Dear Prospective Student:

I welcome you to the College of Arts and Sciences, the oldest and largest academic unit of Howard University. On behalf of the College’s faculty, students and staff, I congratulate you on your achievements and commend you for considering Howard University as thousands of young people have done before.

The College, while proud of its reputation of preparing young men and women for purposeful lives in society, continues to seek ways to increase opportunities for exceptional educational experiences for students. During this academic year, two Nobel Prize winners Toni Morrison (Literature) and John Mather (Physics) and an Abel Prize winner Peter Lax (Mathematics) visited the university where they interacted with students and faculty. Other distinguished visitors included Senator Barack Obama – then Senator and Democratic Party Presidential Candidate – and First Lady Michelle Obama, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, Mr. Festus Mogae, Former President of the Republic of Botswana and Cecilia Rouse, a member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisors.

Some of our students participated in undergraduate research, study and travel abroad programs, service leadership activities, and advanced language training, as well as workshops, seminars and conferences. Three graduating seniors are recipients of Fulbright Scholarships: Florence Maher, a double major in political science and economics, will study in Germany where she will explore social integration; Justin P. Dunnavant, a double major in history and anthropology, will investigate African cultural retentions in Jamaica; and Kelly McCray, a double major in English and Greek, will teach in Thailand. They will have departed when you arrive.

Mr. Cunningham, a major in economics, is a recipient of a coveted Truman Scholarship for 2009. You will have the opportunity to interact with him since he will be a senior this fall. The National Flagship African Language Center, which is housed in the College, will prepare students for near-native proficiency in the Swahili language. We hope that you will choose to join us, for I look forward to your participation in the exceptional educational experiences we offer.

Wishing that you have a great summer, I hope to see you in August 2009.

James A. Donaldson, Dean
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HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program offers intensified study for selected students. Emphasis is on the acquisition of knowledge and the comprehension of ideas. Opportunities for independent study are available as early as the sophomore year.

Work in Honors is offered in each of the four years of study. Students who fail to qualify for honors study during the freshman year may be admitted at the beginning of their sophomore year. An honors student must satisfy all requirements for graduation that are not included in the Honors Program. Courses designated as honors courses in the Student Reference Manual and Directory of Classes are normally restricted to students formally enrolled in an honors program. Other students must obtain the written permission of the instructor to enroll in such courses.

Honors study includes courses in general education and in specialized departmental areas. Work in general education consists of courses in English composition, literature, and natural and social sciences during the freshman year, and seminars during the sophomore and junior years. In the student’s area of specialization, honors study allows for flexibility with opportunities for independent study through supervised reading in the sophomore and junior years and directed research in the senior year. Direct questions regarding the Honors Program to Dr. Daniel Williams at 202 806-6763 or by e-mail at dawilliams@howard.edu.

**********************************SPECIAL BULLETIN*************************************************

REMEMBER: Incoming freshmen (those who paid the enrollment fee) must complete the On-line Mathematics Placement Examination at the IP address http://www.mpe.howard.edu

Remember the Dates:
Freshman Registration for Fall 2009
July 13-17, 2009
Marching Band Camp (open to any student who can play an instrument)
August 9-15-2009
Move in to Housing
August 15, 2009
New Student Orientation
August 17-22, 2009
First Day of Class
August 24, 2009
**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.

**ACCELERATED PROGRAMS FOR CAREERS IN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY**

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 1200 SAT (verbal and mathematics) or 25 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.

**SUPPORT PROGRAMS IN THE COLLEGE AND AT THE UNIVERSITY**

| **Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp** | Program for preparing students to become commissioned officers in the Air Force. Lt. Col. Cunningham 202 806-6788. |
| **Army Reserve Officer Training Corp** | Program for preparing students to become commissioned officers in the Army. Lt. Lt. Col. Williams, 202 6784. |
| **Pre-professional Education Center** | Students interested in careers in the medical field and law (includes preparation for MCAT and LSAT). Dr. Clarence Lee, 202 238-2363 |
| **Educational Advisory Center** | Students who are pharmacy majors or have not chosen a major are assigned an advisor in the Center. |
| **Tutoring** | Tutorial sessions are coordinated within the academic departments, in the Center for Academic Reinforcement and in specific departments. |
| **Dr. Annette Davis** | 202 806-6985. |
Established in 1868, the College of Arts and Sciences is Howard’s oldest, and with an enrollment of approximately three thousand students, its largest academic unit. In addition to having nineteen degree-conferring departments, the college provides instruction in core courses to all undergraduate students in the University.

As Howard’s Flagship, the College of Arts and Sciences embraces the institution’s mission, providing, among other things, a first-class educational experience to all undergraduate students. Its divisions are:

- Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences

Greetings to the Class of 2013:

Congratulations! Welcome to the Flagship, the College of Arts and Sciences. Although the days leading up to your arrival to Howard University may seem long you can utilize them now to ease your transition. Beyond the excitement of meeting celebrities at homecoming, hanging out in the dorm rooms, and being a neighbor to the Obamas, you have a lot to look forward to in the College of Arts and Sciences, commonly referred to as “COAS.” You are amongst the best and brightest minds in the world, and it is no coincidence that you, I and others have converged on the “Hilltop.” COAS offers well-rounded educational and academic experiences that cannot be duplicated, and you now have a fresh slate to determine your destiny. As the largest college at “HU” it’s only natural that we run the Mecca, from academics to extra-curricular activities. I urge you to not only join your state club upon arriving to HU, but to also join clubs and organizations that relate to your major or have sparked an interest with you. From Students Advocating for Youth (SAY) to the University Fashion Council there is an organization for everyone at Howard, and by joining these organizations now you will begin to create a network that will last you forever.

The Arts and Sciences Student Council is one organization that you will get to know fairly quickly upon arriving to Howard. We are the college’s governing body for students and are here to serve and support you in any way needed throughout your matriculation in the #1 college. For the 2009-2010 academic year, we have vowed to turn on the “Green Light” for the College of Arts and Sciences, and we truly are "Ready to Go" when it comes to serving the students. Through advocating for student rights, renovating success, career and community development we are an active and important entity on HU's campus that hardly goes unnoticed. Our office is located in the Blackburn Student Center's Suite 106. Our web address is www.coas-sc.com <http://www.coas-sc.com/> . Do not hesitate to contact us anytime at (202) 806-7009 or e-mail us at artsand-sciencesstudentcouncil@gmail.com , after all, we are here for you. We look forward to welcoming you to HU in the Fall and can't wait for you to join our team!

See you then,

Dorien Blythers
Executive President

Llewingtina King
Executive Vice-President

The “How To” for Applying for Scholarships

Beginning on July 13, 2009, you are advised to refer to the College’s website at http://www.coas.howard.edu for a brief description of the workshops and to register. The point of contact is Ms. Linda G. Jones, Special Assistant for Student Affairs. She may be reached at 202 806-9736. Feel free to e-mail her at lgjones@howard.edu. Remember the workshops are free!!!