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## BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASSIC TO FEATURE TAILGATE & DANCE & DRUMLINE COMPETITION

**CANTON, OHIO** – The first-ever Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) Classic is coming to the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s campus over Labor Day weekend. The **Alabama A&M University Bulldogs** of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) will take on the **Morehouse College Maroon Tigers** from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 3:30 p.m. ET in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.



The Classic also includes a variety of other events and entertainment that will kick off the college football season.

### OFFICIAL BCFHOF CLASSIC TAILGATE

The **Official Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic Tailgate** will take place on the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s Field Turf located adjacent to the museum. The Official Tailgate is **free, family friendly** and **open to the public** on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Performances at the Tailgate on Saturday, Aug. 31 will include DJ Ryan Wolf, the Official DJ of the Cleveland Browns; EN-RICH-MENT Community Drumline; and Four Keeps, an O-Jays cover band.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, the marching bands from Alabama A&M and Morehouse will perform on campus at 2 p.m. Radio One will be on location to broadcast live from the Official Tailgate.

Several vendors and food trucks will be selling a variety of cuisine from Barrio Tacos, Tremont Coffee, JGK Concessions, LaDow’s Concessions, Big Bad Wolfe BBQ, AVI Food Systems and Stachia’s Almost Famous Wings. An assortment of adult beverages will also be available for purchase.

### TICKET INFO:

- Tickets for the Dance & Drumline Competition are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 day of event.
- BCFHOF Classic Game Tickets start at \$30.00
- A combo ticket is available for \$55.00

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Children of all ages can enjoy inflatables at the Tailgate. Official Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic merchandise will also be available for purchase.

## DANCE & DRUMLINE COMPETITION

A **Dance & Drumline Competition** will take place on Saturday, Aug. 31 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Canton Memorial Field House located next to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. The competition will feature groups from across Ohio and the surrounding states who will take part in an HBCU-style dance and drumline competition.

Guest celebrity judges for the competition include: **Charkeitha Ramey**, director of the Xplosive Cheer and Dance Company in Dallas, Texas; **Jason Hill**, creator of War Zone Competition held at Fisk University; **Jamar Horton**, Prancerettes located in Memphis, Tenn.; **Scott Barwick** from Central State University; and two cast members from the hit movie "Drumline" – **Jamie Riles III** and **Tajuana (Butter) Hawkins**.

The following teams are confirmed to participate in the competition.

### Drumline Teams:

- Euclid (Ohio) High School
- Warrensville Heights (Ohio) High School Real Deal Drumline
- Canton (Ohio) McKinley High School

### Dance Teams:

- Black Pearlz (Columbus, Ohio)
- Damage Dance Crew (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
- Euclid High School (Cleveland, Ohio)
- Next Level Dance (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- Redefined Studio (Cincinnati, Ohio)

For more information about the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic and to purchase tickets, please visit: [www.profootballhof.com/classic/](http://www.profootballhof.com/classic/).

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### ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Located in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution with the Mission to Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values, & Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. AAM accreditation is national recognition for the museum's commitment to excellence and the highest professional standards of museum operation and public service.

Hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe travel to Canton annually to experience "*The Most Inspiring Place on Earth!*" that chronicles America's most popular sport. Fans can also enjoy the Hall of Fame Store at the Hall, and online at

[www.profootballhof.com/store](http://www.profootballhof.com/store), for merchandise from all 32 NFL clubs plus the Hall of Fame. Proceeds from the Store support the Hall's Mission.

Construction on Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, a mixed-use development project, is under way in Canton to transform the Hall of Fame's campus.

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