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Inaugural HBCU Hoops Invitational coming to Walt Disney World Resort, featuring Florida A&M, Bethune-Cookman, Hampton, and Tuskegee in ESPN Sports Complex in Dec.

Format involves four men's teams and four women's teams; Tickets on sale now at HBCU-hoops.org.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Aug. 13, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Several marquee Black college basketball programs are taking part in the first-ever HBCU Hoops Invitational at Walt Disney World Resort this winter. The men's field for the Dec. 4-7 tourney features Florida A&M University, Tuskegee University, Florida Memorial University and Barber-Scotia College, while the women's bracket includes Bethune-Cookman University, Hampton University, Edward Waters University and Cheyney University.

The Historically Black College and University (HBCU) men's and women's teams will compete inside the State Farm Field House at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in a single-elimination format with the chance to claim the inaugural HBCU Hoops Invitational titles. Florida A&M, which recently hired former Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward as head coach,



Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, and ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex General Manager LeRoy Arrington celebrate with coaches and representatives after the announcement of the new HBCU Hoops Invitational. (Photo/Courtesy: Bennett Stoops)

headlines the men's field, having reached the NCAA Division I Tournament three times, while Cheyney University's women's team is the only HBCU school to ever reach the NCAA Division I Tournament Final Four (1982). Beyond the court, the HBCU Hoops Invitational, which is run by HBCU Hoops Global, Inc., plans to support HBCU players, schools and students by hosting a college admissions fair at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, creating scholarships, providing academic assistance and identifying career development opportunities throughout the year.

"The HBCU Hoops Invitational is far more than a basketball tournament—it's a powerful celebration of heritage, excellence and the limitless future of HBCU athletics," said HBCU Hoops Global vice president Haywoode Workman, who spent nearly a decade playing in the NBA before becoming an NBA referee. "We are building a legacy that extends well beyond the court to open doors to academic achievement, career readiness and financial opportunity for our scholar-athletes."

The new hoops tourney adds to an already bustling college basketball calendar at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, which hosts the WBCA Showcase (Nov. 20-23) and the ESPN Events Invitational (Nov. 24-28) during the Thanksgiving holiday week, as well as several AAU boys' and girls' national basketball championships.

"We are excited about the opportunities to bring thrilling, family-friendly events to ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and this HBCU Hoops Invitational adds to our lineup of high-caliber youth and college events," said Jorge Senior, Disney's Director of Sports Planning and Development. "If you're a college basketball fan, there's no better place to be during the holidays than at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex."

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Country newcomer Tommy Acker goes back to drivers ed on lovestruck anthem “10 & 2” via River House Artists

August 22, 2025 – The Nashville-by-way-of-Texas country artist Tommy Acker releases his new single “10 & 2” via River House Artists. With arena-ready guitar and an effortless vocal delivery, “10 & 2” finds Acker using driving metaphors as a way to express his dedication to keeping a relationship on track. This follows a busy few months for Acker, which included a series of singles and tour dates with Megan Moroney and Hudson Westbrook.

On the new single, Acker shares: “In the writing room that day, the second I heard the title ‘10 & 2,’ I thought it was such a cool concept. It instantly clicked for me because when you think about driving, 10 & 2 is the safest way



Tommy Acker delivers lovestruck anthem “10 & 2” single. (Photo Credit: Trey Bonner)

to hold the wheel. It’s all about having control and staying steady. That felt like the perfect way to describe what it’s like when you find someone you don’t want to lose. This song is about holding on tight to the person you love, giving it everything you’ve got, and not letting go, the same way you’d grip the wheel when you’re focused on keeping things on the right track. It’s a fun, upbeat track, but there’s a lot of heart in it too. I think a lot of people will relate to that feeling of wanting to hold on and not mess things up.”

Last year, Acker released his first single “How To Not,” which went viral on TikTok and now sits at over 3.5 million streams

