



Cathy Hughes School of Communication *eblasts*

****Good news on the recent accomplishments of our CHSOC faculty, staff, students, and alumni

November 2022

TEDx talk -- Alumna Dr. Sheila Brooks was one of the featured speakers at the TEDxBrookland 2022 with the theme “S.T.E.M-Striving Toward Excellent Minds” on Oct. 8 at Archbishop Carroll High School in D.C. Dr. Brooks is the CEO & President of SRB Communications. She is an accomplished entrepreneur, author, Emmy-award winning journalist and expert in multicultural marketing, public health communications and entrepreneurial education. See the video: <https://youtu.be/DnxBzKGiV2Q>



NBC political reporter -- Shaquille Brewster, NBC political reporter and Howard alum, briefed students in the Public Affairs Reporting course. Shaq, who worked on Howard's election team as a student, offered reporting tips and shared his experiences on the campaign trail.

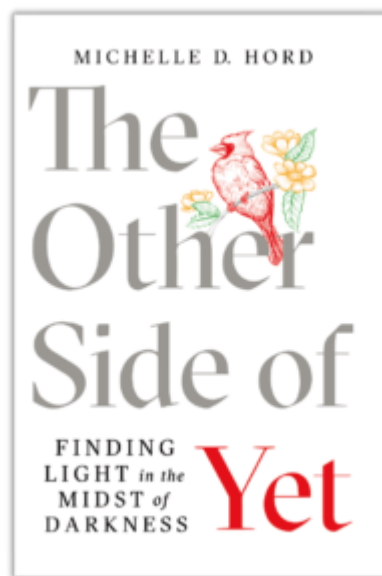


Homecoming 2022 -- Homecoming was a triumphant success as alumni, students and friends returned for the first in-person homecoming after two years. Sharing Origin Stories in the Meccaverse.

- [The First Howard Homecoming](#)
- [Birth of the Bison - How Howard landed on the Bison as its mascot. HU Bison.](#)
- [Finish the Sentence: HHHH-U! -The origins of the beloved Howard University chant.](#)

The CHSOC Alumni Reception brought our alumni home to a new space in the MET Bldg. Welcome, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Bookends – Former GMA producer and alumna **Michelle Hord's** book *The Other Side of Yet* is receiving attention across media. She also narrates the audiobook. See some media coverage here: <https://michelledhord.com/book/>



On Board – Congratulations to alumna, **Lori Billingsley**, who was recently appointed to Shake Shack Inc.'s Board of Directors. Lori is the former Global Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Officer for the Coca-Cola Co.. She is a committed and dedicated Bison, who also serves on the School of C Board of Visitors. See the announcement [here](#).



Alumni Outreach -- Loren Coleman, director of Graduate Studies, for the Communication, Culture and Media Studies (CCMS) department organized the 4th annual CCMS Alumni Homecoming Panel on October 25th. The theme this year was "the Future is Ours: CCMS on the Horizon." The alumni guest speakers included:

- **Tamara Owens**, Founding Director, Howard University Simulation and Clinical Skills Center
- **Brittany-Rae Gregory**, Communications Director at Next Century Cities
- **Diane Forbes Berthoud**, Chief Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer and Vice President, University of Maryland Baltimore, Human Communication Studies Ph.D alum 2000
- **Vernon B. Harper, Jr.** Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cal State University-Bakersfield
- **Cheryl D. Jenkins**, Associate Professor, School of Media and Communication and Associate Director, Center for Black Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi

Research Exchange -- The School of C launched CHSOC BYOL Symposium, Fall 2022 last month with Media, Journalism and Film faculty presenting their research and creative works in the Auditorium in the MET Bldg. We started the Bring Your Own Lunch) exchanges more than eight years ago for sharing and collaborating on research and creative works. Featured last month were:

- **Heidi Gerber-Salins**: "Hope of Escape: Emotive Sound Design and Ancestral Storytelling."
- **Carolyn Malachi**: "Counter Narratives"
- **Vasilios Papaioannu**: "Parenthetical form of frantic lines and alternating impressions"
- **Stacey Patton**: "#BlackMomsBeLike: Childhood Cruelties and Black Men's Social Media Performances of Maternal Drag as Comedic Digital Therapy"

We look forward to another BYOL in spring 2023.

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