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Dr. Paris Adon



Dr. Paris L. Adon serves as Director of the Office of Student Services within the Division of Student Affairs at Howard University, where he leads supporting student advocacy, accessibility, military and veterans services, basic needs, interpersonal violence prevention, and student intervention. A native of Prince George's County, Maryland, and the son of an Air Force veteran, he brings a lifelong commitment to service and care into his work.

Dr. Adon holds a Doctor of Education and has built a career spanning classroom teaching, school leadership, and higher education administration.

He is a former school principal and preschool owner, and he works as an executive coach partnering with C-suite leaders to strengthen organizational capacity.

Grounded in faith and a heart for people, Dr. Adon approaches his work with directness, warmth, and a deep belief in the potential of those he serves.

Sergeant Major Michael T. Mack



Sergeant Major Michael Mack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June 1986 and completed recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class upon graduation. Over 30 years of service and 13 duty stations, he served in every element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force, with assignments spanning California, Hawaii, Okinawa, and beyond.

His leadership billets included Chief Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Drill Instructor at Officer Candidates School, Company First Sergeant at Marine Barracks 8th & I, First Sergeant of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion,

and Sergeant Major of both Recruiting Station Orange County and the Wounded Warrior Regiment. He also served in joint duty within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His professional military education is equally distinguished, having graduated as the Honor Graduate of Combat Enhancement Training and receiving the Leadership Award at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Advanced Academy. Sergeant Major Mack earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, double majoring in Media, Communications, and Humanities, as well as in Politics and International Relations. He graduated magna cum laude as a Class Distinguished Graduate and Tropaia Award recipient, and he is currently two courses away from completing his MBA in Project Management.

He retired from the Marine Corps on July 1, 2016, and went on to serve at the U.S. AbilityOne Commission as Director of Oversight and Compliance (GS-15) and Lead for the Office of Veterans Services at the Pentagon. He remains active with the Marine Corps Association and Foundation Board of Governors, the West Coast Drill Instructor Association, the Marine Barracks 8th & I Alumni Association, and the Wounded Warrior Regiment Mentor Program.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, among numerous campaign and service decorations. Sergeant Major Mack has three adult children and is married to the former Charlene B. Johnson of King George, Virginia.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Colonel LaJohnne A. W. Morris



Colonel LaJohnne Morris is a 1998 Distinguished Military Graduate of Howard University and was commissioned into the United States Army as a Signal Corps Officer. After selection into the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, she obtained her law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Upon her graduation from law school in 2006, Colonel Morris transitioned to the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps and later earned an LL.M. in Military Law from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. She also completed the Army War College's Legal Fellowship at the Department of Justice and is currently assigned as a Senior Judge at the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, Fort Belvoir, VA.

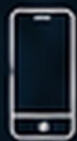
Colonel Morris' previous assignments include: Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Gregg-Adams, VA; Chief, Judge Advocate Recruiting Office (JARO), Fort Belvoir, VA; Staff Judge Advocate, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, HI; Officer-in-Charge, Detachment Reachback, United States Forces-Afghanistan, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Branch Chief, Government Appellate Division, Fort Belvoir, VA; Chief, Military Justice and Chief, Client Services, Fort Irwin, CA; Base S-6, Combined Task Force 46, Uzbekistan; Group S-6, 46th Corps Support Group and Adjutant, 327th Signal Battalion, Fort Liberty, NC; and Battalion S-6, 5-5 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Camp Sears, Korea.

Colonel Morris' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), the Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), the Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the NATO Medal. She is also entitled to wear the Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Morris is a member of the of the Bars of the State of California and the District of Columbia and is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal and military courts.

Colonel Morris is married to Mr. Seth Morris. They have a four-year-old daughter, Soleil, and a two-year-old son, Maxwell.

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