



## SPRING SDITION



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Hello Bison Family,

I sincerely hope these first few months of 2024 have been kind to you. We have made it through winter and it seems like Spring is finally upon us. Despite the bitter cold, the HUAC-Baltimore remained quite active ! Thank you to everyone who came to our 2023 holiday party and our Celebration Bowl watch party! Also, thank you to everyone who supported our Howard basketball teams during their trip to Batlimore to play Morgan State and Coppin State. The players communicated to me that they were really appreciative of our support.

A HUGE thank you goes to everyone who volunteered and donated for Alternative Spring Break. This year's group of students were super special and I think we all enjoyed getting to know them and supporting them during their time here.

If you didn't see it, <u>here's WJZ's coverage of the students volunteering at</u> <u>Walter P. Carter Elem/Middle School.</u>

The arrival of Spring means that the HUAC-Baltimore activity calendar will begin to heat up!

As you know, the Crab Feast Committee, Golf Tournament Committee, and Student Bus Trip Committee have been working hard throughout winter to make these events really special. If you're interested in joining the Crab Feast or Golf Tournament Committees, please send an email to <u>huacbl922@gmail.com</u> stating your interest !

We also are looking forward to some very special activities in April, May, and June that will be announced very soon.

Lastly, it's election time! Please see the call for nominations in this newsletter!

If you're interested in serving on the E-board for the HUAC-Baltimore, here's your chance to throw your name in the hat! If you think running for an e-board position is too much too soon, but you'd still like to get more involved - working on/chairing a committee is a good way to start! We have new committees in the works and we need all hands on deck to make it all go.

Let's use this spring to renew our commitment to Alma Mater and to our alumni club here in Baltimore. There's much to do and we can't do it without you! I look forward to seeing you all out and about in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

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# Call for NOMNATIONS!

DONT MISS IT!

MAY I DEADLINE

If you are interested in serving on the HUAC-Baltimore E-board please fill out this google form by April 5th.

Positions available are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

Residency Requirement: All officers, and candidates running for office, must reside within the jurisdiction of HUAC of Baltimore. An officer or member running for office must reside in the jurisdiction for a minimum of six (6) months of the calendar year.

The Jurisdiction includes the following: Baltimore City, and Baltimore County, Anne Arundel, Cecil and Hartford counties.

Eligibility Requirement: All officers, and candidates running for office, must be members in good standing of HUAC of Baltimore and HUAA prior to nomination.

## The Mecca Society

Congratulations to the Howard Men's Basketball team for becoming back to back MEAC Conference Tournament Champions! Tournament And for making Howard and HBCU And for making Howard and HBCU family everywhere proud as they family everywhere proud as they Madness!



If you'd like to show your support please consider a donation or subscription to The Dream Factory NIL Collective! This collective supports the Howard Men's Basketball team!

## RECAPS

HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 12th, we hosted our annual Holiday Party to close out another great year! This year, Olive Tree in Anne Arundel County hosted us as we took some time to fellowship and enjoy the holiday season. This year, we chose to partner with local Baltimore non-profit ShareBaby and requested guests bring in unopened diapers for ShareBaby's diaper bank. It was a great evening of giving back!



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On December 16th HUAC-Baltimore collaborated with HUAC- Howard County to host a watch party to cheer on our Bison Football players against the FAMU Rattlers. It was an intense day of HBCU rivalry as we invited local HBCU chapters to join us in the fun!









#### **Celebration Bowl Pics!**

MORGAN AND COPPIN STATE BASKETBALL GAMES





On January 27th, alumni supported both the women's and men's basketball teams as they played against the Morgan State Bears for an exciting game that left everyone on the edge of their seats.

Then on Sunday, during the Howard Women's Basketball Team's trip to Baltimore, the HUAC-Baltimore was pleased and honored to have breakfast with the wonderful group of young women. We enjoyed learning about their backgrounds, interests, and their <u>Howard experience!</u>

On January 29th, alumni returned to the courts to support our Bison players against the Coppin State Eagles and our very own HUAC-B President Erica Lee was named the "Queen of the Court".-Thank you to all that showed up in support of our studentathletes!





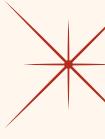
To Celebrate Howard's 100th Charter day and the 157th anniversary of the University's founding, the HUAC-Baltimore hosted a special Charter Day service at Payne Memorial AME Church in Baltimore City. We also invited the Howard Alternative Spring Break students to attend with us. Payne Memorial's Pastor, Rev. Melech Thomas (IO'), preached an amazing sermon that resonated with Bison young and seasoned alike. We were honored and blessed to have Reverend Dr. Bernard L. Richardson, Dean of the Howard University Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel in attendance!

Thanks to generous donations by HUAC-Baltimore club members, we were able to feed all students and alumni who attended the service.

We were also pleased to sponsor several students who are members of the Baltimore club on campus to attend the Charter Day Gala on March 2nd in Washington, DC along with HUAC-Baltimore President Erica Lee. Thank you to HUAC-Baltimore member Ms. Kenya J. James (II') for her wonderful donation. These young women had a remarkable time and really enjoyed all of the Bison excellence present in the room.







#### ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

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This year, over 50 Howard students spent their Spring Break serving the Baltimore community with Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Thanks to support from our Bison donors, we were able to greet the students with a welcome pizza party, lunches throughout the week as they worked at various sites throughout the community, and our Annual Alumni/Student dinner. Because of the support from YOU we were able to support the needs of all of the students!

During their time with us, they were interviewed by WJZ News and represented our University with class. Catch the playback of the interview <u>here</u>. This year, Spring Break also coincided with Howard University's IOOth Charter Day! Students were able to attend a special Charter Day Service at Payne Memorial with Howard Bison Rev. Melech E. M. Thomas (II') Presiding. We thank all of our amazing volunteers and donors who made the week very special for the students.









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## NCAA TOURNAMENT

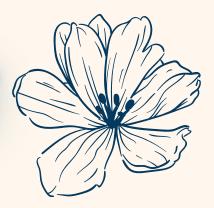


On March 19th, in collaboration with HUAC-Howard County and Region 2, we cheered on our Bison Men's Basketball team as they played against Wagner College during the Big Dance of the NCAA tournament. Although Howard did not pull off the win, it was a FANTASTIC celebration of Bison sports and Region 2 support!

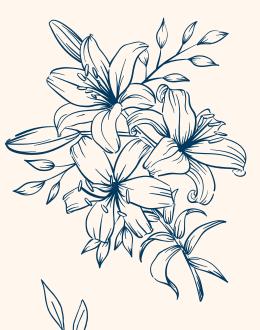




## FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASS



On March 23rd, members of the HUACB and guests enjoyed an afternoon of learning about the art of floral arranging. We were excited to collaborate with local black owned floral boutique, Fleurs d'Ave. Everyone had a great time welcoming in Spring and gathering together to support a local business. We will be sure to partner with Fleurs d'Ave again!













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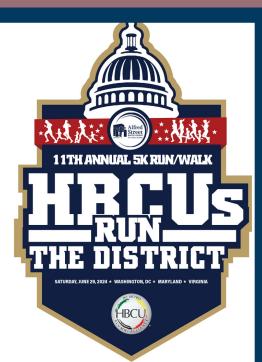
#### HBCU Alliance Run the District

Join us on Saturday, June 29, 2024, for the 11th Annual HBCUs Run the District 5K Run/Walk and Community Day brought to you by the Washington DC Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance, Inc. and sponsored by Alfred Street Baptist Church. We are excited to host this event in conjunction with HBCU CONNECT's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Washington, DC, serves as the backdrop to this EPIC event. But no worries, if you cannot join us in person, virtual options are available!

Our in-person event will take place at Nationals Park, home of the Washington Nationals! Nationals Park is accessible by metro with parking options available.

We can't wait to see you there!! To register, click <u>here</u>.





#### JUNE I DEADLINE

The Mamie Carroll Woodford Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 and is named in honor of the late Mamie C. Woodford, a Howard University alumna class of 1932 and long-time president of the HUAC-Baltimore, The Woodford scholarship fund supports students from the Baltimore Metropolitan area who attend Howard University. The HUACB will award at least two \$3,000 (\$1,500 per semester) scholarships. The HUACB scholarship committee adjudicates applications based on merit and reserves the right to consider need when determining amounts awarded. The scholarship deadline is June I, 2024.

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#### CRAB FEAST SAVE THE DATE



#### A JOURNEY TOWARD OUR GOAL