Charter Day '82

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The university celebrated the 115th anniversary of its founding with a Charter Day Dinner on March 1 and a Charter Day Convocation on March 2.

Approximately 1,700 guests attended the dinner, a $125-a-plate affair which this year was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Four outstanding graduates of the university received alumni achievement awards at the dinner. They are: Arnett Artis Anderson, a Washington, D.C., dentist; L. Julian Haywood, a professor at the University of Southern California School of Medicine; Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, a United States district judge for the southern district of Texas; and Frank Savage, a New York insurance executive.

Anderson practices dentistry in the Washington area, and is a researcher and lecturer. He is an active member of numerous professional and civic organizations.

He graduated from Howard in 1962 with the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, the second highest student in his class. His fellow students voted him one of the most likely to become a leader in his field.

In 1973, the College of Dentistry conferred on him its alumni award, and the following year he was the recipient of the Howard University Dental Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Service to the Organization and the University. He has served on the Dental Advisory Council to the mayor of Washington and the city's Department of Human Services.

He is a member of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and is a trustee of the Market School. His membership and professional affiliations include national and local societies, as well as the International Association for Dental Research.

Haywood graduated from the Howard University College of Medicine in 1952. In 1960, he became an instructor of medicine at Loma Linda University and in 1963 he joined the faculty of the USC School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

At USC, he has been a professor of coronary care and cardiology, and has served as director of the Coronary Care Unit and the Coronary Care Outpatient Follow-up Clinic. Since 1972, he has been director and principal investigator for the USC Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

In 1963, he was a traveling Fellow at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, England. He is a reviewer for numerous professional journals and has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Data and Analysis, the Journal of the National Medical Association and Heart and Lung.
His many awards include the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Medical Association in 1969 and 1972, and certificates of appreciation from the Los Angeles County Heart Association, the Greater Los Angeles Affiliate of the American Heart Association and the USC School of Medicine.

McDonald, who graduated first in her class from the Howard University School of Law in 1966, is the first and only Black woman ever to have been appointed a federal judge in the South. Prior to ascending to the bench in 1979, she was a partner for 10 years with the Houston-based law firm of McDonald & McDonald, gaining extensive experience as a trial lawyer in the federal courts.

During the same time, from 1975 to 1977, she was an adjunct professor of law at Texas Southern University School of Law (now Thurgood Marshall School of Law). She also has lectured at the University of Texas School of Law.

Before coming to Houston, she was a staff attorney with the Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York.

She is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Black Women Lawyer's Association and the Judicial Planning Committee of Texas. She has served on the board of directors of the Houston Legal Foundation, Riverside General Hospital, the Texas Bill of Rights Foundation and the Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Houston.

Savage is a vice president with the Equitable Life Assurance Society in New York. He earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Howard in 1962 and a Master of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1964. From 1964 to 1970, he was international division officer for Citibank and was stationed in the Middle East and Africa. He later served as president and chief operating officer of Equico Capital Corp., an Equitable subsidiary in New York, and then as executive vice president and chief operating officer of TAW International Leasing, Inc., also in New York.


Among his many honors are the Howard University New York Alumni Club outstanding Alumnus Award for 1980, the Black Achievers Award from the Harlem branch of the Y.M.C.A. of greater New York in 1980, designation as Outstanding Minority Executive in Banking by the Urban Bankers Coalition, Inc. in 1980, and two Equitable awards for outstanding performance as an officer.

Actress Ruby Dee addressed the Charter Day Convocation on March 2 at 11 a.m. in the university's Cramton Auditorium. The university bestowed on her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

Ruby Dee has had a successful career in the theater, motion pictures and television. Her many appearances include the play "Raisin in the Sun"; the films "The Jackie Robinson Story," "St. Louis Blues," and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black"; the television productions of "It's Good To Be Alive," "Peyton Place," and "With Ossie and Ruby."