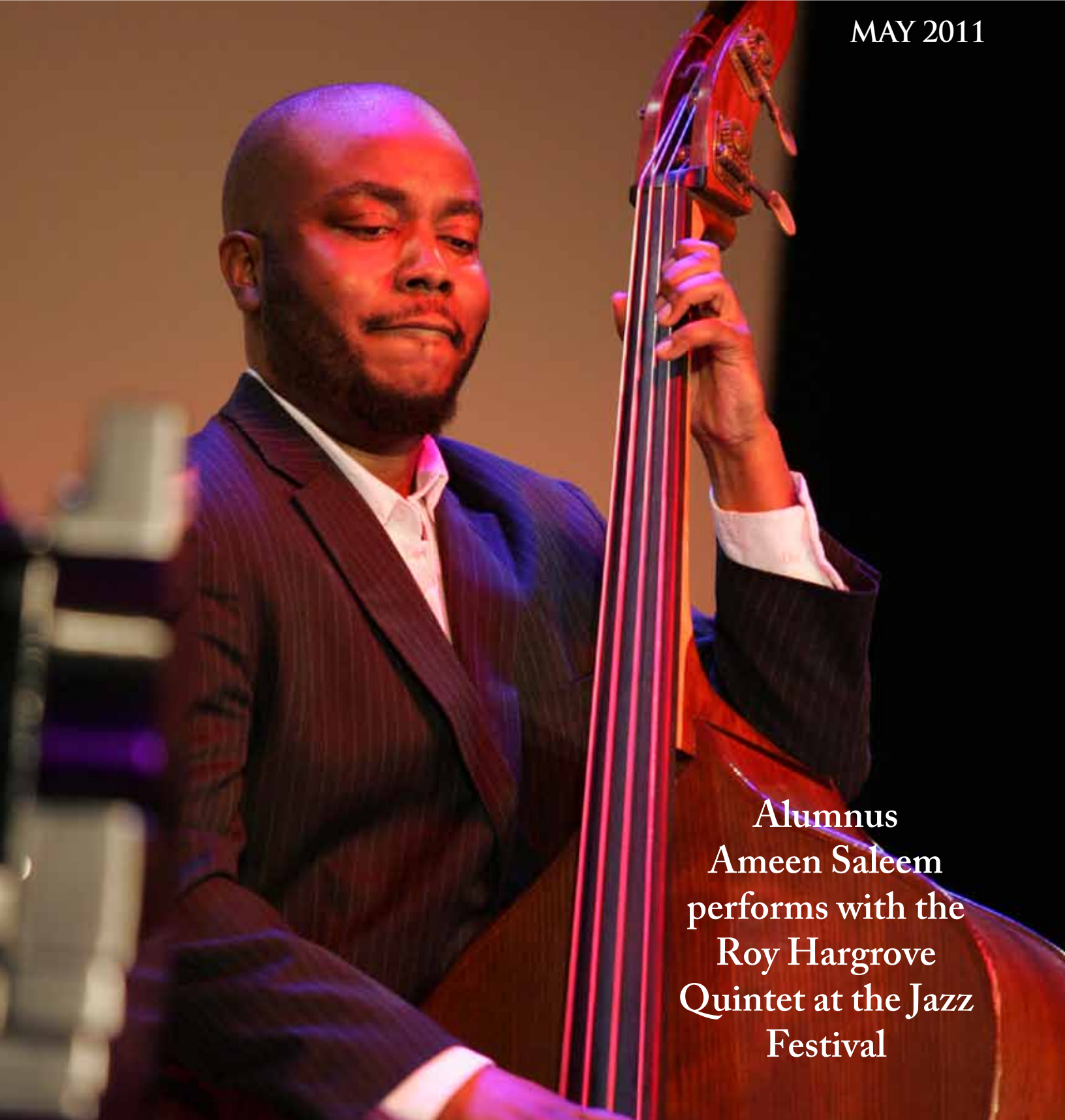


EAGLE VIEW

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

MAY 2011



Alumnus
Ameen Saleem
performs with the
Roy Hargrove
Quintet at the Jazz
Festival

Thank you to alumni and friends for supporting the 21st Annual Jazz Festival. Your continued support is appreciated. Join the Friends of Jazz Studies and show your support. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Julie King at <jking52@eagles.nccu.edu> or email <iwiggins@nccu.edu> to reach Ira Wiggins, director of the NCCU Jazz Ensemble.

Intellectual Climate Commission Discusses the Slave Narratives

The new Commission to Enhance the Intellectual Climate at North Carolina Central University continued its mission of expanding student opportunities to engage in intellectual activities through a conversation with Dr. Sally Ann H. Ferguson, professor of English at UNC–Greensboro on Thursday, March 31. Ferguson spoke from the topic, “Christian Violence and the Slave Narratives.” Ferguson was the second in a series of speakers sponsored by the commission designed for faculty, staff and students.

“To study African-American history you must study the slave narratives,” said Ferguson. She shared the accounts of multiple atrocities done to slaves by their Christian slave owners. “Christian slave owners projected their evil onto the innocent because of a belief that an incompetent creator made dark-skinned blacks unformed and able to enjoy the bounties of life.” To maintain their control, Ferguson said, they needed to be violent in their dominance of blacks, because blacks came to this country free and unwilling to submit.

Taking questions from the audience, Ferguson clarified the term, mulatto. “The mating of a donkey and a horse gives you a mule,” said Ferguson. “The term was later applied to the offspring of black and white matings.

During her visit she also spoke about author, essayist, political activist and lawyer Charles W. Chesnutt, who served as assistant principal and later principal at North Carolina’s First State Colored Normal school in Fayetteville, N.C. The school later became Fayetteville State University, and the university’s library bears his name. Chesnutt is best known for his novels and short stories, including *The Conjure Tales*, which explored complex issues of racial and social identity in the post-Civil War South. The legacy of slavery and interracial relations had resulted in

many freed people of color who had attained education before the war.

Ferguson’s interests include multi-ethnic literatures of the United States, especially those of African-Americans. She also specializes in African-American women authors, the slave narratives and Chesnutt. Ferguson has edited several publications, most recently, *Nineteenth-Century Black Women’s Literary Emergence: Evolutionary Spirituality, Sexuality, and Identity: an Anthology*. She has been a professor at UNC–G since 1990.



NCCU graduate students continue their discussion with Dr. Ferguson.

NCCU Community Donates Books to Area Schools



NCCU student tutors assist W.G. Pearson Gifted and Talented Magnet School counselor Chiamaka Owino with loading books

“This is a great day to give and receive books,” said Adelaide Banks, founder of the Read Seed program in Durham, at the Academic Community Service Learning Program’s book donation ceremony. Banks donated more than 300 books to the NCCU Academic Community Service Learning Program’s America Reads Literacy Program.

A total of 500 books, donated by students, staff and faculty, were given to area schools, including Burton, C.C. Spaulding and Fayetteville elementary schools, Operation Breakthrough Head Start, R.N. Harris Integrated Magnet and W.G. Pearson Gifted and Talented Magnet.

More than 60 NCCU students provide literacy education in Durham area schools by serving as reading tutors to children in kindergarten through third grade. “This program enhances the intellectual environment on the campus and in the community,” said Dr. Deborah Bailey, director of the Academic Community Service Learning Program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1, 4 p.m., University Choir Annual Spring Concert and Golden Eagle Reception hosted by the Durham Chapter NCCU Alumni Association, B.N. Duke Auditorium. For additional information visit, <nccudurhameagles.com/choirsupport.html>.

May 6, (TBD), Delaware Chapter’s Monthly Meeting, Home of Jerry and Diane Hall. Contact <Delaware@nccualumni.org>.

May 7, 8:15 a.m. Alumni Habitat Build Day, 808 Colfax Street, Durham, NC. Contact Enoch Bond at 919-530-6363 or <alumni-info@nccu.edu>.

May 7, 6:30 p.m., NCCU Sampson County Alumni Chapter Meeting, Sessoms Medical Practice, 500 Beaman Street, Clinton, NC. Contact: Rodney Sessoms 910-290-5000 or <sampsoncountynccualumni@gmail.com>.

May 12, 6:30 p.m., Charlotte Alumni Chapter Monthly Meeting, DOWD YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St, Charlotte, NC. Contact <Charlotte@nccualumni.com>.

May 12, 7 p.m., Greensboro Alumni Chapter Meeting, Vance Chavis Library, 900 South Benbow Road, Greensboro, NC. Contact Robert Chiles at 336-273-3241 or <rschiles@aol.com>.

May 13, 3 p.m., Graduate and Professional Commencement, McDougald–McLendon Gymnasium

May 13, 6 p.m., Chancellor’s Reception for Graduating Students, Brant Street Plaza

May 14, 8 a.m., Spring Commencement, O’Kelly–Riddick Stadium

May 14, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Meeting, 1424 Graywall Avenue, Wynnewood, Pa. Contact Gwendolyn Ricks at 215-242-1577 or <Philadelphia@nccualumni.org>.

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May 14, 4 p.m., New Jersey Alumni Chapter Meeting, S.T. Allen Realty Company, 336 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ. Contact Betty Holloway at 973-744-3435 or <NewJersey@nccualumni.org>.

May 15, 2 p.m., Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter's Meeting. Contact James Murray at <StLouis@nccualumni.org>.

May 15, 4 p.m., NCCU Richmond-Petersburg Alumni Chapter Meeting, Petersburg- Chester's Marriott Courtyard, Petersburg, VA. Contact David Avery at 804-748-4186 or <RichmondPetersburg@nccualumni.org>.

May 19, 6 p.m., NCCU Nash-Edgecombe Alumni Chapter Meeting, OIC One Senior Citizen Center, 721 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC. Contact Kay Thomas at 252-977-3451 or <NashEdgecombe@nccualumni.org>.

May 21, 10 a.m., NCCU Metro DC Alumni Chapter Meeting, Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, 901 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Washington DC. Contact Calvin Kearney at 202-543-9899 or <calvinkearney@yahoo.com>.

May 25, 6 p.m., NCCU Graduate Alumni Reception, Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park, 150 Park Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC, Contact Division of Graduate Education and Research at 919-530-5105 or <ythompson@nccu.edu>.

May 26, 7 p.m., NCCU Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter Meeting, Forsyth Tech Community College, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Sylvia Squire at 336-650-0523 or <scsqu@aol.com>.

May 28, 6 p.m., Raleigh/Wake Chapter's Monthly Meeting, Top Green Center, 401 MLK, Jr. Blvd, Raleigh. Contact Robin Greene at <rgreen@nccuraleighwake.org>.

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Hyatt/HBCU Hospitality Management Summer Bridge Program



Dr. Beverly A. Bryant, director of hospitality and tourism.

NCCU's Hospitality and Tourism Administration Program within the School of Business was one of five HBCU programs selected by the Hyatt Hotels Corp. to implement a Hospitality Management High School Summer Bridge Program. The NCCU program will collaborate with Durham high school counselors to select 20 rising seniors interested in hospitality and tourism careers to participate in four days of immersion, interactive and experiential learning. These immersion events are designed to expose high school students to the diversity of career opportunities that exist for emerging hospitality leaders. The Summer Bridge Program is a non-residential program and will be offered June 20 to 23. For more information on the Program, contact Dr. Beverly A. Bryant, director of hospitality and tourism, at <bbryant@nccu.edu>.

NCCU Alumni Association: Save the Date

Each year the NCCU Alumni Association hosts its annual meeting in July. You are invited to join us on July 22 and 23 for this year's annual meeting, council meetings, the Annual Day of Service and the Annual Alumni Awards Dinner.

Alumni support is needed for the Annual Day of Service. Join us we return to the "Sloping Hills and Verdant Green" on Friday July 22. If you are looking for a way to give back to the community, this is a great opportunity.

On Friday, the Alumni Association will also host leadership training for all association leaders. The association continues to promote membership growth, raise money for scholarships, and increase overall support for NCCU. The afternoon will consist of essential skill building sessions designed to enhance our effectiveness and operate with greater efficiency.

The annual and council meetings will be held on July 23. Receive updates on current Alumni Association business and activities, and information on the progress of the university. All alumni are invited to attend the annual meeting.

On Saturday evening, we'll celebrate our success with an awards dinner at the Durham Hilton on Hillsborough Rd. Nominations are now being accepted for various categories, including Alumni, Chapter, and Young Alumni of the Year, Distinguished Alumni, and Volunteer Service. We also will celebrate the retirement of our very own jewel, Roger Gregory.

To secure a nomination form and for more details please visit <www.nccualumni.org> or call (919) 530-5222.

Music Majors and Alumna Hit the Right Note

Three NCCU students and one alumna of the Department of Music have scored honors recently in the music world. Three student vocalists performed at the N.C. Opera Company's production of Charles Gounod's romantic opera "Faust" on April 28 and 30 at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. They were mezzo-soprano Tiffany Agerston, lyric soprano Jacquelyn White and tenor Dante Harrell. The alumna is Chassity Nobles, who earned a bachelor's degree in jazz studies last December, and who has been selected to attend Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead music residency program at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington.

This year was the first time NCCU students auditioned for the state opera company. Artist-in-residence Elvira Green said their

success demonstrates that the work of the NCCU Operatorio Ensemble is paying off. Green provides instruction to both Agerston and White, and, along with assistant professor Richard Banks, leads the Operatorio Ensemble's annual performance.

The students sang alongside noted talent that the company hired for the leading roles. In this case, "Faust" was played by Dimitri Pittas.

Nobles' selection for the two-week Kennedy Center program came at the end of stiff competition for the spots. Selections were made based on a blind-listening process from hundreds of national and international submissions.

Nobles' vocal instructor/facilitator is vocalist Carmen Lundy. "Lundy has tremendous accolades and achievements to her credit," said music professor Lenora Helm.

The program culminates in three concerts on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. The concerts will be streamed live and archived at <www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/archive.html>.

At least six NCCU students or graduates have been selected for the honor, including two in 2006.

Betty Carter, renowned for her improvisational vocals, was devoted to jazz education. She died in 1998.



(l to r) Artist-in-residence Elvira Green, Tiffany Agerston, Dante Harrell, Jacquelyn White and Richard Banks, assistant professor of music.

CEO of Psychologist Group and Civil Rights Icon to Deliver Commencement Addresses



Dr. Norman B. Anderson

Norman B. Anderson, chief executive officer of the American Psychological Association and a 1977 graduate of NCCU, will deliver the commencement address at the university's inaugural ceremony for graduate and professional students on May 13. At the undergraduate ceremony the next day, the speaker will be John Lewis, the renowned civil rights leader and congressman from Georgia.

University officials decided to split up the ceremonies after last year's spring commencement — on a blistering hot day on the artificial turf of O'Kelly–Riddick Stadium — lasted more than three hours, and several members of the audience required medical treatment for heat-related problems. "It was just too long," Chancellor Charlie Nelms said, "and we had some issues with the heat."

The ceremony for graduate and

professional degrees will begin at 3 p.m. on May 13 in McDougald–McLendon Gymnasium. About 300 graduate degrees and 160 law degrees will be awarded.

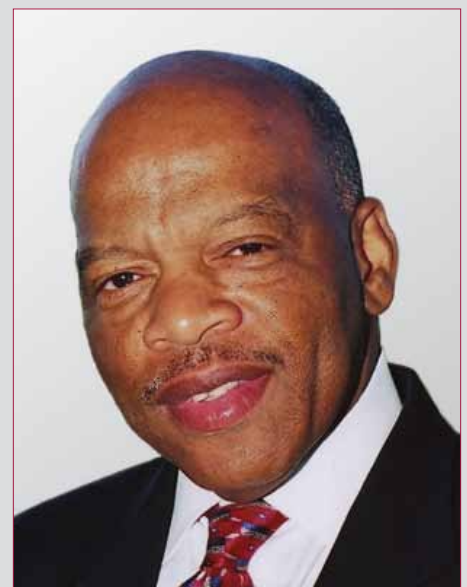
Anderson, the speaker, was named the CEO of the American Psychological Association in 2003. The Washington-based association is the largest scientific and professional organization for psychologists in the world. "Dr. Anderson has been in the forefront of behavioral and social science research in the United States for decades," Nelms said. "As a product of our university, he offers graduate and professional students an inspiring case study, combining success with service to society."

Anderson earned his undergraduate degree in psychology at NCCU in 1977, and then master's and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from UNC–Greensboro. He has been a professor at both Duke University Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health.

The May 14 undergraduate ceremony will take place at its usual outdoor venue, O'Kelly–Riddick Stadium, starting at 8 a.m. The university expects to award about 590 bachelor's degrees.

The graduates and their families will be addressed by a man often described as one of the most courageous leaders the civil rights movement ever produced. As a student at Fisk University, John Lewis organized sit-ins at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tenn. In

1961, he participated in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. In 1963, he was named chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and he was the architect and a prominent speaker at the historic March on Washington in August of 1963.



Representative John Lewis

In 1965, Lewis led 600 peaceful protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. At the far end of the bridge, they were brutally attacked by about 200 Alabama state troopers. The confrontation, soon known as "Bloody Sunday," received worldwide news coverage and is widely credited with spurring President Lyndon B. Johnson to push for passage of the Voting Rights Bill, which became law later that year.

Born the son of sharecroppers in Alabama in 1940, Lewis earned a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy at Fisk University and a bachelor's in theological studies at American Baptist College. He now represents Georgia's 5th Congressional District, which includes portions of Atlanta and its suburbs. First elected in 1986, he has since risen to top leadership positions. His acclaimed memoir of the civil rights movement, "Walking With the Wind," was published in 1998.

In 2010, Lewis was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President Barack Obama. At the ceremony, Obama said, "Generations from now, when parents teach their children what is meant by courage, the story of John Lewis will come to mind — an American who knew that change could not wait for some other person or some other time, whose life is a lesson in the fierce urgency of now."

School of Business Professional Selling Class Hosts an Evening of Networking

NCCU students, alumni, faculty, administrators and friends in the business world came together on Saturday, April 2, for the third annual Networking Reception and Dinner. Students in Dr. Kendra Harris' professional selling class worked hard to plan and execute the event and make the evening enjoyable for everyone. About 100 people attended, a significant increase from the 23 attending the first dinner two years ago and the 41 students and business professionals last year.

The Networking Reception and Dinner provides a forum for students to connect to business professionals. It also promotes businesses and provides students with a supportive network that will help them build a solid foundation for their career and create an environment for businesses to effectively network and share their spheres of influence.

In a recent survey, employers were asked to rate their satisfaction with the communication skills of their recently hired college graduates. Approximately 56 percent of employers reported they were less than satisfied with the new

FEATURED SENIOR



Dianna Sartor
Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.

Major: Accounting

Activities: Miss. Senior, president of Phi Beta Lambda and a peer mentor

Future Aspirations: To attend law school

Quote: "I have truly enjoyed my college experience and I appreciate all the friendships and relationships I've formed while being at NCCU."

FEATURED PHOTO



Rebie Jackson poses with members of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. The ensemble was the opening act for Ms. Jackson's performance at the Hayti Heritage Center.

hires' communication skills, and 51 percent recommended that colleges find ways to improve their graduates' skills in public speaking, interviewing, personal presentation and listening.

The dinner and reception was sponsored by 3M Co. and Nichols & Satterfield Attorneys at Law. Sponsorship and alumni participation are essential to the Networking Reception and Dinner. The gathering offers a diverse perspective covering all areas within the School of Business, including accounting, computer information systems, management, marketing, finance, hospitality and tourism and general business.

A key aim of the event is to provide students with opportunities to effectively network and develop authentic business relationships with more than 100 business professionals in a single evening. For more information and to learn how you can be a part of the 2012 dinner, contact Dr. Kendra Harris, assistant professor of marketing at the School of Business, at <kharris@nccu.edu> or 919-530-7394.

4th Annual Alumni HBCU Atlanta Alliance 5K Run/Walk

The Greater Atlanta Chapter of the NCCU Alumni Association invites you to support future Eagles as 27 HBCU Alumni Chapters join forces in a 5K Run/Walk scholarship fundraising event for high school seniors on Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 a.m. in Grant Park. The event includes a health fair, college fair, great food, music and lots of fun. Last year, nearly 40 Eagles participated. Register before June 1 and pay \$25; after June 2 the fee is \$30, and it is \$35 on race day. Visit <www.hbcualumniantlanta.com> for race details. E-mail Keith Sexton at <klsexton@aol.com> for more information. Participating Eagles will gather before and after the race. Last year the Eagles placed second in participation. Help us reach No. 1. Join us for a great cause.

Golf Tournaments

EAGLES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Alumni and friends are invited to participate in the NCCU Women's Basketball Golf Tournament on June 10, 1:30 p.m. at Highland Creek Golf Club in Charlotte, N.C. The shotgun start format tournament is open to golf enthusiast at all skill levels. Proceeds from the second annual tournament will support the NCCU Women's Basketball Summer School Scholarship Fund and recruiting efforts. The entry fee is \$100 per person. The registration deadline is May 21. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact Leah Frierson at lfrierson@nccu.edu, 919-530-7052 or visit <www.nccueaglepride.com> to download the brochure.



On a beautiful day, supporters get in a few practice rounds before tee time.

ROBERT "STONEWALL" JACKSON LEGACY GOLF CLASSIC

You are invited to participate in the Robert "Stonewall" Jackson Legacy Golf Classic on July 16 at the Winston Lake Golf Course in Winston-Salem, N.C. Proceeds support student athletes attending NCCU. Entry fee for teams of four golfers is \$250, and \$75 for individuals. For more information, visit www.rejlegacygolfclassic.org or email <team@rslegacygolfclassic.org> or call 336-575-8925.

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The South Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association will host its annual golf tournament at Woodmont Country Club Cypress Course and you to participate. Money raised will benefit student scholarships. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Individuals pay \$100; foursomes are \$400, or \$380 if paid by May 14. An awards dinner will follow; dinner tickets are \$35. For more information contact Cliff Outlaw at <nccuaasfc@bellsouth.net> or call 954-755-1581.

Alumni Chapters Demonstrate the Motto of “Truth and Service” in the Community

Community service is embedded in NCCU’s DNA. It was one of the first institutions in the country to establish community service as a requirement for graduation, and in 2008 the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized the university for its community engagement. The commitment to service is something alumni carry with them throughout their lives and demonstrate in their local communities through their chapter activities. Each year, NCCU Alumni Association chapters give back in their communities. Last fall, the Greater Atlanta Chapter collected more than 75 adult coats and monetary donations, allowing them to purchase eight new coats for children. Other chapters reach beyond the borders of the United States. The Philadelphia Chapter supported Haiti’s women’s soccer team. At the request of their collaborating agency, the Chapter supported five of the 21 members on the team.

The chapter also participated in a clothing drive at Curves fitness club. Clothing for men, women and children was collected at the club over a two-week period, then placed in three barrels to be loaded aboard a ship bound for Accra, Ghana. The clothes collected and monetary support for one of the four barrels resulted in approximately \$500 to benefit a village in Ghana. The chapter also supports Young Lives, an organization in Philadelphia which helps pregnant teens and teen mothers and conducts coat drives for a homeless shelter.

The Richmond-Petersburg, Columbia Metro and Elizabeth City Area chapters adopt families every holiday season, providing more than \$1,500 in food and household supplies.

Each organization supports local agencies in other ways. The Richmond–Petersburg Chapter supports the Angel Tree program, which provides holiday gifts for low-income families.

The Columbia Metro Chapter hosted a toiletry drive to support Sister Care, an agency that supports abused and battered women. The Delaware Chapter provided personal care items

to Sojourner’s Place, a homeless shelter for men and women.

The Metro D.C. Chapter, one of the largest Alumni Association chapters, serves nearly 80 children each year, providing food, clothing and toys for supporting agencies such as Ronald McDonald House, SOME (So Others Might Eat), Prince Georges County Fire & Rescue Toy Drive, and Toys for Tots. Chapter service is also a great way to get alumni involved in other chapter activities.

The Orange County Chapter is barely two years old and already making an impact on the community. Working closely with the Department of Social Services, it served nearly 100 families during its Yuletide Festival of Songs and Sharing. The chapter provided food and clothing.

The Raleigh/Wake Chapter served 35 women and children a Thanksgiving feast. The families are homeless and live at the Salvation Army Shelter for Women until suitable housing can be arranged and the women can find employment. The chapter partnered with corporate sponsor, K&W Cafeterias, for a second year in a row. The chapter also works with Source Force, a grass roots organization for individuals who are HIV positive or have AIDS. Late last year at Source Force’s “Picnic” luncheon, members of the chapter provided gifts and entertainment for the clients. The clients participated performing solos and joining the alumni in Christmas carols. This is the Chapter’s second year working with Source Force.

Chapters are soaring high in their communities to ensure that the legacy of Truth and Service continues.

Are you ready for some NCCU Football

Join USA Luxury Tours and the Office of Alumni Relations as we travel to six outstanding destinations to cheer on our football team during the 2011–12 season. Price for each destination includes transportation, lodging, hotel breakfast, taxes and gratuities, NCCU Alumni souvenirs, tour attractions, luggage handling and game ticket. For details, visit <www.usaluxurytours.com>.

NCCU's View of Student Success "From the Ground Up"

What happens when you gather some of the best and brightest college students in one room and challenge them to consider success? North Carolina Central University did just that on Saturday, April 9, at a Student Success Symposium based on the theme, "The Journey to Graduation and Beyond." More than 20 students presented ideas on what student success means and how to promote it throughout the university.

For Melony Ochieng, a junior from Kenya with a double major in pharmaceutical sciences and chemistry, success is centered on three key principles: self-discipline, punctuality and delayed gratification. "In Kenya it was easy," she said. "If you came to school late they caned you, and you were told that you embarrassed your family and your teacher. Here, it is different."

Ochieng also suggested practical tips to help students on their path to success including purchasing a planner, writing goals and posting them where you can see them on a daily basis and avoiding vague terms. "We say things like, 'the sky is the limit,'" she said. "But the sky is actually from the ground up. Be clear about what you want to accomplish."

Graduating senior Brielle McCaden shared her experience at NCCU during a question-and-answer segment, describing her struggles to earn a degree in four years and offering tips that she said would have been helpful during the six years it actually took her to do so. "Take programs to where students are. All-night tutoring sessions should be held in the resident halls," said McCaden. She also stressed being bluntly honest with students who are struggling early in their academic careers. "The real truth," she said, "is that college is not for you if you don't know what you want to do."

Nontraditional student LaShundra Maynor says she is not afraid to learn from her peers. For the 40-year-old mother of four, attitude is everything. "To get what I never had, I have to do what I have never done." That includes asking classmates for help with the latest technology, seeking out tutoring sessions

and meeting with professors outside of class. "We live and die by the choices that we make every day," said Maynor. "I choose to put in the work to earn my college degree."

While the details of implementation are still being finalized, Chancellor Nelms has allocated \$100,000 to support potentially successful initiatives that arise at the symposium. One idea that led to spirited debate was that students should be required to sign a contract when they enroll at NCCU. Students were divided on the issue, concerned that a contract could undermine one of the key goals of college, personal responsibility and accountability. One student responded this way, "In the real world, you have to be personally motivated to do the right thing, not because you signed a piece of paper. Students need to bear a greater level of responsibility for their academic success."

Small groups of students from Fayetteville State University and the University of North Carolina – Pembroke also attended the symposium, expressing their desire to continue the dialogue. "This is one of the few times that students from different HBCUs can come together without competition," said Tyresse Bailey, a student at Fayetteville State.

NCCU alumni also presented at the symposium, sharing insights about turning failure into success.

Reunion/Homecoming Weekend Correction

We inadvertently left off the following reunion classes who will also be celebrating their Reunion Weekend during Homecoming 2011: 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956. These classes will celebrate in the traditional Society of Golden Eagles activities. Please pardon our omission.

Division I Athletics Brings New Rules: Know the rules governing student athletes.

What are "Extra Benefits"? The following are all violations of NCCA Rules

- Co-signing a loan in any amount
- Guarantee of bond
- Use of an automobile
- Purchasing of meals
- Transportation, even if the student-athlete reimburses you for gas expenses
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- Holiday gifts and/or cards
- Electronic day planner
- Cost of SAT/ACT test-preparation courses
- Clothing/Shoes
- Complimentary tickets to pro sports contests
- Use of telephone or credit card for personal reason without charge or at a reduced rate
- Giving a prospective student athlete the business card of an NCCU coach

Help us stay in good standing with the NCAA. When in doubt, call the NCCU Department of Athletic Compliance at (919) 530-6725 or 530-7053.

Graduate Alumni Reception

Continuing your education and securing a graduate degree is a significant investment. In today's economy, investments with sustainability are paramount during these unstable times. Whether you are currently employed, in the market for a job or simply want to enhance your network for future opportunities, your NCCU graduate degree has the power to get you where you want to be.

The Division of Graduate Education and Research invites North Carolina Central University graduate degree holders to join us for a reception at the Radisson Governor's Inn on May 25, at 6 p.m. Your North Carolina Central Graduate degree is more valuable than ever. Network with NCCU alumni, faculty and staff and learn how education, innovation, sustainability and discovery are transforming the face of graduate studies at North Carolina Central University, influencing the state of North Carolina and the world. Registration is complimentary. RSVP respectfully requested by May 16, 2011. For additional information or to RSVP Email <ythompson@nccu.edu> or call 919-530-5105.

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