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The Home Depot® Reveals the 2010 “Retool Your School”  
Campus Improvement Grant Finalists for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

*Schools from 16 States and the District of Columbia Vie for \$150,000 in Grants from  
The Home Depot Campus Improvement Program*

New York, NY– April 5, 2010 – Sixty-two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) from across the country have been announced as finalists in The Home Depot 2010 “Retool Your School” campus improvement grant program. The HBCU finalists are competing for \$150,000 in on-campus improvement grants and are counting on their communities and the public to help them win. From April 5 to May 15, supporters can visit [www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool](http://www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool) to vote for their favorite HBCU and help make a difference on the campuses.

“We know as well as anyone that the smallest change can have the biggest impact on the lives of others,” said Frank Bifulco, senior vice president and chief marketing officer, The Home Depot. “This program does more than just enhance the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It also offers our communities the opportunity to show their support for these culturally rich institutions.”

The HBCU finalists hail from the great states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, DC and West Virginia. Some of the potential improvement projects entered by the HBCU finalists include upgrading a student greenhouse, creating an alumni remembrance butterfly garden and adding a baseball field. Each of the improvement projects entered will enhance campus life for current students and future generations.

To apply for the “Retool Your School” grants, Historically Black Colleges and Universities submitted applications on the “Retool Your School” Website by the March 15 entry deadline. One \$50,000 grant recipient and 10 \$10,000 grant recipients will be selected by votes submitted by the public and an advisory board of community influencers. The “Retool Your School” winning schools will be announced in June. Fifty-nine percent of the nation’s HBCUs applied to the “Retool Your School” grant program.

As part of this unique program, The Home Depot also created three new commemorative HBCU “Retool Your School” gift cards to showcase inspirational moments experienced on HBCU campuses as well as how-to projects, from painting to landscaping. For each gift card sold, a donation equal to five percent of

the face value, up to \$150,000, is being designated for the on-campus improvement grants. Consumers can purchase the specialty gift cards online at [www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool](http://www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool). An e-gift card, which will deliver a digital e-card instantly to the e-mail of the recipient's customer's choosing and traditional plastic gift cards can also be ordered and mailed for free. Instant e-gift card denominations start at \$10 and traditional gift card denominations start at \$25.

For more information on The Home Depot "Retool Your School" grant program or to purchase a "Retool Your School" gift card, visit [www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool](http://www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool).

#### About The Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,245 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces, Mexico and China. In fiscal 2008, The Home Depot had sales of \$71.3 billion and earnings from continuing operations of \$2.3 billion. The company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

The Home Depot "Retool Your School" HBCU Finalists

**Alabama**

Alabama State University  
Concordia College  
Gadsden State Community College  
Miles College  
Oakwood College  
Stillman College  
Talladega College  
Tuskegee University  
J.F. Drake State Technical College

**Arkansas**

Shorter College

**District of Columbia**

Howard University  
University of the District of Columbia (UDC  
Foundation)

**Florida**

Bethune-Cookman University  
Edward Waters College  
Florida A&M University  
Florida Memorial University

**Georgia**

Clark Atlanta University  
Fort Valley State University  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
Morehouse College  
Morris Brown College  
Spelman College

**Louisiana**

Dillard University  
Southern University of New Orleans  
Xavier University

**Maryland**

Coppin State University  
Morgan State University

**Mississippi**

Alcorn State University  
Jackson State University  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Rust College  
Tougaloo College

**Missouri**

Harris-Stowe State University  
Lincoln University

**North Carolina**

Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
North Carolina Central University  
St. Augustine's College  
Winston-Salem State University

**Ohio**

Wilberforce University

**Pennsylvania**

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

**South Carolina**

Allen University  
Benedict College  
Claflin University  
Clinton Junior College

**Tennessee**

Fisk University  
Knoxville College  
Lane College  
Meharry Medical College  
Tennessee State University

**Texas**

Huston-Tillotson University  
Jarvis Christian College  
Paul Quinn College  
Prairie View A&M University  
Texas College  
Wiley College

**Virginia**

Hampton University  
Norfolk State University  
Saint Paul's College  
Virginia Union University  
Virginia University of Lynchburg

**West Virginia**

Bluefield State College