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Honda Campus All-Star Challenge is a knowledge game of quick recall for America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Now in its 25th year, more than $7 million dollars in grants have been awarded by Honda to participating HBCUs and nearly 100,000 students in 22 states have participated.

Members of OU's Honda All-Star Challenge team are Kenesha Bennett, Parris Boles, Greg Edouard, Jennifer Miller, and Antoine Southern. Coach Rennae Elliott, Ph.D., chairperson of the communication department, said "The students represented God and Oakwood well, and they played well." Those that helped the team practice include Sanna-Gay Hird, Sesly Huerfano, and Jhanel Tam.

More than $300,000 is at stake this year, with the champion HBCU earning a $50,000 grant. Oakwood will be one of 48 teams competing for the top prize.
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In 2013 Oakwood won the Tier 1 grant, which allowed the University to construct an outdoor pavilion. Because of last year's victory, Oakwood is not eligible to win in the Tier 1 category. However, Oakwood is eligible to win in the campus pride category, which will allow the University to re-seed the softball and soccer fields as well as install sprinkler systems.

From February 17 to April 14, supporters can visit www.retoolyourschool.com to vote for Oakwood University's campus improvement project. "We need everyone's support to help Oakwood win this grant," said Kisha Norris, executive director for advancement and development for Oakwood. Oakwood is only Seventh-day Adventist university in the competition.

The winning school of the Campus Pride Grant will be selected by a combination of the applicant's 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, will be awarded with the Campus Pride Grants.

Oakwood University had the most votes last year! Let's do it again. Go to www.retoolyourschool.com and vote as often as possible - and from all of your personal computers and devices. You can also Tweet about the competition using #OakwoodTHDRYS

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The Orlando Chapter I was organized in 1966 and has been involved in a variety of activities to uplift the spiritual, financial, and cultural experiences of the Adventist community in Central Florida. The charter members were: Ethel Stewart, Pauline Ravenal, Susie Sankey, Omar Richards, Barbara Smith, Elaine Cox and Ruth Stokes. During the event Susie and Pauline, the only surviving charter members were recognized.

The event included special music from Mark Bunney, the well-renowned inspirational saxophonist from London, England, the smooth and soulful voice of Altamese Blake, and Rossyl Lashley who jazzed up the keyboards to many of the Christmas favorites. Daniel Smith and Meisha Fernandez served as master and mistress of ceremony. Chef Errol Castello prepared the meal.

As we look to the future, we hope to partner with other organizations that also believe in the same core values - such as helping the seniors and children through scholarships, said Karen Winston, president of Kings Daughters Orlando Chapter I.

The event concluded with the highlight of the evening - a fashion extravaganza. Several church members were decked out in their finest winter wear, which included casual and evening attire. Herman Davis, pastor of Mt. Sinai, surprised and delighted the audience by revealing his inner swag as he walked down the aisle.

Alpha Footman, president of the Eastern Region Federated Kings Daughters, was delighted by how the efforts of the event.
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Students responded positively to the presentations from Pure Reality. One student said, "The presentations just kept getting better!" Another stated, "I needed this."

Pure Reality will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. However, their success is not simply in their longevity, but in their impact! Currently, Pure Reality has helped more than 500 youth and adults across the nation take hold of their sexuality and spirituality. Pure Reality will conclude their presentation tonight at the Oakwood University Church with skits, preaching and a consecration service.