

# **The Coast Guard is a HBCU Top Supporter**

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The Coast Guard received accolades and an award recognizing our first ever selection as a 2010 Top Supporter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

Annually, Career Communications Group's US Black Engineer & Information Technology (USBE & IT) magazine conducts a survey to determine the top supporters of HBCUs and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). The following HBCUs participated in the survey: Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Hampton University, Prairie View A&M University, Howard University, Tuskegee University, Jackson State University, Florida A&M University, Alabama A&M University, Virginia State University, Tennessee State University, and Southern University A&M. Based on the 2010 survey, the Coast Guard's support through partnerships, sponsorships, and voluntary service has earned our service a position among the HBCU top supporters.

*Featured below from Right to left: Dr. Tyrone Taborn, CEO Career Communication Group, Mr. Curtis B. Odom, Director of Personnel Management, USCG, and Dr. Eugene Deloatch, Dean of Engineering Morgan State University*



The Coast Guard was formally acknowledged on Friday, July 2, 2010 during the HBCU Top Supporters Luncheon in conjunction with the Career Communications Group Alumni Planning Retreat at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Curtis Odom, Director of Personnel Management for the Coast Guard, accepted the award. We attribute this accomplishment to the leadership of the HBCU Ambassadors Program, Diversity Outreach Program, and the Coast Guard Recruiting Command Mission Support Branch managed by CAPT Steven Baynes, Ms. Donna Walker-Ross, and LCDR Eddie Lesane respectively.

If you are interested in the HBCU Ambassadors Program, and would like to know how you can participate, contact CAPT Steven Baynes.