



**2023 HBCU Showcase  
Life Skills Dinner Banquet  
Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Location: Mt Carmel Baptist Church  
7237 Tuckaseegee Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214**

### **Schedule of Events**

- ❖ 5:00-5:45 pm Registration and greetings
- ❖ 5:45 pm: Doors Open
- ❖ 6:10 pm: Program Begins
- ❖ 8:30 pm: Program Ends

### **HBCU Showcase Life Skills Dinner Banquet Program**

*Mistress of Ceremonies:*

Ruby Durham, Entrepreneur, Miss North Carolina for America 22, Emmy-Nominated Journalist

- ❖ Welcome and Greetings Ruby Durham
- ❖ History of the Knothole Foundation Jeff/Morris, Co-Founder Knothole Foundation
- ❖ Sponsor Recognition Jeff/Morris, Co-Founder Knothole Foundation
- ❖ Special Player Recognition Aarion Raley
- ❖ Musical Selection Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Men's Choir
- ❖ Blessing of the Meal Pastor LJ, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

#### ***Dinner Served***

- ❖ NIL and Financial Literacy Panel Ruby Durham, Moderator
  - Featuring:
    - Cecil Burrows, Wells Fargo, Game Plan
    - Alex Fourney, The Players NIL
- ❖ Musical Selection Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Men's Choir
- ❖ Major League Baseball Panel Ruby Durham, Moderator
  - Featuring:
    - Fred White: Coach, Carolina Metro Reds
    - Mo Hill: Retired Professional Baseball Player
    - Carl Nichols: Retired Professional Baseball Player
    - Darwin Penny: Scout, Kansas City Royals
- ❖ Inspirational Moment Dewey Norwood, Sr., Wells Fargo
- ❖ Closing Remarks and Special Recognition Morris Madden, Co-Founder Knothole Foundation  
Jeff Schaefer, Co-Founder Knothole Foundation