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THE HILLTOP

2008 - 2009
Diaries



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Before the Harlem Renaissance and before "Their Eyes Were Watching God," Zora Neale Hurston, along with Louis Eugene King, founded this very publication, *The Hilltop*.

Since *The Hilltop's* founding in 1924, this student-run publication is now the only remaining black newspaper in the country. In 1995 and 2004, the Princeton Review ranked *The Hilltop* as the best college newspaper in the nation.

Increasing its frequency from a three-times-a-week publication to a daily newspaper on Feb. 28, 2005, *The Hilltop* publishes an edition every day to bring the Howard community news about the Mecca and all that is relevant to it.

The Hilltop's mission statement is to provide pertinent information, as well as entertainment, to the Howard University community by providing in-depth coverage of the various aspects of Howard life. In doing so, *The Hilltop* thanks all of its editors, writers, readers and supporters for keeping its history alive and its purpose fulfilled.





Editor-in-Chief	2008-09
Nation & World Editor	2007-08
Staff Writer	2006-07

I let four years fly by, but I will rep H PSI PHI till I die.

Information

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Vanessa Rozier will see you on the Yard on May 9, 2009!

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My Savior

The Hilltop has given me the best memories and friends I could ask for. But it has also pushed me to my limits. If it weren't for you God and all of the times that You were there when I thought I was in it alone, I wouldn't be who I am today. I owe everything to You. My faith has grown and I am a better, stronger woman because of the trials I have survived and conquered with You at my side.



My Family

All the way in Connecticut, you have kept me focused and reassured me of my worth every single day. Through this journey to where I am now, I couldn't dare to dream how I would have gotten through it without you all. Mommy, Daddy, Ricky, Grandma and Granddaddy - thank you for helping me financially, emotionally and spiritually. I hope I've made you proud.



The Hilltop Fam

Guys, it's over (tear). Words cannot explain how proud I am of you ALL for sticking it through all of the late nights, the negative comments and the drama that comes along with being a Hilltopper. You all are stronger for it - 135 issues! Ya'll have become my closest friends and my family away from home.



Danielle, Traver and Mercia - you have meant more to me than I could explain. Ya'll got me through this year. Jada - kill it next year. I know that you will carry The Hilltop higher than anyone could imagine. I'll be checkin in. Shivonne - I know living with your Editor was a tough one but look at us now and all that we got through. Love you roomie! Kandace - can you believe we got through this year? Leading this newspaper with you has been nothing short of great and I wish you all the best. I know you'll succeed in anything you do. To all of the retired Hilltoppers, you have a special place in my heart and I will never forget you. Reed - you're the best! Thanks for making me a harder worker and better person.

RECENT ACTIVITY



Vanessa is attending HOWARD UNIVERSITY'S 141ST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.



Vanessa and Zora Neale Hurston are now friends.



Friends

When I needed an escape from Howard drama, The Hilltop, boys, classes and all of the stressful things in my life, I could always go to you. Back in CT, Jamie and Bre - you've made home feel like I never left and I thank you for that. Deandra, Niasia, Brittney, Kirby and Gabbi - we have laughed, cried, partied and supported one another through it all. I've found sisters who I know I can count on for years to come and am overly grateful for you.



The Next EIC

Congratulations on becoming next year's Editor-in-Chief Crystal! (I didn't forget about you) I know that I'm passing The Hilltop onto a great leader who will carry the paper toward a future brighter than anyone could image. Don't lose your infectious energy and love for what you do - I'll be checking in...

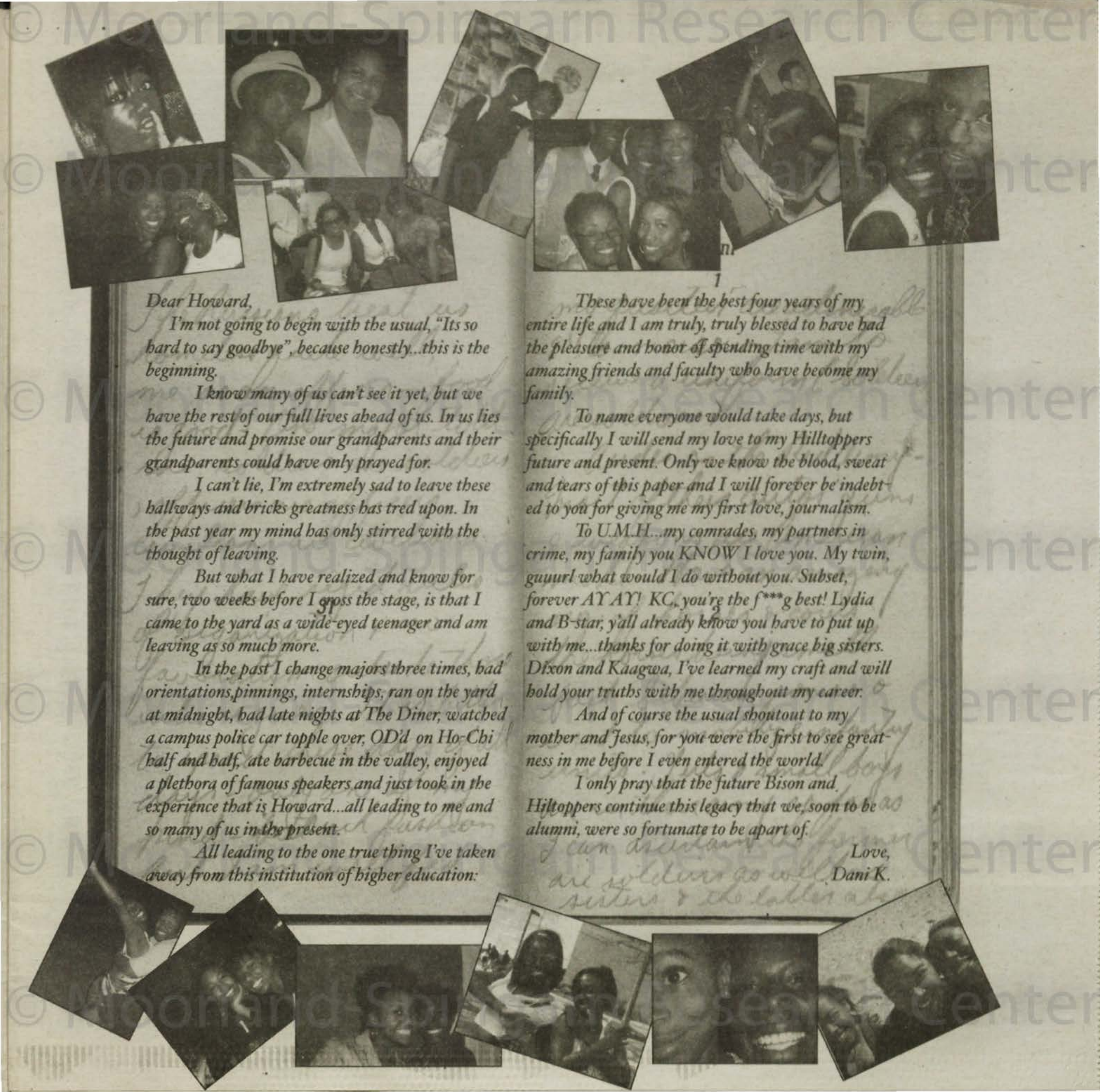


Dear Hilltop,

Being the business manager this year has been on the most rewarding experiences of my life. Words cannot express how thankful I am that I had the opportunity to work with all of you this year. This year would not have been the success that it has been without the dedication of everyone that worked in the business office this year. Business Manager. To the office assistants: Thank You SOOO Much for your help this year! I know those hours were long (and boring at times, LOL) but you guys stuck in there and made The Hilltop a success. To my office manager, Irene: I am SOOO proud of you girlie! I appreciate your dedication and your always positive attitude. You just don't know close I came to losing it this year but whenever I needed you to do something, you did without question.

The Hilltop will be blessed to have you again next year. To my graphic design manager, Johnson: I know it was rough year, but I appreciate everything you've done (and so do our advertisers). I'm sure there were plenty of times when you wanted to complain about those last minute advertisements that needed to be placed at 11 pm! But you never did. Your creativity is amazing and I wish you luck at Marvel! To my LOQ sisters: Thank you so much for everything you did for me this year. When I had no employees, I knew I could count on you guys to do what needed to be done. You guys truly made the office a fun place to be this year and believe me, it made all the difference. To the EIC, Vanessa: WE DID IT! LoL. No, seriously, this year was craziness! And we got through it. I am proud to say that I got a chance to work with you. Luv ya! To the editorial staff: Thank you so much for putting up with me this year. I know that it was frustrating at times getting the layout hours after the deadline but you guys never complained. I appreciate you guys for that. Jessie, girl that 5 o'clock spanish class was rough! Lord knows I can probably count the times that both of us were there, but you always let me know when we had a test or a quiz and I appreciate it! Lol. Crystal Allen! Im so proud of you! Good Luck as EIC next year! Finally, thanks so much to all of the faculty that helped us so much this year. Mr. Reed and Mrs. Jackson, Professor Thornhill, and Dean Dates, you guys were so good to us this year and we really appreciate it. Thanks guys!

Kandace J. Barker



Dear Howard,

I'm not going to begin with the usual, "It's so hard to say goodbye", because honestly...this is the beginning.

I know many of us can't see it yet, but we have the rest of our full lives ahead of us. In us lies the future and promise our grandparents and their grandparents could have only prayed for.

I can't lie, I'm extremely sad to leave these hallways and bricks greatness has tread upon. In the past year my mind has only stirred with the thought of leaving.

But what I have realized and know for sure, two weeks before I cross the stage, is that I came to the yard as a wide-eyed teenager and am leaving as so much more.

In the past I change majors three times, had orientations, pinnings, internships, ran on the yard at midnight, had late nights at The Diner, watched a campus police car topple over, OD'd on Ho-Chi half and half, ate barbecue in the valley, enjoyed a plethora of famous speakers and just took in the experience that is Howard...all leading to me and so many of us in the present.

All leading to the one true thing I've taken away from this institution of higher education:

These have been the best four years of my entire life and I am truly, truly blessed to have had the pleasure and honor of spending time with my amazing friends and faculty who have become my family.

To name everyone would take days, but specifically I will send my love to my Hilltoppers future and present. Only we know the blood, sweat and tears of this paper and I will forever be indebted to you for giving me my first love, journalism.

To U.M.H...my comrades, my partners in crime, my family you KNOW I love you. My twin, guuurl what would I do without you. Subset, forever AY AY! KC, you're the f***g best! Lydia and B-star, y'all already know you have to put up with me...thanks for doing it with grace big sisters. Dixon and Kaagwa, I've learned my craft and will hold your truths with me throughout my career.

And of course the usual shoutout to my mother and Jesus, for you were the first to see greatness in me before I even entered the world.

I only pray that the future Bison and Hilltoppers continue this legacy that we, soon to be alumni, were so fortunate to be apart of.

Love,
Dani K.



"Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest. Come taste the sunsweet

T. Riggins



Managing Editor '08-'09

berries of the earth. Come roll

Traver Rose

Worth."

I'm changing so fast, I can't even keep up with myself. Like, somehow, somehow, I've managed to lap myself, and all I can do is look around and say, "How the hell did that happen?" But as I've been running along on this track we call Life, The Hilltop has taught me one thing--
Love. Not too hard, and not too freely, because love is special and needs to be looked after. But love, nonetheless. Funny thing to learn from a newspaper, right? Eh, life is funny...

To my Hilltop Sisters:
Thanks for making the intolerable times livable--and my life a living hell otherwise.
I love you guys!
P.S. Eboni - microwave = mine.



in all the riches all around you, and for once, never wonder what they're

Words just can't explain...



How you got me through all 'those' times.



How thankful I am that you raised me right



That you are my reasons for reason



This has been an adventure!

God, thank you for opening up so many doors for me and for keeping me out of harm's way.

Family, thanks for being the best support system and for always being just one call away.

Friends, thanks for being there -- thick and thin, wrong and right, triumph and tragedy.

Killtoppers, continue to shine, my babies!

Kakeem, thanks for making me get involved and for being you.

Tiffany, thank you for LJ -- he's my boo.

Grandma, thank you for being my #1 everything!!!

Congratulations Class of 2009

We have arrived!

~ Mercia A. Williams ~ Murray



*How grateful
I am that you
gave me life...*



*How you've been the
best role models ever!*



Katrina Perryman is an honorary Hilltopper. Thanks for helping send tear sheets. I thank God for placing you in my life because you make me smile and always dare to be different. I hope that you become an office rat next year!

To the new and seasoned 2009-2010 Hilltopers: I am so thrilled to serve in my capacity. I foresee us having a great publication year and lots of fun. If we stay accountably and productive, we will make both Zorea Neale Hurston and Louis Eugene King proud.

There are many people and organizations on campus that I would like to personally thank for believing in my ability and trusting my character: Bryant Smart, Asia Smith, Irvin C. Shannon III, Ms. Laverne Freeman, Charles Gibbs, Dr. Barron Harvey, Charles Taylor, Dr. Steven R. Fritsche, Dr. Ruthie Reynolds, Anne Sherre Jackson, Anesu Nyamuda, Dr. Louis Stewart, Ashley Allen, Dr. Denyce Calloway, Dr. Gwynette Lacy, Ms. Reeves, William Brown, Ashlie N. Williams, Ladies of the Quad Social Club at Large, School of Business Executive Leadership Honors Program, 21st Century Advantage Program, TRIO Program & Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

India S. Clark, 2008-2009 Assistant Business Manager
"It was my pleasure."



Shivonne Foster, Campus Editor

So here I am, sitting in The Hilltop office to lay-out for the last time, with nothing else but graduation on my mind...no more having to say "Ma let me call you back I'm at the Hill-top" or "No I can't go I have to edit some stories." Yes, I've end-

ing my two year run with my Favorite daily newspaper, and I must say it's bittersweet. Through this experience I have learned so much about myself, character traits I am proud of and also qualities I'm striving to improve on.

The job has taught me, if nothing else, to have patience and persevere; and that everything can be made "better" by reaching out to those around you, because nothing that is truly great is accomplished alone.

Thank you ALL for your support!



Linsey Lins!!!

I'm so thankful for having the opportunity to join The Hilltop Staff. It was the deciding factor in me coming to Howard, and I never regret that decision. I might complain about how much I hate my job, but I found my home

away from home and have a set of friends whom I truly adore. Thanks to my bffs Eboni, Traver, Keith, and the rest of the crew...the new great friends I met this year. Thanks to my past favorite Hilltoppers Josh and Jasmin, and to my family. I do everything for my nephew and my sister, I'd be nowhere without them just four hours away. And thanks Shivonne for putting up with me, LOL. I think we work pretty well together!

I love you all, I can't wait to come back next year!

Signing off...

Linsey D. Isaacs, "The Assistant"



FAMILY

PARENTS: Mommy, you're everything to me and I do this all for you. Daddy, you're my inspiration, the wind beneath my wings.
JARED: My baby brother, my motivation, my Wawi. I promise, I will do great things for you.



"WE'RE ON DEADLINE, PEOPLE!!!"

Copy Chief - Crystal Jade Allen

TO MY HILLTOP FAM!

I absotootalutely love you all. We faced many challenges this year; some dropped like flies, but we're still here. No matter what they say, we are a vital, integral part of this university. What we say *does* matter, and even though people may not always want to hear the truth, it's our job to tell it. I look forward to continuing to lead us in the right direction next year. You have my word and my honor. ZOOOOOOOORRAA!!! ((inny...hehe)).

"I'M NOT FIXING THIS PAGE ALL NIGHT!"

"W.T.F."

"WHO WROTE THIS STORY? WRONG."



LOVER LIPS

Jackie, Dion, Shandre, Iman, My Laurelie, Nakisha, Britt, Ashalay, Isaiah, Killa, My Bruh, My PPs, My Harlem "Circle" and My Butta: I know how I can be, but I thank you all for being there for me. I love you all, more than you know.



Jada F. Smith...don't forget the F. around me ★ Nation & World Editor Extraordinaire ★

Hilltop Memories

Doing a drive by on that lady who spit on our car.
 Riding a mechanical bull in North Carolina.
 M.O.P!!!!
 "Birthday Sex" by Jeremih
 Where did the server go?
 It's so cold in the 'D'
 Someone please call 911...
 The Great Office Flood of 2009
 Half the staff being banned from The Towers.
 Hilltop Haters who make Facebook videos.
 Election night

Favorite Hilltopper Quotes

Roza- "Oh No!!!"
 Monae Alize- "I don't understand."
 Dontray- "You twoke."
 Auntie Nell- "Let it rock!"
 J. Littles- "I can't take all this free-ness."
 LS Crystal Allen- "LS Jada Smith!"
 Linsey- "Wait, what?"



VR- my personal ambulance (lol). Shiv- relationship advice from the liquor store lady. Danity Kane- the big sister who always lets me tag along. Jess- thanks for always being just a text message away. Dontray- M.O.P., Samantha- my model chick (thanks for siffing me with The Hilltop this year!), K.Paiger- my mini mogul, and to my favorite writer- thanks for all the inspiration. Shout outs to Omari and Angela- You were both appreciated!!!



The Hilltop
Life & Style Editor
(2008 - 2009)

M.E.T.H.O.D. Mann

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Aleesa Mann DC chillin, HU chillin, my name Aleesa and I came to get

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Aleesa + Friends

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Just Friends

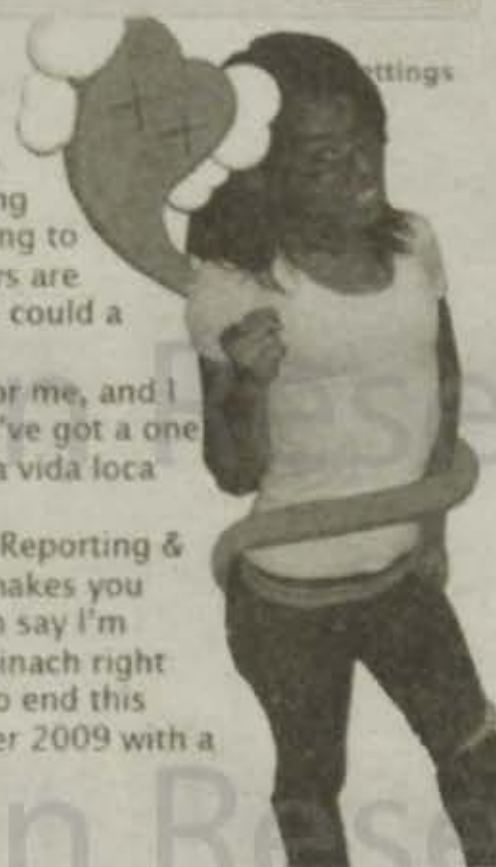


Aleesa Mann Wow, two years down and two more to go. Time flies and I'm certainly having fun. I'm passing Reporting & Writing, I'm going to study abroad next semester, and the Hot Boys are reuniting (like I totally predicted)! What more could a girl ask for?

It's been two years of non-stop work for me, and I can honestly say I need a break! Thank God I've got a one-way ticket to Barcelona where I'll be living la vida loca from September to December.

In the School of C we have a saying...If Reporting & Writing with Dr. Kaggwa doesn't kill you, it makes you stronger. Ok, I totally made that up, but I can say I'm feeling like Popeye after downing a can of spinach right about now (I yam what I yam). So I'm ready to end this semester on a good note and kick off summer 2009 with a bang. Have fun & be safe y'all!!!!

5:16pm Comment Like



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Special Thanks



I'd like to say thanks to anyone who read anything I wrote or thought about reading anything I wrote, it means a lot.

Also a HUGE thank you to all the people who contributed regularly over the year - Life & Style wouldn't have happened without yall!

& superduper thanks to my homegirl Isoke who has been there when I needed her the most. I wouldn't have made it without you!

Deontay Morris Sports Editor



This year has been very special. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout this year you know who you are! I am looking forward to relaxing this summer and kicking here in D.C. I am going to miss all of my senior friends (23/24th edition, Mercia, Vanessa, Danielle, Christina, Natalye and Shivonne!!!). I wish all of the seniors the best of luck as they step out into the "real world". Thank you for taking out of your day to read the sports page and me and Jada's perspectives on relationships. I'll see you next year!

Sincerely,
-Deontay



2008/

Christina L. Burton | Business & Technology Editor



"At the beginning
of everyday, before
I realize that I'm
a woman or an
African American,
I am a journalist."
- CLB



Thanks to all my friends, family and the *Hilltop* staff for keeping me in line and in love. I couldn't ask for more than that from you.

Natalie Thompson-

Metro Editor

Oh, Howard U
how I'll miss you so
from the boys I kissed
to the friends I know

You've shaped my
world
these past three years
forgive me, though
if

I cry no tears

Because, I'm ready
you see
to depart from these
hallowed halls
and enter a life
I know not at all.

-nat



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The Hilltop Online

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The Hilltop has made me smile, laugh, and even cry.



Home is Where the Homies are >>>3

Dear Hilltop Online,

I really didn't want to do this Hilltop diary thing. I mean we all know that no one reads this expect us. I guess that's the point though. If I didn't do this I knew that I would end up regretting it years from now. I also did it because if I didn't future hilltoppers wouldn't be able to see how cute the online editor from 2008-2009 was. Anyways, Hilltop Online between you and I (and whom ever is reading) this year was rough for me. I missed out on a lot because of lacrosse and my late night shift. Despite missing meetings and not being able to see my boo at the HBCU news conference (Traver shh!!!), I've come out of this school year with my head on my shoulders. I'm looking forward to next year!!! I hope that next years staff really grabs on to the online edition of the paper because you are where this industry has taken us. I'm not knocking the print edition because I love it, but online edition we both know what's happening to these print editions. Thanks to you Hilltop Online we have a place to hone our skills as online journalist. I hope we can take advantage of all that you can give us.

Yours truly,

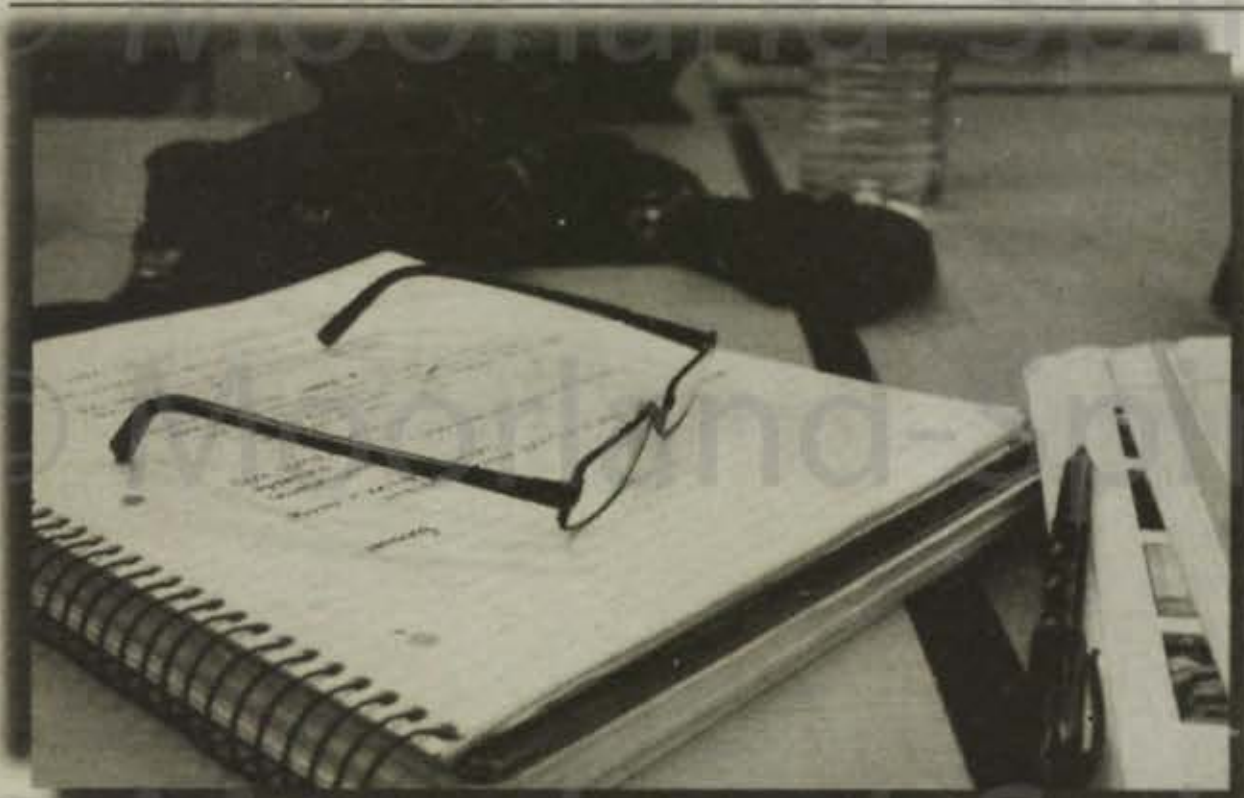
Eboni Farmer



I love you Linsey!!! Even when we're taking a break!!!



We thicka than a 15 box of Snickas!!!



Throughout human history, as our species has faced the frightening, terrorizing fact that we do not know who we are, or where we are going in this ocean of chaos, it has been the authorities, the political, the religious, the educational authorities who attempted to comfort us by giving us order, rules, regulations, informing, forming in our minds their view of reality. To think for yourself you must question authority and learn how to put yourself in a state of vulnerable, open-mindedness; chaotic, confused, vulnerability to inform yourself.

-Timothy Leary

The Hilltop.

Like a rare tropical frog.

Study it. Learn it. Know it. Can't touch it - it takes a different kind of person with a different kind of ethic to do what it is done within these internet un-friendly wallls.

Only the strong go crazy.
The weak just go along.

Assata Shakur



Cierra Jones

I LOVE MY MOMMY, MY FRIENDS, MY LOBES (LOL YOU KNOW WHO Y'ALL ARE), MY HILLTOP FAM, AND MOST OF ALL THE LORD WHICH ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!! WITHOUT THESE PEOPLE THIS YEAR WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE SO THANK YOU SO MUCH I LOVE YOU ALL! XOXO -CEE



What a journey this has been!! I have truly enjoyed being with The Hilltop because we are a FAMILY. You all will definitely not be forgotten -- Crystal and Christina singing, Vunazza and her "oh noooo," Danielle my favorite managing editor :)... I could go on for days, but simply put, I WILL MISS Y'ALL.



JENISE CAMERON

Special thank yous are in order for people who have changed my college experience. To my best friends, Tiffany and Mercia, this space could never express how much you guys mean to me, but thank you for always being there no matter what. I will always believe it was meant for the three of us to be in SIZE -- I LOVE Y'ALL! To Nook (lol), you have also been a mainstay in my life so thank you -- the sky is the limit for you. Everyone else who I have had the pleasure of meeting, I wish ya'll all the success. Honorable mention goes to my godson, LJ, and my sister, Anita, time is really flying, but I love you both *much* KNOW DAT!!!





AFIYA SHEILA HOSTEN

It was a great opportunity working with you all this year!

Just as fast as this year came, it has come to an end...a sign that time is going by way too fast. I'm SO glad The Hilltop was part of my sophomore experience! I'm grateful for ALL of the wonderful people for being so open and helpful.

Natalie! Thanks for being the coolest editor, you've taught me a lot and whether you knew it or not, entertained me a long the way. I wish you all the best in your future and will truly miss you.

*A hello to my funny co-staff writers
Jessica and Tahirah!*

GROWTH. REALIZATIONS. CHANGES.

These words can prettu much sum up my sophomore year. I've changed mentally and emotionally, into a stronger, more confident person. And I discovered the bestest friend anyone can have: GOD. As India.Arie said, I'm thankful for relaxation, complication, hiberation, and irritation, seclusion, confusion, all of my impurities and insecurities cause I know it's God just perfecting me. A special shout out to all my loves: my beautiful mommy! Ephrem, Betty, Victoria (so proud of you twin!), Ashley, Kristopher, Leah, Sabian, BFF, and everyone from ASB 09! :)

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SECTION
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Infamous Off-the-Record, Journalists *Do Not Have* Friends

Thanks!
We love you



Name: Jessica Lewis
Class: Sophomore
Major: History

So my journey as a Hilltopper has been marked by beats. I'm the girl at every General Assembly meeting wandering

why I am there more often than most of the representatives. My articles have not always been welcomed with open arms. In fact, I was told that a student government member would someday meet me with a closed fist.

A Day in the life

of me? Well... that's inconsequential to your life. I'm the name behind the stories. You can judge me by the articles. The first article I ever wrote was "A Day in the Life of... COAS Student Council."



That council president was so... weird... That's the only word to describe that interaction. But from there the stories and the topics grew. I met

Colin Powell first with the help of Victoria. Then my resume grew to Diddy, Cornel West, Spike Lee, George Lucas and so much more. To find out more just check the articles.

Because despite speculation, I was present for every article I wrote. Love you Darren Jones, Lmao!

Kandance and SPCB! LOVE YOU! OKKK



Name: Tahirah Hairston
Classification: Freshman
Major: Journalism

Whether it's meeting deadlines, Phylicia Rashad, or the phone calls of people criticizing my articles, this year

I've been dating The Hilltop and now I've fallen in LOVE. No, I'm not a psycho who thinks that the newspaper is my boyfriend but aside from going to class, most of my time is consumed doing "stuff" for The Hilltop, which could involve stalking people until I get an interview.

Oh... Student Elections.

It was both fun and hilarious while it lasted, but I definitely don't think I want a career in politics.

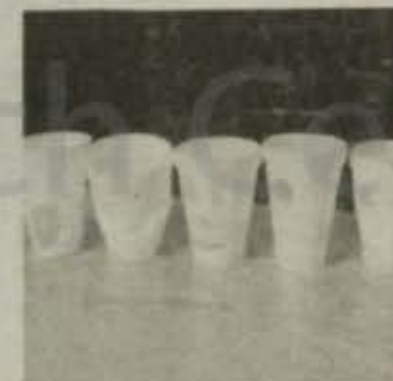
(THANKS Nnamdi :-)

Through the laughter and the stress, my journey as a Hilltopper has taught me so much about writing and made my passion for journalism

grow stronger. Oh and of course, I also got to meet some pretty cool people. (Spike Lee, Rosario Dawson, John Singleton)

For the people who stayed my friends this year even though they had to compete with The Hilltop for my time:

Kiera, Maya, Noelle, Dominique, Carolyn, Ashley, B.Baby,
Crandall 4, Kels, Alleson, Jasmyn!!!!!!

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To Our Retired Campus Angels, Brittany Johnson, Goosie, Angela P. Smith.

****We love you and you will forever and always be a Hilltop Campus Girl!****

JVF... Victoria Fortune. Where is my cd?

Good 'ole Bryan and Jerome and Nnamdi... Everything was on-the-record!

Kellen "Pichon" Moore... We love you for unknown reasons.

To the most blunt people in student government, "Drew Drew" Jones & Marcus Ware

Thank you Corey for entertaining 2:00am phone calls! You're the only one.

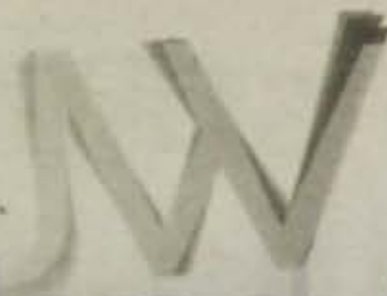
You will be missed dearly, Victoria Kirby :')

Dorien... I'm still wondering... Tennis... Enough Said... First Lady?

Stephen P. Miller, P.S. I'm still sober. ~Love Jessica... Not Tahirah

Edward Williams, thank you for classifying the difference between sources and friends.

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What I learned from the Hilltop is responsibility and dedication. I thought that I would only be given office work to do which in the beginning I was. But I never thought that I would be able to actually write articles. It was fulfilling to actually see my article in the paper. From there on out I was still given stories to write and received compliments from my peers on my stories, which was also kind of an ego boost. I really enjoyed writing stories, and the "on the spots" were also fun in the sense that I got to interact with Howard students and hear their point of views on different topics. To be honest I do not know exactly what I want to do later on in the Hilltop because ultimately my main goal is to work with magazines. I feel thought that it is still necessary for journalism majors, particularly print journalism majors, should try their hands in newspapers because in these changing times no one knows exactly where or what field they can end up in.

Thank Yous:

My thank you goes out to all the staff, especially Vanessa and Jada for taking me under their wing. Thank you Shivonne and Jada for teaching me how to layout and Lindsey for giving me the majority of my stories.

What do you look forward to in the future with the Hilltop?

I would love to continue working at the Hilltop. Being a part of the Hilltop staff is not just an extracurricular activity to say you did in college. It really is like entering a family. I look forward most to working with some of the same people and continuing to learn from them. The Hilltop is definitely a learning experience that teaches you things about yourself that you never realized. I also look forward to developing as a writer under the tutelage of such talented writers.

Thank Yous:

[To The Hilltop]

I would like to thank EVERYONE at the Hilltop for making me feel welcomed when I was new to the staff. I would especially like to thank Jessica Littles for believing that I would be a positive contribution to the staff. Thank you to Jessica, for giving me the opportunity to prove myself.

[To Family & Friends]

In life, there are people who remain our constant motivators. Without these people in my life, I don't know that I would be where I am today. I want to say thank you to my friends for always being willing to give me those necessary pep talks. Finally, I would like to thank my family as they inspire me to pursue my dreams every day.

Macy Freeman



My Hilltop Notebook

Memory Lane

Looking back, here are *The Hilltop's* favorite memories:

Guest appearances in *The Hilltop*:

- Nayo
- Bow Wow
- Michelle Obama
- Terrance Howard
- Lyfe Jennings
- Harlem Heights cast and producer
- Day 26
- Gabrielle Union
- Cornel West
- Bill Cosby
- Rev. Jeremiah Wright
- Michelle Fenty
- Jim Graham
- Young Steff
- Dem Franchise Boys
- Rick Ross
- Elektrik Red
- T.katz

Scrambling to save copies of *The Hilltop* when the office flooded.

The 11th Annual HBCU Newspaper Conference (Durham, NC):

- Bull riding at "Shooters," a country bar in hick town
- Getting spit at by a homeless white woman
- Partying in room 405!
- Winning 5 awards of course

Playing "Never Have I Ever" at *The Hilltop* house party

Nov. 4th - America's Most Historic Election Night:

- Producing the Nov. 5 election issue announcing Barack Obama as our first black president
- Stopping production to run to Blackburn to get election results with the rest of the Howard student body
- Recording history

Reporting on stories that resulted in action: the student protests against graduation costs, tuition increases and library conditions, rallies for Inauguration and divestment from Israel, the Towers' cold water, the purge date that came too soon, the teachers who went unpaid and the student orgs that went unfunded.

Producing the best Hilltop everyday ALL YEAR!



THE HILLTOP ^{2008 - 2009} Diaries

Kandace Barker - Unplugged
India Clark - High Yella
Traver Riggins - Freedom Writer
Ebony Farmer - Miss Arie
Travis White - Im So Special
Faraday Okuro - Phantom
Jazelle Hunt - Drop It Like Its Hot
Zelena Williams - The Apprentice
Crystal Allen - Buffy
Jenise Cameron - Ride or Die
Cierra Brown - 'book It
Afiya - No Money, Mo' Problems
Shivonne Foster - Comeback Kid
Jeremy Williams - The Alchemist
Jada Smith - Gina
Deontay Morris - Martin
Damola Ademiluyi - Hustle Man
Traver Riggins - PUFF the Magic Gangsta
Mercia Williams - In Living Color

Jenerra Albert - Secret Agent
Jessica Littles - Shabazz
Camille Augustin - Quiet Storm
Terricka Johnson - EA Sports
Linsey Issacs - Keith Sweat
Natalie Thompson - Ferris Bueller
Aleesa Mann - Protege' Deux
Christina Burton - Easy-Duz-It
Jessica Lewis - The Young and The Restless
Tahirah Hairston - Cover Girl
Omari Evans - Black Jack
Genet Lakew - Messenger
Charles Metze - Spell Check
Macey Freeman - Extra Credit
Camille Augustin - The Horse Whisperer
Jasmine Carpenter - New Addition
Johnson Sattiewhite - Lone Star
Danielle Kwateng - yof.com
Vanessa Rozier - Houdini