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Welcome to Howard University!

Since **March 2, 1867**, Howard University has continued a historical legacy of academic and social excellence as one of the nation's most profound historically Black colleges and universities. Your interest in visiting our historical campus means fully immersing yourself in the Howard Experience. With the main campus sitting on a hilltop of **256** acres in Northwest Washington D.C., and additional north and west campuses housing professional schools and colleges, Howard serves as a connecting hub for professional and personal development opportunities in the heart of the nation's capital. Our campus visit program is designed to provide our guests with information about our wide range of academic programs, the admission process, financial aid, and student life on campus. From the classroom, to The Yard, journey through The Mecca and experience the tradition of

Campus Visit Overview

Popular Places on Campus

- Howard University Welcome Center
Mordecai Johnson Administration Building
- Howard University Book Store
- Armour J. Blackburn University Center
- John H. Burr Gymnasium
- Greene Memorial Stadium
- Howard University Chapel
- Howard University Museum
Founder's Library
- Gallery of Art
Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts
- Upper Quadrangle ("The Yard")
- Lower Quadrangle ("The Valley")

On-campus Residence Halls

- Harriet Tubman Quadrangle
 - Baldwin Hall
 - Crandall Hall
 - Fraizer Hall
 - Truth Hall
- College North
- Charles R. Drew Hall
First-time-in-college freshman residence hall
- George W. Cook Hall
First-time-in-college freshman residence hall
- The Axis
- Bethune Annex
- College Hall South
- Howard Plaza Towers East
- Howard Plaza Towers West

**Self-guided tours do not include tours of inner residence halls.*

Campus Dining Options

- Bethune Annex Café
(Groups are required to request dining)
- Blackburn Café
(Groups are required to request dining)
- 1867 Café
Located in the Mordecai Johnson Administration Building
- Chic-Fil-A
Located in Armour J. Blackburn University Center
- Punchout
Located in Armour J. Blackburn University Center
- The Market at Bethune Annex
- The Market at West Tower
Located in Howard Plaza Towers
- Bison Brew
Located in the Undergraduate Library
- Bison Bread Co.
Located at Howard University West Campus

**Hours vary based on season.*

Schools / Colleges

Undergraduate Schools / Colleges

- Locke Hall
College of Arts & Sciences
- Lewis K. Downing
College of Engineering & Architecture
- Chadwick A. Boseman
College of Fine Arts
- Howard University
College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences
Located at 801 N. Capitol St. NE DC
- Howard University
School of Business
- Cathy Hughes
School of Communications
Located at 1450 U St NW DC
- Howard University
School of Education

Graduate and Professional Schools / Colleges

- Howard University
College of Dentistry
- Howard University
School of Divinity
- Howard University
Graduate School
- Howard University
School of Law
Located at 2900 Van Ness St NW, Washington, DC 20008
- Howard University
College of Medicine
- Howard University
College of Pharmacy
- Howard University
School of Social Work

**Buildings may not be accessible during normal class hours.*

We're excited for your visit to Howard University!



Enjoy your tour of our historical campus!

The Howard University Welcome Center has provided this self-guided tour for prospective students, families, and visitors to enjoy the Howard Experience for themselves at their own pace. This guide serves as an efficient route of our campus for those who wish to receive an up close and personal walk-through of Howard University' history, traditions, programs, and cultural contributions.



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Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Administration Building

2400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059

Named after Howard University's first Black President, the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Administration Building houses many of the University's key administrative offices, including Enrollment Management, Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Financial Aid, Bursar, Registrar, as well as the Office of the President.

Did You Know?

Over Johnson's thirty-four years of leadership, from 1926 to 1960, the university grew from eight non-accredited schools to ten fully accredited schools and colleges.



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Myrtilla Minor Hall (School of Education)

2441 4th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Left of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Building upon exit)

Opened in 2024, Myrtilla Minor Hall houses the Howard University School of Education, Howard University Middle School, and the Center for Advocacy Research and Educational Services (HU CARES).

Did You Know?

Miner's Normal School of Colored Girls was associated with Howard from 1871 to 1876 and then became part of the District of Columbia public school system. In 1929, the Miner Normal School was renamed the Miner Teachers College and trained Black teachers for over 70 years.



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John H. Burr Gymnasium

635 Gresham Pl NW, Washington, DC 20001

(Behind Cook Hall to the left upon exiting)

Opened in 1962, the John H. Burr Gymnasium is a multi-purpose arena with a seating capacity of 2,700 that also houses the Athletics Hall of Fame and a separate practice venue for basketball and volleyball. The building also hosts gym classes ranging from martial arts to swimming and the "Pulse," a 5,000-square foot private, on-campus workout facility.

Did You Know?

Burr was named for legendary Howard athletics coach, John Harold Burr, who led the University's basketball, swimming, and track teams from 1923 to 1958.



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Howard University School of Business

2600 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Left of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Building upon exiting)

Ranked among the top business programs in the nation, the Howard University School of Business (SOB) provides in-depth classroom instruction, real-world experience in business education. Its facilities include a highly-rated library and special centers for accounting education, insurance, banking, and small business development.

Did You Know?

Founded in 1970, the School of Business became the second largest School within the University, and in 1976, the undergraduate program became the first in Washington, D.C. to be awarded accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business's (AACSB), establishing its reputation for excellence in both the academic and business communities.



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George W. Cook Hall (Freshmen Residence Hall)

601 Fairmont St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Forward of the School of Business upon exiting)

Built in 1938 and named after Howard alumnus George W. Cook, Cook Hall serves as one of two residence halls for incoming male freshman students.

Did You Know?

Born into slavery, George W. Cook earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University in 1881. He went on to serve the university as a Professor, Dean, Secretary, Treasurer, and Acting President.



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Charles R. Drew Hall - (Freshmen Residence Hall)
511 Gresham Pl NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Left of Burr Gymnasium upon exiting)

Named after Dr. Charles Drew, who was the nation's leading authority on the preservation of blood plasma, Drew Hall serves as another residence for male freshmen. It features single and shared units. It also features a multi-purpose room, study room, computer lab, and fitness center.

Did You Know?

Dr. Drew served as a professor and chairman of the Howard University Department of Surgery from 1941 until 1950 and as Chief of Staff at Freedmen's Square Hospital.



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Ira Aldridge Theater
2445 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Located right next to Crampton Auditorium)

Named after 19th-century actor, Ira Aldridge who gained acclaim for his portrayals of Shakespearean characters, the Ira Aldridge Theater is the main performance space for the Department of Theatre Arts in the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts. Designed to create an intimate feel for plays and musical performance, the venue has a proscenium stage, counterweight system, lighting and sound control areas, dressing rooms and seats 300 people.

Did You Know?

As a Black man born in 1807 to free parents while slavery was still legal in parts of the U.S., many closed doors led Aldridge to work with the first African American theatre company, the African Theatre Company, based in New York.



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Frederick Douglass Memorial Hall
2419 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the immediate right of Ira Aldridge Theater upon exit)

Designed by renowned architect, **Albert Cassell** and dedicated in 1935 to the namesake of abolitionist, Fredrick Douglass, Douglass Hall is a classroom building that also houses several departments of the College of Arts and Sciences, including the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History, along with ROTC programs. In addition it includes ornate lecture halls, a student lounge and reading rooms.

Did You Know?

Fredrick Douglass served on the Howard University's Board of Trustees from 1872 to 1895.



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Greene Memorial Stadium
6th and Girard St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the right of Drew Hall upon exiting)

Home to the Bison football, men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse teams, Greene Stadium is a 7,086-seat (10,000 for football), multi-purpose stadium that opened in 1926. Originally called Howard Stadium, it was renamed Greene Stadium in 1986 in honor of William H. "Stud" Greene, M.D., a Washington, D.C., physician and Howard University benefactor.

Did You Know?

Dr. Greene served on the Board of Trustees until 1973, at which point he was named Trustee Emeritus.



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Louis C. Cramton Auditorium
2455 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Located in front of Greene Memorial Stadium)

Built in 1959, the Louis C. Cramton Auditorium is one of Washington D.C.'s premier event spaces. With over 37,000 square feet of usable space, the theater seats 1,500 and is equipped with state-of-the-art lighting, sound, and other performance and staging elements.

Did You Know?

Louis Convers Cramton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan from 1913-1931 and introduced a bill to amend Section 8 of Howard University's Act of Incorporation which have helped turn it into a national powerhouse of higher education and research.



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Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts
2445 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the left of Ira Aldridge Theater upon exiting)

Leaving behind a historical legacy, the College of Fine Arts (COFA) was dedicated to Howard alumnus, Chadwick A. Boseman. Boseman stood out for both his undeniable talent and his commitment to playing roles that subverted stereotypes and brought important stories from African-American history and creativity to life.

Did You Know?

Boseman returned to the Hilltop in 2018 to serve as the Commencement speaker. Following his death, the university partnered with Boseman's wife Simone Ledward-Boseman to establish the **Chadwick A. Boseman Memorial Scholarship**, which fully covers four years's tuition for one student each year.



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Alain Locke Hall (College of Arts and Sciences)

2441 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(To the left of Armour J. Blackburn Center upon exiting)

Locke Hall is a classroom building that also serves as the home of the University's largest undergraduate college, the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS). Locke Hall was named after Alain LeRoy Locke, a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance who also served as a professor in and chairman of the University's Department of Philosophy from 1928 to 1953.

Did You Know?

Locke was the first African American to become a Rhodes Scholar, considered one of the most prestigious honors in academia.



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Wayne A.I. Fredrick Undergraduate Library (UGL)

500 Howard Pl NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Located left of Locke Hall upon exiting)

Since 1983, the Wayne A. I. Frederick Undergraduate Library has been a space specifically designed for collaborative use by our undergraduate population. Inside of the Undergraduate Library is the University Testing Center, the KARSH STEM Scholars Program, Enterprise Technology Services, reserved study rooms, an extensive resource database, and the Bison Brew cafe for quick bites to eat.

Did You Know?

In 2023, the Undergraduate Library was renamed to honor Howard University's 17th President, Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA.,



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Thirkield Hall (Physics Building)

2355 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(To the right, down the stairs between Founder's Library and Rankin Chapel)

Located in "The Valley" Thirkield Hall was dedicated to the sixth president of Howard University, Wilbur P. Thirkield, who played a major role in securing federal government funding for the construction of the building. It is the home of the Howard University Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Did You Know?

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded in Thirkield Hall on November 17, 1911, by three students (Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper and Edgar Love) and one faculty member (Ernest Everett Just), making it the first Black fraternal organization established on an HBCU campus.



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Armour J. Blackburn University Center

2397 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Diagonally in front of Fredrick Douglass Memorial Hall upon exiting)

Open in 1979, the Armour J. Blackburn Center is the social hub of the university, providing cultural, recreational, leisure, and intellectual enrichment outside of the classroom and serving as the conference site for many university activities, community events, national/regional conferences, business meetings, and lectures. It holds the largest cafeteria on campus, as well as several casual eateries including a Chic-Fil-A.

Did You Know?

The center is named after Armour J. Blackburn, a 1926 graduate who served as the Dean of Students from 1949 to 1969.



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Founder's Library

500 Howard Pl NW, Washington, DC 20059

(To the left of the Undergraduate Library upon exiting)

Opened in 1910, Founders Library is the central facility in the University's seven-library system and is home to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center collection and the University Archives and Museum. Which began in the early years of Howard University as a small collection of antislavery books and pamphlets is now one of the world's premiere centers for the study of the Black experience, with over 3,000 documents related to African and African American history.

Did You Know?

Named in memory of Howard's seventeen founders, the building was designed by African-American architect Albert Cassell, the same designer of the Fredrick Douglass Hall.



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Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

6th St NW & Howard Pl NW, Washington, DC 20059

(To the left of the Founder's Library upon exiting)

Constructed in 1894 in memory of Andrew Evarts Rankin, who served as president of the University from 1890 to 1903, the Andrew Rankin Chapel is the home for spiritual life on campus.

Did You Know?

It was here that Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, the first African American president of Howard University, thundered his sermons against McCarthyism, racism, ignorance and squalor. This was the rostrum from which Martin Luther King, Jr. prophesied; the educator Benjamin Mays taught; and the historian Charles Wesley interpreted.



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Howard University Chemistry Building

525 College Street NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Right of Thirkield Hall upon exiting)

The Department of Chemistry has housed many accomplished scientific minds and has made a considerable impact at Howard University. The department was instrumental in the development of a graduate program at Howard University. It became the first department to award the Ph.D. degree at the University, in 1958.

Did You Know?

The building was also designed by Albert Cassell, who designed Founder's Library and Fredrick Douglass Memorial Hall.



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Ernest Everett Just Hall (Biology Building)

415 College St. NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the right of the Chemistry Building upon exiting)

Named after Dr. Ernest Everett Just, a world-renowned zoologist that served as head of the Howard University's Biology department for twenty-six years, Everett Hall is home of Howard University's Biology department.

Did You Know?

Dr. Just's research on the biology of the cell won him international recognition.



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Harriet Tubman Quadrangle (Freshmen Residence Hall)

2455 4th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Located in front of Cooper Hall upon exiting)

Harriet Tubman Quadrangle, known as "The Quad," was named for Harriet Tubman, a heroine of the anti-slavery movement and the Underground Railroad and is comprised four residence halls—*Baldwin*, *Crandall*, *Frazier*, and *Truth* which together house hundreds of incoming freshman students.

Did You Know?

As the oldest all-women hall on campus, the Tubman Quadrangle has helped shape thousands of Howard women's academic lives.



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Chauncey I. Cooper Hall (College of Pharmacy)

2300 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the right of Just Hall upon exiting)

Named after Dr. Chauncey Ira Cooper, who founded the National Pharmaceutical Association, a professional organization for Black pharmacists, Cooper Hall houses classroom, offices, and labs for Howard University's College of Pharmacy, one of seven graduate and professional schools.

Did You Know?

Dr. Cooper became the first Black person in American history to lead a college of pharmacy when he was appointed acting head of Howard's College of Pharmacy in 1938, and then subsequently became dean in 1941.



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College Hall North (Residence Hall)

2229 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059
(In front of Fraizer Hall upon exiting)

Opened in 2014, College Hall North is a 7-story, 138,000 SF, 484-bed student residence hall designed primarily for underclassmen and first-year students.

Did You Know?

The dormitories provide a forward-looking array of features and facilities, including a state-of-the-art computer lab, game room and 24-hour fitness center.



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Mary M. Bethune Annex Hall (Residence and Dining)

2225 4th St NW, Washington, DC 20059
(Located behind College Hall North upon exit)

Opened in 1993, the Bethune Annex Hall residence hall is a co-educational, suite-style living option with approximately 550 beds for undergraduate students and houses a cafeteria with a capacity of 300 on its main level. It also holds a seminar room that is available for use by campus organizations, academic departments, and University staff.

Did You Know?

The Annex was named for Mary McLeod Bethune, the acclaimed educator, school founder, activist, and advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



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Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library

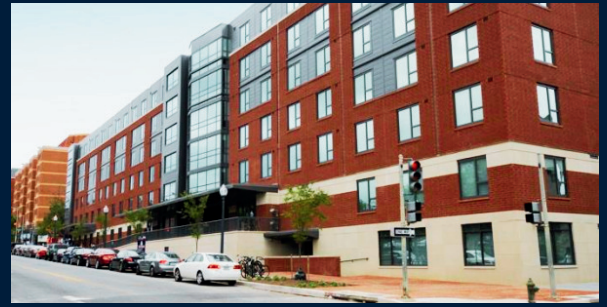
501 W. St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Located directly across the street from College Hall South)

Named after United States Representative Louis Stokes, the first Black Member of Congress from Ohio, the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library is the newest library on campus and is the primary health information research facility for the university's medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, and allied health students and faculty.

Did You Know?

During his thirty years in Congress, Rep. Stokes became known as a principal advocate for the study of health issues that affect Black communities and other communities of color.



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College Hall South (Residence Hall)

2205 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059

(To the right of Bethune Annex upon exiting)

College Hall South is a residence hall for sophomore, junior, and senior men and women. Like its counterpart College Hall North, College Hall South also opened in 2014.

Did You Know?

The dorm is equipped with conference rooms, study lounges, and a 24-hour computer lab.



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WHUT-TV

2222 4th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Located to the right, across the street from Louis Stokes Science Library)

Founded in 1980 in Washington, D.C. as WHMM, WHUT-TV broadcasts reach over 2.5 million households in a 60-mile radius. The station provides spaces for comprehensive, hands-on training for students in communication, business, engineering, law, and fine arts.

Did You Know?

WHUT-TV became the first public station in the United States to be licensed to and operated by a historically black college and university (HBCU), Howard University.



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WHUR-Radio

525 Bryant St NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Located to the right of WHUT-TV upon exiting)

The WHUR-Radio station was developed to stimulate intellectual and cultural life in the nation's capital and to serve as a training ground for Howard students interested in careers in broadcast communications. The station was developed to stimulate intellectual and cultural life in the nation's capital and to serve as training ground for Howard students interested in careers in broadcast communication.

Did You Know?

Launched in 1971, WHUR was the first Black-owned radio station in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Howard University is Washington's only stand-alone radio station and one of the few university-owned commercial radio stations in America.



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Howard University Bookstore

2225 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20059

(Located on Georgia Ave to the left of the Ralph J. Bunche Center upon exiting)

Operated by Follett, the Howard University Bookstore is a premier retail destination, where, in addition to textbooks, students and visitors can pick up an array of merchandise, including Howard-themed clothing, school supplies, technology, diploma frames, and books by Howard University authors and Black authors.

Did You Know?

The store features an expanded technology section, including authorized Apple products and services to better meet students' tech needs.



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Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

1805 7th St. NW | 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20059

(To the right of WHUR-Radio upon exiting)

Established in 1993, the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs makes international affairs services, student exchange support, and career opportunities available to Howard students, faculty, and administrators.

Did You Know?

The center was named after political scientist, diplomat and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Laureate Bunche, who served as chair of Howard's political science department from 1928 to 1950.



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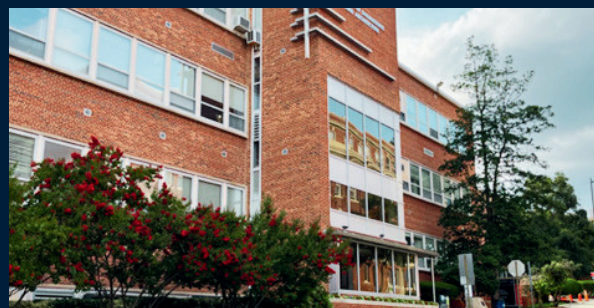
International Research Building

22201 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the left of the University Bookstore upon exiting)

Opened in 2016, the International Research Building contains 81,000 square feet of space for laboratories, offices, and research-support spaces. The building also includes the Washington metropolitan area's only *Class O* cleanroom space, designated for research requiring a highly controlled, non-contaminated environment.

Did You Know?

Howard University is the only HBCU with an R1 Research credential



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Lewis K. Downing (School of Engineering and Architecture)

2300 6th St NW | 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20059
(To the right of the University Bookstore upon exiting)

Named after Lewis K. Downing, founding Dean of Howard's School of Engineering and Architecture (CEA), the program leverages its unique culture and strengths to become nationally recognized for providing a pathway to opportunities and careers in engineering, computer science, and architecture. In addition to being one of the top producers of black engineers, the college also attracts international students from around the globe. Classes are held in both Downing and Mackey buildings.

Did You Know?

Lewis K. Downing was appointed Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture in 1934 and served in that capacity for forty years.



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Howard M. Mackey (College of Engineering and Architecture)

2300 Sixth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the left of the Lewis K. Downing building upon exiting)

Mackey led Howard's Bachelor of Architecture degree program to become the first HBCU program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board in 1951.

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Inabel Burns Lindsay (School of Social Work)

601 Howard Place NW, Washington, DC 20059
(To the left of Howard M. Mackey building upon exiting)

Lindsay Hall prepares masters-level and doctoral professionals to practice at local, national and international capacities. Named after Inabel Burns Lindsay, the first female Academic Dean at Howard University, students become leaders and architects of liberating structures in culturally diverse families and communities.

Did You Know?

Lindsay was one of the first African American women to serve as an academic dean during the 40s, 50s, and 60s, and the only female academic dean at a coeducational college in Washington, D.C.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY UPDATES

The following locations are currently under renovation, not available for self touring, or located off-campus.

- Howard University School of Divinity
- College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
- Howard University School of Dentistry
- Howard University School of Law
- Numa P.G. Adams College of Medicine
- Howard University Graduate School

For more information on campus closures and updates, please join the **Mailing List**.

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Parking & Arrival Information

Cars:

- Parking is available along Georgia Avenue.

Buses:

- Groups arriving by bus should drop off passengers in front of:

Cramton Auditorium
2225 6th Street NW
Washington, DC 20059

Following drop-off, buses may park along Georgia Avenue.

Self-guided tours are recommended to begin inside the lobby of the:

Mordecai Johnson Administration Building
2400 6th Street NW
Washington, DC 20059

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Main Campus Map



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