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NC Central University Alumni Association Newsletter

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Eagles,

This past weekend I attended my chapter's annual BBQ/cookout. Oh boy, I had a blast! Every time I fellowship with other alums I know why I chose to attend NCCU--students + food + music = BIG EAGLE FUN!

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Richard Smith	- President
Tania Davis	- Vice President
Joan Vann-Johnson	- Secretary
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Regional Vice Presidents	



No one knows how to throw a party like an N-C-C-U Eagle!

So if you have not gotten involved with a chapter, now is the time to join. Most chapters will host some type of non-meeting gathering. Hopefully, it will be filled with lots of food, great music and countless

hours to catch-up or get acquainted with other alums.

Do you love your University or are you still mad with Financial Aid or a Professor?

If NCCU does not matter to you, then how is it going to matter to others?

Eagle Pride---AMPLIFIED!

In Truth and Service,

Tomeika Bowden
 Class of 2000
 Public Awareness Chairperson
 NC Central University Alumni Association

This alumni e-newsletter is a communication vehicle to help keep you informed, involved and invigorated about NCCU! Please share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. The alumni communication can only become better if you do your part and get involved.

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National News

Mr. & Mrs. Alumni Contest 2008

The Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest for 2008 has officially begun. This year Homecoming is scheduled for November 1, 2008. As we always advise, please be mindful of the deadlines this year. Furthermore, we are hoping that you will enter contestants and order raffle tickets in support of the contest. Tickets are available for order in the Office of Alumni Relations (530-6363). You are encouraged to get started with your efforts early and to proceed as competitively and vigorously as possible. Please be reminded that all Chapters are assessed \$500 each year in support of our scholarship program whether or not they submit a candidate.

With your help, we can increase the number of National Alumni scholars on campus. Let the excitement spread to each of our Chapters. You and your Chapter may participate by:

1. Ordering and selling raffle tickets
2. Creating your own Chapter fundraiser or
3. By paying your \$500 assessment

Please e-mail news@nccualumni.org to obtain a package of materials to assist you in entering the Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest and ordering tickets.

This year our goal is to raise \$60,000 with proceeds to benefit the NCCU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Let's make the 2008 Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest an event to remember by exceeding our fundraising goal. Please contact Ainsley Owens at 336.558.6576 or by e-mail at ainsleyowens@yahoo.com or contact the NCCU Office of Alumni Relations at 919.530-6363. Thank you, in advance, for your support and participation.

Spring Raffle 2008

Have you received your raffle ticket yet? Mail your ticket in TODAY! It is your chance to win a prize and contribute towards the NCCU Alumni Association Operation Fund.

National Elections 2008

From the NCCUAA Search Committee

This year, 2008, is an election year for the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association. Officers of the Association will be elected by mail ballot for a term of two (2) years starting in July.

Ballots have been mailed to all financial members.

The slate of officers is :

Candidates for President - Richard Smith and David Avery
Candidate for Vice President - Tania B. Davis



Candidate for Treasurer - Chevella Thomas
Secretary - vacant, Write-ins welcomed

Meet the Candidates

Richard Smith, Candidate for President

Greeting my fellow Eagles. My name is Richard DeWitt Smith. I am running for President of the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc. for the term 2008 - 2010 and I need your support!

As current your National President, it will be an honor and a privilege to continue the awesome programs the association has embarked upon for the past few years. I believe that we are at a point in time that we can take the Association to the next level. With your support, we can ensure that the Association reclaims its rightful place as the Flagship National Alumni Association. Much progress has been made towards this goal, but there is more work to be done. With your assistance we can continue the program efforts that are underway.

First, I think that it is important that you know how I arrived at this point in time. "I was a first generation college student when I walked the sloping hills and verdant greens of NCCU." I came to NCCU with high hopes and dreams of greatness. "I was not a scholar by traditional terms when I arrived on the 'yard', but my professors nurtured me, motivated me and I graduated with academic honors." For me, NCCU was a beacon of hope and a guiding light. I received my bachelor's degree at NCCU in political science in 1981, with a concentration in public administration and then went on to earn a master's of public administration at the University of Maryland in 1982 and continue to enjoy a productive professional career. I credit NCCU and its faculty and staff for developing me academically so that I would be competitive in the greater community.

Since taking the helm, we have experienced numerous program successes such as establishing a vision, mission; and objectives statement that compliments NCCU's over-arching mission statement, increased annual membership; increased younger alumni participation in leadership positions by 42%; established an alumni web site and e-Newsletter, which have led to greater communication with our alumni across the country and around the world; retired past debts; revised the By-Laws & Constitution; implemented efficient and effective fiscal management practices; re-established critical relationships with key components of the University, e.g., Office of Institutional Advancement, the NCCU Foundation, the Office of Alumni Relations; established a key collaboration with the Athletics Department to launch a joint membership campaign; and, achieved an operating budget surplus for two consecutive years.

I am running for re-election to continue these efforts and others underway to increase the alumni membership, increase fundraising, increase student recruitment and special projects. Strategic short-term and long-term initiatives will be continued to connect with younger graduates through the Eagle Outreach Committee, the Association's e-Newsletter, email blasts and the Association's website. For the next term we will implement a platform that will promote and focus upon "Student Recruitment, Retention and Placement."

I am asking that you vote for me so that we can continue the great work of the Association and face the changes and challenges ahead to achieve a cultural transformation that is required to sustain our Flagship Alumni Association in the days, months and years to come.

Thank you for your support over the past two years and the years to come. Feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me at richard.smith@nccualumni.org.

David L. Avery, Candidate for President

David L. Avery is a native of Smithfield, NC and married to Evelyn B. Avery.

He is a retired Director of the Department of Justice Services for the City of Richmond, VA

He is retired Superintendent of Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is a member of Saint Paul's Baptist Church, Richmond Virginia, and a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees for St. Paul's Baptist Church (one of the largest churches in Virginia).



He is a charter member and currently President of the Richmond-Petersburg Chapter of NCCU Alumni Association. He has also served as Region I Vice President and Assistant Vice President. In addition he was the Parliamentarian of the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc.

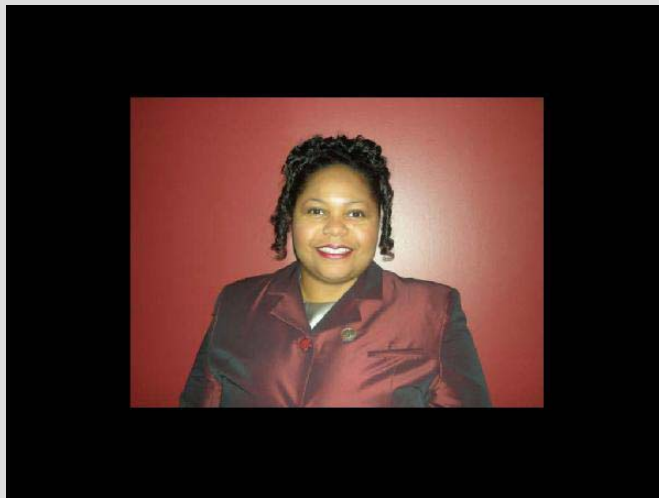
Mr. Avery is a lifetime Member of the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc. and has served as National President of the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc. during 1988-1992 and 1986-1988.

He has always been an avid supporter of NCCU by being a member of the \$1000 Eagles and member of the Shepard Society.

His professional affiliations include: President of the Central Virginia Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and Vice-President of the Council of Presidents for the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

Tania Butler Davis, Candidate for Vice President

Tania Butler Davis, originally from Shallotte, NC, currently resides in Waldorf, MD. Ms. Davis received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Carolina Central University in May 1994 (cum laude) and a Master of Business Administration from The Johns Hopkins University in May 2000. Additionally, she received a Master's Certificate in Project Management from The George Washington University School of Business, Washington, D.C., in May 2006.



Ms. Davis has been active in the NCCU Alumni Association since her one-year complimentary membership expired in 1995. She became a life member in 2001. She has served in her local chapter and at the national level. As a member of the District of Columbia Chapter, she served as the Assistant Secretary, President, Scholarship Chairperson, and as a member of the Dinner Dance Committee. On the national level, she reigned as Ms. Alumni from 1995 - 96, selected as an At-Large Member on the NCCU Executive Committee from 2002 - 2006, and during this time, initiated the Eagle Outreach Committee, which is the committee responsible for promoting membership, cultivating

leadership, and developing outreach efforts to encourage active participation among young alumni. Her present role is serving as the Vice President of the NCCU Alumni Association.

She has over thirteen years of Federal Government contracting experience beginning as a Navy Acquisition Intern with Naval Air Systems Command in 1994 to her current role as a Supervisory Contract Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Davis has received numerous outstanding and excellent performance awards, and On-the-Spot awards for special projects. As a result of the training received during her service with NAVAIR, she achieved her certification of Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III in Contracting. On a part-time basis, Ms. Davis is currently an Adjunct Professor at Bowie State University, School of Management, Marketing and Public Administration teaching MGMT 130, Fundamentals of Contracting.

Ms. Davis holds professional affiliations in organizations such as the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), Acquisition Professional Community (APC), National Black MBA Association - DC Chapter, Upsilon Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Business Manager), and NAACP (Life Member).

Chevella Thomas, Candidate for Treasurer

It is with sincere appreciation for my Alma Mater and its uncompromising commitment to service that I have agreed to run for the position of Treasurer for the National Alumni Association. I was born in Roxboro, NC, to James and Louise Thomas; however, I was reared by my grandmother, Vera R. Faulkner in Roxboro, NC. I arrived in Durham, in August 1978 to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A) degree in Management at North Carolina Central University (NCCU).

Furthering my education, I received a B.B.A. degree in Accounting, May 1, 2004 and a Master of Information Sciences from the School of Library and Information Sciences program at NCCU, graduating Summa Cum Laude in May 2006.



I have been employed in the Division of Administration and Finance at North Carolina Central University for the last twenty-four years. My current title is Reconciliation/Fixed Assets Accountant for the Comptroller's Unit. I am responsible for reconciling all checks written at the University for the State Disbursing account, reconciling the Perkins and Nursing Student Loan repayments, managing the University's Fixed Assets Department, and writing Web Focus reports for the Comptroller's Unit.

Possessing a grounded belief in the mission and motto of my Alma Mater, I currently serve as Vice President, Membership Chairman, and Chairman

of the Athletic Committee of the Durham Alumni Chapter, Past-President of the UNC Financial Systems Conference Board for the seventeen member campuses, North Central Regional Representative of the Scholarship Board of Directors for the State Employees Association of NC (SEANC) and that boards' Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Chairman for the West Durham Baptist Church Finance Committee, Member of the West Durham Baptist Church Usher Board, Treasurer of the Eta Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Treasurer of District 27 of SEANC, Shepard Society member at NCCU, and Life Member of the National Alumni Association and the Durham Chapter Alumni Association.

University News

...Stay Connected to the NCCU Family ...

Move over Myspace and try again Facebook because NCCU has an exclusive site for alums, students and friends to stay connected. It is called NCCU Networking and you can join by going to <http://nccunetworking.ning.com/>. It is your virtual opportunity to locate past classmates, or catch up with former roommates and friends. Sign-up today! Eagle membership has reached over 500! Spread the word!

NCCU All-Access Card, Football Season Tickets

...All-Access Card Only \$150.00...

North Carolina Central University Ticket Office is now taking orders for the 2008 All-Access Card and Eagles Football Season Tickets. Place your order by contacting the the Ticket Office at (919) 530-5170.

The All-Access Card is the ultimate deal for the NCCU sports enthusiast. The All-Access Card includes a football season ticket, a basketball season ticket, preferred seating for baseball and volleyball contests, and a 10 percent discount for NCCU special events (banquets, golf tournaments, etc.)... all for only \$150.

Football season tickets are only \$80.00 when ordered by June 30th, \$90 after that date.

To order, call the NCCU Ticket Office at (919) 530-5170.

NCCU Professor Honored

...For Peace Corps Work...

LaHoma Smith Romocki, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University, has been honored for her work with the Peace Corps.

Romocki volunteered and worked in Peace Corps efforts during the 1980s. In 2007, she led a group of NCCU students on a study-abroad trip to Ghana, where they met with Peace Corps volunteers and staff.

She is one of eleven people to earn the Franklin H. Williams Award this year. The award honors returned Peace Corps volunteers of color who continue the Peace Corps mission through community service and increasing understanding of other peoples by Americans.

Faculty Member Spotlight Jocelyn Foy, M.S., Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services

Jocelyn L. Foy joined the administrative staff of North Carolina Central University as Director of Undergraduate Admissions in July 2000. Since then, she was appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services in July 2001 where her current responsibilities include working with various units within the University, the educational community, alumni and friends to identify, recruit, admit, enroll and retain qualified students. Foy brings twenty-eight years of demonstrated leadership and a wealth of progressive enrollment services experiences in her higher educational career.

A native of Winston-Salem, Foy holds the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the Master of Science degree in Adult Education from North Carolina A&T State University.

Jocelyn is a life member of the following Alumni

Associations: NCCU, NCA&T State University, Bennett College and UNC Greensboro

Among her many civic affiliations include: Past President, Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers; 29 year active membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Co-Chair of the Transfer Advisory Committee for the UNC System; Vice Chair for the Leadership Greensboro Board of Directors; and Board Member for the Forsyth County Mental Health Association. Jocelyn is a 2007 graduate of the UNC-NCCU University Management Professional Development Program.



Chapter of the Month Philadelphia Chapter, serving Philadelphia and South Jersey

The Philadelphia Chapter, which serves Philadelphia and South Jersey, continues to strive for "100 National/Life and Local Memberships". We continue to communicate with our members through our newsletter, the Eagle Gram, which is sent monthly. Also, we send cards (birthday, sympathy, and thinking of you) with the flair of NCCU sentiments.

The Philadelphia Chapter meets on the second Saturday at Grace Tabernacle Christian Church,

5122-26 Greenway Avenue, Philadelphia, PA19141, except when schedule or another activity dictates the need to change.

This year, the Philadelphia Chapter awarded two \$500 Scholarships, one each semester, to NCCU student, Paul Johnson, a senior from South Jersey.



The chapter year starts with a plenary session comprised of executive members and other past officers and is held at the home of the president. During the past year the chapter sponsored a number of successful fundraisers. On October 27, 2007, a Bowling Party was held at the Adams Lanes in Philadelphia. A Candy Drive Fundraiser was held from November 2007 through January 2008. The chapter presented the NCCU Touring Choir in Concert on March 15, 2008. Each of these fundraisers was successful in providing additional funds for scholarships. The chapter is presently involved in our "Name Rally" fundraiser and are planning a trip to New York in November 2008 to attend a performance of Cirque du Soleil.

Financial Support: The Philadelphia Chapter participated in the Mr./Ms. National Alumni Scholarship Program for homecoming selling 2,000 raffle tickets, and our candidate for Mr. Alumni, Kenneth Alston, was awarded the title. The chapter continually partners with the choir to share net proceeds from the Touring Choir Concert.

The Philadelphia Chapter made donations to the home church of alum, Kia Lighty, Christian Love Worship Center Scholarship Fund in observance of our November 2007 Founders Day Celebration.

Community Outreach: Again during this year the chapter donated tickets to the choir concert to students in two public high schools. Funds, toys, books and clothing to children at the Delaware Valley Children's Services were donated in December. Funds were also donated in December to One Day At A Time, an agency that helps disenfranchised individuals. The Chapter also donated funds in support of a Christmas outreach project at the White Rock Baptist Church to purchase toys and books for children of incarcerated women.

The Philadelphia Chapter continues to participate in recruiting students for NCCU during various College Fairs during the year. Recruiting materials were distributed at the Waters Memorial A.M.E. Church for students that are members of the church and the neighborhood in March 2008.

The Officers of the Philadelphia Chapter for 2007-2008 are:

President Marian Hawkins
Vice President Gwendolyn Ricks
Corresponding Secretary Hellen Salters
Recording Secretary Rebecca Holt
Treasurer Robert Jones
Members-at-Large Kia Lighty
Mary Harrison
Kenneth Alston

Is your chapter doing great things for the University and the local community? If so, the alumni community should know. Please email news@nccualumni.org for more information about how to feature your chapter.

Calendar of Events

Chapter Events

- **Great Atlanta Chapter:** Eagles VS. Aggies Bus Trip to Charlotte--Saturday October 4, 2008
The Greater NCCU Atlanta Alumni Chapter is preparing for a Weekend Trip to Charlotte NC to watch the Eagles VS. Aggies Football Game!! If you are interested in getting on the bus, please RSVP by sending an email to nccuatlantaalumni@nccuatlanta.org If you have any

questions, please contact Alex Snelling @ 404.694.5989

- **Great Atlanta Chapter:** *VictoryLand for Ms. Alumni Contest*-Sunday, July 20, 2008
\$55 Live Greyhound Racing! Casino Slot Machines; Electronic & Traditional Bingo
*Join the Greater Atlanta chapter of the NCCU Alumni Association for an afternoon of fun at VictoryLand Greyhound Park in Shorter, Ala. Tickets include a full dinner, snacks, music and movies. Tickets are \$55 and all proceeds go the Ms. Alumni Contest. Contact Alex Snelling @ 404.694.5989
- **Washington, DC Chapter:**

TRAVEL WITH THE EAGLES THIS SEPTEMBER 6TH TO SEE THE
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY "EAGELS"

VS

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY "DUKES"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA
GAME TIME: 6:00 PM

BUS WILL DEPART NEW CARROLLTON METRO STATION AT 2:00 PM
RETURN TO NEW CARROLLTON METRO STATION AROUND 11:00 PM

ROUND TRIP COST \$60.00
-INCLUDES MORTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
-GAME TICKET
-SNACKS
-NCCU POM-POM

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 11TH
(JMU EXPECTS THIS GAME TO SELL OUT-WE HAVE TO PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DC CHAPTER/NCCU AND MAIL TO:
POST OFFICE BOX 1508
WASHINGTON, DC 20013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT CALVIN KEARNEY AT 202 543 9899 OR
CALVINKEARNEY@YAHOO.COM

- Raleigh/Wake-

Alumni Association Event

- Annual Meeting: July 19, 2008
- Young Alumni Social: September 13, 2008, NCCU vs. Morgan State Game in Baltimore, MD
- Party and Tailgate: October 4, 2008, Aggie/Eagle Classic
- Homecoming Dance: During Homecoming Weekend, November 1, 2008

University Events

- Homecoming 2008-November 1, 2008- 919.941.5050--Reserve your room NOW at the Sheraton Imperial!

Speak your mind.

What is the name of your favorite professor or faculty member? What words of wisdom or acts of kindness did this person extend?

Sound off by sending comments to news@nccualumni.org. Comments will appear in the July newsletter.

May Responses

Choose: True or False NCCU is the place to be if you want to succeed. If you want to be part of a proud tradition, and if you want to be part of a legacy! Why?

****Yes, NCCU is a place built on legacy and requires excellence from each and every student that works hard all the skills to be successful in this ever-changing, fast paced world. Class of '00**

It's a great time to be an Eagle!