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AMBASSADOR BOBBY JONES AND BISHOP EDDIE LONG TO HEADLINE
THE BLACK COLLEGE GOSPEL CHOIR COMPETITION

(Atlanta, Georgia, August 20, 2010) -- The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, whose mission is to ensure the stability, strength and excellence of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), announces Bishop Eddie L. Long will host this year's Black College Choir Competition at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., with Ambassador Dr. Bobby Jones, of Bobby Jones Gospel, serving as Master of Ceremony. Five college choirs, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Savannah State University and North Carolina A&T University, and last year's winner, Benedict College will compete for a total of \$6,000 in scholarships and a chance to appear on national television.

Ambassador Jones, who is celebrating 30 years as host of BET's Bobby Jones Gospel, will be returning as the competition's Master of Ceremony for the fifth consecutive year. "Gospel music is rooted in the African American church, which is the center of the African American people; and I am pleased to be a part of the team that encourages young men and women at HBCUs to use their talent for the glory of God through singing and praising the Lord," Jones said. He has arranged for the winning college choir to appear on a future episode of his internationally televised show.

The choirs will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges. Those invited include singer/actress Jennifer Holliday, jazz recording artist singer Kathleen Bertrand, gospel recording artists Dottie Peoples and The Lamar Sisters, and radio hosts Rhodell Lewis of Praise 102.5, and Kevin Collins of WIGO Radio.

The Competition is free to the public, and in celebration its 25th Anniversary, the Hall of Fame is making a special appeal to local area churches to attend by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to the church that brings the largest number of people over 100.

The Black College Gospel Choir Competition rounds out the Hall of Fame Weekend Conference, which includes the signature Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony that honors HBCU alumni who have achieved excellence in the fields of Arts, Athletics, Business, Community Service, Faith and Theology, Government, Industry, Law, Medicine and Science, in addition to a Lifetime Achievement category. Past inductees have included luminaries such as Oprah Winfrey, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, Ambassador Andrew Young, Dr. Johnetta Cole, Kenny Leon and Emmanuel Lewis.

This year's inductees are Cecil J. Williams, Jethro T. Pugh, Dr. Lonnie G. Johnson, Dr. Jasper Salmond, Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, General Russell L. Honore'(Ret.), Willie A. Deese, The Honorable Curtis L. Collier, Julian Bond, Dr. N. Joyce Payne, Dr. Samuel D. Jolley, Jr. Dr. John E. Maupin, Jr., and Dr. Goldie S. Byrd. Other Hall of Fame Weekend activities include The Competition of Black College Queens, The Black College Invitational Golf Tournament, The Legacy Lecture Series, The Positive Image Program and an Alumni Round-up Party/Concert.

For more information about the HOF weekend activities and this FREE event visit the www.nbcahof.org.

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