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YEAR IN REVIEW



Your Support is Vital!

For Bison Express the 2016-17 academic year was a period of renewal, recommitment and growth. The synergy between the Howard Athletic Department staff/coaches is the foundation for a shared vision of building highly competitive teams at Howard University. Bison Express has collaborated with the University to improve its athletic funding through our fundraising efforts. Consider moving to a higher membership category. Photocopy your membership form or scan it and send it to family and friends. Our athletic teams need more support and we do that by expanding the membership base.

This year we want to expand our support of Howard's student athletes on and off the field and assist the Department of Athletics to establish and sustain competitive programs. We must build upon the many initiatives begun this year. We are the ones that will make great things happen for athletics at Howard. GO BISON!!!

Bruce H. Williams
Chair, Bison Express Board

Bison Express Upcoming Events to Remember for Fall 2017

September 2nd

Bison Express in Las Vegas September 2nd Football Tailgate
Howard Bison Football vs UNLV Running Rebels Football Game

September 16th

Bison Express in Richmond September 16th Football Tailgate
Howard Bison Football vs Richmond Spiders Football Game

November 18th

Bison Express Scholarship Concert at Cramton Auditorium
Featuring an Evening with Darin Atwater and Soulful Symphony

The Bison Look to Find Miracle in London

The football team will kickoff their 2017 campaign against the Rebels of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. While the odds in Vegas might be against the Bison, head football coach Mike London is not afraid to role the dice and secure the Bison's first win of the season.

After three consecutive losing seasons, London was hired in late January to breathe new life into the program. London has molded the program around winning on the field, winning in the classroom and winning in the community. London's third pillar tells a deeper story that is more than just about football. London is using football as a platform to show his players, his coaching staff and himself the true definition of winning in the community. The true definition is saving a life.

Fourteen years ago, Coach London saved his daughter Ticynn's life with a bone marrow transplant. Ticynn was born with Fanconi anemia, a rare genetic blood disorder that often leads to cancer and death. However, her disorder was not detected until she was seven years old. Ticynn's only cure was a bone marrow transplant, but first, doctors needed to find her a compatible donor.

London's wife, Regina, and his children were tested. None of them were matches. The search for a donor then expanded to the entire United States. Still there was no luck. According to Cheekswab, an organization that urges minority populations to become donors, minorities make up only 25 percent of the registry. The likelihood of minorities finding a match is 66 to 73 percent, a considerably low outcome in comparison to the 93 percent likelihood for Caucasians.

Finally, the doctors rolled the dice and asked the head coach to get tested. London was a perfect match. However, a looming question still remained: "Would Ticynn's body reject or accept her father's bone marrow?"

On April 29, 2003, 24 ounces of London's bone marrow were infused into a vein under her daughter's collarbone. The doctors, London and his family then waited. The outcome of the wait was a miracle. The odds were 10,000 to 1 that London's bone marrow would be able to save his daughter.

The odds didn't matter. The odds do not define who will win or who will lose. The spirit that lives in a person does and the chances that the person takes is what matters.

London has beat the odds before. And on Sept. 2, as he leads the Bison into the first game of the season, he might just beat the odds once more.

S Softball Team Partners with Washington Nationals Youth Academy

The Howard University softball team has partnered with the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy. The Academy, which was opened in March 2014, uses baseball and softball as vehicles to foster positive character development, academic achievement and improved health among youth in Wards 7 and 8.

Partnering with the Academy, the Lady Bison mentor boys and girls from the Ward 8 community at least one to three times a week during the fall and spring semesters. The youth are between the third grade and eighth grade. Specifically, the Lady Bison use softball as a platform to teach life lessons about failure and the importance of teamwork and perseverance.

Head coach Lauren McCoy says the partnership with the Academy has "enriched the [softball] program and brought [the program] so much value." McCoy also stated that her players are active role models for these children. In return for impacting young lives in the Ward 8 community, the softball team is able to use the Youth Academy field.

A Anthony Philyaw named Top 10 Best Returning Running Backs in the FCS

Running back and redshirt senior Anthony Philyaw was named to the list of top 10 best returning running backs in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). Philyaw tied for the 10th spot, despite missing two seasons with injuries. Philyaw came back strong last year, ending the season with a school-record 281 rushing yards and two touchdowns against Delaware State to finish with 1,230 yards. He catches passes out of the backfield and finds the end zone. When he was healthy in 2013, Philyaw scored 16 touchdowns.

Excerpt taken from Craig Haley's 'Top 10 Running Backs in the FCS in 2017' in Athlon Sports & Life, May 31, 2017 edition.

G Glenn Harris Is Inducted into Washington D.C. Sports Hall of Fame

On Saturday, July 9, sports talk show host Robert "Glenn" Harris was inducted into this year's star-studded class of the Washington D.C. Sports Hall of Fame. Harris joined eight individuals in his class which included former Maryland standout Juan Dixon, who is now coaching at Coppin State, and former Post columnist and sports radio legend Tony Kornheiser.

Harris attended Howard on a baseball scholarship from 1970 to 1974. He graduated with a B.S. degree in physical education and urban education. During his playing career at Howard, Harris won the MEAC Baseball Championship twice.

After graduating from Howard, Harris served in a number of roles including public address announcer for Howard's athletic teams, host of the popular Let's Talk Sports on Howard's WHUR-FM and anchor of NEWSCHANNEL 8'S Sports Talk, a nightly sports call-in show in the D.C. metropolitan area. During his reporting career, he has won awards from Virginia's Associated Press and the National Association of Black Journalists, to name a few. In addition, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams proclaimed June 6, 2003 as Glenn Harris Day.

Harris was inducted into Howard University's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

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2017 HOME FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

HU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2017 (all games are at Greene Stadium)

SAT 9/23/2017
1PM
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

SAT 10/7/2017
1PM
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

SAT 10/21/2017
1PM
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

SAT 11/11/2017
1PM
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

HU WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE 2017 (all games are at Greene Stadium)

FRI 8/25/2017
7PM
MOUNT ST. MARY'S (MD.)

SUN 8/27/2017
7PM
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

SUN 9/3/2017
3PM
ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

FRI 9/15/2017
7PM
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FRI 9/29/2017
8PM
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

SUN 10/1/2017
1PM
ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

FRI 10/13/2017
7PM
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

SUN 10/15/2017
1PM
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

WED 10/18/2017
7PM
YALE UNIVERSITY

FRI 10/20/2017
5PM
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

SUN 10/22/2017
1PM
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

HU MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE 2017 (all games are at Greene Stadium)

WED 9/6/2017
7PM
ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE BROOKLYN

WED 9/13/2017
4PM
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

WED 9/27/2017
5PM
SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

SAT 10/7/2017
7PM
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

WED 10/18/2017
5PM
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

TUE 10/24/2017
5PM
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

WED 11/1/2017
7PM
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

SAT 11/4/2017
2PM
HARTWICK COLLEGE

HU VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2017 (all games are at Burr Gymnasium)

FRI 8/25/2017
5PM
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

SAT 8/26/2017
10AM
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

SAT 8/26/2017
7PM
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

MON 8/28/2017
6PM
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

FRI 9/15/2017
7PM
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

SAT 9/16/2017
12PM
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

SUN 10/1/2017
3PM
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

TUE 10/3/2017
7PM
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

FRI 10/13/2017
7PM
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

SUN 10/15/2017
3PM
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

FRI 10/20/2017
7PM
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

SUN 10/22/2017
3PM
COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FRI 10/27/2017
7PM
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

FRI 11/10/2017
7PM
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

