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Georgia Board of Regents, UGA must rename journalism and mass comm college for journalist, alum, integration pioneer Charlayne Hunter-Gault

Alumni push effort to scrub white supremacist's name from UGA's College of Journalism and Mass Communication

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A community of University of Georgia (UGA) Grady College stakeholders have united to demand a change in the namesake of the College of Journalism and Mass Communication from Henry W. Grady, a white supremacist, to Charlayne Hunter-Gault, an award-winning journalist, alumna of the school and one of the first Black students to integrate UGA in 1961.

Amid the national protest movement surrounding the murders of unarmed Black citizens, including George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and Rayshard Brooks, the push to rename the school comes after a [June 2, 2020, column](#) by Grady College alumnus Sam Jones in The Red & Black, UGA's independent student newspaper; other efforts in [Atlanta](#) and [Houston](#); and the [scholarship](#) of media historian Kathy Roberts Forde—all of which shed light on Grady's history and moved concerned stakeholders to action.

"I am surprised by this effort and deeply honored," Hunter-Gault said. "Given the social justice issues America is currently grappling with, and to support all who are looking to correct the wrongs of the past, especially those relating to racism, I believe now is a good time to focus on the names of institutions that do not reflect the reality of the American dream, to wit: that all people are created equal, regardless of race, creed, color, gender or sexual orientation. So I support the renaming of the Grady College

