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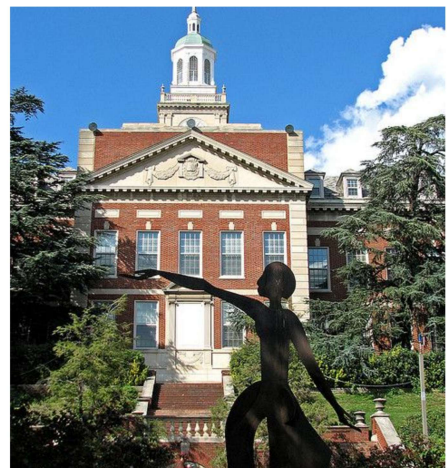
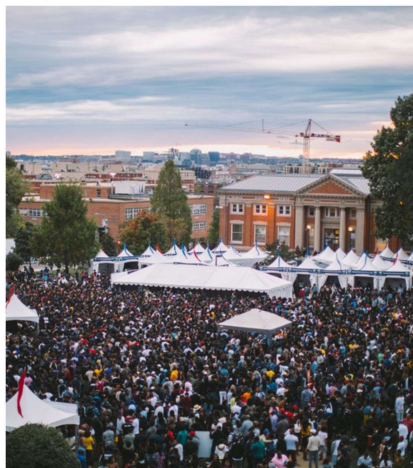
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Howard University Community, Partners, and Friends,

It is my distinct honor to present this interim edition of the Howard University in the District of Columbia Impact Report. This report reflects not only the breadth of our work, but the depth of our commitment to the city we are proud to call home.

For more than 150 years, Howard University has stood as a pillar of excellence, anchored in our mission of Truth and Service. That mission is not confined to our campus—it extends across the District of Columbia. As this report illustrates, our students, faculty, and staff are actively shaping the social, economic, cultural, and health landscape of this city through meaningful engagement, innovation, and service.

From advancing workforce development and supporting small businesses, to expanding access to healthcare and strengthening public education, Howard’s impact is both far-reaching and deeply rooted in community partnerships. Whether through our hospital and health initiatives, our contributions to the creative economy, or our role in preparing the next generation of leaders, we remain steadfast in our responsibility to serve as an engine of opportunity and progress.

This interim report offers a snapshot of that work during the first half of the 2025–2026 academic year. It highlights the ways in which Howard continues to collaborate with District agencies, community organizations, and residents to address pressing challenges while building sustainable pathways for growth and equity. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners, whose collective efforts ensure that Howard’s legacy continues to evolve with purpose and impact.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to deepening our engagement, expanding our reach, and strengthening our role as a trusted partner to the District of Columbia. We do this work with pride, with intention, and with an unwavering belief in the power of education and service to transform communities.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA
Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery
President Emeritus
Howard University





LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this interim edition of the Howard University in the District of Columbia Impact Report. This report offers an early look at the meaningful work and measurable impact the University has made in Washington, DC during the first half of the 2025–2026 academic year.

As Manager of the Community Association within the Office of External Affairs, I am charged with fostering, strengthening, and stewarding the relationship between Howard University and the surrounding community. This role places me at the intersection of institutional priorities and neighborhood interests, where collaboration, transparency, and mutual respect are essential.

This interim report reflects that shared commitment. It highlights the ways in which all parts of Howard University contribute to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the District of Columbia, through partnerships, programming, development, and community engagement efforts that extend beyond the campus boundaries.

This report would not be possible without the ongoing work and dedicated contributions of our students, staff, faculty, partners, and community stakeholders. I want to extend a special note of appreciation to Anisa Pugh, Howard University Class of 2026, for arranging this report and lending us her artistic eye and expertise. We look forward to building upon this work in the months ahead and to sharing a more comprehensive report at the conclusion of the academic year.

In Truth and Service,

Teresa Edmondson

Teresa Edmondson
Manager, Community Association
Howard University





CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

MISSION

The Center for Career and Professional Success (CCPS) promotes the integration of career services within the institution's overall student success strategy. The center consists of three components:

- The Howard Career Community powered by Handshake
- Employer Engagement & Recruitment
- Experiential Learning, Federal Work-Study, and Campus Employment

CCPS provides integrated academic excellence support alongside comprehensive career exploration and professional development programming. Through intentional, student-centered initiatives and individualized guidance, CCPS equips students with the essential tools, resources, and competencies needed to successfully matriculate, persist to graduation, and launch confident, strategic career and post-graduate pathways.

SOCIAL IMPACT

In 2025, CCPS expanded strategic partnerships to increase employment opportunities for Howard University students. Through collaborations with the DC Archives and the DC Office of Employment Services (DOES), students gained hands-on, career-relevant experiences through Federal Work-Study placements and paid internships shadowing DC public officials.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

CCPS also launched the On-Campus & Part-Time Employment Fair in 2025, connecting students with campus and local employers within a five-mile radius. This fair was designed to increase access to flexible, academic-year employment opportunities, strengthen community partnerships and advanced equitable access to experiential learning that supports both local businesses and students' financial needs and long-term career development.



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

MISSION

At the College of Engineering and Architecture at Howard University, our mission is to educate our students by developing their intellectual abilities and personal growth, instill in them a profound commitment to service and ethical decision-making, and advance knowledge through impactful research and creative work.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Howard University Engineers Without Borders (EWB-HU) is committed to bridging engineering with local and global community engagement. In 2025, in addition to the Howard University students' international clean water project in Southwestern Kenya, EWB-HU led two local initiatives focused on advancing educational equity and addressing food insecurity, specifically within Black communities in Washington, D.C.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

EWB-HU works closely with Black-owned community garden partners; Allen Chapel Hill and the Applied Research Garden's Hustlaz 2 Harvesters program to strengthen food access and environmental resilience. They do so through student-led workshops, research, and construction training. EWB-HU is developing a filtered, accessible, and solar-powered water system to support long-term garden operations.

Their work ranges from harvesting fresh produce and preparing garden beds for seasonal transitions to hands-on design and construction projects. The most recent initiative involves the redesign and reconstruction of an irrigation system at the Applied Research Garden that was previously destroyed by a fire.

CARDOZO HIGH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP

Cardozo High School is a 10-minute walk from Howard University. While 99% of its student body identifies as minorities, the school faces significant systemic challenges. These challenges include a 15% reading proficiency rate, a 6% math proficiency rate, and a graduation rate of approximately 50%. As minorities and often first-generation college students, EWB-HU members serve as mentors, tutors, and role models through in-class support and our after-school program Cardozo Scholar Society. They work to inspire and empower students, particularly toward STEM, engineering fields, and higher education pathways.



CHADWICK A. BOSEMAN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

MISSION

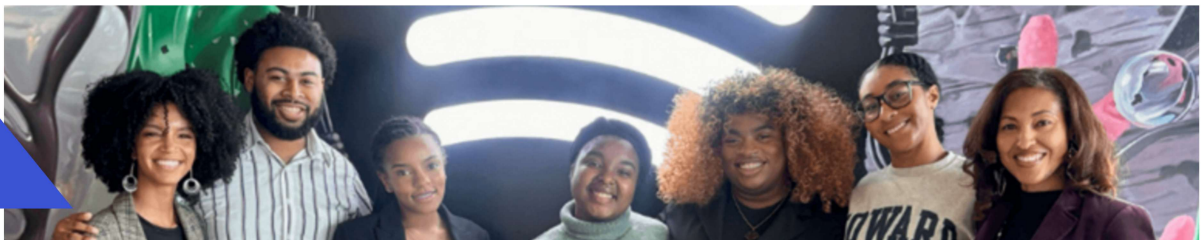
In accordance with the mission of Howard University, the College of Fine Arts offers an undergraduate and graduate education capable of empowering students to achieve their tremendous potential as artists and professionals. As the only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) with a college dedicated to the arts, Howard serves as a critical space and provides a supportive environment for artists from historically excluded communities to find their own voice and provide a voice for the voiceless.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

This year, the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts strengthened Washington, DC's cultural infrastructure by converting Howard's campus and partner venues into accessible public platforming for arts education, civic dialogue, and creative economy participation. This is not "campus programming,," It's city-facing cultural production that attracts residents, builds neighborhood vitality, and reinforces DC's identity as a global center of Black artistic excellence.

Through ART VISTAS: Celebrating a Century of Alumni, the Howard University Gallery of Art delivered a public exhibition linking DC audiences to a 100-year lineage of Black visual innovation—from Alma W. Thomas to Elizabeth Catlett and David C. Driskell—advancing cultural preservation and arts education as public value. Across the same period, the College presented a full season of music, theatre, and dance performances at the Ira Aldridge Theater and Al Freeman Jr. Environmental Theatre Space, widening access to high-quality performing arts and driving consistent foot traffic into the surrounding corridor. Artist talks and industry-facing panels, including a Stonebwoy music industry panel in collaboration with Warner Music Group, connected students and residents to career pathways in the creative sector.

The College also convened national partners through the 35th Annual James A. Porter Colloquium, hosted with institutions including the Smithsonian American Art Museum, bringing scholars, artists, and DC residents into public dialogue on the art of the African Diaspora. Beyond convening, the College activated major DC venues including a staged reading of *Deep Azure* at the historic Howard Theatre leveraged Boseman's legacy to raise funds for scholarships while engaging the public in a work centered on justice and spiritual reckoning. A collaboration with Kevin Olusola (Pentatonix) further advanced workforce readiness through public professional development and studio-based learning.





SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MISSION

The School of Social Work prepares graduates for advanced professional practice at local, national and international levels for the solution of human problems and to become leaders in their communities; and to prepare doctoral graduates for research, the professoriate, and leadership in the global community. We are dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through discovery, research, partnerships, innovative practices, and other scholarly educational endeavors of its faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the Howard University School of Social Work strengthened the District's human services infrastructure through coordinated education, workforce development, and policy engagement initiatives led by faculty experts embedded in DC systems.

Under the leadership of Janice M. Davis, Ph.D., Director of Agency-Based Education, MSW students completed 18,252 hours of supervised service across 45 District partnerships in child welfare, behavioral health, healthcare, homelessness services, criminal justice, and aging. These placements expanded frontline capacity within public agencies and community organizations while producing practice ready graduates aligned with DC workforce needs.

Project PRESS, led by Sandra Jeter, Ph.D., delivered school based mental health services to more than 500 children and families, with focused placements in Wards 5, 7, and 8. The program integrates academic rigor, mentorship, and employment pathways to sustain a pipeline of trained school social workers within DC Public and Charter schools.

In addition, the Peer Case Management Institute, led by Tracy Whitaker, Ph.D., credentialed residents with lived experience of homelessness for professional case management roles in partnership with the DC Department of Human Services and system providers, directly reaching between 50 and 100 residents.

Finally, through the Multidisciplinary Gerontology Center, directed by Robert Cosby, Ph.D., 86 grandchildren and caregiving grandparents received coordinated stability services and benefit navigation.

SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

MISSION

The Howard University School of Divinity functions as a convening ground, a training center, and a public witness shaping how faith shows up in civic life.



HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

At Moral Monday rallies, the Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture, the Compelling Preaching Symposium, Sermon Slam, and Seminarians Day of Preaching, the School brought theological language into direct conversation with justice, democracy, and community accountability. Worship at Dunbarton Chapel and the Faith and Justice Fireside Chat created rooms where reflection met responsibility and proclamation met policy.

The Compelling Preaching Initiative carried that work beyond campus walls through Word and Witness: The Preaching Podcast, amplified Black preaching voices across DC and the region. A newly established Black Congregations Resource Center and dedicated podcast studio now anchor that outreach in physical space, expanding capacity for digital ministry, leadership formation, and sustained collaboration with local churches.

Pastoral care also moved into clinical corridors. The Clinical Pastoral Education program remains the only academic and online clinical pastoral education accredited program in DC. Four cohort members now serve as chaplains at the Howard University Hospital, offering spiritual care to patients, families, and staff within one of the district's historic safety net institutions.

A \$10 million Lilly Endowment investment launched Wisdom Keepers, Hope Seekers, positioning Howard as the coordinating hub of a multi-institution alliance advancing Black theological education, leadership laboratories, and debt reduction strategies. The result is a strengthened pastoral pipeline serving congregations across the district while securing long term institutional capacity for theological education rooted in DC's civic life.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MISSION

The Howard University School of Education prepares and empowers transformational leaders as highly qualified teachers, reflective practitioners, effective administrators and engaged researchers who influence educational policies and practices relevant to Black and other underserved populations.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the Howard University School of Education advanced equity, governance reform, educator preparation, and student wellness across the District of Columbia through applied scholarship and direct partnership with DC institutions.

Through community focused programming, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction convened DC educators, families, and students on campus for the annual DC History Competition in partnership with the DC History Center; and for the Association of Teacher Educators Leadership Summit. The department also co-sponsored the Children's Africana Book Awards with the HU Center for African Studies, strengthening culturally grounded literacy engagement for District youth and families.

The Department of Education Leadership and Policy Studies launched the School Board Governance Academy in collaboration with the National School Boards Association, convening education leaders in Washington to strengthen equity centered governance, budgeting oversight, and superintendent accountability. Faculty further contributed to policy dialogue addressing civic engagement, disinformation, and education equity affecting DC schools and higher education institutions.

Faculty in Human Development and Psychoeducational Studies provided technical guidance to the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education through pre-service on its Technical Advisory Committee, informing assessment validity, accessibility, and accountability systems impacting all public-school students.

Through a multiyear National Science Foundation initiative, faculty trained preservice and service educators serving high-need DC area schools in robotics and automation curriculum, strengthening STEM access and long-term workforce pipelines.

The School's Center for Advocacy Research and Educational Services partnered with Ascensions Psychological and community services, and secured a Martha's Table Community Impact Grant to deliver direct services to children in Wards 7 and 8, reinforcing community wellness and educational stability.



COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

MISSION

Our mission is to ignite curiosity and a love for science and medicine in young minds through age-appropriate and engaging hands-on learning. We empower youth to explore health and the human body, while fostering leadership, service, and sustained community engagement and connection with medical students and faculty.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

As of 2025, the Howard University Mini-Med Program, now in its second year, is an official D.C. Public School Partner that provides afterschool programming to Harriet Tubman Elementary School and Dunbar High School.

With over 100 medical student volunteers, we provide hands on activities focusing on applied science, clinical medicine and health and nutrition in partnership with the Colleges of Dentistry, Allied Health and Pharmacy.

Capping off the 22-session elementary school program is our annual Mini-White Coat Ceremony where friends and family of Harriet Tubman Elementary School and Howard University are invited to celebrate our future healthcare professionals.



COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

MISSION

The Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD) supports the District of Columbia through a comprehensive model of community engagement that spans mentorship, workforce development, and direct patient care.

From providing clinical services for thousands of residents each year to mentoring high school and undergraduate students interested in health professions, the college remains deeply committed to improving oral health access and outcomes across Washington, DC.

Through its predoctoral program and residency programs in Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), General Practice Residency (GPR), and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, HUCD delivers preventive, restorative, emergency, surgical, and specialty dental care to the community.


HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

This year, the college's clinical care served 5,368 total patients, 66% of which were DC residents. Patients came from nearly every ward with wards 1, 5, 7 and 8 being the highest patient bases.

One of the College's fastest-growing service lines is the Walk-In Emergency Dental Service Clinic, providing same-day care for patients experiencing dental pain, infection, trauma, and urgent oral health needs. The clinic serves as a critical safety-net access point for DC residents and connects patients to ongoing comprehensive care. This service reduces hospital emergency room utilization for dental conditions along with serving as a training environment for students and residents.

The College provides dental services for patients with special health care needs in both clinical and operating room settings. These services support individuals who may not be able to receive care in traditional dental practices and ensure equitable access to oral health treatment across the district.





The Howard University College of Dentistry proudly hosted several signature community service initiatives during 2025. One of those initiatives being Giving Kids A Smile, a national which brings more than 100 elementary school students to the college annually to receive free dental screenings, preventive services, and oral health education. The event provides an early introduction to positive oral health habits while allowing students and residents to serve the community through hands-on care.

Another one of the college's initiatives, the HUCD Student Council Health Fair reflects the College's strong culture of student leadership and service. This event provides dental screenings, oral health education, and referrals to community members across DC while empowering students to lead meaningful community engagement efforts.

For more than 50 years, in collaboration with Delta Dental and other organizations, the College of Dentistry has hosted the Senior Holiday Luncheon, a cherished community tradition serving seniors from across Washington, DC. This event combines fellowship, appreciation, and oral health outreach, reinforcing the College's commitment to supporting older adults in the community.





GRADUATE SCHOOL

MISSION

The Howard University Graduate School's mission is to produce leaders for America and the global community by providing high-quality graduate education, fostering research excellence, and promoting the core values of truth and service (Veritas et Utilitas). It focuses on solving complex global challenges through research that drives change, particularly impacting the African Diaspora and underserved communities.

GREEN MOVE-OUT DRIVE

Howard University's Green Move-Out Drive is a sustainability initiative designed to help students clear out their dorm rooms with both people and the planet in mind. Established to increase waste diversion, the program collects reusable goods to be donated to local partner organizations rather than discarded. In addition to reducing trash overflow in residence halls, the drive provides valuable resources to those in need and incorporates public health education, awareness, and food recovery.

At move-out, students donated reusable items via PODS containers and designated dormitory collection boxes. Donations were picked up and transported by a community distribution truck in partnership with Project B Green and then delivered to more than 35 community partners across the region. In total, 50.71 tons of goods were collected, diverting over 80% of the estimated waste generated during that period and advancing the University's sustainability goals.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Through collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation and the CDC, the program hosted the 2025 Public Health Institute Conference, advancing inclusive health education and seizure safety training. More than 120 students received hands on Seizure First Aid instruction, strengthening campus readiness, and expanding the pool of trained responders in the city.

Howard students also secured national recognition at the DC Public Health Case Challenge. Their award-winning proposal, H.O.M.E. DC, addressed asthma disparities in Ward 8 by proposing technology-driven housing and health coordination tools targeting mold related respiratory illness.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- Diverted 50.71 tons of waste and strengthened nonprofit resource distribution
- Expanded emergency health response capacity through seizure safety training
- Advanced housing related asthma intervention strategies for Ward 8 families
- Elevated DC public health innovation on a national policy stage

DC SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

MISSION

The DC Small Business Development Center (DCSBDC) is the only District-wide, nationally accredited program that provides high-quality one-on-one consulting, training, assistance with access to capital, and information resources to empower new and existing small businesses in the District of Columbia. The center is hosted on the first floor of the School of Business and is open to the public.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The DCSBDC assisted 42 clients in obtaining various government registrations and certifications at federal and District levels, including HubZone, Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), and Certified Business Enterprise (CBE).

The "Shop DC SBDC" online marketplace enhances the District's resilience by connecting local small businesses with the community and fostering a stronger local economy. The "buy small" site currently has 132 small business vendors marketing their products and services at no cost to the businesses.

In 2025, the DCSDBC cohosted the Metro Washington 2025 Small Business Expo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Bankers Group, at the Howard University campus on Wednesday, October 8. This event included six curated panel discussions about the economic outlook for small business, government contracting (two panels), local small business resources, technology, and securing capital. In addition, there were over 20 exhibitors, open throughout the day with federal and local government agencies, lending partners, and other small business resources to answer questions and provide guidance. The event attracted over 125 attendees.



DC SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

For the second year in row, the DCSBDC partnered with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) for their 2025 Small Business University, a 14-week cohort program designed to help small business participants increase their company's business operations strategy and to prepare them for eligibility for prime contracts. The program covered critical topics to help businesses grow including industry marketing, operations, and being a successful partner with the Airports Authority, and government-commercial organizations. Participants received follow-ups on support services from the DCSBDC upon conclusion of the program.

In 2025, the DCSBDC served 1,192 clients in DC and the region via nearly 2,000 service sessions. 348 clients were Black-owned companies, 40 were Hispanic-owned companies, 305 were women-owned businesses, 16 were veteran-owned and 9 wereservice-disabled veteran-owned businesses. Overall, 3,213 jobs were supported.





HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

MISSION

Howard University Hospital (HUH) is a premier academic medical center in Washington, D.C. committed to providing high-quality patient care, advancing medical education, and fostering innovative research. Affiliated with the Howard University College of Medicine, HUH is among the nation's most historic teaching hospitals and proudly continues its long-standing legacy as a leading training ground for Black and minority physicians, with more than 160 years of service to diverse and underserved communities.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

As a Level I Trauma Center, HUH delivers comprehensive and specialized care across cardiology, oncology, OB-GYN, radiology and imaging, neurology, orthopedics, urology, and emergency medicine. The hospital also offers highly specialized programs, including the Sickle Cell Wellness Center and the Wound Care Clinic, one of only a few of its kind in the district. A recognized leader in health equity, HUH remains dedicated to reducing disparities in access and outcomes, preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals, and providing exceptional, compassionate care to residents throughout the region.

The Howard University Faculty Practice Plan (FPP) operates a satellite clinic on Benning Road in Northeast D.C. in Ward 7, which continues to serve as a vital healthcare resource for senior citizens and the surrounding community. The clinic offers services such as comprehensive fall-prevention education, health screenings, and rehabilitation care. Additionally, the hospital's mobile clinic extends essential healthcare services to underserved neighborhoods across the city, providing primary care, vaccinations, and health education directly to neighbors in need.

HUH and the FPP participate in more than 100 community events each year across the area, demonstrating a strong commitment to outreach, prevention, and education. Through community health screenings, and educational initiatives, dedicated staff, faculty, and medical students actively engage with neighborhoods throughout the year by providing free blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, diabetes screenings, and general health education. These efforts help expand access to care, promote wellness, and strengthen connections between the hospital and the communities it serves.

LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the HUH Level 1 Trauma Center received a \$500,000 grant to continue funding for the Howard University Hospital-based Violence Program (HUH-VIP). HUH-VIP brings awareness to gun violence and focuses on intervention, prevention, and support for individuals affected by gun violence. The team engaged 210 patients; 149 patients were seen at the hospital bedside, and 61 patients were contacted post discharge by phone or during a medical clinic visit; 142 patients accepted services including case management, assisting and assisted patients with emergency shelter, transportation, and clothing and advocacy.

Stop the Bleed, a national awareness and training program taught by HU-VIP, gave lessons to nearly 5,000 community members on how to quickly control life-threatening bleeding during emergencies. It focuses on three simple actions—apply pressure, pack the wound, and use a tourniquet—to stabilize a person until professional help arrives. The goal is to empower everyday people to save lives when severe bleeding occurs.

Additionally, HUH hosted the fifth Annual Victor Over Violence Program honoring a survivor of community violence that has overcome their circumstances to improve their quality of life after the event. HUH also participated in and hosted 135 community events to promote injury prevention in the community, reaching over 11,500 members of the community.

Howard is advancing early progress toward a new hospital and Academic Medical Center and additional capital projects with significant District impact. These initiatives will generate construction activity, workforce participation, vendor engagement, and expanded healthcare capacity. The long-term outcome is strengthening public health infrastructure and inclusive economic growth anchored in the district.





CANCER CENTER

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the "Men Take Ten" (MTT) Men's Health Program hosted by HUH Cancer Center continued to be a staple within the community. The program provided cancer screenings to over 300 DC residents and provided resources to men throughout the DC region.

MTT strengthened existing community relations with organizations such as the Prince Hall Masons and Order of Eastern Stars, Washington Senior Wellness Center, Israel Baptist Church, Union Temple Baptist Church Places of Worship Advisory Board (POWAB), Israel Metropolitan CME Church (IMCMEC), the Prostate Health Education Network (PHEN), the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), The Links Inc., and MedStar Family Choice (MFC), to name a few. MTT also established new relations with community partners including Fatherhood Initiative DC, Professional Women in Aviation (PWA) at American Airlines, George Washington Cancer Center (GWCC), and BLUEBEAM.

Additional activities included flagship District moments such as the FITDC Fresh Start 5K hosted by Mayor Muriel Bowser and DPR, high-volume public health engagement at Freedom Plaza during the HerStory 5K (approximately 5,000 participants), and medical support at Emancipation Day. The program also strengthened institutional wellness capacity through outreach at St. Elizabeth's, DC Superior Courts, and, the DC Housing Finance Agency. At the READY Center/CSOSA resource fair, outreach supported residents navigating reentry and access to care. At Cease Fire's "Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sisters" event, HFPP provided preventive screenings and health education to more than 5,000 attendees, reinforcing violence-prevention ecosystems with health infrastructure. HUH and the FPP were also proud to provide pediatric and school readiness services through back-to-school immunization and well-child initiatives supported by clinic space and the Howard University Mobile Health Care Unit.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- Public health access: preventive screenings and "Ask the Doctor" engagement delivered in high-traffic community settings citywide
- Public safety alignment: reentry and violence-prevention events strengthened stabilization pathways and community trust
- Youth and family stability: well-child visits, immunizations, and school-readiness support across multiple wards



OFFICE OF CORPORATE RELATIONS

MISSION

The Howard University Office of Corporate Relations acts as the primary liaison to develop, foster, and strengthen mutually beneficial partnerships between corporations/foundations and the university. It creates opportunities for student engagement, recruitment, research, and financial support

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the HU Office of Corporate Relations hosted “Level Up DC: Esports, Culture & Content” a community-focused day developed in collaboration with B.E. Collective+. School aged residents from various DC Housing Authority (DCHA) communities were invited to expose them to the broader world of Esports, content creation, and tech-forward career pathways in an accessible and inspiring way. Programming for the day included panels on NIL 101 and gaming careers, a Tech Try-It Zone with immersive experiences, a brand-building workshop, Esports player tournament and championship, as well as networking with industry leaders.

In collaboration with Volunteers et Veritas (V et V), an HU student volunteer organization, the office supported the DCHA Rebuilding Our Communities initiative. The Rebuilding Our Communities initiative is designed to provide public housing residents with direct access to comprehensive, holistic support and resources that address challenges impacting physical, social, and emotional well-being.

An average of 30 student volunteers supported the initiative by bagging and delivering groceries to residents and assisting with the setup of activations for DCHA residents at both Potomac Gardens and Langston Terrace Dwellings. They also supported the DCHA Rebuilding Our Communities initiative by assisting in the set up and supervision of Halloween themed activities for DCHA youth residents at the Greenleaf and surrounding DCHA communities.

Dr. Robert Johns of HU Office of Corporate Relations was the keynote speaker at the Heal D.C.’s inaugural Peace for D.C. graduation. Heal D.C. is a program designed to help residents break free from a cycle of violence and trauma and enabling them to move from survival mode to begin to think about a life beyond pain, and fear, and grief. As the keynote speaker, Dr. Johns provided inspiration and hope and encouraged forgiveness, which left a lasting impact on program participants. He also provided remarks at the Peace for D.C. Survivors Forum, which raised awareness about the impact gun violence has on survivors, paid tribute to loved ones who’ve been taken by gun violence, and raised a call to action to end gun violence.

WHUR, 96.3 FM

MISSION

WHUR 96.3 FM, owned by Howard University, operates as a commercial station with a mission to serve the Washington DC community while providing hands-on training for students. It focuses on delivering diverse, high-quality urban programming, including news, music, and public affairs, while acting as a bridge between the university and the broader community.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

For 54 years, WHUR 96.3 FM has operated as a university owned commercial station and a civic engine serving the District of Columbia. In 2025, WHUR translated its broadcast reach into measurable economic, social, and public health impact aligned with District priorities.

Through its Daily “Taking It to the Streets” segment, WHUR delivered free, daily airtime to dozens of DC nonprofits, providing consistent exposure to organizations addressing food insecurity, workforce justice, youth development, and housing instability. This sustained visibility strengthens the operational capacity of frontline service providers without cost to the District.

WHUR’s 47th Annual Food2Feed Radiothon raised more than \$61,000 and secured substantial food donations during a period marked by SNAP disruption and rising regional food insecurity affecting an estimated 1.5 million residents. Funds directly supported the Capital Area Food Bank and Shabach Ministries, expanding emergency food access across DC. Additional 2025 efforts generated over \$50,000 for student-led service initiatives, distributed 500 backpacks and school supplies to DC youth, collected more than 550 winter coats, and delivered over 2,000 toys to children through trusted community partners.

Beyond direct aid, WHUR convenes civic leadership. Through The Daily Drum, District officials including the Mayor, Council leadership, and agency heads engage residents in transparent public dialogue. WHUR advances public information access, economic stability, youth development, and community resilience; reinforcing Howard University’s role as a trusted communications partner embedded in the life of DC.

MISSION

The mission of WHUT television, the nation's only Public Broadcasting Television station licensed to and operated by a historically Black University, is to deliver educational, entertaining and intellectually stimulating multi-cultural and intergenerational programming to the public in the Metro DC region. The station endeavors to underscore Howard University's commitment to excellence in Truth and Service.

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite the deep impacts of budget cuts due to a decision made by Congress to defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, WHUT was able to make significant strides in 2025. WHUT's Department of Education and Outreach hosted several community engagement events to support families throughout DC, specifically families living in Highland Dwellings, which is public housing in Southeast DC. WHUT also hosted a celebratory community event to build awareness of autism and neurodiversity through robust activities and a screening of the new PBS KIDS series, CARL THE COLLECTOR.

WHUT is also proud to have built upon some of its impactful staple activities, including Black Women Soar, a STEAM-themed Summer of Adventure, and FAMFEST, an annual family friendly homecoming event. The station also embraced two new initiatives, Caregiving, which is a dedicated screening series and resource share for caregivers, and Book Buddies, a literacy and social emotional-interactive program for toddlers ages 2-5. WHUT is most proud of the new and existing community-based and inter-university partnerships with Early Stages, District Heights Senior Center, Howard University Hospital, the Howard University School of Education, and the Howard University Early Learning program for support.





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