Alumnus of the Year

Ella Moultrie Harris, President, MSU National Alumni Association

Morgan State was not her first choice for college, and the Class of ’57 was not her first or chosen class. Even her successful 22-year professional career was just a side trip from her chosen path as a teacher. But Ella Moultrie Harris, this year’s charismatic Alumnus of the Year, has a habit of growing to love and loving to grow her second choices in life.

Mrs. Harris was born and raised in New York City, where her parents owned a restaurant. Coming out of high school, where she was a leader among the mostly Jewish student population, she had twin goals of attending Howard University and joining Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. But after being disappointed by a visit to Howard's campus and influenced by two HBCU professors, she followed a friend to Morgan, a school she had never heard of.

Morgan quickly became one of the loves of her life. Immersed in the campus experience for three years, she was sad to learn she had accumulated enough credits to graduate with her bachelor's in history and political science in 1957, a year early.

After graduation, she married a man from Morgan and moved to Camden, N.J., then Philadelphia, Pa. There, she worked for the Department of Public Assistance for two years and received her master's degree in special education from Temple University. Before her first day as a teacher at a Philadelphia high school in 1976, the teachers went on strike, and the great impromptu job she did representing the union in court, turned into a full-time staff position with the Philadelphia and American Federation of Teachers. She retired from those positions in 1998.

Mrs. Harris has been at the center of a whirlwind of MSU Alumni activity for decades. She has been an active, leading member of the Class of ’57, which she found after graduation to be “just a wonderful group of people.” Last year, her class contributed $60,000 to Morgan, the largest class gift ever. She served as parliamentarian, vice president and president of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter between 1996 and 2005, and served as national parliamentarian, national second vice president and national first vice president during the same period. She now is completing her second term as president of the Morgan State University National Alumni Association (MSUNAA) and is a life member of the group.

A regular at Homecoming – She has missed two since 1957 – Mrs. Harris travels from Philadelphia constantly to attend MSU National Alumni and local chapter activities. She also serves on the Executive Board of the MSU Foundation and has pledged $10,000 to the organization.

As MSUNAA president, Mrs. Harris has been a likeable, effective, relentless fund raiser. “You wouldn’t be where you are if you hadn’t been here (at Morgan). I constantly remind people of that,” she says. “You have to think about the young people…. You need to see what has happened since you left.”

Alumni Day 2008 - Saturday, May 17th

Attention classes ending in “3” and “8,” 1958 through 2003: It may seem like only yesterday, but five years have passed since your last reunion! This year is your time to celebrate, at the 68th Annual Alumni Awards and Class Reunion Luncheon. The event takes place in the Calvin and Tina Tyler Ballroom of the University Student Center, on Saturday, May 17, 2008. An Alumni Art Exhibition, featuring beautiful works for sale of MSU alumni artists, will be held before the luncheon, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Center’s 2nd floor lobby, directly outside of the ballroom. A "Welcome Back" reception will begin at 11:00 a.m., and the luncheon will start at noon. The Classes of 1957 and earlier will celebrate their reunions as the Emeritus Class.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

It’s spring again, and what a wonderful time for our Alumni Day, May 17, 2008 at noon. Welcome sweet springtime!

As you arrive on our beautiful campus, take a moment to remember the significant role that historically black colleges and universities such as Morgan have played in opening the door to opportunity for their graduates.

Alumni, please join me in supporting our President, Dr. Richardson, as we move forward with both the traditional and the changing roles that Morgan will play in the coming decades!

We must look to the future but never forget our past, as our campus changes. Morganites, we can share in the pride that comes in knowing that each time you donate money for a deserving student to attend and graduate from Morgan, you are investing in our collective future. Please let me congratulate Chuck Pollard for his Special Achievement Award and the Philadelphia Chapter and its President, Wilhelmina Stevenson, for their Chapter of the Year honor. Philadelphia is one of our oldest chapters.

I was surprised and honored to be named Alumnus of the Year 2008–2009 by my fellow Morgan family. I remember the sign I saw when I first arrived at Morgan. It read: “Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.” Each of us owes that to alma mater!

We encourage you to come to Morgan on Alumni Day and throughout the year. You must visit our beautiful, new, state-of-the-art library while you are here. It is just one of the many recent changes that have made Morgan’s campus world-class!

Although this letter marks the near end of my tenure as president, it is by no means the end of my work with Morgan! This has been a wonderful lifetime experience. Morgan Forever, Forever Morgan!

See you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Ella Moultrie Harris, ’57
President, MSU National Alumni Association

Special Achievement Award Winner

Charles Henry Pollard, Class of 1957

Charles Henry (“Chuck”) Pollard feels great about receiving this year’s Special Achievement Award from the Morgan State University National Alumni Association (MSUNAA). But, he says, the honor is nothing he’s worked for.

“My working for the Alumni Association was just to help the association and the school,” he says.

Indeed, his many years of service to MSU indicate a deep, personal motivation. A native of Baltimore, Mr. Pollard came to Morgan in 1953, after serving three and a half years in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Guam and Okinawa. While at Morgan, he became a true member of the campus community — joining Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, becoming a member of the Student Court and cochairing the first Religion-in-Life Week — before he graduated with a B.A. in political science.

After graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the federal government for more than 11 years. In 1979, he joined the District of Columbia School System, retiring in 1997 as Director of Transportation. He returned to the D.C. Public Schools in 1999 as a business manager for Winston Educational Center, where he is still employed today.

Mr. Pollard has made countless trips on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for Morgan alumni business over the years. He was elected president of the National Alumni Association during the 1960’s and, thereafter was elected and served one term as president of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter. He was elected president of the D.C. Chapter again in 2003, serving two terms. Mr. Pollard is now the financial secretary of the MSUNAA and the D.C. Chapter. He also co-chairs the organizing committee for the D.C. Chapter’s Crab Feast, which is one of the main fund-raising events supporting its scholarship program.

Despite his work schedule, Mr. Pollard enjoys his family life. He has three children and five grandchildren and has a sixth grandchild on the way.

Michael Cryor Receives Morgan’s MEAC Distinguished Alumni Award

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference presented Morgan's Distinguished Alumni Award to Michael E. Cryor, ’68, at the MEAC Basketball Tournament in Raleigh, N.C., in March. The annual award recognizes outstanding individuals selected by each alumni affairs directors of the MEAC schools.

Mr. Cryor was elected chair of the Maryland Democratic Party in June 2007 and is the only African American to head a state Democratic or Republican Party in the U.S. In the corporate world, he heads The Cryor Group, LLC, a strategic communications firm in Baltimore, Md. A long-time community activist, Mr. Cryor has numerous current and past affiliations with civic and charitable groups. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Morgan and his master’s degree from Montclair State University, both in psychology. He and his wife, Erica (MSU ’69), director of Development at Morgan, reside in his hometown of Baltimore and have one daughter, Maisha, a lawyer assigned to international trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

“It is incredibly gratifying for me that Morgan has chosen me for this honor,” Mr. Cryor said. “I hope that I will always be a credit to the university, my fellow alumni, and the broader community.”
Chapter of the Year
Philadelphia Alumni Earn Top Honors for 2008

Hard work and a visible commitment to alma mater are longtime traditions of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Morgan State University National Alumni Association (MSUNAA), this year’s Chapter of the Year. The Philadelphia Chapter and its individual members actively support Morgan, its programs, and the MSUNAA.

“With the emphasis on getting alumni from Philadelphia and South Jersey more active and more involved with the Alumni Association, and with Morgan as a whole. This award encourages us to keep on working to bring those alumni on board,” adds Ms. Stevenson, who is an administrative judge for the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

First established in the early ’50s, the Philadelphia Chapter now has 66 members, half of whom are life members of the MSUNAA. Each year, the chapter makes significant financial contributions to the Morgan Foundation, the Christian Center, the National Varsity M Club, the Morgan Choir, Alumni Day Luncheon, and the Morgan Gala.

Since 1971, the chapter has awarded scholarships to area students attending Morgan. In 1990, the chapter established the Francis C. Walker Scholarship Fund, which has consistently awarded four-year scholarships at the rate of $1,000 to $1,500 per year to more than 30 recipients. The chapter is now providing financial support to eight students, who also receive mentoring, guidance, “final exam care packages” and encouragement from the chapter. In addition, the chapter met its annual goal of $10,000 last year for contributions to its Philadelphia Alumni Endowment Fund.

The Philadelphia Chapter is committed to Morgan’s ideal of providing educational opportunities to qualified students, as well as promoting academic excellence and achievement. The chapter vigorously promotes Morgan at local and area-wide college fairs and sponsors bus trips to the University. Each year, in August, the chapter hosts a “Welcome to Morgan State University Reception” for entering freshmen and their parents.

Numerous Philadelphia alumni have been honored by the national body, including four Special Achievement Award recipients, 22 NAFEO Distinguished Alumni Awardees and four Alumnus of the Year recipients, including this year’s honoree, MSUNAA President Ella Moultrie Harris, ’57.

We Need Your Help!

Coach Effietee M. Payne was the first female coach at Morgan State University. During her tenure at Morgan, she not only coached several female sports, such as basketball and tennis, but she is credited with initiating the first majorette team at MSU.

A group of former student-athletes who played for Coach Payne has organized a committee to establish an athletic scholarship in her name. The committee is cochaired by Ms. Elaine Blackwell (1946–1949) and Mrs. Beulah Wallace (1949–1953). Its goal is to raise $50,000 in the next five years.

Some of the former student-athletes who have been identified are: Georganna (Showell) Cottman; Ruth Ann (Collins) Dredden; Lucy E. Bankett; Betty Lee (Gilmore) Lyle; Willie (Marshall) Jackson; Beulah (Dale) Wallace; Bettilee (Morgan) Covert; Margaret Smith; Arlene (Kilpatrick) Scott; Mary Hughiee; Frances (Williams) Thomas; Donzella Parker-Burt; Cynthia Bragg; Leanna Taylor and Ruth Travis.

We need your help! We would appreciate any assistance you could render in identifying student-athletes who played for Coach Payne from 1946 to 1973. In addition, we are looking for any majorettes or physical education majors who would like to assist in the development of the Effietee M. Payne Scholarship. Former majorettes Gloria (McDaniel) Gary and Bernice Stepney have agreed to lend their support to this endeavor.

Contact information may be e-mailed directly to Ms. Tanya V. Rush, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, at tanya.rush@morgan.edu.

Donations can be made on the MSU website, www.morgan.edu, by clicking on “Give to MSU” then “Ways to Give.” Or checks can be made payable to the Morgan State University Foundation and sent to:

Morgan State University Foundation
Effietee M. Payne Scholarship
C/O Mrs. Erica Cryor
Director of Development
Truth Hall, Room 201
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, Maryland 21251

Alumni Oath of Allegiance

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to Alma Mater in appreciation for opportunities for development afforded me as a student at Morgan State University.

I pledge active membership in the National Alumni Association wherever I may be. Through association with fellow alumni, I shall ever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of Alma Mater.

I pledge as a citizen to exemplify the high ideals thus implied, rendering positive service to community, state and nation, and so to live as ever to bring honor and respect to Alma Mater.

Are you living up to your pledge?
The Truth About Historically Black Institutions

A Joint Statement by the Presidents of Maryland’s Historically Black Universities*

The age-old debate over the role and relevance of Historically Black Institutions (HBIs) is again taking center stage. That debate is fueled, in part, by the views of some people who seem to not understand that a main object of the civil rights movement was to enhance the educational opportunities for African Americans by both eliminating the vestiges of segregation and enhancing the facilities and capabilities of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Apparently, one such person is U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Abigail Thernstrom, who seems to suggest in a recent Wall Street Journal column that the object of the civil rights movement was to eliminate HBIs rather than to enhance them. She seems to imply that the jailings, the beatings, the burnings and the murders blacks suffered during the sixties were for the purpose of moving the most talented black students into white institutions rather than providing both black and white students equal opportunities to a quality education at either an HBI or a traditionally white campus.

Similar views are advanced by columnist and George Mason professor Walter Williams in a syndicated column now being reprinted in a host of newspapers in the South. Such mistaken interpretations of the 1954 Brown decision, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the landmark 1992 Fordice Supreme Court case do a great injustice to HBIs and the students they continue to serve. Most unfortunately, they threaten to open old wounds related to race and poverty.

In Maryland, the debate over HBIs was once again brought to the forefront by a recently-published article in The Sun. It has moved from one or two college administrators to the media, state legislature and, most recently, into the courts. On the surface, the issue may appear to be about the relative effectiveness of public colleges and universities in educating students. In reality, it is about funding and the way the desegregation law requires the distribution of that money between the ambitions of the well-established, affluent universities and the needs of the less-developed and chronically underfunded HBIs. It is about the struggle to level the playing field in the competitiveness of all public universities in attracting students of varying academic achievement levels and racial backgrounds.

Maryland’s four Historically Black Institutions account for 64 percent of African American undergraduates enrolled in the state’s traditionally public four-year institutions. That enrollment includes many high-achieving high school graduates, as well as significant numbers of students not eligible for admission to more selective institutions. The best prepared students enrolled at the HBIs graduate at the same rates or better than similar students at other public institutions. Also, HBIs do remarkably well in graduating other students, though large numbers of them are forced to drop out because of unmet financial needs and/or academic difficulties associated with full-time students holding full-time jobs. A recent report of the Maryland Higher Education Commission clearly establishes a direct correlation between unmet financial need and low retention rates. Students with unmet financial need are much more likely to have to dropout or stop out for a period of time. Many of those who persist without stopping out will lower their course loads so as to better balance work with the pursuit of their degrees. Both phenomena lead to lower retention and graduation rates.

Recent data show that Maryland’s Historically Black Institutions have been productive beyond their enrollment percentages. In 2006, they accounted for 56 percent of the bachelor’s degrees awarded to African Americans by traditional public four-year campuses; 49 percent of the master’s degrees awarded to African Americans; and 55 percent of the doctorates awarded to African Americans. In the critical fields of the sciences, engineering and education, Historically Black Institutions awarded 52 percent of the bachelor’s degrees in computer science awarded to African Americans by traditional public four-year campuses; 50 percent of the degrees in education; and 64 percent of the degrees in health fields.

At the master’s level, HBIs accounted for 35 percent of the degrees in computer science awarded to African Americans; 55 percent of the degrees in education; 60 percent of the degrees in health; and 44 percent of the degrees in engineering, with only one HBI awarding degrees in the discipline. The significance of Historically Black Institutions in degrees awarded to African Americans is even more pronounced at the doctoral level where, in 2006, they produced 75 percent of the degrees in education awarded to African Americans by traditional public four-year institutions; 60 percent of the degrees in engineering; and 100 percent of the degrees awarded in the health fields.

Despite their effectiveness, efforts to enhance Maryland’s black institutions have been slow and exceedingly limited. All of the HBI campuses continue to have very serious capital needs for renovation and/or replacement of existing buildings as well as for new facilities and equipment. This hinders our efforts to attract new students. Clearly, this lack of adequate

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funding results in a widening of the historic gap in the relative capacity of HBIs and their public white peer institutions in carrying out their respective roles and missions.

Perhaps the key to resolving the question of the role and value of our four HBIs lies in the earlier mentioned Sun article indicating that African Americans, Hispanic and other minorities now constitute the majority enrollment in Maryland’s public schools. These young people represent, in large part, the pipeline from which the future workforce for the State’s knowledge-based economy will be drawn. Unfortunately, this new majority represents the greatest deficits in high school achievement and bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree production. Addressing that condition must be the highest priority of the State, and, because of their effectiveness, the Historically Black Institutions can be invaluable assets in meeting this challenge.

As presidents of the State’s Historically Black Institutions, we believe it to be counter to the State’s best interests to consider proposals that would limit choices and, therefore, access to higher education for African Americans, Hispanics, other minorities and low income students. It is clear that doing so would reduce the number of such students who earn baccalaureate and graduate degrees at the time when the “New Economy” demands a larger and better-educated workforce. With the focus on maximizing the human capital potential of all the citizens of Maryland, now is the time to continue the state’s OCR commitment to “…ensure that the HBIs are comparable and competitive with Traditionally White Institutions in all facets of their operations and programs…”

*This is the unabridged version of an article that was published in the “Outlook” section of the Washington Post, Sunday, February 17, 2008.

UMBC Less Scrutinized: Morgan State said to be held to a ‘different standard’

By Sean Yoes
Afro Staff Writer

FIRST IN A SERIES

Although Morgan State and the University of Maryland Baltimore County were each accused of mishandling millions of dollars designated for campus construction during this decade, the allegations against the two institutions were treated very differently – and in Morgan’s case, more harshly – by both state legislators and The Baltimore Sun, a special investigation by the Afro has found.

The unrelenting criticism of Morgan by certain law makers and the daily press was fueled, in part, by the way complaints were filed against the historically black university and UMBC.

“Our audit disclosed significant deficiencies related to MSU’s management and oversight of its capital improvement projects,” legislative auditor Bruce Myers stated in a letter. When the Office of Legislative Audits raised questions about Morgan in an audit made public February 8, the findings and recommendations – all 17 of them – were placed prominently within the audit, forcing the school to respond.

By contrast, the allegations about the misappropriation of UMBC construction funds were placed in the “background information” section of the audit, which meant UMBC officials were not obligated to respond to the charges. There were no findings or recommendations connected to the construction scheme published within the audit, which was released after the completion of the General Assembly. Consequently, no hearings were ever scheduled in Annapolis.

The difference in the way the audits were handled – and the timing of their release – troubled State Sen. Verna Jones of West Baltimore’s 44th District.

“If the information is going to be used, then there is a responsibility for it to be used in the same fashion,” said Jones, co-chair of the Joint Audit Committee. “We can’t have two different standards of how to deal with information.”

In view of Morgan’s current audit troubles, some legislators of threatening to rescind the school’s authority to manage its own construction projects, authority the school fought hard to win in 2006.

Delegate Norman Conway of Wicomico County, for example, said during a House Appropriations Committee hearing in February, “Autonomy is granted and autonomy can be taken away.”

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Sandy Poitier-Johnson, Ed.D., ‘69, has received the first annual Principals of Excellence Award, an honor created by Time Warner to celebrate the leadership of exemplary principals in New York City public schools. Dr. Poitier-Johnson led a dramatic academic turnaround of Thurgood Marshall Academy of Learning and Social Justice, which was suffering from poor student performance and administrative turmoil when she arrived in 1996. The school is now a safe haven for learning for its students, 85 percent of whom are accepted to college. Dr. Poitier-Johnson and four other principals received the award, which included a $20,000 grant for each school and $5,000 honorariums for the principals.

Brandon T. Carter, ‘06, appeared proudly with his third grade class in a recent employee recruitment advertisement for Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa., where Mr. Carter is a professional and certified teacher. The ad included a caption about his affiliation with Morgan State University and it was e-mailed to students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country in January.

Marvin A. Lewis, Ph.D., ‘68, has authored the first book-length critical study of the literature of Equatorial Guinea, Spain’s only former colony in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Lewis is professor emeritus of Spanish at the University of Missouri–Columbia, founder of the Afro-Hispanic Institute in Washington, D.C., and one of the world’s foremost scholars on Afro-Hispanic literature. An Introduction to the Literature of Equatorial Guinea is his eighth book. He received his bachelor’s degree in Spanish from Morgan.

Gayle Westmoreland, ’68, has published a thought-provoking volume titled Hands: Stop Shaking Them! — A Cultural Shift to End Handshaking in America. Ms. Westmoreland earned her bachelor’s degree in education from MSU, has a master’s in education from The Johns Hopkins University and is retired from a career in telecommunications. The book is available by special order from Amazon.com, Borders or Vantage Press.

Staci Shands, ’88, has been crowned the first Ms. Liberty International 2007. Ms. Shands, from Brooklyn, N.Y., is a book publicist, entrepreneur, classically trained dancer, and published author of works for young adults. The former MSU telecommunications major and Peace Corps volunteer in the Congo is also a dedicated community service volunteer who works against homelessness and to promote diabetes awareness.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. has named Robert C. Smith, ’96, as its first vice president for 2008–09. Mr. Smith is a 21-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and president and CEO of Trebor Associates, Inc., an information technology consulting firm based in Baltimore, Md. He received his bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from MSU and has a master’s in information and telecommunications systems from The Johns Hopkins University.

Kirk D. Carrington II, ’05, has taken a position at Planned Parenthood of Maryland as a special events planner. “Morgan has obviously prepared him well, and I believe he will be an excellent addition to our team,” wrote Keiren Havens, Planned Parenthood of Maryland’s vice president for Development & Community Relations. Mr. Carrington majored in marketing at MSU.

Maj. Gen. Bennie E. Williams (U.S. Army, Ret.), ’72, has been named chief of staff to Baltimore City Public School System CEO, Dr. Andrés Alonso. Maj. Gen. Williams received his bachelor’s degree from Morgan in elementary education and served 35 years in the Army before retiring last year. He was a 2007 Fellow of The Broad Superintendents Academy, a management program designed to prepare senior executives for leadership of public schools.

Leandra Ollie, ’94, has launched The Talented Tenth Connection, a matchmaking service in Washington, D.C., geared toward black singles who are looking to enter long-term relationships or marriage. Ms. Ollie received her bachelor’s degree in political science from Morgan, a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and is an attorney-advisor for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. She is certified by the Matchmaking Institute of New York.

Selina Adger, ’07, has been hired as a group registration associate at US Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport. Ms. Adger was a hospitality management major at Morgan and was lead coordinator/sales coordinator for Sheraton Baltimore City Center before taking her current job.

Savannah State University President Earl G. Yarbrough Jr. has named Edward B. Jolley Jr., ’85, as the school’s vice president for Fiscal Affairs. Mr. Jolley has more than 15 years’ experience as a senior administrator for higher education institutions in Virginia, Michigan and Maryland, including Morgan State University. He was an accounting major at MSU and earned his M.B.A. from Regis University in Denver.

Dara Aquila Govan, ’98, an associate with the Morristown, N.J., law firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP, has been elected Region III vice president of the National Bar Association (NBA) and the association’s Young Lawyers Division Community Outreach Company chair. The NBA is the oldest and largest nationwide organization for African-American lawyers. Ms. Govan earned her law degree cum laude from Rutgers University and her bachelor’s from Morgan in physical education.

The Rev. Dr. George F. DeFord, ’67, completed last year’s Great Chesapeake Bay Swim, an annual fund raiser for charitable organizations in Maryland. Rev. Dr. DeFord, aged...
64, is pastor of Metropolitan-Indian Head United Methodist Church Cooperative Parish, in Indian Head, Md. He completed the 4.4-mile swim in three hours, 54 minutes and wrote an inspiring account of the faith and the helpers that brought him through the challenge. Among those who encouraged him was Russell Young, ‘51, a Morgan Varsity M Club member.

Jamal Dickerson, ‘00, music teacher and band director at Creative Arts High School in Camden, N.J., has received the Milken Family Foundation’s National Educator Award, a $25,000 prize that Teacher Magazine calls the “Oscars of Teaching.” Mr. Dickerson grew up in Camden and received his bachelor’s in music education from Morgan. “Students perform on a higher level because of how he motivates them to see the future in a different light,” says Creative Arts Principal Davida Coe-Brockington. “Mr. Dickerson could go anywhere in the world, but he has decided to dedicate his life to teaching and inspiring his students.”

Nathan Fletcher, D.D.S., ‘80, has been named president of the National Dental Association, an 88-year-old organization that represents 6,000 black dentists in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Fletcher received his bachelor’s in chemistry, cum laude, from Morgan. He and his wife, Alison Riddle-Fletcher, D.D.S., own Fletcher & Fletcher Family Dentistry in Baltimore, Md.

Victor Laquan Lee, ‘99, information science and systems graduate of MSU’s Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management, has coauthored a book with his business partner, J. Jay, called The Feng Shui of Intelligent Process Improvement. Since graduating from Morgan, Mr. Lee has worked in all facets of information technology. His book covers the subject of software development processes and addresses some of the common misconceptions of IT software process improvements.

Issachah Savage, ‘03, a former student of Morgan’s late, great Dr. Nathan Carter, has been appointed chair and executive committee member of the Hines-Lee Ensemble. Mr. Savage, known as the “Golden Tenor,” has traveled the world and received numerous awards, honors and glowing reviews for his performances, singing under the baton of some of the world’s most respected conductors. The Hines-Lee ensemble provides access to operatic and culturally enriched music in the inner city of Washington, D.C., and seeks to help exceptionally talented developing artists.

Ebony magazine has named Justin P. Jones-Fosu, ‘06, one of its “30 on the Rise,” this year’s edition of the publication’s “Young Leaders of the Future.” Jones-Fosu is founder and CEO of JS Training Solutions, a training and development firm based in Maryland. He also serves as training coordinator for the investment management firm T. Rowe Price. While at Morgan, Jones-Fosu was active in many student activities and was crowned Mr. Morgan State University in 2002. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in marketing and credits Morgan with preparing him to build “a solid foundation for my future success and ultimate fulfillment.”

The Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis, Md., has named its library and archives in honor of Sylvia Gaither Garrison, ‘47. Ms. Garrison studied French at the Sorbonne under a Fulbright Scholarship and taught and worked as a librarian and media resource person in Anne Arundel County schools, after graduating from Morgan with a degree in education. She came to the new Banneker-Douglass Museum in 1984 as a volunteer to conceptualize and manage its library and was, in effect, the museum’s first librarian.

The Appoquinimink (Delaware) School District has named a new middle school in honor of the late Dr. Alfred G. Waters, ’31, a legendary educator and promoter of human relations in the state. Dr. Waters became principal of School 120C in Middletown, Del., in 1941, after earning his bachelor’s degree in education from Morgan and a master’s degree from the Teacher’s College at Columbia University. During his tenure, the Louis L. Redding School, as it was later renamed, grew into a comprehensive, grade 1–12 school considered one of the best in the state.

Dr. Waters, who received a doctorate in educational administration from Penn State University in 1952, was widely recognized as an inspiration to his students. He also possessed a rare ability to advance understanding and harmony between people of all races, colors, creeds and nationalities, wrote his son Hugh Waters, who is also a Morgan graduate, Class of ’62. The elder Waters provided moral leadership for students, faculty and administrators when local schools were desegregated in 1966, and he was a charter member of the Delaware State Human Relations Commission, which he served under four governors.

Dr. Waters was chosen as assistant superintendent of the new Appoquinimink School District in 1968 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1973.

The Alfred G. Waters Middle School in Middletown houses 1,000 students and features a 525-seat auditorium, a gymnasium, two computer laboratories and a library and media center, among other amenities.

Regarding the tribute, “He would be very honored but humble,” Hugh Waters told the Dover Post. “Because that’s the kind of person he was. He was humble-kind.”

Alumni on the Move
Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception Welcomes the Class of 2011

The Morgan State University Alumni Association, Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Chapter hosted its second annual reception for Washington area members of the Class of 2011. Seventy-eight members of the class and their parents or guardians attended this event, where they heard from distinguished alumni, current students and friends of Morgan. Presenters shared their college experiences and urged students to give their studies all of their energy, keep their eyes on the prize and join an alumni chapter when they graduate.

The event was held in the board room of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, where attendees were welcomed by WMATA Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Gerald C. Francis. The list of presenters included: Gladys W. Mack, ’55, executive vice president of the United Planning Organization; the Honorable Dr. Ron Watson, ’91, Prince George’s County Board of Education; the Honorable Linda Jacobs Washington, ’70, deputy assistant secretary for administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; Lisa Montgomery Jackson, ’80, U.S. Department of Education; Joyce Brown, ’86 and ’01, director of Alumni Relations, Morgan State University; Shirley Relf, ’60, secretary, Board of Directors, National Alumni Association, Morgan State University; and Natalie McLain, ’08, and friends. Qiana McKoy, ’03, was the mistress of ceremonies, and Jacqueline Lawson, ’75, chapter president, welcomed the Class of 2011 to the Morgan family.

Class of ’53 – 55th Anniversary, Endowment Donations Due

Class of 1953 members, the Planning Committee wants to hear from you! It’s time to fulfill our 50th Anniversary pledge of $50,000 to establish a new Endowed Scholarship Fund at MSU. Donations are due before our 55th Anniversary Celebration on Alumni Day, May 17, and should be mailed to Barbara Allen Hall, 7674 Gladstone Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244.

Stay Up-to-Date by E-mail

We often correspond with our alumni by way of e-mail. If you think that we do not have your current e-mail address on file, please forward your updated information to Mr. Dewayne C. Davis at: DeWayne.Davis@morgan.edu or Ms. Tammi Fleming at Tammi.Fleming@morgan.edu.

Deceased MSU Alumni, Faculty, Staff & Students

Olatunji “Femi” Alabi, ’01 & ’04 ……….. 1/28/08
Harold W. Albrect, ’76  …………………. 1/26/07
George Thomas Austin, ’59  …………….. 1/10/08
Louis Victor Beard ’55  ………………….. 12/29/07
Ilene Jordan Biggs*  …………………….. 1/2/08
Julia Boulding* (Former student)  ……….. 1/22/08
Cassandra D. Bush*  …………………….. 1/24/08
Florence Betty Simmons Ellington  ……….. 1/14/08
(Former Staff)
Monte E. Howard*  …………………….. 1/2/08
Ralph Metclaf Howard, ’55  ……………… 12/26/07
Marva A. Hughes (Banks)*  …………….. 2/4/08
Felipe Inocencio (Former staff)  ………….. 11/22/07
Irvin E. Jenkins, ’56  …………………… 12/11/07
Mwangi Karangu  ……………………….. 3/10/08
(former professor)
Sylvester McArthur, ’87  ………………. 1/16/05
Delano McCallum, ’55  ………………… 12/25/06
Rudolph McClenny, ’58  ……………….. 1/15/08
Christphine McGee, ’42  ………………. Date Unknown
R.C. Parker*  ……………………………. 2/17/08
Everett P. Peters, ’56  ………………… 9/9/07
Debra Denise Pittman*  ………………… 1/13/08
Lana T. Powell, ’78  ………………….. 3/4/08
George Edward Quander, ’53  …………… 12/22/07
Linda Lewis Ross, ’70  ………………… 3/6/08
Mary Stringfellow*  …………………… 2/23/08
John Carvel Sutton, ’80  ………………… 4/25/06
Charles G. Tildon Jr., ’54  ……………. 12/15/07
Mary Mitzi Truitt, ’55  …………………. 2/15/08
Herbert Washington Trader, ’43  ……….. 1/9/07
Mary Mitzi Truitt, ’55  …………………. 2/19/08
Dr. Richard F. Tyson, ’51  ……………… 12/2/07
Ivan C. Walker, ’39  …………………….. 12/5/06
*Attended only

Homecoming “Host” Hotel 2008

The host hotel for Morgan State University Homecoming 2008 will be the Sheraton Baltimore North, located in Towson, Md. To receive the discounted rate of $119 per night (single or double, plus tax), alumni and friends must request the “Morgan State University 2008 Homecoming Rate” and make your reservations on or before September 24, 2008. To reserve your room, or for more information, please call (410) 321-7400.
UMBC Less Scrutinized: Morgan State said to be held to a ‘different standard’

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The actions of the auditors and lawmakers’ criticism of Morgan State have been front-page stories in the Baltimore Sun, the city’s major daily newspaper.

Even before audit of Morgan was made public, The Sun began publishing seven articles – most of them on the newspaper’s front page – within one month, all questioning Morgan’s competence and ability to manage campus projects.

“Morgan skirted rules on contracts,” reads the headline of a story on the Sun’s front page dated January 30. The Sun also published an editorial titled, “Morgan’s building mess.”

It said, “The legislative audit that detailed contracting problems at Morgan State University has raised lots of questions.”

State Sen. Nathaniel McFadden remembers his first reaction to the stories and editorials.

“My first concern was how quickly The Sun got a hold of this issue and how quickly public opinion was framed against Morgan,” said McFadden, President Pro Tem of the Senate. “There have been other schools in the system, UMBC and others, that have had problems, but they have not reached the level of attention in The Sun paper.”

Excessive attention notwithstanding, the charges that Morgan allegedly padded the price of its construction projects in order to have extra operating funds is a serious one.

“For one project we reviewed, with expenditures totaling $7.4 million as of June 30 2007, a number of questionable matters were identified which resulted in their referral to the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General,” stated legislative auditor Bruce Myers, in the audit’s cover letter to the members of the Joint Audit Committee.

In a statement, Morgan said: “The majority of the deficiencies involve the failure of staff to follow state procurement regulations in the letting and awarding of bids for construction projects. The Administration regrets the difficulty in which the University finds itself, and has moved aggressively to implement internal controls that should prevent such mistakes in the future and improve capital program operations.”

Before Morgan plunged into what the Sun calls a “building mess,” UMBC had become embroiled in a building mess of its own.

From 1998 to 2004, five university employees – Patrick Sisk, Joseph Shryock, Dennis Roberts, Joseph Cheek and Andrew Reider, the alleged leader – were portrayed by prosecutors as a ring of thieves that bilked UMBC of hundreds of thousands of dollars through a construction contract scheme. All five have been convicted of various crimes connected to the scheme.

“From 1998 to 2004, Andrew Reider engaged in a pattern of soliciting bribes from contractors and stealing from the University of Maryland Baltimore County ("UMBC"),” according to the formal statement of facts in the criminal case against Reider.

“Reider steered business to his contractor friends, in exchange for substantial personal benefits, such as home improvements, mobile phone service, golf outings, and other entertainment expenses,” the statement continued. “Reider also orchestrated a scheme to have a subcontractor over-bill the University, which created a slush fund in the subcontractor’s bank account under the control of Reider. Reider directed the disbursement of approximately $136,000.”

The UMBC illegal construction scheme may be connected to millions of dollars of construction projects over the course of several years.

From May 1984 to May 2004 Reider was UMBC’s Project Manager in the Construction Services department. He wielded wide power over the projects he managed and he, “supervised virtually all work performed at UMBC by general contractor Hayes Construction Company,” according to the Attorney General’s filing.

Hayes Construction Company was one of the four pre-approved, on-call general contractors available for construction projects at UMBC from 1980 to 2006.

“As a result of Reider steering business to Hayes Construction, Hayes Construction performed more work at UMBC than any other on-call contractor during the course of this scheme,” according to the Attorney General’s statement of facts against Reider. “Unlike any other contractor, Hayes Construction had a constant presence on the UMBC campus, including a fenced compound, where they kept a trailer of offices that was wired with computers and telephones. The compound remained on campus from 1988 until February of 2005,” according to the Attorney General.

Reider controlled millions of dollars in construction bids on the UMBC over the course of several years, with the lion’s share going to Hayes Construction. In the years 2000 and 2001 alone, at least $14 million in construction took place on the campus.

Despite the massive fraud and criminal convictions, the Baltimore Sun published a total of five articles connected to the UMBC case. At its current rate, the paper will end up publishing at least two or three times as many stories on Morgan.

In a written statement to the Afro, the Sun said:

“Recently, auditors examining Morgan State University referred findings to the Attorney General’s office, resulting in a criminal investigation involving several million dollars of state funds. In 2006, the Attorney General’s office discovered that approximately $130,000 of state funds had been embezzled [in an audit of The University of Maryland, Baltimore County], leading to the convictions of four individuals. Our editors make decisions every day in scaling stories based on their scope and impact to our readers. No two stories are identical. We have a responsibility to deliver local news that watches out for community interests, including how their tax dollars are being used. We believe our coverage has been appropriate considering the findings of the audit and the scale of tax dollars involved.”

Auditors defend their different approach to Morgan by claiming because the UMBC case had been referred to prosecutors, there was no need to include broad findings with the internal audit of UMBC.

Bruce Myers, supervised both the Morgan and UMBC audits.

“I can tell you in that case UMBC found a problem, they had it referred to the AG (Attorney General), the investigation was ongoing and their internal auditors were working with the AG and we made sure they were doing all the things they should be doing,” Myers said. “So we didn’t have any recommendations to make that they weren’t already doing.”

He denies that he operated on a double-standard.

“It was our judgment, there’s a lot of judgment in this but, we’re professionals,” Myers said. “We have CPA’s here, we have certified fraud examiners here and every case is a little different.”

McFadden argues that Morgan was indeed treated differently.

“What this whole battle is about is whether historically Black institutions are adequately funded and they can compete competitively for students and that’s what this is all about,” he explained. “That’s the big picture – comparability and equity. Morgan is in this war about duplication, which, again is all about allocation of resources.”
The late James E. Lewis, painter and sculptor, founded MSU’s arts department and museum in 1951. Through these two institutions, Lewis and the University set out to give students an intellectual framework that integrated courses in the fine arts with coursework in the humanities, studio instruction and exposure to the work of practicing artists, including Morgan State University staff and alumni.

Lewis’ vision lives on. This year, a one-month exhibition at MSU’s James E. Lewis Museum of Art presented the work of six artists who were some of the Fine Arts department’s earliest protégés. *EPOCH: The Legacy & Influence of Six Morgan Alumni* ran from Feb. 1 through March 1 and featured the creative gifts of Randall J. Craig Sr., ’55, retired professor of Arts Education at the University of Maryland, College Park; sculptor and three-dimensional portrait artist Reva Goodwin Lewie, ’56; Robert Reed, ’58, professor of painting and printmaking at Yale University; painter, sculptor and printmaker Virginia Evans Smit, ’58; Lawrence Sykes, ’55, retired professor of art at Rhode Island College and former director of MSU’s Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center; and painter and educator Jack White, ’58.

“The public is receiving the exhibition very well,” said Gabriel Tenabe, director of the Lewis Museum, in February. “We had almost 300 people at the opening, including all six of the artists. Since then, (Morgan) students have been pouring in to complete their assignments for humanities and arts classes, and other people have come to celebrate Black History Month.”

“It was wonderful seeing my classmates…. It was wonderful to see the quality of their work and hear their experiences,” said artist Reva Goodwin Lewie, who lives in Baltimore. “I also got to meet with the students. I told them some things they should do to prepare for life, to keep their heads high and follow their dreams.”

“Morgan gave us such an excellent background that we stood way ahead of other people in graduate school and in other endeavors,” Ms. Lewie said of the *EPOCH* artists. “We always expect excellence from Morgan, and that’s what we try to give back.”
“Alumni giving” is a phrase used often in academia and the philanthropic community. This refers to university alumni giving charitable dollars to their alma maters. The alumni giving rate is tracked on an annual basis. The rate simply reflects the percentage of alumni, for whom the university has valid contact information, who made charitable contributions in the previous year. The dollar amount of the gift does not matter.

For Morgan State University, that rate was 6.47 percent for calendar year 2007. We have valid contact information for 26,147 alumni, which means we received gifts from 1,691 alumni last year. The gifts counted are those made to the Morgan State University Foundation. The national average for all colleges and universities is approximately 12 percent.

In addition to the obvious benefit of providing dollars for student financial assistance and scholarships, program support and faculty development, these alumni gifts are important for other reasons. Many corporations and foundations use the alumni giving rate as a factor for determining whether they will make grants to Morgan. In other words, if the alumni don’t support the University, why should they?

In addition, the alumni giving rate was a factor in US News & World Report’s recent ranking of historically Black colleges and universities. If you saw that, you know Morgan was ranked No. 14. Many of us were indignant at not being ranked higher, but our low alumni giving rate brought us down. It will happen again if we don’t step up.

So you can see why it is important that we give and give annually to our beloved alma mater. This is a yearly calculation. We Morganites have an enormous amount of loyalty to and pride in our school. We just need to let our love for Morgan manifest itself in annual financial support.

You can give online at www.givetomorgan.com; or, you can send checks to Morgan State University Foundation, Truth 201, 1700 E. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251.

We need your support now more than ever!

Cheryl Y. Hitchcock
New MSU Library Facts, in Brief:

- Gross Square Footage: 212,997
- Multimedia rooms and audio-visual capabilities in each meeting and classroom
- Display cases for items from the collection of The James E. Lewis Museum of Art
- Special Collections Room for rare and specialty books, manuscripts, photographs and art
- Office space for visiting and emeriti faculty
- Exterior vertical glass panels that minimize sun glare into East Reading Rooms on the first, second and third floors
- Environmentally friendly “green roof”
Open house for the new MSU library was held Friday, January 25, 2008 with Dr. Earl S. Richardson hosting visiting dignitaries and selected guests.

The state-of-the-art building includes a multi-story lobby, lounges, private group study rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms and computer labs, individual computer access at each workstation, access to worldwide databases for research, reading and study space. The design anticipates planned space for future growth, projected at 5,000 volumes per year, for the next 20 years. This unique building faces the new University Student Center, the hub of student life on campus in the Morgan Commons.

Summer Campus Tour

Did you know Morgan continues to add to its beautiful campus? Opened February 25, 2008 is our new, state-of-the-art library. Come, and see what is happening at your alma mater.

The Summer Campus Tour begins on Friday June 27, 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House. Refreshments will be served after the tour. R.S.V.P. to (443) 885-3040 or e-mail development@morgan.edu to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

Note: There will be extensive walking on this tour, and, the tour is not designed for prospective students.
The Alumni Calendar
Alumni Events, Spring/Summer/Fall 2008

Apr. 18  Patrick F. McGuire: Retrospective, Gallery Talk, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, 2201 Argonne Dr., Baltimore, MD 21251. Celebrating the sculptor’s 40 years of teaching at Morgan. Exhibition runs through Apr. 20.

Apr. 28  Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Presents the Magnificent Morgan State University Choir, 4:00 p.m., Bethlehem Baptist Church, Penllyn Pike and Dager Road, Spring House, PA 19477. Contact Wilhelmina D. Stevenson, chapter president.

May 17  68th Annual Alumni Day, University Student Center.
  • Alumni Art Exhibition, 2nd Floor Lobby, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
  • Welcome Reception, 2nd Floor Lobby, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
    For more information, please call the Alumni Relations Office at (443) 885-3015.
  • Alumni Awards and Class Reunion Luncheon, for all classes ending in “3” and “8,” Calvin and Tina Tyler Ballroom, 12:00 noon.

Jun. 21  Installation of New Officers, 12:00 noon, Alumni House.

Sept. 28  Morgan State University Class of 1949, Trip to Chicago, Ill. Seven days and six nights, Sept. 28–Oct. 4. Pricing: $825.00 per person, double occupancy; $1,014.00 per person, single occupancy. Deposit due by Jan. 28. For more information, please contact Grace Patterson, (410) 542-1052, or Evelon Jordan, (410) 664-9395.

Oct. 24  Homecoming Business Meeting, 12:00 noon, Murphy Fine Arts Building/Recital Hall. Reception will follow.

Oct. 24  Homecoming Gala, Martin’s West. For more information, please call (443) 885-3080.

Oct. 25  Homecoming Game, MSU Bears vs. Delaware Hornets, 1:00p.m., Hughes Stadium

Oct. 26  Homecoming Candlelight Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Morgan Interfaith Center. Honoring recently deceased alumni, faculty, staff and students. For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (443) 885-3015.

Murphy Fine Arts Center Events, Spring 2008 – For more information: (443) 885-4440 • Tickets: (443) 885-4443

Apr. 20  Morgan State University Symphonic Winds Annual Concert, 4:00 p.m. Melvin N. Miles Jr., Conductor. Tickets: $7, $15.

Apr. 26  Teens Count Presents “School Fashion Battle,” 8:00 p.m.

Apr. 28  Maryland All-State Music Festival, through Wednesday, Apr. 30.

May 4  Morgan State University Choir Annual Spring Concert, 4:00 p.m. Dr. Eric Conway, Conductor. Tickets: $25, $20, $10, available through Murphy Fine Arts Center ticket office, Ticketmaster charge-by-phone (410-547-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com) or from members of the President’s Committee for the MSU Choir.

May 10  Morgan State University Jazz Ensemble Annual Spring Performance, 8:00 p.m. Melvin N. Miles Jr., Director. Tickets: $7, $15.

May 30  Starquest International Professional Dance Competition, through Sunday, June 1.
MSU Choir Events, Spring 2008 – Please contact sponsor or venue for ticket information, or visit www.msuchoir.org

Apr. 18  Danville Concert Series, Danville, Va., 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 19  The Prizery, South Boston, Va., 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 20  “Let My People Go,” Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 27  Philadelphia Chapter of the MSU Alumni Association, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Penilyn Pike and Trewellyn Ave., Penilyn, PA 19422, 4:00 p.m.
May 4  Annual Morgan State University Choir Spring Concert, Gilliam Concert Hall, 2201 Argonne Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21251, 4:00 p.m.
May 10  Smithsonian American Arts Museum, Washington, D.C., 3:00 p.m.
May 18  Morgan State University Commencement, 10:00 a.m.
May 23  Garrett County Arts Festival Concert, McHenry, Md., 7:30 p.m.

Morgan Bears 2008 Football Schedule (Tentative)

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Alumni Recruiters Sought

There is always something exciting happening at Morgan State University, and MSU’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Recruitment would love our alumni to jump on board and add to the excitement. The growing interest in Morgan is evident in the large numbers of undergraduate applications received daily. The Admissions & Recruitment office is constantly busy handling hundreds of inquiries; processing thousands of applications, transcripts and SAT/ACT test scores; visiting high schools and community colleges; and hosting campus tours and open house programs for prospects, parents and guidance counselors. No doubt, these accomplishments are made possible by the tireless efforts of our loyal staff.

To enhance our recruitment efforts, our office is now seeking alumni to join the University’s Alumni Recruitment Program. Sharing your experiences and telling how Morgan has contributed to your success would be an incentive for students to apply.

Great changes are taking place in every aspect of the University. Help the administration, faculty, staff and students spread the good news!

To sign up, or for more information, contact Troy E. Quinn, troy.quinn@morgan.edu, or Kimberly Washington, kimberly.washington@morgan.edu, at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Recruitment, or call the office at (443) 885-3000 or (800) 332-6674.