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### White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Names LeMoyne-Owen College Student an All-Star



*Gilbert Carter, LOC Senior  
and HBCU All-Star*

MEMPHIS, TN (February 20, 2014) The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU) recently named LeMoyne-Owen College senior and business major Gilbert Barnes Carter III as a member of its first class of HBCU All-Stars. Carter is one of 75 students selected from 62 of the nation's HBCUs. WHIHBCU recognized undergraduate, graduate and professional students for their accomplishments in academics, leadership and civic engagement. The HBCU All-Stars will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative by providing outreach and communication with their fellow students about the value of education and the Initiative as a networking resource.

"We are truly proud of Mr. Carter," LOC president Johnnie B. Watson said. "His efforts in the community embody what LeMoyne-Owen is all about: leadership, opportunity and change."

Elated to receive the news, Carter looks forward to representing LeMoyne-Owen College and HBCUs everywhere. "LeMoyne-Owen College is severely underrated," Carter said. "I want to help display what the college has to offer."

A Jackson, Tennessee native, Carter is a former airman for the United States Air Force who moved to Memphis in 2001. He enrolled at LeMoyne-Owen College in 2012 and since then has made steady progress toward his goal to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration as a student in the college's Accelerated Degree Completion Program. In addition to his studies, he has devoted a significant amount of time as an activist and community organizer working in the fight to lower the fetal and infant mortality rate in Memphis and Shelby County.

Carter also is in the midst of growing Legs 4 Life Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization that is devoted to helping other civic and community leaders, health professionals, and stakeholders

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address infant mortality. His and the foundation's efforts have already garnered recognition with a "Best In Black" Awards nomination from staff members and supporters of the New Tri-State Defender for "Best Non-Profit Organization" in 2012.

An avid volunteer, Carter has worked with over a dozen nonprofit organizations, including Airways-Lamar Business Association, Arbonne, Church Health Center (Faith Community Outreach), Clean Memphis, Frayser Neighborhood Council, Habitat For Humanity, Infant Mortality Force, Leadership Memphis, Memphis Bus Riders Union, Memphis Grizzlies Foundation, Memphis Urban League of Young Professionals, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, MPACT Memphis, NAACP, and a host of others.

Upon graduation from LeMoyne-Owen College, Carter hopes to continue his education and eventually earn a doctorate degree. After that, he plans to lead Legs 4 Life Foundation full-time as founder and executive director.

**About LeMoyne-Owen College**

LeMoyne-Owen College is a four-year liberal arts institution that prepares students to become critical thinkers, to lead productive and successful lives, and to make positive contributions to their respective communities. LeMoyne-Owen occupies a beautifully landscaped campus about ten minutes from downtown Memphis and one block from the Stax Museum and Academy of American Soul Music. With a rich heritage that dates back to 1862, the College promotes diversity in its student body, staff and faculty. Its core curriculum, which emphasizes a multicultural education, is a national model shown to build student confidence. The student is challenged by a rigorous course of study in English communication, literature, African American history, humanities, natural science, biological science, mathematics, social science, and lifetime fitness—all while pursuing the requirements of his or her academic major.

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