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MR. SALEEM SULLIVAN

Assistant Director of Student Affairs for Academic and Student Services

More About Me!

SALEEM SULLIVAN

Saleem Sullivan is a native of Mount Vernon, NY. Mr. Sullivan earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Management Information Systems from Saint Paul's College (Lawrenceville, VA). He continued his education at Virginia State University, where he earned a master's degree in Sport Management.



Mr. Sullivan comes to the COAS Office of the Dean with over 12 years of experience working in higher education. He has strong expertise with hands-on interaction with students from diverse academic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds. He has served as an academic advisor, a transfer articulation coordinator, and most recently he served as an Assistant Registrar.

Mr. Sullivan is passionate about education and believes in advocating for students. He enjoys spending time with his son, friends, and family. He is a former 3x ALL-CIAA collegiate student athlete (baseball) and a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



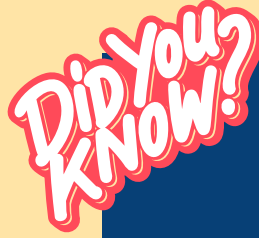
Some fun facts about me:

- I love sports. Knicks, Yankees, and Giants are my favorite teams
- I love flying kites on windy days and riding my bike around the city.
- Jay-Z is my favorite rapper!



COAS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ayotimofe Idowu



My hometown:

Owings Mills, Maryland by way of Lagos, Nigeria

My Major:

Biology and Health Education Maternal and Child Health Concentration
Double major Chemistry minor

My plans after graduation:

As an alumna of Howard University, I plan on working as a research trainee in a microbial pathogenesis lab at the National Institutes of Health.

More About Me:

I am a member of the third cohort of the Karsh STEM Scholars Program and a graduate of the COAS Honors Program. In the future, I plan on pursuing a combined MD/Ph.D. degree to become a physician-scientist. My interests include women's health, infectious diseases, and global health.

Ms. Ayotimofe Idowu had the highest GPA in Health Education for AY 2022-2023!

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COAS FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Dr. Mohamed S. Camara

Dr. Mohamed S. Camara serves as Professor and Department Chair in the Department of African Studies. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Howard Journal of African Studies.

In Feb. 2023, Dr. Camara was announced as the winner of the 2023 Grand Prix de la Francophonie Award.

This award recognizes an individual or organization in culture, education, and/or politics that has distinguished him/her/itself by:

- Promoting the French language and cultural and linguistic diversity.
- Promoting peace, democracy, and human rights.
- Supporting education, training, higher education, and research.
- Developing cooperation for sustainable development.

Congratulations to Dr. Camara for his dedication to the Francophonie world through his teaching, research, published works and non-profit foundation!

His education and expertise include:

History

Ph.D.

Northwestern University
1996

History

MA

Northwestern University
1991

Journalism

Postgraduate Degree

Universite de Dakar,

Senegal

1985

Philosophy & History

Diplome d'Etudes

Superieures (DES)

Universite de Conakry,

Guinea

1981



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ms. Melissa Estrado

My name is Melissa R. Estrado. I am a proud graduate of Howard University, College of Arts & Science, class of 2003. As President of Howard University Alumni Club of Greater NYC, I am honored to say, I would not be where I am today without the unwavering support of Howard University and the Department of Alumni Relations.

When I arrived on Howard's well-manicured lawn-better known as the "yard," as a first-generation college freshman, it was a different world for me. A never felt before powerful energy radiated through my veins. Every day my peers and I felt like we could take over the world.



On the days when I felt overwhelmed and ready to give up, all I had to do was take a walk on campus. At any given moment you could see and hear the future leaders of tomorrow. We were destined to be great!

Howard provided me with the necessary tools and resources to become a healthcare consultant. Howard afforded me exceptional, quality educational training by world renowned professors. Professors who were strong, resilient, and reminded us daily about perseverance at the Mecca. Professors like Clyde L. Jackson who treated you like family the minute you stepped foot in his class and now mentors your son-a rising sophomore at Howard University more than 20 years later.

To this day, we still have the best lawn in DC, and I feel the same energy I felt on day I whenever I visit my beloved alma mater.

Ms. Estrado has a son who attends Howard University. He is a rising sophomore



2023 FLAGSHIP AMBASSADOR INDUCTION CEREMONY

April 17, 2023

The College of Arts and Sciences (COAS)

The Flagship Ambassador Program is designed to holistically develop and enhance the leadership skills of students who are dedicated to promoting The Flagship of Howard University:
The College of Arts and Sciences (COAS)

MEET OUR COAS FLAGSHIP AMBASSADORS



FLAGSHIP AMBASSADORS AT THE COAS FLAGSHIP AMBASSADOR INDUCTION CEREMONY

TEAM BROWN

Beth Brown studied astrophysics at Howard University, undertaking two internships at NASA during her undergraduate years. She went on to graduate school at the University of Michigan, where she became the first black woman to get a doctorate in astronomy from the institution. She was then hired as an astrophysicist at NASA, where she collected data on elliptical galaxies. She was passionate about helping minorities to succeed in physics.



TEAM CAPTAIN

AARON JOHNSON

Driving on the south side of Howard's campus you'll see, amongst the many posters we have of beautiful alumnae, Dr. Beth Brown. A pioneer in not only the X-rays of elliptical galaxies, but of science education to the general public. To serve under her name invokes a spirit of creativity and angst for exploration in the natural sciences, and the communication of big ideas into small bite size concepts for population consumption. And to be the captain of a phenomenal team dedicated to those very goals is an honor I hope I can live up to. In this team, leadership will always be encouragement of the possibilities and explore new ways that students can ask critical thought-provoking questions about the world around them. Team Brown of the Ambassadorship program can hope to further the legacy and commitment of Dr. Brown, so that more students will grow to pioneer their own fields while giving back to those that pushed them forward.



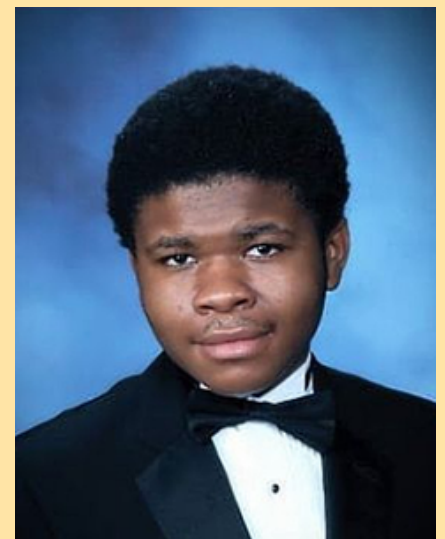
CHRISTIANA BIRUK



MARY COLLINS



HANNAH HOLLIS



DENNIS TSITSIWU

TEAM CLARK

Psychologist and researcher, Kenneth Clark and his wife, Mamie Clark, studied psychology in the 1930s at Howard University and were very involved in the civil rights movement. Together, the Clarks went on to design and conduct a series of experiments commonly known as "the doll test" to study the psychological effects of racial segregation on African-American school children. Their research was cited in arguments during Brown v. the Board of Education, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that ruled segregation unconstitutional and sparked a shift historic toward integration.



**TEAM CAPTAIN
KYLE HOLMES**

I am truly honored to serve as a 2023-2024 COAS Flagship Ambassador Captain for Team Clark! Serving in this role is an opportunity to be an influential voice for positive change and innovation while also leading by example as a COAS Ambassador. I plan to stay engaged with my team by fostering an open line of communication and creating an environment that promotes creativity and innovation. In the spirit of inclusivity, I will lead with the same ideals and motivations as the psychologists whom my team is named after. Determined to unearth the psychological impacts of segregation, Doctors Mamie and Kenneth Clark used innovative ways to understand just how deeply impacted African-American youth were by segregation in school systems and society in general. The work of Drs. Clark is inspirational and my team will follow their lead in developing uplifting and impactful projects and initiatives for COAS and the Howard community.



CAMERON HUMES



ISABELLA MILLER



SYDNIIE WARDLAW



KENNEDY WILLIAMS

TEAM DAMAS

Léon-Gontran Damas was a French poet and politician. He was one of the founders of the Négritude movement during the 1930 along with Aimé Césaire and Senghor. Damas explored the internalized racism and oppression that occurred within the diaspora. In the 1970's Damas moved to D.C. He taught at Howard University and served until his passing as acting director of the African Studies program.



**TEAM CAPTAIN
GARIMA ROKAYA**

As a Captain, I understand the importance of striking a harmonious balance between my duties as a leader of the Flagship Ambassadors and my personal and professional growth. From a young age, I have held the belief that a true leader is inseparable from their team. Therefore, my approach to working with my team members revolves around embracing my authentic self and creating a nurturing environment where they can also express their true selves. We proudly bear the name of Léon-Gontran Damas, a remarkable individual who excelled as a poet, politician, diplomat, cultural theorist, leader, and professor. His unwavering commitment to serving his community serves as an enduring source of inspiration for me and my team. Recognizing the immense potential within each member, I wholeheartedly encourage them to embrace their unique abilities and contribute their irreplaceable talents to our collective effort.



NYA CARTER



LAUREN FOLEY



DAYNA JACKSON



WILLIE WHITE

TEAM DOUGLASS

Frederick Douglass was a Social pioneer revolutionist and honorary degree recipient of Howard University, he continues to be celebrated at Howard University where he created policy as a member of the board of trustees from 1871 until his death in 1895. His legacy is forever a part of Howard.



TEAM CAPTAIN

ARIEL CLARKE

To serve as team captain means to humbly accept the obligation of a change agent. In order to be effective and to implement changes, I have to be the bridge that connects the student body to faculty and staff. Through this position that I am grateful to have received, I intend to lead by listening more than I speak so that I ensure that students understand that they are seen and heard. Hearing the opinions of those around me and not taking their concerns, or ideas, big or small, for granted. Change agents are advocates who are progressive, innovative, and bold enough to demand change when necessary. I recognize that the task is not always easy but "to whom much is given, much is required." It is like Fredrick Douglas stated, "if there is no struggle there is no progress." This statement resonates with me because I understand what it is to face obstacles and struggles and truly believe that it is in the struggle and the adversity that character is built. My hope is that we will be able to make the most amount of change by impacting the present and future of our university



SAMARIA GALLIEN



KALYSSA GILLESPIE



BRYANT WELLS



ELISABETH WILSON

TEAM HARRIS

Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris was first introduced to her love for politics while studying at Howard University where she earned her undergraduate degree. In 2003, Sen. Harris became the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. A few years later Kamala was elected as the first African-American and first woman to serve as California's Attorney General. In the United States, Harris is the first Black woman and Asian-American to run for vice president on a major party ticket. In 2021, she took office as vice president of the United States.



TEAM CAPTAIN MYRA LEWIS

Myra Lewis, 3rd-year Biology major, Chemistry minor from Charlotte, NC is a Flagship Ambassador and captain of Team V.P. Kamala Harris! She is very excited to serve as the captain and wants to create a voice of representation across the College of Arts and Sciences. Myra plans to engage with her team and create a collaborative environment where each voice on her team has the ability to share, learn, and cultivate new experiences. Just like the famous Howard University Alumna, Kamala Harris has quoted that "...you are powerful and your voice matters". Myra wants to incorporate that mantra in her team's environment, but also in her local and international community. As she is highly inspired by the efforts women like Kamala Harris have created, she also wants to help others in this world grow their voices and make a change in our world!



EMMA CHARLES



AMAJAH HALL



DONAVAN HANSON



REAGAN RUSSEL

Team Marshall

Thurgood Marshall applied to Howard University Law School after being rejected on the grounds of his race by the University of Maryland Law School. This choice shaped his professional life, propelling him to advocate for equal rights, particularly in relation to race. He took on difficult cases to end state-sponsored discrimination like *Brown v. Board of Education*. This landmark case ended the legal basis for segregation in the U.S. In 1965, Marshall was appointed U.S. solicitor general by President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1967, he became the first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.



**TEAM CAPTAIN
TY'IANA TOMLIN**



JANIYA ALLEN



GHENAÉ FORD



IMARI GREEN



TIMI OYEWO

TEAM MORRISON

Professor Toni Morrison earned a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in classics from Howard University in 1953. She spent seven years teaching English at Howard after receiving her master's degree. Morrison was willing to examine issues of race, love, and even the paranormal. Morrison has received countless accolades for her activism and writing, including the Nobel Prize in Literature, a Pulitzer Prize, an American Book Award, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom presented by President Barack Obama.



**TEAM CAPTAIN
RYANE JONES**

It is a great honor to serve as Captain for team Morrison and I am honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with my team. As a leader, I take great pride in hearing the ideas, experiences, and perspectives of others, and gleam at the opportunities to empower my team to be leaders and innovators. I intend to highlight and utilize the skills and talents within my team and seek to develop a great bond and relationship so that we can work together harmoniously. I am so excited to lead the Morrison team and plan to lead with the same vigor, foresight, and creativity that the legendary Toni Morrison herself exhibited while on Howard's campus and in her literature. I am truly inspired by the unapologetic confidence and creativity that Howard University students have and want to bring to light what greatness lives within COAS. I am so excited for what is to come for the Morrison Team and hope we successfully carry out her legacy on campus and around the world.



CHRISTIE CAMBRIDGE



TAYLOR CAMPBELL



VICTORIA HACKSHAW



VAUGHN PEOPLES-HOBSON

TEAM TURE

Kwame Ture aka Stokely Carmichael was a civil rights activist, writer, and orator. During his freshman year as a philosophy major at Howard University, he participated in his first Freedom Ride. In 1966, Ture gave a speech where he first spoke the words "Black Power," calling for cultural, political, and economic self-determination for Black people around the world.

He joined the Black Panther Party and journeyed around the world to visit with revolutionary leaders. Ture helped to redefine African American identity--as well as Black identity around the globe--with his revolutionary proclamation that Black is beautiful.



**TEAM CAPTAIN
JOSHUA BEN-BABA**



CARMIYA BADY



DEJA DANIEL



KATHERINE SAINT-PREUX



JAZWAN VEAL

SPRING'23 COAS GRADUATION

In AY 2022-2023 The College of Arts and Sciences graduated 757 students

To the Graduating Class of 2023

Dr. Gladys M. Francis, Associate Dean for Academic Student Affairs

We are extremely proud of you!

You are well-prepared to challenge norms, to advocate for democracy and social equity, to promote environmental sustainability, and to positively impact the communities and institutions around you.

We are grateful to you for the voices you will make heard and for the ways in which you will engage with issues of diversity and growing apertures in the economic fortunes of our social fabric. Use the education that you have received to launch and sustain efforts that will forge significant differences in your communities, the nation, and the world.

You are equipped to be the beacons that the world needs!

During this new chapter of your life, you will learn to balance your career ambitions with a commitment to love and to have fun, while driving social change. "Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better" (Maya Angelou).

Thank you for choosing the College of Arts and Sciences to fortify your life's journey. You are about to join the distinguished list of alumni who blaze trails in the national and global communities. Be assured that we will continue this journey with you. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Mecca through tailored and engaging alumni initiatives!



SPRING'23 COAS ASA EVENTS

Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne Visit, 2023



Thank You Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne Team!

Prof. Camille Salinesi- Vice President in charge of International Relations

Dr. Annie Soriot- Director of International Relations

Julien Frémont- Deputy Director in charge of International Cooperation

Thank you all so much for visiting us at Howard University. We had productive meetings, amazing conversations, and many laughs! We look forward to visiting you all this June to sign our MOU! Our HU delegation and our 4 COAS students that will be joining us in Paris (Naika Belizaire, Déja Daniel, Garima Rokaya, and Regan Russell) cannot wait to see all that Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne has to offer!

SPRING'23 COAS ASA EVENTS

Accepted Students Day, 2023

We had a wonderful time meeting our incoming COAS Bisons. Thank you to the 430+ attendees!



SPRING'23 COAS ASA EVENTS

[Click here to view the Induction Ceremony.](#)

Flagship Ambassador Induction Ceremony, 2023

Congratulations to our inaugural cohort of 40 COAS Flagship Ambassadors! We cannot wait to see how you all grow and develop in your new role.



SPRING'23 COAS ASA EVENTS

UK Sendoff Block Party, 2023

Thank you to everyone that came to say farewell to our England-bound students! Speical thank you to AVP Pluff and her team for providing the traveling swag to our students, and the staff across many units who came out to gift the students their swag.



SPRING'23 COAS ASA EVENTS

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe Visit, 2023



What a wonderful visit from the John's Hopkins University SAIS Europe team! Thank you for coming to speak to our students about the amazing opportunities you all offer. We are honored to partner with Johns Hopkins and that 6 of our COAS students (Ariel Clarke, Ryane Jones, Nia Naylor, Ann Laurie Pierre, and Kathrine Saint-Preux) are going to Italy this summer as part of this partnership.

HU Junior Preview Day, 2023



It was such a pleasure to meet the potential HU parents and students at Junior Preview Day. The ASA Team, our Department Chairs, and student leaders were happy to welcome them to HU. We hope to see them on the Yard!

Howard University Alumni Club Atlanta Visit, 2023



Thank you to the Howard University Alumni Club of Atlanta for visiting HU and joining us to learn more about the COAS. We value every recruitment effort, and opportunities to exchange, and gather with prospective students. We can't wait to do it all again!

LET'S STEP OUT OF DC & INTO THE UK!



Lights, Cameras, STEP!

As part of the COAS Globalization and Student-leadership efforts, 18 COAS Students were honorary guests at an international Black dance and arts festival in England! The performance "Taste of Howard" showcased the unique art form of stepping and dance. "Taste of Howard" brought to stage the unique contributions of Howard University's esteemed Divine 9 organizations, the Thunder Machine Drum Line, and its dazzling Ooh La La Dance Line dancers. [Click here to view their performance!](#)

No Justice, No Peace!

Our COAS Associate Dean, Dr. Gladys M. Francis, was the 2023 honorary keynote artist and speaker at the prestigious festival. On May 2, 2023, Dr. Francis and the COAS students had a standing ovation as they opened the conference with their "No Justice, No Peace" presentation! [Click here to view their performances!](#)



Building Connections

The COAS UK-Student Delegation not only performed at the festival, but they were given the honor of meeting inspiring international leaders! Through leadership talks, executive dinners, and lectures, the COAS students built meaning connections with the Guadeloupe Executive Delegation, the Director of Public Health of Leicester, England (Ivan Brown), Dance Scholars such as Tia-Monique Uzor, and other college students from around the world.



HU IN THE UK

A STUDY ABROAD TESTIMONY BY MICHAEL WHITE



Moreover, this journey provided a unique chance to delve into the rich history of the Black diaspora, meet students from all over Europe, and Experience Europe in a very unique way. Engaging ancestry presentations and immersive cultural experiences deepened my understanding of our collective heritage, allowing me to celebrate the resilience and creativity of our community.

I am immensely grateful to Howard University, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, and Dr. Gladys M. Francis for entrusting me with this incredible opportunity. Representing our esteemed institutions and making lasting connections while leaving an indelible mark on the international stage was truly a remarkable experience.

This spring, I had the incredible opportunity to represent Howard University and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated during my journey to London, England, and Leicester, England! During this unforgettable experience, I had the honor of showcasing our vibrant culture and talent through an electrifying step show.

As ambassadors, we inspired and entertained audiences with our captivating performances, embodying the spirit of excellence and unity. Additionally, I was privileged to participate in master classes led by renowned choreographers from around the globe. Learning from these exceptional artists enhanced my skills and broadened my perspective on the power of movement as a form of expression.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Biology & HHPL

The Department of Biology is proud to announce the service-learning accomplishments of the General Biology 101/102 Program team led by Dr. Ilesha Fields, Lab Program Coordinator. As currently featured on the Eastern States Regions of the American Heart Association website, more than 400 General Biology students took part in Damar Hamlin's #3forHeart CPR Challenge by learning Hands-Only CPR and challenging others to do the same via social media as part of their exploration of the cardiovascular system.

This would not have been possible without the help of Dr. Douglas White, the General Biology 101/102 Program Director, our Lab Course Assistants, Lab Coordinators, and the collaboration of Prof. Deborah Johnson and Dr. Seanta Cleveland from the Department of Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies.

The service-learning component of the General Biology program is also at the core for a proclamation that was issued by Mayor Muriel Bowser to the Department for outstanding community service efforts.

In addition, twenty-seven (27) Biology students were recently honored with prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Awards based on work they completed in association with the program.

COAS Biology students participating in Damar Hamlin's #3forHeart CPR Challenge



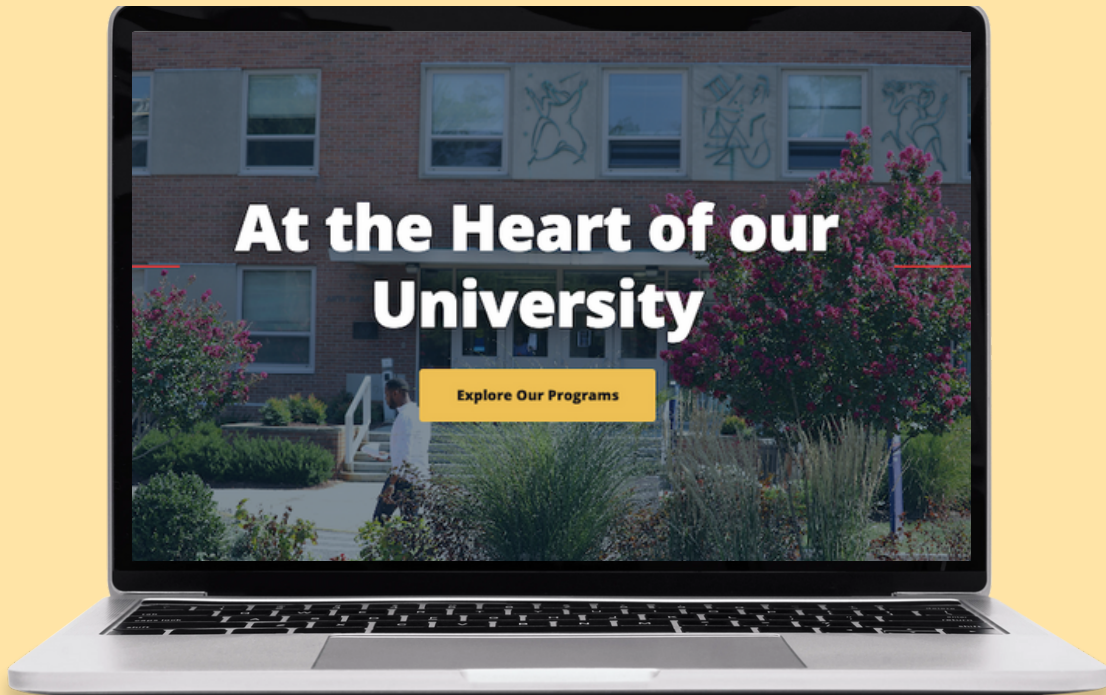


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