The 2022 lecture honors civil rights and education leader Freeman A. Hrabowski III, PhD. Widely acclaimed as one of the most transformative leaders in higher education, Dr. Hrabowski’s 30-year tenure as president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) received national recognition and praise for his commitment to advancing underrepresented minorities’ participation in science, technology, and engineering. Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1950, he participated in the children’s crusade during the civil rights movement with Dr. King. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering for the “development of a national educational model for students from diverse backgrounds to excel in engineering and science.” He is a co-founder of the Meyerhoff Scholars Program, which is now a model of inclusive excellence for colleges nationwide.

About the Honoree

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall

Harvard University

Opening Performance

The Harvard-Radcliffe Veritones

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Welcome remarks

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Gordon McKay, Professor of Computer Science, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

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Lawrence S. Bacow
President Emeritus, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Keynote Speaker/Lecturer & Honoree

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Discussion with Harvard Students

Azariah Boyd
MSc Candidate in Environmental Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

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Performance by

The Harvard-Radcliffe Veritones

The Veritones are an award-winning, all-gender, contemporary a cappella group at Harvard College, founded in 1985 by notable alumni such as Academy Award Winner Mira Sorvino. The Veritones have toured around the world and competed at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella since 2015, placing in 2017 and 2020 and winning recognitions such as Best Soloist, Best Choreography, and Best Vocal Percussion. The Veritones have a new album planned for release later this year, with their new single, “Leave The Door Open” originally by Silk Sonic, out now on all music streaming platforms.

James Mickens

James Mickens is the Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science at Harvard University. His research focuses on the performance and security of large-scale online services. Prior to becoming a professor at Harvard, Dr. Mickens spent seven years at Microsoft Research, working in the Distributed Systems group; in 2014, he was also a visiting professor at MIT. At Harvard, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society; he is also a faculty director for Harvard’s Institute for Rebooting Social Media. He serves as a faculty curator for Harvard’s Embedded EthiCS program, which strives to incorporate ethical considerations into the computer science curriculum. He was also a co-author of a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences entitled “The Ethics and Governance of Comparing Research and its Applications.” In recognition of his outstanding teaching, Harvard named him as a Harvard College Professor earlier this year.

Azariah Boyd

Azariah Boyd is a Donald Hopkins Predoctoral Fellow pursuing a master of science in environmental epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is dedicated to addressing environmental racism through medicine and innovative research. After obtaining a bachelor of science in biology from Stonehill College, she served as an English and biology instructor at the Hogar del Niño in La Romana, Dominican Republic for two years. Azariah hopes to pursue an MD/PhD in population health sciences.

Travis Allen Johnson

Travis Allen Johnson is a junior at Harvard pursuing a concentration in government and a secondary in African American studies. He originally hails from Lynchburg, South Carolina. On campus, Travis serves as one of the inaugural co-presidents of the Harvard Undergraduate Association (HUA), the new student government organization for Harvard College. In the future Travis hopes to become a lawyer and pursue a career in public service. Outside of the classroom he enjoys spending time with family and friends, visiting new places, and touring state capitol buildings.

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