

**A Conversation on Science at Morehouse College
April 8, 2008**

**Orbach & Mason Lead Visit
To Morehouse College Campus**

A contingent from the Department of Energy and ORNL converged in Atlanta on Tuesday, April 8, for DOE & ORNL Day at Morehouse College, part of a continuing effort to develop research partnerships between DOE and the school. ORNL signed its first-ever mentor-protégé agreement with Morehouse in 2007.

Department of Energy Under Secretary, Dr. Ray Orbach, spoke at an Executive Lecture series before more than 200 Morehouse students. Dr. Thom Mason, Laboratory Director, gave a luncheon address to more than 100 honor students in science at the Mapp Symposium, a science symposium honoring a former Morehouse professor. Mason himself was also honored with an award, for his pioneering work and support of advancements in science education.

Deputy Laboratory Director, Dr. Jim Roberto, and Dr. Orbach, led a roundtable discussion with Morehouse College president, Dr. Robert Franklin and others, on the topic of future research opportunities.

In addition, a groundbreaking exchange of information took place between ORNL management and Morehouse College faculty. Presentations on several topics were made by the following ORNL staff: **Biology**, Dr. Martin Keller; **Computational Science**, Dr. Thomas Zacharia; **Homeland Security**, Margaret Spurlin-Saunders; **Marketing & Outreach to Small Business**, Will Minter and Keith Joy; **Contract Management**, Jerome Hicks; **Technology Transfer & Business Development**, Russ Miller; **"Infrastructure Modernization: Alternative Financing Approaches"**, Greg Turner and Bryan Kendrick. DOE Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Theresa Alvillar-Speake, was also a presenter on **Small Business Programs**.

This historic event was organized by Will Minter, Division Director, Asset Management and Small Business; Rufus Smith, Diversity Programs Manager, Department of Energy, and Dr. Jim Brown, Director, Office of Research Careers, Morehouse College.

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