Church Gives $100k to Howard University for Student’s Debts

One of the country’s oldest Black churches just gave a huge donation to a student in need. Theodore Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va., paid off the debt of 34 Howard University students struggling to pay off their tuition. The church told members that the money was a small gesture to help keep its doors open.

Legislation Introduced to Award Aretha with Congressional Medal

U.S. Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters, and Representative Brenda Lawrence (all D-MI) introduced bicameral legislation to posthumously award the “Queen of Soul” Aretha Franklin the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of her outstanding artistic and cultural contributions. The legislation was originally introduced August 2018 in the wake of Franklin’s passing. The Aretha Franklin Congressional Gold Medal Act would honor Franklin’s role in shaping the nation’s culture and socially relevant discourse and highlight her life as an example of how one person’s talents can make a difference in the lives of millions of people across the globe.

Florida Woman Tells Officer He Will Get a Visit from KKK

A Florida woman was facing several charges after she hurled racist slurs at a Black police officer who tried to use his authority to clean up after her foggy weekend. Authorities were responding to a late-night disturbance near Monticello Avenue and Watson Street when they spotted 53-year-old Julie Edwards driving her car in reverse. As they approached the vehicle, Volusia County Sheriff’s deputies said they immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the driver.

As the Black deputy was attempting to fill out paperwork, Edwards allegedly told him “you Ku Klux Klans would be seeing him and burning crosses on your property,” according to the report. She also used a racial slur against the deputy in regards to slavery, it said. Edwards, who had a prior refusal to submit to testing from a 2015 DUI, was subsequently charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, threats against an officer, resisting an officer without violence and prior refusal to submit to testing. She was released after posting $2,500 bond.

Teach For America Celebrates 10 Years in Jax

The Teach For America (TFA) organization says that it is “A community of change makers and coalition-builders. Leaders who teach, and teach-ers who lead.” Some 10 years ago the organization opened its doors in Jacksonville with the goal of making a direct and drastic impact on public education in the city.

Last week, the nonprofit celebrated 10 years in Jacksonville at its Lightning Rod Celebration. At the event, 250 people heard from teachers, principal, alumni, community partners, and student leaders were on hand to commemorate the moment. Since 2006, TFA has brought in over 600 teachers to help staff schools and impacted more than 500,000 students in the Jacksonville area.

The keynote speaker was Commissioner of Education for the State of Florida, Dr. Barbara Ann Darby. She is a model of change makers and coalition-builders. As a woman of color, she started at an African-American school with $1.50 and a ton of determination. As a young Black woman in the 1960’s, she opened the Daytona Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls with $1.50 and a ton of determination.

Today, the school has thousands of alumni throughout the country, but perhaps there is no stronger chapter than the Dr. Barbara Ann Darby chapter. Recently, the chapter hosted its 9th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The theme for this year’s event was “Looking toward the future while leaving a legacy of service.”

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Every year as students prepare their college work lists, HBCUs are not often considered for a variety of myths that leave potential students and their families out in the cold. Here are the facts. HBCUs are winning. The institutions continue to produce professionals who are industry leaders. And, perhaps most important, they are Black businesses. Need a few more reasons to support HBCUs? Consider the reasons.

**Myth 1 — HBCUs are Party Schools.** The reality is that college students party at every school. It’s up to parents and young adults to determine the type of environment—i.e. city vs. rural setting, school tense at every school. What will be the best to help the student thrive?

**Myth 2 — HBCUs Graduate Won’t Be Able to Find Gainful Employment.** A 2015 poll released by Gallup-Purdue University revealed that African-American students who attended HBCUs not only reported a higher rate of post-graduate employment, but also reported a higher level of satisfaction in how these were treated by their professors and overall confidence when entering the work force.

**Myth 3 — HBCU Alumni Have More Black Graduates than PWIs.** Black college graduates from HBCUs in 2014 alone. Black college graduates of any race. This is why attracting new talent among the Democratic Party’s core supporters—African-Americans, Latinos, Asians, and White liberals—so, what does such a coalition look like? What level of turnout would it take for the Democrats to win? How can the Democrats overcome the Republican’s advantage in the Electoral College?

We can begin to answer those questions by thinking about what the population will look like in 2020.

**Demographic Changes Since 2016**

According to the U.S. Census, in 2020 the U.S. population will be 20.6 percent non-Hispanic White, 13.3 percent African-American, 5.9 percent Asian and 19 percent Latino. Smaller groups such as Native Americans and people who identify as biracial make up the remainder. The main points of growth are coming from minority groups.

**Myth 4 — HBCU Alumni Are Dead-End Colleges.** The institutions continue to work hard to better themselves to succeed not only in the decades to come, by selecting a candidate who is well-suited to appeal to and govern an increasingly diverse America.

**Myth 5 — HBCUs Are All Alike.** The reality is that college students party at every school. It’s up to parents and young adults to determine the type of environment—i.e., city vs. rural setting, school tense at every school. What will be the best to help the student thrive?

**Myth 6 — HBCUs Are All About Greek Life.** Even though Greek-life organizations thrive on Black campuses, there are also other social activities to participate in, ranging from joining service groups and government to the school newspaper and academic clubs. Visiting the institution and talking to them prior to enrollment are the best ways to determine if a campus culture complements a prospective student—regardless of the school. **Myth 7 — HBCUs Promote Racism.** Racism is defined as the belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities. HBCUs were founded because of racism; they do not promote it. And while we live in a post-segregation America, the fact remains that most of our schools offer a limited amount of comprehensive history, which is connected to self-esteem and pride. HBCUs are a place to learn more about American culture and the Black experience. **Myth 8 — HBCUs Leave Students Missing Out.** Need a few more reasons to support HBCUs? Consider the reasons.

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**Beyond 2020**

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The Democratic Coalition in 2020 and Beyond

Where Do We Go from Here? The Democratic Coalition in 2020 and Beyond

**Senators Cory Booker and Kamala Harris are both declared democratic presidential candidates to watch.**

We see this in 2016, where Black turnout declined. This means more than any other factor, hurt the Democrats. The Democratic presidential candidate will be very tough to beat if he or she can find a way to get Black turnout up from 2016 to 2020. Black voters are especially important for the Democrats because there are large African-American populations in critical states such as Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The Democratic Party has made its move among White college graduates in 2018 and 2019. This is a big help. But turnout to, say, 50 percent then all bets are off. The 2018 midterm showed that the Democrats can win either Arizona or Texas on the strength of high Latino turnout combined with increased support among White college graduates. Trump cannot win without Texas and in 38 Electoral Votes. Even losing Arizona could likely be crippling.

Choosing a Candidate

My hope is that the Democrats nominate a candidate who is not just an alternative to Trump, a president who is morally and intellectually unfit for the job. Rather, I hope the Democratic nominee someone who can generate enthusiasm because of his or her genuinely appeals to Democratic voters.

In 2018, Barack Obama won more votes than any other presidential candidate in history—before or since. Trump had to thread a needle in 2016 (58.5 percent). What will happen to us if we lose the house?”

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**Teen Center, Pre-Teen area, new** will have an all new state-of-the-art 3.5 million renovation and expansion. Weldon Johnson YMCA has been named as the lead partner in the expansion project, with several additional community organizations involved. The Teen Center will be a separate building, which will empower young adults to achieve in academics and sports. It is designed to serve over 100 students, 14-18 with enrichment opportunities through its Teen Forward program. The 4,000 square foot building will include a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) lab, recording studio and gaming area. According to the Y, this is the only after-school program of its kind offered for high school students in the area. “I grew up in this community and I’ve seen firsthand the impact that the Johnson Family YMCA has had on this neighborhood, especially our youth, who come to play sports, connect with peers and gain life skills,” said Dr. Deirdre Cohen, Executive Director of the Johnson Family YMCA.

In addition to the Teen and Pre-Teen center, the new swimming pool will allow the Y to expand its Signature Safety Around Water drowning prevention program to reach more kids, while also adding 10-15 new jobs at the Y in Teen Center programming and aquatics.

### Citizenship Question Could Hurt Census Count of Black America

by Khalid Abdalla

The Constitution requires that America’s decennial census count all persons residing in the United States, not just citizens, a clearly stated objective now at risk. In a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs including states, cities and civil rights organizations, New York Southern District Judge Jesse Furman ruled on Jan. 15 in their favor against Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross’ attempt directing the Census Bureau to include a question asking census respondents whether they and everyone else in their households are U.S. citizens. At issue is not only whether the question’s inclusion is legal given administrative timelines that were missed, but whether it would diminish participation, particularly among ethnic populations, thus resulting in an inaccurate count.

Jann Guinn, Senior Advisor on the 2020 Census at the National Urban League, termed Ross’ action “a thinly veiled attempt to sabotage and affect congressional and Electoral College representation by deliberately undermining vulnera- ble populations and DSM from the census count.”

Green noted that “out of roughly 11 to 12 million undocumented immigrants in America, about 620,000 are black, according to the most recent statistics by the Migration Policy Institute. But equally at risk, however, are the 4.2 million documented Black immi- grants who comprise a growing share of the Black population in the United States.”

Census data is used to determine congressional reapportionment as well as the basis to account for and fairly distribute federal money to states, counties and cities for a vari- ety of programs and infrastructure needs. From schools and hospit- als to social services, there is virtually no area that isn’t affec- ted by census apportionment rev- enue — between $750 to $1,000 bil- lion annually. Data collected in 2020 will inform all such determi- nations for 10 years, until the next census in 2030.

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**Showed in Johnson YMCA Executive Director Dr. Irvin Cohen and Teen Director Ruth Calhoun at the expansion site**

**Northside YMCA Expansion Ready for Spring Re-opening**

For over a year, the James Weldon Johnson YMCA has been under construction to complete its 3.5 million renovation and expansion. When completed, the project will enhance all new state-of-the-art Teen Center, Pre-Teen area, new swimming pool and transformed wellness center. The Teen Center will be a separate building, which will empower young adults to achieve in academics and sports.

### Darby

Continued from front page story telling. “If we don’t tell it, no-one else will.” For ten months she focused on writing her memoirs, which stemmed from her desire to share her experiences and wisdom gained along her leadership journey. “I wanted to inspire young, new and aspiring leaders, while document- ing some of the accomplishments during my tenure,” said Darby.

In the preface of the book, the author expands on all phases of her life as she shares tales of leadership throughout the book.

Darby says that her successes and challenges were always shared with her family, who were always supportive. “I was loved and shown how to love myself and believe in myself and my potential,” she said.

Great sacrifices were made by my mother and grandmother to provide me with a great early education that provided a solid foundation for what was to come,” she added.

Growing up somewhat shy, Darby explains that despite the leadership roles and accomplish- ments over her career, she often had to step out of her comfort zone in order to do her job effectively. When asked about her advice to budding leaders wanting to pen a book, Darby smiled, “stop thinking about writing and start writing.”

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The North Carolina A&T A&T's White runs fastest 200 meters: Kayla White was the fastest 200-meter runner in the world this year.

White, 19, set the world record in the 200 meters at the 2019 IAAF World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, England, with a time of 21.93 seconds, breaking the previous record of 22.01 set by Nigerian sprinter, Usain Bolt, in 2009.

White, who trains under coach Tyrone Wheatley at Morgan State University, said, "I'm just glad to have set a world record and to be the first American woman to accomplish this feat. I'm humbled by the support and encouragement I've received from everyone, and I can't wait to see what's next for me in my career."
Shiloh Pastor H.B. Charles Influences Beyond the Pulpit With New Album

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Shiloh Pastor H.B. Charles releases new album, "The Language of Love," featuring tracks with empowering messages for young people today. The album is available for download and streaming on all major platforms.

"This album is inspired by my passion for inspiring our youth to believe in their own greatness," said H.B. "I believe that every young person possesses a unique voice and a story that can inspire and positively impact the world." The album includes tracks like "I Am A Winner," "The Difference," and "Overcomer."

On Pastoring, The Difference

H.B. Charles, Jr. is the minister of the world-renowned Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church. Under his leadership, Shiloh has grown to over 5,000 members, with five services held every Sunday.

"When I came to Shiloh, it was a small church with limited resources," Charles said. "However, I knew that with God's help, we could make a difference in the lives of our members and the community around us."

In the Battle of Good vs. Evil, We are the Prize

In his book, "In the Battle of Good vs. Evil," Charles explores the challenges we face as Christians in a world filled with darkness and temptation. He shares his own experiences and insights on building a strong foundation in faith and overcoming adversity.

"We are the prize in the battle of Good vs. Evil," Charles writes. "That's why we must stand firm in our convictions and never give up. Whatever the foe may do, we must remain steadfast in our faith and trust in our Lord's protection."
We Shall Overcome with Damien Sneed
Attend the “We Shall Overcome” one man dialogue for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Damien Sneed, February 15th at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and Museum, 829 N. Davis St. For tickets and more info visit www.ritzjacksonville.com.

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Strange Fruit in Florida Dialogue Despite its repertory as the “Sunshine State” and a tourist destination, Florida harbors a lengthy and painful history of racial violence. Tamika Hubbard, PhD, professor of English at the University of North Florida, will be lecturing on lynching and racial violence in Florida, outlining the overall arc of the lynching era in the United States between 1875 and 1930, and Sunday, February 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 503 Laura St N. For more info visit www.jacksonvillelibrary.org.

LOVERS VALENTINE GROOVE PARTY The Lovers Valentine Groove Party is on the schedule for Saturday, February 16th, 7 – 10 p.m. at Cala Libre Ultra Lounge, 2578 Atlantic Blvd. For tickets visit www.evolvebart.com.

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GCS Black History is American History
Cheese Cove Springs presents “Black History in American History,” scheduled for February 16th at 6 p.m. at The House, 577 King Street. Cheese Cove Springs, FL. For more info visit Herbert Alexander at (904) 755-4219.

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Meet the Candidates 2019 Women’s March Jacksonville: “Meet the Candidates,” Sunday, February 16th, 12 – 1:30 p.m. at the BWL Lead at 177, N. Liberty St. Keynote speaker is Mayoral Candidate Anna Brosche. For more info visit www.womensmarchjacksonville.com.

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Like corporate America, National Football League teams have just a handful of African-Americans at top leadership positions such as general manager and head coach. Indeed, the ranks became thinner recently when owners purged the league of more than 70 percent of its Black head coaches at the end of this regular season.

The reality is that team owners have little incentive to fill head coaching vacancies with African-Americans. Since 2003, the NFL adopted the so-called Rooney Rule that requires teams to interview minority candidates for head coaching positions, but there is no attached mandate for teams to hire them. That caveat rendered the rule all but ineffective, according to Harry Edwards, professor emeritus in the sociology of sports at the University of California at Berkeley. “The Rooney Rule was stillborn with the NFL’s San Francisco 49ers. ‘The Rooney Rule said this was toothless,” said Edwards, who has long been a civil rights activist explained that owners have little incentive to fill head coaching vacancies with African-Americans.

“Most of them have relatives to commit each team to hire two minority coaches in low-level positions. The hope is that the new hires will eventually climb the coaching ladder to land top jobs, including head coach.

But Edwards, a longtime civil rights activist explained that owners and general managers will only hire more Black head coaches in higher numbers when they realize that it makes business sense. The NFL was founded in that direction, but not anymore, he said. Already, African-American athletes represent a high percentage of the players in NFL locker rooms, and that figure will likely continue to increase in years to come.

Based on his insider’s knowledge and observations of the game, Edwards said teams currently use Black assistant coaches to manage and motivate young Black football players. That’s because the Black coaches tend to connect and relate better to Black players than their white coaching counterparts. In time — when locker rooms have even more Black players — more team owners and general managers will recognize the need to hire Black head coaches to manage these players so that they could compete for championships and increase their profits, Edwards said.

By the time the NFL regular season ended, five of the league’s seven Black head coaches had been fired. Four of them lost their jobs on New Year’s Eve, which was ominously dubbed Black Friday.

The Cincinnati Bengals’ Marvin Lewis had survived for 15 seasons as head coach. But having the most wins in franchise history didn’t save Lewis from getting a pink slip on Black Monday. Also fired were the Cleveland Browns’ Hue Jackson who lost his job in October, New York Jets’ Todd Bowles, Denver Broncos’ Vance Joseph and Arizona Cardinals’ Steve Wilks. Out of 32 teams, only two Black head coaches remained—Mike Tomlin in Pittsburgh and Anthony Lynn with the L.A. Chargers.

In 1989, Art Shell, a Hall of Fame offensive tackle, became the first Black NFL head coach. Black in the 1920s, a Black running back named Fritz Pollard was a player-coach for the Hammond Pros from 1921—1922 when the league consisted of a very limited number of teams. In the modern era, the NFL was the last major professional sports league to hire a Black head coach.

Nowadays, none of the 32 teams have a single Black person with a majority ownership stake. Approximately 70 percent of the NFL’s owners are white, but 75 percent of the head coaches were Black.

The racial composition of NFL locker rooms has dramatically increased over the years, Edwards said. “It would make good business sense for owners to hire more Black head coaches, Edwards said. He said the demographic of Black NFL players will balloon to at least 80 percent in the next generations of college athletes who make it to the league.”

“At the same time, you have incessantly white front offices and head coaches who can’t relate, empathize or relate with Black players the same way that a Black head coach can,” Edwards added. The way things stand today, general managers hire African-Americans for assistant coaching positions to have them manage Black athletes in the locker rooms, according to Edwards. That’s when the real need for some fired Black head coaches wind up, he said.

“It will be what always happens when a Black head coach gets fired. If they’re lucky, they’ll get on as an assistant coach somewhere else,” he said. “Most of them have relationships with head coaches who will need somebody Black in the locker room to manage and communicate with the overwhelming number of Black players.”

HONORING JACKSONVILLE’S HISTORY - In observance of African American History Month, Jacksonville’s First Place in 2019 is pleased to join the City of Jacksonville in spotlighting a location of historical significance throughout February.

P. J. Small Memorial Stadium: Also known as Durkee Field, P. J. Small Memorial Stadium has been the site of organized professional, semi-professional, and amateur baseball since 1911. It has hosted the spring training and exhibition games of major league teams, and served as home to several minor league teams, including the Jacksonville Braves (South Atlantic League) and the Jacksonville Jaycees (Negro League). In 1953, the Jacksonville Braves broke the color line by recruiting three African-American players, including Henry “Bunk” Aaron, who played at the field for one year before being moved to the Milwaukee Braves.

During Black History month, we remember the past in order to create a prosperous future. We salute and acknowledge the innovations, accomplishments and culture of African-Americans. From scoreboards to boardrooms and from concerts to congress, you are making differences that can be felt everyday. Toyota salutes those who are driven to succeed because determination can lead to elevation.
At 94, The Legendary Cicely Tyson Remains An Optimist

By Stacy M. Brown
At 94, the legendary actress and Broadway Contrib, Cicely Tyson, absolutely status on the cover of TIME. Glad in an elegant Michael Couture dress and stylish Taffin earrings by James de Grisogno with hair and makeup by Armond Tress, Tyson graces Time’s cover this month in celebration of the magazine’s second annual “Omnium Jove.”

In the issue, Tyson talks openly about her more than six-decade acting career, from her film debut in “Cable Girl” in 1956, to her most recent role as Anais Lacina’s mother in the ABC’s, “How to Get Away with Murder.”

“When I made the decision to use my career as a platform, to try to make a dent in some of these injustices that I witnessed and experienced in life, I said if I just reach one person, one person, then I will be happy,” Tyson told TIME.

Born in Harlem New York City on December 19, 1933, Tyson’s parents were an engineer for the U.S. Navy and Nevis in the West Indies. According to her biography at BlackPast.org, the website that records African-American history.

After graduating from Charles Evans High School in Manhattan in 1951, Tyson landed a position as a secretary for the American Red Cross. Unusually tall for the work, she enrolled in the Barbarian Wharton Modeling School to pursue a career in modeling, according to her biography.

By the late 1950s, Tyson had become one of the top black models in the United States. Her first appearance on the cover of Black۔

When waiting in the offices of Ebony Magazine, she was encouraged to audition for a role in the film, The Spectrum, which she commented between dark and light-skinned blacks. Tyson won the role because The Spectrum was never completed due to financial problems. This experience but, persuaded Tyson to be in a movie with a black actress who should pursue a career in the stage.

Tyson began her career on the stage.

In 1961, she appeared in the original cast of French playwright Jean Giraudoux’s, “Madame de.”

In 1964, at the insistence of Academy Award-winning actor George C. Scott, she became a part of the cast of East Side/ West Side which Scott wrote, directed and starred in. Tyson and The Older Living Confidently (which includes Roots, The Marva Collins Story, Tyler Perry’s The Haves and the Have-Nots and The Kennedy Center Honors recipient who also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from former President George H.W. Bush and has been the Daytona Times. “I knew I was going to retire.”

In keeping with the article’s theme of optimism, she said, “Look at the world today, you better be an optimist.”

Tyson really do have to have faith and belief and understanding in your own body. You will not be defeated if you really feel good, positive about yourself and the life you’ve chosen to live.”

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