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HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES A WEEKEND OF CELEBRITY MODERATED WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

23rd Annual Hall of Fame Weekend

Atlanta, GA, September 3, 2008 –The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation hosts the 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Weekend - “HBCUs: Bringing Dreams to Reality” from Thursday, September 25 through Sunday, September 28 with key events at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The conference gathers students, educators and business professionals for a weekend of sessions on trends and issues that impact historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) and the community at large.

“The conference is a channel for attendees to exchange information and gain vital tools to strengthen the African American community,” says Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., Chairman, The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation. “Our goal is to preserve the legacy of HBCUs.”

The weekend celebration features a variety of events to include: Judge Glenda Hatchett’s Parent Power Workshop, a black college gospel choir competition hosted by **Dr. Bobby Jones** and **Bishop Eddie L. Long**, the largest NCAA sanctioned black college invitational golf tournament with teams competing from 22 HBCUs, a star studded alumni round-up party featuring **Saxophonist Mike Phillips and Will Downing** and the **crowning of Miss NBCA Hall of Fame 2008-09**, the competition involves queens from more than 35 HBCUs. On Friday, September 26, Essence Magazine Editor Emerita **Susan Taylor** and Actor **Chris Tucker** will emcee the signature **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** that salutes the accomplishments of 11 distinguished HBCU alumni.

About the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation

The Council of National Alumni Associations (CNAA) established the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (NBCAHOF) Foundation as a 501 (c) 3 in 1985, to create awareness and interest in the achievements of HBCU alumni, students and the community. The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame under the leadership of its founder and chairman, Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., formed its mission around assisting alumni associations, students and other organizations as they work to ensure the survival and stability of the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia is governed by a 24 member board of trustees made up of education, community and business leaders. Three major programs of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation are 1) The Positive Image Program, which is designed to introduce elementary, middle and high school students about the influence and significance of HBCUs, 2) the Legacy Lecture Series that links Hall of Fame Inductees, HBCU students and alumni, and community and business leaders in effective interchange, and 3) The National Scholarship Service which provides information exchange between students and college representatives through one on one sessions in nearly 30 cities. For more information on the NBCAHOF visit: www.nbcahof.org or call 404-524-1106.

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