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DELIVERING ON THE SPelman PROMISE
A Community of Sisterhood, Wellbeing and Belonging

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Dear Spelman Community, Friends and Supporters,

“A choice to change the world!” This is the bold aspiration of Spelman students. This edition of Inside Spelman offers a view of how the Spelman community comes together through a holistic approach to develop our students and equip them with all that is needed to help them achieve their aspirations and goals.

As the No. 1 ranked Historically Black College or University (HBCU) by U.S. News and World Report for 17 consecutive years, Spelman is known for its outstanding learning, welcoming and inclusive environment. We’re proud to share how we are accomplishing this through the academic, intellectual, emotional and social support students need to succeed.

Our feature story includes Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., C’96, Spelman’s director of Student Success, who underscores the importance of seeing students beyond the classroom and how the initiatives of the Student Success program help students be their best selves in all aspects of their lives from admission to graduation. Venetta Coleman, Ph.D., C’88, Spelman’s director of Institutional Effectiveness, explains how the Spelman Pathways program equips students with tools to excel in the world beyond their undergraduate experience. And Harold Bell, director of Career Planning and Development shares how Spelman partners with organizations and potential employers to help students transition from college into the workforce and entrepreneurship.

Darryl Holloman, Ph.D., vice president of the Spelman College Division of Student Affairs and Ronjonette O’Bannon, Ph.D., LCSW, dean of Campus Well-being and Strategic Initiatives, speak to our increased focus on equitable student success to ensure students experience a sense of belonging, community and strong sisterhood. This is achieved through collaborative efforts across the entire campus from the many services and programs, volunteer opportunities, athletics activities, mentoring, career coaching and scholarships that we offer, to our newly redesigned and inviting dining, entertainment and learning spaces.

Each and every day, we witness the impact of our holistic approach to student success through students like Semeya Parrish, C’2024, a health sciences major, who is changing the world of individuals impacted by breast cancer. The Sharol G. Burton Breast Cancer Foundation, which she established in April 2022, is working to bridge the chasm in breast cancer care among minority women in her hometown area of Richmond, Va, and surrounding communities.

We also brought students together with alumnae as we welcomed back to campus Spelman President Emerita Johnetta Betsch Cole for the launch of her book, “Speechifying: The Words and Legacy of Johnnetta Betsch Cole,” which is a compilation of Dr. Cole’s most impactful speeches, and a scholarship named in her honor.

There's so much more to read about in this edition. Each page reveals even more of why Spelman continues to be ranked high among the best colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Moving up from No. 51 to No. 39 among the Best National Liberal Arts institutions, from No. 5 to No. 2 on the list of Top Performers in Social Mobility, and No. 15 to No. 11 in Learning Communities, Most Innovative Schools - National Liberal Arts Colleges, among other recognitions. These rankings underscore why our mission matters and are helpful to attracting a diverse pool of students, top-tier faculty and staff, research opportunities and funding support.

We hope that you are further inspired in your support of Spelman. A distinct place where brilliant, strong, confident, high-achieving and socially conscious women and men think across disciplines, find answers to today's most complex challenges and participate in the spaces where destinies are being decided.

Thank you!
New Initiatives for New Generations

Spelman’s Campus Collaborates to Cultivate Holistic Student Success

Spelman College boasts a rich legacy of excellence marked by an impressive array of accolades, a promising trajectory for the future and, most importantly, a steadfast dedication to the success of its students. By prioritizing their needs and fostering a supportive environment, the College’s reputation as a preeminent institution where students can thrive continues to attract young women from communities around the globe. Because at Spelman, true success is not purely academic – it’s holistic.

“You must have heart and love for your students to help them succeed,” said Director of Student Success Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., C’96. “You need to see them beyond the classroom as whole individuals who have their own lives, whose total well-being ties into what’s going on in their education. It’s why all our initiatives in the Student Success Program are geared toward helping students be their best selves — not just their academic selves.”

Fostering holistic success and persistence from enrollment to graduation, the Student Success Program offers personalized support to unlock each student’s potential. Its many initiatives — including organized study groups, food pantries and summer success projects — reflect Spelman’s student-focused approach, which is distinct throughout the College’s departments and programs.

“At Spelman, we believe if you don’t have a sense of well-being, you’re missing the opportunity to support the wholeness of a person,” explained Vice President of Student Affairs Darryl Holloman, Ph.D. “By offering our students intentional programming, initiatives, and services, we can help address their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.”

One such initiative is reintroducing the Spelman Jaguar and intramural sports to boost school spirit and foster a deeper connection to the College’s legacy. Both additions seek to create an environment that encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities and cultivate their overall personality – aligning with the College’s philosophy that success goes beyond academic achievements to include personal growth and development.

“Typically, student success is solely focused on admission and graduation, but we believe there need to be more legs on that stool,” said Director of Institutional Effectiveness Venetta Coleman, Ph.D., C’88. “One leg my department is focused on is student placement – you get into college, complete your degree and then have a place to go after. It’s why we have a goal of 85% of students having at least one internship prior to graduation.”

Coleman, who also serves as the director of Spelman’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), is among the individuals responsible for Spelman Pathways, a program aimed at preparing students to find success in the professional world. By offering a series of comprehensive course sequences, Coleman and her team hope to provide students with a clear path to timely graduation and promising job opportunities.

“It provides a roadmap to channel their ambition and hard work into career preparedness,” she explained. “Whether they choose to pursue their careers or further their studies, we’ll help them hone the skills associated with high performance in interviews and on-the-job challenges. And our pathway coach, Makia Jackson, will be there along the way to support them as they complete annual milestones that guide them on their journey.”

While Spelman places great emphasis on this level of professional excellence, it also recognizes the challenges students may face on the path to achieving it, leading it to integrate a range of new services designed around the eight dimensions of wellness. By incorporating these dimensions into its educational approach, the College strives to equip students with the support and guidance they need to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. (Story continues on pg 4)
Spelman’s Wellness Center has expanded the type of services it offers to include courses on integrating the mind and body,” explained Dean of Campus Well-being and Strategic Initiatives Ronjonette O’Bannon, Ph.D., LCSW. “For instance, we have yoga, Pilates and barre classes that teach them to better manage their thoughts while feeling the strength in their bodies. These practices merge physical and mental disciplines to achieve a holistic approach that can be useful in decreasing anxiety related to daily stress.”

In addition to new classes and workshops, the College offers various resources students can access, including a distinguished counseling center, which helps them manage their emotional health; a state-of-the-art wellness center, which seeks to enhance personal and community health; and the historic interfaith Sisters Chapel, a welcoming space for students in search of spiritual grounding and healing.

“By partnering with other departments — such as counseling, student access, health services and Title IX — and being aware of their services, we can all support students more effectively by creating streamlined and compassionate referral processes,” said Dr. O’Bannon.

Faculty and staff aren’t the only contributors to student success and well-being; the students themselves are equally invested in supporting one another. Sophomore Class President Kyla Emory, C’2026, is using her position to create social, academic and professional spaces where her classmates feel seen, embraced and empowered. Meanwhile, Jordan J. Brown, C’2025, the president of the Junior Class, and her team are organizing several events throughout the year to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, including a class cookout, field day outing, holiday service project, toy drive, career planning workshops and mental health wellness activities and discussions.

“Strengthening sisterhood and belonging is a top priority at Spelman College,” said Spelman Student Government Association (SSGA) President Breah O. Banks, C’2024. “Our upcoming initiatives, such as Get to Know SGA, will provide a safe space for open dialogue on important issues, encouraging students to share their experiences and perspectives. This not only promotes understanding but also empowers them to connect on a deeper level and build lasting bonds.”

Banks underscored the importance of lending an ear to others as a critical element of SGA’s commitment to sisterhood. Affording emotional support and guidance allows the organization to hear every member’s voice and address their concerns. This approach engenders trust, empathy and an enhanced sense of belonging among Spelman sisters, leading to a more harmonious and inclusive community. Through their dedication and hard work, each of Spelman’s student leaders actively contributes to their sisters’ success — making the College an environment where equity and excellence thrive.

“Student success is the responsibility of our entire campus,” said Dr. Lewis. “It’s a shared experience that ensures each student has the resources they need to support their academic journey, mental health, financial stability, social integration and feelings of belonging. We always need to ask how we can assist them in becoming better in terms of their overall well-being because there’s a lot more going on in their lives than just academics.”

With an unremitting focus on student success, Spelman’s leadership remains constant in identifying and rectifying areas that require attention. Enhancing the availability of study spaces, for example, presents opportunities for students to bond and improve academically. Thus, the College is adding new study rooms and lounges while renovating communal spaces on campus. This project is part of Spelman College’s larger strategy to foster an academic environment that empowers students to succeed across the board.

“There have always been strategic plans to give students a competitive advantage because we want to make sure they achieve success beyond the gates,” said Dr. Coleman, who fondly remembers her time as a young Spelmanite. “But the world is changing. When a student comes to class, they deal with so much more than academics. Especially coming out of COVID, many households were affected — especially those who lost loved ones. The world is in turmoil, and there must be a new element of caring for what this generation is enduring. And it’s something we as a campus are working on.”

Spelman’s dedication to nurturing the holistic growth of its students has forged a remarkable legacy of trailblazing alumnae, many of whom can be found on Spelman’s campus today, working to empower and improve the lives of their fellow Spelman sisters. Their inspirational stories of influencing the world stand as a testament to the transformative power of a Spelman education — one that is supportive, well-rounded and full of hope.
Our mission is to cultivate a community of belonging and wellbeing that fosters confident, responsible, and accountable students committed to personal development and success. The Division offers more than an array of programs, services, activities, clubs and experiences to support and enrich the lives of Spelman students during their collegiate career.

To learn more, download the Student Affairs Guidebook, or visit the Student Affairs page at Spelman.edu.
On September 19, 2023, Spelman College welcomed President Emerita Johnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D., the College’s first Black female president, to Sisters Chapel for a special event commemorating the launch of a book and scholarship named in her honor.

“Speechifying: The Words and Legacy of Johnnetta Betsch Cole” is a compilation of Dr. Cole’s most impactful speeches. Published and available for sale since August, it is authored by Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Ph.D., C’96, Dean of Public Policy at the University of Michigan’s Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Erica Lorraine Williams, Ph.D., Spelman Associate Professor of anthropology.

Dr. Cole discussed the importance of Black women’s voices and ways to cultivate change through speech during a fireside chat hosted by Watkins-Hayes, Williams and Women’s Studies Professor Beverly Guy Sheftall, Ph.D., founding director of the Spelman Women’s Research and Resource Center.

“Speeches should instruct and inspire. A good speech should motivate some form of action and include storytelling,” said Dr. Cole.

The audience, mainly comprised of enthusiastic alumnae, brimmed with emotion and excitement during the discussion. Alumna and bestselling author Tayari Jones, C’91, and her classmate Sabrena McBride, C’91, announced the first Dream The Boldest Dreams Endowed Scholar, Amarea Wells, C’2026. Jones and McBride recently galvanized classmates to raise more than $1 million for the Dream The Boldest Dreams Endowed Scholarship honoring Dr. Cole.
AUCC 2023 Career Fair Recap

Halfway into the academic year, students have already started job hunting and exploring post-graduate options. To help students kick off their plans, the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC) hosted a career fair last month that, according to Harold Bell, director of career planning and development (CPD), broke records with more than 650 students attending.

“That was the most students we ever had in the last 22 years I’ve been with Spelman,” said Bell.

Leading up to the career fair, Spelman’s CPD office implements a full week of programming to help students prepare for meetings with graduate school officials and job recruiters.

Bell said the week-long events consisted of “Suit Up,” a collaboration with JCPenney to offer discounted professional attire to students. There were also panel discussions with company recruiters, mock interviews and an on-the-spot resume workshop in the Upper Level of the Manley Center.

“We had companies volunteer to provide resume feedback to students prior to them going to the fair or applying to jobs. This was a way for them to get feedback, before putting their resume out there.” - Harold Bell

STS Introduces New State-of-the-Art Study Lounges

In addition to improving the College’s wireless network, Spelman Technology Services (STS) recently opened three technology centers in the Albro-Falconer-Manley Science Center, Dorothy Shepard Manley Hall and the Camille Olivia Hanks, Ed.D., Academic Center. They are available to students who need a space to collaborate, study or relax with access to modern technology.

“Tech Centers empower students by providing them with technology-enhanced dedicated spaces on Spelman’s campus. This new era of student collaborative spaces considers how students interact independently and with one another and centers the technology around that to provide a transformative space that meets the needs of students today.” - Julius White
CAMPUSS HIGHLIGHTS

‘Spelman After Dark’, an All-New Campus Dining Experience

As colleges across the country bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic and fully revive in-person attendance, Spelman is also creating innovative ways to improve campus life and student engagement.

This semester, Spelman’s Division of Student Affairs is introducing new programming for the entire Spelman community – as well as new dining and entertainment options.

“This academic year, our focus is demonstrating equitable student success – which really centers around providing Spelman students with a sense of belonging, a sense of community and a sense of well-being to ensure that they are even more supported,” said Darryl Holloman Ph.D., vice president of the Division of Student Affairs. “As a result, we have a lot of new programming, initiatives and services coming to campus that will benefit not just students, but faculty and staff as well.”

In September, Student Affairs and the College’s new dining vendor, Bon Appétit, announced two new campus dining options. Aptly titled, Spelman After Dark – a new evening lounge and restaurant in the Beverly D. Tatum Suites Cafeteria – was designed to offer a weekly rotating small plates menu and live DJ. Spelman After Dark is hosted from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Another new offering is Roam Restaurant, a dine-in option also located in the Beverly D. Tatum Suites.

The grand openings of the spaces brought out students, faculty and staff for an evening of live music, dancing and tasty food.

“For those who don’t really feel connected, we’re planning intentional signature experiences and programming that will engage all students, so everybody feels involved in the Spelman experience,” said Dr. Holloman.

Empowering Our Students: Promoting LGBTQIA+ Awareness and Inclusivity

Spelman’s Title IX Office is among the team of individuals across the campus who work to ensure that Spelman is a welcoming community for all! Their latest effort, SpelSafe workshops for students, faculty and staff, provide the Spelman community with additional opportunities to learn more about LGBTQIA+ issues, best practices for inclusivity and effective ways to engage students and enhance the skills of our educators.

The workshops will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students are encouraged to register in advance. Register now.

For more information, contact Micaela Harris, C’2018, education and outreach coordinator in Spelman’s Title IX & Compliance Office at micaelaharris@spelman.edu.
Breast cancer advocacy at Spelman transcends mere awareness. It embodies a fervent commitment from faculty, staff, alumnae and students who are determined to eradicate the disease that disproportionately affects women of color. Armed with the knowledge that African American women face the highest breast cancer mortality rate among U.S. racial or ethnic groups (per bcpp.org), health sciences major Semeya Parrish, C'2024, is among the impassioned students striving to reshape this narrative.

In April 2022, Parrish established the Sharol G. Burton Breast Cancer Foundation with a compelling mission: to bridge the chasm in breast cancer care among minority women in Stafford, Fredericksburg and Richmond, Virginia. Her initiative is deeply personal, rooted in the memory of her grandmother, Sharol Burton, who passed in July 2020 after valiantly battling stage IV breast cancer. Parrish’s foundation stands as a tribute to her grandmother’s resilience, a solemn promise to make a tangible difference in the lives of minority women facing cancer.

Championing Breast Cancer Advocacy Beyond Awareness: Semeya Parrish’s Inspiring Journey of Hope and Healing

What sets Parrish’s foundation apart is its collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University’s Massey Cancer Center in Richmond, Virginia. Through this partnership, she initiated the “Pink Box” wellness kit donation drive, offering comfort and relief to women enduring chemotherapy. This compassionate initiative reflects her dedication to alleviating the challenges accompanying cancer treatments.

The Spotsylvania, Virginia, native’s aspirations extend beyond her foundation. She plans to become a surgical oncologist, fueled by an unwavering determination to advocate for individuals in marginalized communities. When she leaves the gates of Spelman in May of 2024, Parrish hopes to continue amplifying the voices of those affected by breast cancer and ensure that they receive the support and care they deserve. Her advocacy resonates deeply, echoing the support her grandmother once received.

To learn more, follow Semeya Parrish’s initiative on Instagram @sgbfoundation.

Spelman Senior Awarded Grant to Share Her Research on Environmental Justice

Research surrounding global climate change is considered a relatively new topic that started in the 1960s and ‘70s. The environmental impact on minority communities is even newer. But Jah’ya Gale-Cottries, a senior political science major and environmental studies minor, is working to change that. Gale-Cottries was recently awarded a $1,000 student travel grant which will allow her to take part in the American Geophysical Union (AGU) conference in San Francisco in December. At the conference, she will present her research on air pollution and how it contributes to environmental injustice in disadvantaged communities in Atlanta.

She will be among 25,000 attendees from more than 100 countries to attend the conference, which focuses on opening greater awareness to addressing climate change. By attending, she hopes to gain a better understanding of how many factors contribute to environmental injustices.

“Not only do I hope to meet and network with people whose passions resonate with mine, I am looking forward to seeing the different approaches to research projects that yield similar results,” said Gale-Cottries. “The work I am doing is important because it highlights the maldistribution of pollutants in minority communities and that contributes to environmental injustice. Understanding the effect is a crucial factor in instituting changes in that field. As a research assistant under Dr. (Guanyu) Huang and a future environmental lawyer, I hope that my work contributes to solving the global climate crisis.”
Taste of Diversity: Dr. Lezli Levene Harvell’s Fusion of Food, Culture and Spelman

Dr. Lezli Levene Harvell, C’2000, a board-certified pediatric dentist, wife and mother of five daughters, seamlessly intertwines her affection for food and culture with her deep-rooted passion for Spelman College.

Recognizing a lack of diversity among chefs and beverage professionals in the top tiers of the culinary world, she founded the Iconoclast Dinner Experience (IDE) in 2015 to showcase emerging talent of color. Eight years later, the IDE is now an award-winning platform that celebrates diversity and culture through food with several facets, including events and a Webby-nominated podcast called IDE Impolite Conversation.

Dr. Lezli Levene Scholarship for International Students. This scholarship provides support for high performing students with financial need from Jamaica and Sub-Saharan Africa, making Spelman’s campus more of an international community and increasing the College’s global presence.

“I am proud that as an alumna and Spelman parent, my legacy includes two Spelman College graduates and a scholarship that helps support a global vision for my alma mater,” said Harvell.

DONOR DEVELOPMENTS

AltFinance Investment Transforms Opportunities at Spelman College

In 2022, AltFinance invested $500,000 in Spelman College to fund its alternative investment fellowship program. AltFinance – created by Apollo Global Management, Ares Management Corporation and Oaktree Capital Management – is a cross-sector partnership addressing talent pipeline challenges in the alternative investment industry.

The program aims to educate, train and mentor Historically Black College and University (HBCU) students for successful careers in the alternative asset management industry.

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“Being a member of the AltFinance fellowship program has broadened my perspective on opportunities available within finance by emphasizing alternative investments’ fundamentals and technical properties concerning critical drivers in the decision-making process,” said Stewart.

She and her fellow cohort members completed relevant coursework and received personalized mentorship and coaching from leading finance professionals during their participation in the program. Stewart was able to utilize the skills she gained during the program to secure an internship and a full-time employment offer from Deloitte.

“Mentorship through the AltFinance program has guided my professional development by pushing my tolerance for risk through learning how to be comfortable with being uncomfortable,” said Stewart. “The sessions with each fellow’s assigned mentor and coach allow one to ask those hard questions about adversity to individuals from similar backgrounds.”

“Taste of Diversity: Dr. Lezli Levene Harvell’s Fusion of Food, Culture and Spelman

“I wanted to have a social impact and bring two things together that I felt passionate about,” said Harvell. Net proceeds from IDE events benefit The Dr. Lezli Levene Harvell Endowed Scholarship for International Students. This scholarship provides support for high performing students with financial need from Jamaica and Sub-Saharan Africa, making Spelman’s campus more of an international community and increasing the College’s global presence.

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AltFinance September Workshop Recap

Last month, the AltFinance Fellowship & Institute partnered with the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania to host a workshop for more than 200 fellows, mentors, executives and HBCU business and finance faculty to explore alternative investment careers.

The event featured fireside chats with Dr. Erika James, dean of the Wharton School of Business, and Milwood Hobbs, Jr., managing director at Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. Panel discussions by Jerilyn Castillo McAniff from Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., and Jonathan Simon from Apollo Global Management, Inc., centered on each firm’s culture and career opportunities.

Spelman College recently welcomed its third cohort of AltFinance scholars:

Princess Dandoo-Young, C’2025 | Yuri Crenshaw, C’2026 | Breana Fowler, C’2026 | Camryn Henry, C’2026
Cori’Anna White, C’2026 | Havelin Autry, C’2026 | Jalyn Bradford, C’2025 | Jillian Mays, C’2025
Kayla Smith, C’2025 | Reece Johnson-Rock, C’2026

To learn more about AltFinance, including fellowship opportunities, visit the AltFinance website.
Homecoming 2023 Preview

**DAY 1 | SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 2023**
Opening Worship Service | Sisters Chapel | 1 p.m.
Gospel Concert | Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College | 3:30 p.m.

**DAY 2 | THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 2023**
Jewel Chat & Chew | Beverly Daniel Tatum Suites Private Dining Room | 9 a.m.
Homecoming Convocation | Sisters Chapel | 11 a.m.

**DAY 3 | FRIDAY, OCT. 27, 2023**
Alumnae Check-in | Beverly Daniel Tatum Suites Amphitheater | 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Market Friday | Oval | 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Welcome Home Day Party | Museum of Fine Art | 3 p.m.

**DAY 4 | SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 2023**
Spelman Alumnae Tailgate Experience | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | TWO LOCATIONS
Engagement Zone – Lee St Parking Lot
Sensory and Family Friendly Zone | Oval

**DAY 5 | SUNDAY, OCT 29, 2023**
Jewel Brunch | Wellness Center at Read Hall Gymnasium | 11 a.m.
Closing Worship Service | Sisters Chapel | 1 p.m.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Equity in Innovation Google + Spelman Symposium**
  Friday, Oct. 13

- **Courageous Conversations Black in the C-Suite, Feat. Dr. Ruth Simmons**
  Monday, Oct. 16

- **Justice for Black Girls National Conference**
  Sunday, Nov. 12

- **Spelman + Morehouse 97th Annual Glee Club Christmas Carol**
  Dec. 1-3

- **U.S. - South Africa Voices of Change Concert feat. Ndlova Choir**
  Friday, Nov. 3

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IN THE NEWS

A Women's College's Profitable Foray Into Online Learning
Spelman's experiment with in-house certificate programs earned nearly $2 million in its first year, exceeding its expectations. Tiffany Watson, associate vice president for eSpelman operations, was interviewed for this story.
9/12, SOURCE: Inside Higher Ed

These Georgia schools made the 2024 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings
Spelman's rankings are highlighted in the story.
9/18, SOURCE: Atlanta Journal-Constitution

U.S. Department of State Recognizes 19 HBCUs in 13 States and Washington, D.C. as Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leaders
Spelman is recognized as a 2023 Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leader.
9/18, SOURCE: PR Newswire

President Biden Announces the Inaugural Members of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States
Today, President Biden announced the inaugural members of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the U.S. The Council is aimed at enhancing dialogue between United States officials and the African Diaspora. Both President Gayle and Rosalind Brewer, Board chair emerita, join the President's Advisory Council.
9/26, SOURCE: The White House

Morehouse College readies for visit from Vice President Kamala Harris
Students from the all-men's historically Black college and surrounding schools within the Atlanta University Center were invited to the moderated question-and-answer session, dubbed the “Fight for Our Freedoms College Tour.” Melanie De La Rosa, C’2024, is quoted in the article.
9/26, SOURCE: Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Initiative Promotes Financial Literacy by Investing in HBCU Students
A group of students at Spelman College are receiving a rare opportunity to start an investment journey through a new social impact initiative. The financial wellness initiative will offer a cohort of students a finance and investing course plus a seeded Stackwell account to begin building wealth during their college career. Dr. Venetta Coleman, director of Institutional Effectiveness at Spelman, is quoted in the article.
9/26, SOURCE: Diverse: Issues In Higher Education

Opinion: At HBCUs, Black students are seen, heard and inspired
To mark HBCU Week, Sept. 24-28, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is running a series of guest columns that examine the role of historically Black colleges and universities and the challenges that face them. Today, Spelman College Provost Pamela Scott-Johnson, C’82, reflects on her decision to attend Spelman College and how it enriched her life.
9/27, SOURCE: Atlanta Journal-Constitution
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