The Home Depot is awarding $195,000 in grants to 14 HBCUs through the RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL Campus Improvement program.

We’re eligible for a $50,000 Tier I grant, a $25,000 Campus Pride grant, or one of 12 grants of $10,000 each.

To help, visit retooleyschool.com and cast your vote for our school today.

YOU CAN VOTE ONCE A DAY, EVERY DAY.
AND GET OUT THE WORD VIA TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM.

Oakwood University
#OakwoodRYS2013

Voting is open February 18 through April 15.

Did you vote today? Oakwoodites show their pride
In The Home Depot's fourth annual "Retool Your School" Campus Improvement grant program, Oakwoodites' online voting -- at www.retool yourschool.com, "tweeting" and sharing of Instagram messages -- with the cobranded hashtag #OakwoodRYS2013 -- has helped Oakwood shoot to the top of the list of 75 HBCUs participating. OU went literally from the bottom of the list to the top in a matter of hours -- thanks to our enthusiastic students and employees.

The Campus Pride Grant will go to the school with the most votes and social media activity. We're asking all of our readers to please:

1) go online and vote for Oakwood University - once a day, every day, on every electronic device you have (smartphone, iPad, PC, etc.);
2) tell your friends - family - church members - all of your Facebook and Instagram contacts, Twitter followers, etc. Imagine what we can do by the April 15th deadline!

Oakwood jumped to 1st place on the first day of voting, and we're in close competition with University of Maryland Eastern Shore. However - the editors of OU? Oh, Yes! believe "We can do this!" We'll keep you posted.

**WAAY-TV, OU set to re-launch "Ask The Experts" sponsorship**

Beginning Tuesday, March 5, and each Tuesday for the next 12 months, at approximately 11:20 a.m., WAAY-TV31's midday news segment "Ask The Experts" will feature four Oakwood University subject matter experts each quarter.
In addition to OU President Dr. Leslie Pollard as an expert on faith-based/higher education/organizational leadership training and development (March-May), the other three OU spokespersons and their areas of expertise will be:

Ms. Kisha Norris, Executive Director, Division of Advancement & Development - on fundraising/philanthropy strategies for non-profits (September-November)

Mrs. Cheri Wilson, Director of adult & Continuing Education/LEAP - on the financial/emotional benefits and features of adult degree completion (June-August)

Dr. Prudence L. Pollard, author,
Raise a Leader (God's Way) - on all levels of leadership development, especially in children (December-February)

OU officers acquire further knowledge, skills to enhance campus safety

By Lewis Eakins, Director of OU Public Safety

(l-r) Captain Melvin Harris, Sergeant Shawn Byrd, Sergeant Maurice Staples and Sergeant Tracy Haywood recently participated in a two-day "First Response to Active Shooter" training program held at the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, Alabama.

The training involved classroom instruction on the latest protocol in addressing active shooter scenarios, and practical exercises where teams of officers entered various buildings at the training academy and engage an active shooter. Realism was provided by training participants who simulated people feigning injury or running from the building. Additional realism was provided through the use of weapons with blank ammunition. Captain Harris serves as an adjunct instructor at the academy.
Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson speaks at Oakwood University

By Amethyst Holmes | aholmes@al.com The Huntsville Times

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson was glad to be on "sacred soil" when she visited Oakwood University Church to complete the institution's Black History Month series Thursday.

A full sanctuary of students leaned in fascination toward Wilkerson as she talked about her award-winning novel "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration."

Read the rest of the story here.
President Pollard and Ms. Wilkerson, on Alabama's "sacred soil," at Oakwood University.

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Oakwood University
SENIOR PRESENTATION PROGRAM

Thursday, March 14, 2013, 9:50 a.m.
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Speaker: Chaplain Kimberly Pearson
Associate Chaplain, Oakwood University

Attention Seniors:

- Senior Presentation Rehearsal
  Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
  Oakwood University Church

Program Sponsors:
Academic Registrar’s Office
Oakwood University

Faculty Resource Center is open for business
by RaeChelle English, sophomore, marketing and public relations major

On February 27, the Department of Faculty Development hosted the opening of the Faculty Research Center in the lower level of Cunningham Hall.

The Faculty Research Center is a space that "allows faculty to come away from their department and provide a place for cross-disciplinary collaboration and engagement," states Dr. Prudence Pollard, Vice President for Faculty Development and Research. Bringing faculty together allows them to share ideas and collaborate on things such as research and scholarly activities. The center is focused on bettering faculty through collaboration in three key areas: teaching styles, research, and service to their discipline.

The décor of the Faculty Research Center is designed to fit its purpose. It is furnished with task areas, monitors, and a circular lounge area for optimum collaboration conditions. The space is equipped with books and reading materials that focus on scholarly writing, teaching styles, and various topics. A major component of the center is aimed at relaxation, which can be seen in amenities such as its microwave, miniature refrigerator, and hot water dispenser. This is only accessible by staff.

Staff of the Faculty Resource Center greet OU Administrators on February 27. (l-r) back row: Will Mitchell, Howard Weems, David Knight, Tim McDonald, Garland Dulan, Leslie Pollard. (l-r) front row: Sabrina Cotton, Ndala Booker, Kisha Norris, Melonie Gurley, Bennye Armstrong, Jan Dulan, Prudence Pollard.

The Department of Faculty Research and Development has big plans and hopes for the
center. This includes workshops such as weekly "Lunch and Learn" sessions and other resourcing opportunities. The center is able to accommodate as many as 30 faculty members at a time. Overall the Faculty Research Center, essentially a "safe zone for faculty," gives professors a chance to come from a calm relaxing space ready for the classroom. Dr. Pollard and her department believe that "if we develop our faculty, they'll be happier in the classroom, and overall more productive."
35th Annual UNCF North Alabama Campaign Gala

Thursday, March 28, 2013
VIP Reception 6:30 pm
Gala 8:00 pm
Von Braun Center, North Hall
700 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL 35801

Tickets Available Now!
Call 256-726-7201 or Visit www.uncfnorthalabama.com

Featuring:

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For more information on UNCF and to purchase tickets online, visit www.uncfnorthalabama.com
OU Professor attends historic AOM conference in South Africa

In January, Dr. Theodore Brown, Sr., Associate Professor of Management at Oakwood, participated in a historic Academy of Management (AOM) Conference held in Johannesburg, South Africa, at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS). Although the AOM has a global membership of nearly 20,000 from 103 countries, the Africa conference was limited to a maximum of 400 scholars.

The conference centered on participant research involving African businesses, and also building scholarly collaboration among attendees that address various aspects of Africa's emerging economies and multinational corporations. Brown's active engagement and participation during the conference earned him a special informal invitation to join the Africa Academy, and serve on the planning committee for the 2014 Africa Academy Conference scheduled for Botswana, Africa. He also plans to present a scholarly paper for the 2014 conference.
Dr. Brown also serves Oakwood as Coordinator of the Consortium of Adventist African Universities and Partners (CAAUP), and Faculty Exchange Program.

*Dr. Brown with business management scholars from England and Nigeria.*

During Spring Break 2013, the Voices of Triumph (VOT) will be ministering not only in music, but in community service, to individuals in New Haven, Connecticut, and Brooklyn, New York. Their scheduled stops include:

**Saturday, March 2**
Norwalk SDA Church - 101 South Main Street - Norwalk, CT

**Sunday, March 3**
Community Center - 1175 State St., Suite 217 - New Haven, CT

**Monday, March 4**
Fairfield County SDA School - 827 Trumbull Ave. - Bridgeport, CT

**Tuesday, March 5**
Hartford Academy - 474 Woodland St. - Hartford, CT
Mary Wade Nursing Home
Wednesday, March 6
Harrison Tucker School, Inc. - 405 NewHall Street - Hamden, CT
Buckhill Nursing Home - 2817 N. Main St. - Waterbury, CT

Thursday, March 7
Columbia House
Quinnipiac University - 275 Mt. Carmel Ave - Hamden, CT
Mt Zion SDA - 64 Marlboro St. - Hamden, CT

Saturday, March 9
Emmaus SDA - 1144 Flatbush Ave. - Brooklyn, NY

Oakwood University Aeolians
SPRING TOUR 2013

Saturday, March 2 - 7:30 p.m.
Aeolians in Concert @ Loma Linda University Church
Loma Linda, California
tickets: https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/llusmaa/event.jsp?event=281

Sunday, March 3 - 7:00 p.m.
Aeolians & Sunday Night Singers in Concert @ Lancaster SDA Church
Lancaster, California

Thursday, March 7 - 7:00 p.m.
Aeolians in Concert @ Xavier University
Cincinnati, Ohio

Friday, March 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Aeolians in Concert @ Ethan Temple SDA Church
Clayton, Ohio
**Saturday, March 9** - 11:00 a.m.
Aeolians minister @ Ethan Temple SDA Church
Clayton, Ohio

**Sunday, March 10** - (time TBA)
Aeolians minister @ Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Before students left the campus for Spring Break, they were offered the opportunity to install the My Oakwood app on their smartphones and tablets. This app will make looking up account information and registration processes as easy as pushing a button.
TEAM PR'S THREE-PRONGED MISSION:
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IT WITH SPEED, ACCURACY, CONSISTENCY AND PASSION, TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS
AND PUBLICS UPON WHICH OUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS! FOR YOUR FREE
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