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Morgan to honor three former swimming and diving coaches

University's Natatorium to Bear their Names

Morgan State University will pay tribute to three former coaches that were instrumental in building the university's championship swimming and diving program. The University's famed swimming and diving teams of yesterday were coached by Stewart A. Brooks, Ralph W.E. Jones, Jr., and James F. Mack, whose names will soon adorn the campus natatorium. The Brooks-Jones-Mack Natatorium will be unveiled in a special October 9th ceremony.

Morgan State has had three productive eras in competitive swimming. The first began in 1952 and concluded in 1965 that included two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships in 1955 and 1957 under the leadership of Coach Brooks. Jones took over the program in 1966, which began the second successful run of swimming and diving at the university from 1966-1971. During that time, Morgan won two more CIAA Championships in 1969 and 1970. After Jones' departure in 1970, Coach Mack led what many consider to be Morgan's most successful swimming and diving era from 1971-1976. The University won its final CIAA Swimming and Diving Championship in 1971, which was followed by four straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Titles from 1972-1975.

During the 24-year run of the swimming and diving program at Morgan State, nine championships were captured and numerous swimmers and divers were recognized with individual outstanding swimming and diving awards. Morgan State honors former swimming and diving coaches Brooks, Jones and Mack, with a breakfast and unveiling ceremony on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the Hurt Gymnasium.

Members of the public are invited to witness the unveiling and attend the breakfast, which begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children under 12.

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Morgan State University, founded in 1867, is a Carnegie-classified doctoral research professional institution offering more than 60 academic programs leading to bachelor's degrees as well as programs at the master's and doctoral levels. As Maryland's public urban university, Morgan serves a multi-ethnic and multi-racial student body and seeks to ensure that the doors of higher education are opened as wide as possible to as many as possible. For more information on Morgan State University, call 443-885-3022 or visit www.morgan.edu.

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