Tuscaloosa, AL – Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Deputy Director for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), will visit Shelton State Community College on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Joining Dr. Toldson will be Morgan Curry, Jeraun Pogue, and Justin Wells - three local college students currently serving as HBCU All-Stars.

In addition to serving as Deputy Director for the Initiative, Dr. Toldson is an associate professor at Howard University, senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and editor-in-chief of "The Journal of Negro Education." He is the author of "The Breaking Barriers Series," which analyzes academic success indicators from national surveys that together give voice to more than 10,000 black male pupils from schools across the country. In addition, he is the co-editor of the book, “Black Male Teachers: Diversifying the Nation’s Teacher Workforce” and the author of the novel, “Black Sheep.” Through his consulting firm, CREATE, LLC, he routinely works with schools to increase their capacity to promote academic success among black students.

HBCU All-Stars serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on HBCUs by providing outreach and communication with their fellow students about the value of education and the Initiative as a networking resource. They have participated in regional events and web chats with Dr. Toldson and other Initiative staff, and have engaged with other scholars to showcase individual and collective talent across the HBCU community.

“Building a foundation for our students goes far beyond the classroom experience,” said Shelton State Community College President, Dr. Andrea Mayfield. “By meeting with Dr. Toldson and the HBCU All-Stars, our students have an opportunity to not only engage with current and future leaders, but to also be inspired by their accomplishments.”
The West Alabama community is invited to join Dr. Toldson and the HBCU All-Stars for a first-hand account of the White House Initiative and its educational benefits. “Community Meet and Greet” sessions will be held on the C.A. Fredd Campus on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and on the Martin Campus on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. All are invited and admission is free.