

UNCF Longevity Record

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The United Negro College Fund has indeed been an enabling force toward helping 43 predominately Black Colleges and Universities and thus over 45 thousand Black students attain and maintain that firm grip needed for growth, productivity and survival. UNCF has an impressive record, one of longevity, one which has manifested itself through years of genuine concern and a positive commitment to build stronger Educational Institutions which help make us a better and stronger nation.

One of the best parallels that I often make about commitment and sacrifice can be best described in the story about the chicken and the pig. The chicken who supplied the eggs for the meal simply mad a contribution; but the pig who provided the bacon and thus gave his life, made a commitment. So you see commitment exceeds that of providing minimum substance and it goes far beyond that which is required. It involves sacrifice.

Let's look for a moment at the track record of accountability and a accomplishment of Black schools. How accountable have Black colleges been to Black students; and what has been the impacton this society and the Black culture?

According to the July 87 issue of *Crisis Magazine*, "the contributions made to society by Black colleges as a whole, based on their size and numbers, far out distance what anyone would consider reasonable." Consider that Morehouse College Alumni constitutes 5% of the Black physicians and dentists in the U.S. and 30% of Black attorneys in the country, and Xavier University's College of Pharmacy trains 14% of all Black pharmacists, more than any other pharmacy and college in the nation; consider that in Greensboro, North Carolina, Bennett College produced more than half of the Black female dentists practicing in North Carolina. Consider if you will that the First Black astronaut to travel in Space, the late Ron McNair, and the first Black Presidential front-runner, Jesse Jackson were products of another historically

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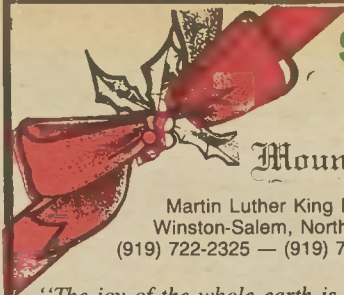
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was at midnight that hope and life was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Ismel expected their hopes to be fulfilled. The prophets of old announced it. But nobody expected hope to be fulfilled from a manger. In that manger, in the midst of the world's violence,

hatred and greed, the rule of love and justice is affirmed. The worship of the shepherds, the adoration of the wise men and shelter for the holy family in Africa's Egypt, marks loves response to him who "came to serve and not be served."

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