Actor Terrence Howard to Address Graduates at SC State University’s Spring Commencement

By Erica Prioleau-Taylor

Actor Terrance Howard will address SC State University’s graduating class of 2012 during the institution’s commencement ceremony on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, located on the SC State University campus.

The multi-talented Terrence Howard is best known for his Golden Globe and Academy Award nominated work in Hustle & Flow, as well as for his supporting role in Crash, for which he received a National Board of Review Award for Best Breakthrough Performance. Born in Chicago, IL, Howard began his acting career as Jackie Jackson in the ABC miniseries The Jacksons: An American Dream, which was quickly followed by several notable TV appearances on shows such as Living Single and NYPD Blue. (Click here for full story).

Celebrity Fit Club Judge Dr. Ian Smith Shares Viable Health Tips During SC State University’s Minority Health Summit

By Ashley Elliott

“People who are the happiest are those who are the healthiest,” declared health advocate and creator of VH1’s highly rated show, “Celebrity Fit Club,” Dr. Ian Smith during SC State University’s Minority Community Health Summit. The fourth annual event, designed to address the many health challenges affecting the ethnic populations in South Carolina, gave attendees the opportunity to learn more about those health disparities and how to combat them through regular check-ups and health screenings made available during the event. Free screenings included: Blood pressure, HIV, AIDS, blood sugar, diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol.

“Your attendance today shows that you are willing to take the first step in educating and empowering yourself with knowledge to become healthier and live a more fulfilling life,” said Smith. (Click here for full story).

“Beating Educational Odds”...A Salute to SC State University Alumna as Local Middle School Deemed Excellent

By Ashley Elliott and Dr. Howard Hill

Educators across the United States are feeling the current, heightened public interest in improving outcomes in K-12 schools by beating educational odds. South Kilbourne Elementary School (Kilborne), a Title One school of 250 students in Richland School District One in Columbia, S.C. is beating educational odds in exemplary ways.

Kilbourne is beating educational odds by its moving up to good in 2011 ratings, and up to excellent on year-over-year improvement. The South Carolina Department of Education saluted the administrative, teaching staff, and school volunteers by nominating the school for the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools award. (Click here for full story).

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