILLOW RUN TOWERS

WHEN:
Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, November 12, 2012
Monday, November 26, 2012
Monday, December 3, 2012

TIMES:
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DON’T LET YOUR LAST TRIP BE A
Fall

TEAM PR’S THREE-PRONGED MISSION:
TO CAPTURE AND TO CAPSULATE “THE OAKWOOD EXPERIENCE.” AND TO COMMUNICATE IT WITH SPEED, ACCURACY, CONSISTENCY AND PASSION, TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICS UPON WHICH OUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS! FOR YOUR FREE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION TO OU? OH, YES!, EMAIL US AT PR@OAKWOOD.EDU.