GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Dear Prospective COAS Student:

Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) and Howard University! I congratulate you on your achievements and commend you for considering Howard University in your future as so many thousand young people have done before you.

While the College of Arts and Sciences takes pride in preparing young men and women for purposeful lives in their communities, nation and the world, it is unwavering in its determination to increase opportunities for exceptional educational experiences for students. Achieving this objective has been eased by action of the Howard University Board of Trustees in January 2011 on academic renewal that provides new energy to re-imagine, reconfigure and expand programs offered students.

There will be increased internationalization of the curriculum. Moreover, greater numbers of students will have opportunities to study, pursue research and travel abroad during some period during their matriculation at Howard. There are scholarships and a globalization fund that aid students desiring to take advantage of this opportunity. If you do not have a passport already, I encourage you to obtain one so that you will be prepared to travel – sometime on short notice – when the opportunity presents itself. For example, during the first week of January 2011, three COAS students – a junior majoring in biology and physics and two sophomores majoring in political science – attended a week-long seminar on global citizenship at the Salzburg Global Seminar in Salzburg, Austria.

The COAS Summer Study Abroad Program for 2011, which attracts students from throughout the University, will have programs in Africa (North, South, East and West), Europe, Central America and the Caribbean. Moreover, galvanized by the visit to Howard University in January 2011 of First Lady Michelle Obama and informed of potential financial support for students to study in China, the College plans to send some students to study in China this summer.

We celebrate student participation in research investigations and encourage them to present their research findings at professional and scholarly conferences and symposia. In each of the last three years, Howard University students were the most published in The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) journal. In addition, the College sponsors annually the Undergraduate Student Research Symposium as another venue for presentation of student research findings.

Achievements of graduates and their contributions to addressing challenges confronting humankind are important for the College of Arts and Sciences. The State of California has its first woman attorney general; she is Kamala Harris, a COAS graduate. Recently the governor of that same state appointed Ms. Carla Peterman to the California Energy Commission; she is a COAS graduate and a Rhodes Scholar. The Honorable Kasim Reed is a COAS graduate and mayor of Atlanta, Georgia where he is performing at a very high level as he serves the people of his city. Although these three are all in public service, there are many other graduates excelling in this and other areas.

May you have continuing success in your future endeavors? I look forward to seeing you in August.

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Established in 1957, the Honors Program in the College of Arts and Sciences has offered students with high academic potential unique opportunities to extend their intellectual horizons available from a liberal arts education. The Honors Program is committed to preparing students for leadership roles in their chosen professions and in their communities as responsible local and global change agents.

Honors Program students are highly motivated students committed to the acquisition of knowledge and the comprehension of ideas in diverse subject matter. They are actively involved in student government, writing and producing campus periodicals, engaged in study abroad and exchange programs as well as professional and technical conferences and undergraduate research opportunities with esteemed faculty from academic departments.

Honors Program membership is granted by invitation only. Eligibility requirements are as follows: grade point average of 3.5, SAT (math and critical reading) scores of 1200 and ACT scores of 26.

The Honors Program offers its students:

♦ Full-service, wired facility with free access to computers, fax machine and Xeroxing
♦ Early registration and academic advisement
♦ Independent research opportunities under the guidance of a faculty mentor
♦ Eligibility for Honors housing
♦ Information and personal assistance with scholarships and internship
♦ Participation in Honors Program-funded seminars and conferences Fund to assist with research projects, standardized test prep sessions and/or study abroad opportunities
♦ Representation on Honors Council
♦ College of Arts and Sciences Honors Association
♦ Sponsored private lectures featuring outstanding faculty and renowned speakers
♦ Honors Program notation on academic transcript

HONORS PROGRAM

REMINDER: Incoming freshmen must complete the On-line Mathematics Placement Examination at the IP address http://www.mpe.howard.edu (students scoring 4 or higher on AP Calculus Examination are exempt)
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Washington Baltimore-Hampton Roads-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. This alliance’s goal is to substantially increase the number of underrepresented minority students who pursue and graduate in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology (SMET). Activities include collaborative learning approach to SMET education, peer and faculty mentoring, academic and summer internships, summer bridge programs, undergraduate research assistantships, undergraduate student research conferences, and focused groups. Interested students should contact the program office at (202) 238-2511.

Psychology offers high achieving sophomores and juniors a chance to receive scholarships through the Career Opportunities in Research (COR) Program.

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The Center for Pre-professional Education oversees three accelerated programs: Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Medicine; Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Dentistry and Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. These programs allow superior academic achievers who have fulfilled specific requirements to complete the bachelors and doctorate degrees in six years.

To qualify for these programs, students must have, at minimum, a 1950 SAT (verbal and mathematics) or 26 ACT score, a high school grade point average of 3.5 or better and rank in the top five percent of their class.

The Center also provides comprehensive classes and assistance to students to prepare for standardized tests for admission into professional and graduate programs. Interested students should contact Dr. Clarence Lee at 202 238-2363.
Greetings to Prospective the College of Arts and Sciences Students:

I hope your final year in high school is off to a phenomenal start and finish! My name is Erin Rigsby and I am currently serving as Executive President of the Arts and Sciences Student Council.

The Trademark Administration achieved great things last semester with the creation of the Educational Advisory Center (EAC) and Student Task force Committee. The EAC committee successfully put on four well-attended class check-ups, while the student task force was busy at work collecting recommendations to better advise the University President on academic renewal. Our student advocacy division held two successful grievance days and the Freshman Class board launched into leadership with activities to engage their classmates.

Our biggest accomplishment was our gift giving. During this event, we as a council donated microscopes to the biology department, stools to the chemistry department, and speakers to the dance program. We are especially proud of these contributions because they are donations from students to students for the betterment of our educational experience.

This semester the Trademark Administration is branching out in our programming. We’ve already held an art expo and are planning to host a Legal Lines symposium and a table in the bottom of Blackburn before the end of the month. Expect many more great things to come from the Trademark Administration and continue making a lasting impression on the world as we prepare for your arrival.

Erin B. Rigsby, Executive President of the Arts and Sciences Student Council