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Did you vote today? OU students show pride for 'the Oaks'
by Lauren Foster, senior, public relations major
The Home Depot has launched its fourth annual "Retool Your School" Campus Improvement grant program, giving HBCUs a chance to get involved, unified and vote for their school. This year, The Home Depot has increased the number of grants offered, creating an additional Tier II Grant award in the amount of $10,000, for a total of 12 Tier II Grants. It will also continue to award the $50,000 Tier I Grant, and the $25,000 Campus Pride Grant. The Campus Pride Grant will go to the school with the most votes and social media activity. Oakwood University went literally from the bottom (of the list of 75 institutions) to the top in a matter of hours -- thanks to our dedicated students.

The social media participation regarding the "Retool Your School" contest is "through the roof!" With Oakwood being the only Adventist HBCU in the competition, our students and staff have asked for a little help from our fellow Adventist institutions, such as Andrews University, Southern Adventist University, and Southwestern Adventist University. On the second day of voting (February 19), Oakwoodites made the hashtag #OakwoodRYS2013 a "trend" on Twitter in the United States.

In addition, people are sharing the voting link -- www.retoolyourschool.com -- to multiple social networking sites including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Students have really come together and formed a unified bond to promote our school. The progress that Oakwood has made is tremendous -- going from last place, to 12th place, to 5th place in a matter of hours, and was at 1st place by 10:00 p.m., where we have been ever since. Imagine what we can do by the April 15th deadline!

If you haven't voted yet, make sure you get online and vote!! And tell your friends - family - church members - all of your Facebook contacts, Twitter followers, etc. Let's do this!!

OU welcomes home new Enrollment Management Director

By James Hutchinson, Director, Student Enrollment Services, and Dawnette Chambers, senior, public relations major

On February 4, Ms. Nikki Lawson, (Oakwood, class of '96) was formally introduced to her staff as the new Enrollment Management Director by Dr. George Ashley, Assistant VP of Academic Affairs.

Ms. Lawson is an accomplished administrator with years of experience in implementing organization strategies and measures of continuous improvement and efficient program operation. Her ability to multi-task and to rapidly respond appropriately to changing circumstances in the fast-paced enrollment-recruiting...
world make her a perfect fit for the role as Enrollment Management Director.

Ms. Lawson hails from South Bend, Indiana, where she has worked more than 16 years in various educational settings. Her positions have included teaching, being the Assistant Director of Career Services at Ivy Tech Community College North Central, a high school Career & College Specialist, and the Assistant Director of Youth Services for the Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center.

Her professional strengths include but are not limited to: budget management, team leadership, marketing, program development, performance evaluation, customer service, event coordination, workload prioritization and problem-conflict identification and resolution.

In her spare time she loves to travel, working with community organizations, working with youth organizations tutoring and teaching character building skills, and has a passion for singing. Despite the many things she has conquered in her life she says "my biggest accomplishment is my strong relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Her favorite Bible verse is a favorite for many: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Ms. Lawson says, "This verse gives me encouragement that no matter how hard it may be or how dark the day is, God has it all in control and together they will be Victorious!"

On her first day at the office, Ms. Lawson was treated to a scrumptious luncheon befitting of "royalty." The home-cooked meal was prepared by staff members in Student Enrollment Services (SES), the Center for Academic Success (CAS), and Enrollment Management. The room was tastefully decorated by Enrollment staff who also gave their new director a beautiful welcome basket. The luncheon was attended by members of the President’s Council, Dr. George Ashley, department directors whose offices are in the new Cunningham Hall, and the staff of SES, CAS and Enrollment Management.

Together with Enrollment Management, the editors of OU? Oh, Yes! say: "Welcome back to 'the Oaks,' Nikki -- may God bless you!"

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**Pulitzer-prize winner Isabel Wilkerson to address Oakwood**

Isabel Wilkerson will be the special guest speaker for chapel on Thursday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m., in the Oakwood University Church. A book signing will follow the program.

Ms. Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first...
Ms. Isabel Wilkerson is the guest speaker for OU Chapel on February 28.
(Photographer: Joe Henson)

black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African-American to win for individual reporting in the history of American journalism.

She spent 15 years interviewing more than 1,200 people to write *The Warmth of Other Suns*, her award-winning work of narrative nonfiction that tells the epic story of three people who made the decision of their lives in what came to be known as the Great Migration. Tom Brokaw praises the book as "an epic for all Americans who want to understand the making of our modern nation."

The Great Migration was one of the biggest underreported stories of the 20th Century. It lasted from 1915 to 1970, involved six million people and was one of the largest internal migrations in U.S. history. It changed the cultural and political landscape of the United States, exerting pressure on the South to change and paving the way toward equal rights for the lowest caste people in the country. During the Great Migration, Wilkerson's parents journeyed from Georgia and southern Virginia to Washington, D.C., where she was born and reared.

Wilkerson is a gifted and passionate speaker who has addressed the topics of migration, social justice, urban affairs and 20th Century history at universities across the country and in Europe. She has appeared on national programs such as CBS' 60 Minutes, PBS's Charlie Rose, NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross, NBC's Nightly News, MSNBC, C-SPAN, and others.
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Senior Presentation Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood University Church

al.com: Columbia movie producer DeVon Franklin to speak at
DeVon Franklin, a senior vice president at Columbia Tristar Pictures, will receive an award and also speak at the Oakwood University Church, on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Franklin's appearance at Oakwood comes as part of the historically black university's celebration of Black History Month.

Read the rest of the story, and view Franklin's "Produced by Faith" video [here](#).

al.com: OU alum Carmela Monk-Crawford takes the helm at 'Message' magazine
Carmela Monk-Crawford, 47, pauses during a recent tour of the Clara Peterson-Rock Museum (at Oakwood’s Eva B. Dykes Library), and stops at the pictures and artifacts from "The Morning Star," a paddlewheel boat that plied the rivers of the American South in the years after the Civil War.

Read the rest of the story [here](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/...Ogsj1LxbXSd1F42E8XMBwkJTWevjiyZIFMaow3OmKE635bO79sDrmkPQe2YiyprhnaLuAj3A%3D[2/25/2013 2:26:10 PM]).

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**Huntsville.about.com: OU campus eateries score "A's"!**

As *OU? Oh, Yes!* reported in September, 2012, Sodexo Dining Services opened Zebi's (short for "ZEsty Bistro"), at the entrance of the University Market Square. Zebi's is a totally healthy eating alternative, located at Oakwood University and in Alabama - and why not?

Given the well-documented health disparities in Black America, OU still has the first and only vegetarian/vegan eating facilities at any of the 105 HBCUs. Alabamians desperately need such healthy initiatives as Zebi's and Oakwood's Student Dining Hall, since Alabama is:

(a) The country's 2nd most obese state;

(b) Holder of the 2nd highest rate of high blood pressure; and

(c) Overall, the nation's 5th (or, by some ranking #3) "unhealthiest state" in terms of smoking, obesity and diabetes.

Recently, both the Student Dining Hall (also more commonly known as 'the cafeteria') and the University
Market Square received high scores from the Madison County Health Department.

Sodexo/Oakwood University Market  7000 Adventist Blvd  90
Sodexo Cafeteria at Oakwood  7000 Adventist Blvd  94

Read the rest of the Madison County weekly health ratings [here](#).
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(Moran Hall)

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By Steve Doyle | sdoyle@al.com

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Battle hailed Martin as a "tireless community advocate" who created the first citywide neighborhood council, reached out to the 142 different cultures represented in Huntsville, launched the mayor's Hispanic Latino Advisory Committee and worked to make Huntsville part of the National League of Cities' Inclusive Communities program.

"Thank you for being a great ambassador for the city," said Battle.

Former Mayor Steve Hettinger hired Martin 24 years ago as the first African-American member of his cabinet. Battle named her director of multicultural affairs following his 2008 election.

A former psychologist, Anderson is responsible for six programs and three academic units at Calhoun. He is also president of Maximum Life Enhancement, a consulting firm that specializes in organizational management and leadership development, and hosts a live weekly talk show on Oakwood University's campus radio station.

Martin said Anderson seemed destined for his new role, noting that he wrote "The Encyclopedia of Multiculturalism" in 1994.

"As I begin this journey, I see it as an extension of the work I have committed my life to for many years now," Anderson said at Tuesday's news conference. "I also recognize that I stand upon the shoulders of a woman who has made incredible contributions to this city.

"I want to honor her contribution by being the best I can be."

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Oakwood University alumna Carmela Monk-Crawford takes the helm as 'Message' magazine editor

By Kay Campbell | kcampbell@al.com

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HUNTSVILLE, Alabama – Carmela Monk-Crawford, 47, moves through the exhibits in the Oakwood University Library’s museum and stops at the pictures and artifacts from “The Morning Star,” a paddlewheel boat that plied the rivers of the American South in the years after the Civil War.

Traveling with that boat was Edson White, son of Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

On the boat itself was a floating classroom and printing press. White was taking seriously writings by his mother, considered a prophet by Seventh-day Adventists, to help take care of the former slaves. Wherever the boat docked, African-American men, women and children could come on board for a chance to learn to read and write.

White was also preaching the gospel to them – twin goals he folded into “The Gospel Herald,” a magazine he started to send to the former slaves.

Monk-Crawford looked at the photographs in silence for a moment.

An alumna of Oakwood University, Monk-Crawford, a former newspaper reporter, magazine editor and lawyer, has recently been named editor of Message, the magazine that is the direct descendant of White’s 1898 “The Gospel Herald.”

The magazine is believed to be the world’s oldest continually published religious magazine aimed primarily at an African-American audience.

God’s calling

Shouldering leadership at the magazine, whose editors have included former Oakwood University president Delbert Baker and also Monk-Crawford’s own father, is a heavy responsibility, Monk-Crawford said recently during a visit to Huntsville. And it wasn’t her idea.

A lawyer who spent most of her career advocating for children who were in trouble with the law, Monk-Crawford had been in private practice in Dayton, Ohio, last year when the call came from Message.
The 48-page bi-monthly magazine now has a paid circulation of 56,000, with an additional 20,000 of each edition distributed by Adventists to their neighbors and friends.

A new agreement with Ingram Publishing is beginning to make it available on newsstands, as well.

But it had been 14 years since Monk-Crawford had worked as a writer or editor, she told the committee. She wasn't sure she was qualified.

Not so, the committee told her. They needed someone with a fresh outlook. Monk-Crawford’s credentials as writer and editor were part of her qualifications – but so were the facts that she and her husband have three children, from 7 to 13, juggle two careers and continue to be active members of their church. Those are challenges that readers of Message face.

“I have to believe God is guiding this process,” Monk-Crawford said. “I could not refuse. Besides, I’m up for the adventure. My attitude with God has always been, ‘What’s next, Papa? Is that what you want?’”

Besides, she said, the magazine brings together two of her passions: Helping people to nurture the life God has planned for them and also spreading the good news of God’s love in the world. And given the volatility of all aspects of the publishing industry these days, Monk-Crawford said, chances are good that no one person is really qualified to be an editor these days.

“I’m obviously going to have to branch out, reach out to people with other expertise,” Monk-Crawford said, ticking off the social network, digital- and internet-assisted ways that all publishing these days is forced to access. “But I think the Lord is asking me to tap into what I understand now.”

Going deeper

Monk-Crawford had left newspaper feature writing for a position as an assistant editor at Message in 1990.

She wanted the opportunity to go deeper with stories that could help people discover God’s will for their lives, she said.

But during the early 1990s, Message wasn't really ready for a woman with ambition, Monk-Crawford told Oakwood’s Tim Allston in an interview that will be part of a profile in the university’s alumni magazine.

“I felt my head pressing against a glass ceiling while working at Message, so I decided to pursue law to try to deepen my analytical abilities and to work in the community,” Monk-Crawford told Allston.

That one door closing opened the door for which her volunteer work with youth had prepared her. Monk-Crawford secured a law degree and, for the last 14 years, has worked as an advocate for kids whose lives were derailed by bad circumstances and bad choices.

The two careers are similar in many ways, Monk-Crawford said. Both require analysis and advocacy. Both invite
someone with the heart of a crusader. Both are places where she can share the same message that Edson White brought South so many years ago: “God has a plan for your life that involves all your talents.”

And the world in 2013 still offers the same needs that Edson White found 105 years ago, she said.

“It’s not a foregone conclusion that everyone knows about Jesus,” Monk-Crawford said. “And they don’t just need the gospel, but education that ‘This is what God has for you for health, finances, relationships.’ And that’s worth knowing about!”

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By Jean Brandau, About.com Guide

Madison County Restaurant Health Ratings - Huntsville Alabama Restau...
# Madison County Weekly Restaurant Health Ratings

**Date Range:** 02/09/13 through 02/15/13

The report is from the Madison County Health Department. They are sorted by score, from low to high. A score of 85 is considered passing.

*All eating places are located in Huntsville unless otherwise noted.*

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