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## NEWSLETTER

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### A System for Success

FEDERAL RESUME  
WORKSHOP  
(VIRTUAL)

MARCH 2023

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*“Goals are good for setting a direction, but systems are best for making progress.” James Clear, Atomic Habits*

It comes as no surprise that to accomplish our goals, we must first establish a plan. Whether short or long term, the foundation we set to actualize a goal is paramount and plays a major role in how successful we are at attaining them.

James Clear, author of Atomic Habits, is quoted for saying “goals are good for setting a direction, but systems are best for making progress.”. In essence, what the author is saying is that our daily habits and behaviors determine how successful we are in achieving our goals.

As you carve out your unique life path and prepare your personal and professional goals, we encourage you to consider the following:

- How are my daily habits and behaviors setting me up for success?
- When I consider the goals that I have successfully accomplished in the past, what habits did I develop that helped me to accomplish them?
- What habits or behaviors can I begin today to help me reach my next goal?

Takeaway: Your journey of personal and professional success begins with you. Your habits and behaviors help to establish a system that progresses you towards your goals. We charge you to maintain habits that guarantee your success in the future.

## CAU LEADERSHIP

Mr. Michael Brent IV, who was born and raised in Compton, California, is a junior at Clark Atlanta University studying Political Science with a concentration in Public Policy. Michael's journey in leadership began in high school when he was elected to be freshman class president. During his time as freshmen class president, Michael learned the importance of bi-partisan communication in order to be an effective agent of change. During his time at Clark Atlanta University, Mr. Brent has continued to grow in his political knowledge and leadership, not only through his academics but also by being an intern for the National Democratic Redistricting Committee. He has also established mentors such as Dr. Said Sewell, who has instilled in him the necessary skills and characteristics needed to be an effective leader.

## MICHAEL'S CAREER GOALS:

After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Michael will continue to further his education by earning his Master's and Doctorate in Political Science, as to one day become a professor. Overall, Michael's desire is to establish a career that opens doors and creates opportunities for marginalized communities. That said, we at the Center for Excellence in Public and Government Service want to applaud the excellence of Mr. Michael Brent as he continues his journey of leadership and dedication to establishing effective political change.



The Atlanta University Center Consortium Center for Excellence Public and Government Service, is always elated to highlight and give acknowledgment to the tremendous work-ethic and dedication to excellence that our HBCU students demonstrate every day.



# Mr. Michael Parks

Department  
of  
Homeland Security

Mr. Michael Parks is a retired member of the Federal Air Marshal Service. He held several notable titles within the Federal Air Marshal Service including Federal Air Marshal, Primary Watch Officer, TSOC Acting ASAC, Program Manager - International Planner for the Middle East & Africa, Task Force Supervisor for the FBI-Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and retired as a Supervisory Federal Air Marshal in 2023.

Some of his collateral duties while working as a Federal Air Marshal included:

- Law Enforcement Chaplain
- Certified Peer & Grief Counselor
- EEO Counselor & Investigator
- Counter Drone & UAS Supervisor
- Lead Recruiter & Hiring Specialist

## A.T.I. SUMMER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In summer 2024, Mr. Parks will serve as the lead facilitator of the Federal Service Preparedness course in the A.T.I. Summer Leadership Training program. This course centers professional preparedness for HBCU students as they explore opportunities in the federal government. Topics such as how to conduct a federal job search, understanding security clearance, and how to conduct a successful interview are among many that will be covered in the course. For more information about A.T.I. Summer Leadership Training, visit [cfe.aucenter.edu](http://cfe.aucenter.edu).

## ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

1. “Remain open” while pursuing careers in the federal government.
2. Conduct your own research on the various government agencies and consider the source of their information (whether it be through word of mouth of social media).
3. Understand what requirements are necessary for each federal opportunity. Each agency has its own requirements and students should seek to build their experience around the opportunity they are pursuing.
4. Practice integrating academic and/or professional experience when interviewing.

The federal government is seeking to diversify its pool of candidates and speaking to those unique experiences can help students land the perfect opportunity.



## LEARN MORE

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the U.S. Federal Executive Department responsible for Detected, deterred, and defeated criminal, terrorist, and hostile activities targeting US transportation systems; successfully led complex investigations, diverse multidisciplinary teams, and security programs and projects.

To learn more information about the Department of Homeland Security, visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## VCHA COMMUNITY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

(DEADLINE: MARCH 7, 2024)

<https://opportunities.uncf.org/s/program-landing-page?id=a2i8Y00000AobhiQAB>

## MCDONALD'S BLACK AND POSITIVELY GOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP

(DEADLINE: MARCH. 27, 2024)

<https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarship/tmcf-mcdonalds-black-and-positively-golden-scholarships/>

## BNSF RAILWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

(DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024)

<HTTPS://OPPORTUNITIES.UNCF.ORG/S/PROGRAM-LANDING-PAGE?ID=A2I8Y00000AOEPCQAZ>

## HBCU - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

(DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2024)

<HTTPS://OPPORTUNITIES.UNCF.ORG/S/PROGRAM-LANDING-PAGE?ID=A2I8Y00000BGBD4QAL>

## RALPH LAUREN CORPORATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

(DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2024)

<HTTPS://OPPORTUNITIES.UNCF.ORG/S/PROGRAM-LANDING-PAGE?ID=A2I8Y00000AOFTMQAJ>

## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(DEADLINE: ONGOING)

<HTTPS://WWW.SSA.GOV/CAREERS/PROGRAMS/STUDENTS-AND-RECENT-GRADUATES.HTML>

## THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

(DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024)

<HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/CEA/WORK-FOR-US/INTERNSHIP-OPPORTUNITIES-2/>

## CREME OF NATURE

(DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2024)

<https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarship/tmcf-creme-of-nature-legacy-of-leadership-scholarship/>

## UNCF GENERAL APPLICATION

(DEADLINE: MARCH 28, 2024)

<https://opportunities.uncf.org/s/program-landing-page?id=a2i8Y00000BGwwQQAT>

## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION, INC.®

(DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024)

<https://akaeaf.org/scholarships/>

## DELTA COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

(DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2024)

<https://www.deltacommunitycu.com/us/en/community/scholarships/hbcu-scholarship.html>



# INTERNSHIPS

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; U.S. MINT

(DEADLINE: MARCH 7, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/775314700>

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTERS

(DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/775402700>

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS AND THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEYS

(DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/749839100>

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

(DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/769216700>

## NRL HBCU/MI/TCU RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

(DEADLINE: ONGOING)

<https://www.nrl.navy.mil/Careers/Students/HBCU-MI-Research-Internship-Program/>

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY; U.S. ARMY TEST AND EVALUATION COMMAND

(DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/746534800>

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE; AIR FORCE MATERIAL COMMAND

(DEADLINE: SEPT. 30, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/752206800>

## DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

(DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/766557800>

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE; U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

(DEADLINE: SEPT. 30, 2024)

<https://intern.usajobs.gov/job/752236200>

For more internship opportunities, visit [GoGovernment.org](https://www.GoGovernment.org) and [Intern.USAJobs.gov](https://www.Intern.USAJobs.gov)





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Public & Government Service

## U.S. DEPARTMENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE VISITS AUC

The Atlanta University Center Consortium through the Center for Excellence in Public and Government Service hosted Mrs. Cheryl Campbell, Assistant Secretary of Administration for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Mrs. Campbell is the first female and the first person of color to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Administration.



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