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Celebrate NCCU!!!

Alumni:

Let's celebrate Black Music Month by paying homage to fellow Eagles who have made contributions to our country and the world. These alumni are singers, composers, producers, and musicians that have used music as a medium to address social issues, lift our spirits, or provide a backdrop for our various celebrations and activities. Over the years, we have used the power of music to bring people together, often transcending social, economic, and racial barriers.

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As stated by Congresswomen Kilpatrick, "Black music is not only American music-it is also the world's music." I hope you take the time to reflect on African-American music in addition to remembering you attended a school deep in history and tradition.

The following are musicians who have attended or graduated from NCCU:

Grady B. Tate is a soul jazz drummer.
Alvin Atkinson is a drummer.
Stanley Baird plays the lead saxophone for The Stanley Baird Group.
The group Little Brother was formed at NCCU.
Hip Hop producer, 9th Wonder, attended NCCU while working as a DJ for WNCU.
Sunshine Anderson released her debut album in 2001.
Mike City (aka Michael Flowers) is a producer and songwriter.
Christopher "Play" Martin is now an artist-in-residence for North Carolina Central University's Hip Hop in Context 101 class.
Marcus Anderson will compete this weekend in Washington, DC, at the 6th Annual Capital Jazz Challenge Competition.

NCCU is embarking upon its 100th year educating students. What does this mean to you? You could leave your blueprint by donating your time and money.

Why is it hard for graduates of NCCU to donate to the University we adore? Do we expect the Obama Administration to fix the funding problem at our University? Why can't the alumni-over 10,000 of us-donate enough so NCCU has a surplus instead of the usual shortage? This is food for thought.

Did you know HBCU funding is in jeopardy? What are we going to do, ALUMNI! The time to give is NOW.

Contact:

Last month, I attended the Washington, DC Chapter's Scholarship

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Gala; we danced the night away. Let's continue celebrating the existence of our Alma Mater by donating at least \$100 in honor of the University's centennial. Can we count on you?

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. Alumni communications can only become better if you do your part and get involved.

National News

..."Join Me"--Membership Campaign...

NCCUAA has launched a membership campaign to increase alumni membership by 10%. NCCUAA rolled out a Discount Card, which affords alumni the opportunity to receive discounts for travel, on-line shopping, etc. The Association receives a rebate each time that you do! See NCCUALUMNI.org for more information.

...Centennial Fundraising Project Kickoff...

The Alumni Association has launched a fundraising project in support of the University's Centennial Anniversary, July 10, 2010. The theme of the project is "NCCU Alumni: Building on Our Legacy, Investing in the Future". The fundraiser is a three-prong approach: 1) Establishing two new Endowed Chairs; 2) Regional/chapter fundraisers in support of the Chancellor's "Investing in the Vision" initiatives; and 3) Continuing to support the Alumni Scholarship fund.

Additionally, the Association is planning an Alumni Convention to be held in Durham, NC, July 7-10, 2010; this date includes University planned events. The location has not been determined. However, begin to incorporate this date into your 2010 summer plans and join us for an exciting time as we celebrate our rich legacy.

Prong #1

Goal: \$500,000

In support of funding the two Endowed Chairs, each alumnus is asked to contribute at least \$200 over the next 15 months. One endowed chair will be designated for the Department of Hospitality and Tourism (Dept. H&T) and the other is undesignated, but will be determined at a later time. Recently, the university mailed a brochure about its "Campaign 100" initiative. Also featured on the response card is a block in support of "Alumni endowed professorships". When you decide to contribute to "Campaign 100", please check both blocks. When you check the second block, you will be contributing toward the Association's Endowed Chairs fundraiser. You can either give a \$100 or more by May 31, 2009, and remit the second \$100 or more by May 28, 2010, or contribute \$200 or more by May 28, 2010. Again, this contribution supports the Endowed Chairs. All checks or money orders are made to: NCCU Foundation, Inc., and returned to: NCCU Office of Institutional Advancement, 1801 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707. On the memo line, designate which chair you wish to support; either - Dept. H&T or Undesignated Alumni Chair.

Prong #2

Goal: \$100,000

Each of the Association's four regions will be conducting fundraisers through its chapters. You will be contacted by your respective Regional Vice President. If you are not a member of one of the chapters, you will still be able to participate, as long as your information is current with the Association and/or University.

Prong #3

Goal: \$100,000

The Mr./Ms. Alumni contest is suspended for Homecoming 2009 only, but it does not mean that the Association will not be raising funds for scholarships. Raising scholarship dollars is the most rewarding program the Association operates. In recognition of the Centennial, the fundraiser for scholarships will be different. In the alumni convention souvenir journal, pages will be dedicated to alumni who wish to identify what they remember most as a student. Every organization, event, or landmark over the 100 year history will not be listed, but the list will be inclusive enough for you to be able to associate yourself with an experience while at "the sloping hills and verdant greens". We're asking each alumnus to contribute \$10.00 for each time your name is listed under one or more "reflections".

Information about supporting Prongs 2 and 3 will be released soon, as well as additional communication reminders for Prong 1. Please frequent the Association website at www.nccualumni.org for the latest developments and updates of our Centennial Project.

We understand the current economic conditions experienced by many, but any support toward these efforts is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do for NCCU!!

Tania B. Davis, '94, Project Manager
Robert S. Chiles, Sr., '56, Co-Project Manager
David Avery, '63, Advisor

University News

... NCCU NAMES VICE CHANCELLOR FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT...

North Carolina Central University is pleased to announce that LaTanya D. Afolayan has been appointed Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, effective June 1, 2009. Most recently, Afolayan has served as Vice Chancellor for Development at Elizabeth City State University.

At Elizabeth City, she also served as the Director of Major and Planned Gifts and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Development. Afolayan began her career in development at Emory University where she served as the Assistant Director of Corporate Relations.

Drawing on this significant background and experience, Afolayan has concluded that, "Fundraising is not just about getting a check but rather, building relationships over the long term and finding a way to incorporate everyone into the fabric of the university."

She values listening above all as she works to match the passions and interests of alumni, friends, and corporations to the needs of the institution. She intends to heighten NCCU's visibility, enhance its strategic partnerships, and ultimately increase private fundraising to help compensate for diminishing state support.

"Development professionals have to establish enduring relationships, often extending beyond our own lifetimes," said Afolayan.

As a senior advancement officer in the University of North Carolina system, Afolayan is already acquainted with staff at the Division of Institutional Advancement at NCCU. She said, "I've had the chance to observe a number of individuals in the development office and I've been impressed with their passion for the university and its mission. I'm excited about working with them."

Afolayan earned the bachelor of science degree at Indiana State University and a master of arts from the University of Missouri. She is currently pursuing the Ed. D. in higher education at East Carolina University.

Alum Corner

Lewis Ferebee and John Modest, Jr., Named Regional Superintendents



for North Carolina's Third Largest School District

Lewis Ferebee

Ferebee, who has been a successful teacher and administrator, was approved by the Guilford County Board of Education last week to lead the school district's new Enrichment Region.

Ferebee was the key architect in building the district's new regional model. The district is reorganizing its central administration into a regional structure to place resources closer to schools and increase community involvement. As one of five individuals named regional superintendents, Ferebee will lead the Enrichment Region, which includes nine schools that need intensive support.

Ferebee began his career in education teaching at the elementary level for Newport News Public Schools in Virginia. He became an assistant principal in Granville County Schools in North Carolina before joining Guilford County Schools in 2001.

As principal of Fairview Elementary, where more than 96 percent of students were eligible for free and reduced priced lunches, Ferebee promptly made strides in improving academics. The school met 100 percent of Adequate Yearly Progress targets for four consecutive years and moved from an end-of-grade testing performance composite that was slightly above the low-performing status of 50 percent to a composite proficiency level of 78.6 percent.

From Fairview, Ferebee moved to Hairston Middle. He continued to improve test scores and teacher morale and also initiated an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. After four consecutive years as a GCS Principal of the Year nominee, Ferebee earned the title in 2006. He also served as an instructional improvement officer, leading and managing a division of 13 schools, several of which offered magnet or choice options.

Ferebee earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from North Carolina Central University and his master's degree from The George Washington University. He is currently completing his dissertation on No Child Left Behind school choice for his doctorate of education in educational administration and supervision from East Carolina University. Ferebee is a native of Columbia, S.C.

John Modest, Jr.,

Modest was approved by the Guilford County Board of Education last week to lead the school district's Northern Region. He is currently the principal of West Charlotte High in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Modest holds a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from North Carolina Central University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Northeastern University. He has more than 30 years of experience in public education.

Modest began his career in the Boston area as a history teacher. He developed the first African-American history curriculum to be taught in the public schools of Massachusetts. In the 1970s and 80s, he was the Director of METCO Program for Framingham Public Schools and Lexington Public Schools. Funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the voluntary program expands educational opportunities, increases diversity and reduces racial isolation.

Modest gained nine years of administrative experience at the middle school level in both principal and assistant principal capacities. During this time, Daniels Middle School and North Garner Middle School in North Carolina were each awarded \$200,000 grants with Modest's help.

Before joining Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in 2005, Modest was principal of Southeast Raleigh High School Center for Leadership and Learning, a 2,200-student math, science and technology magnet school, for almost 10 years. Modest guided staff and students to success each year, always meeting or exceeding North Carolina State ABC Accountability standards for student achievement. The school also was recognized as a Governor's Entrepreneurial School of Excellence.

Guilford County Schools is the third largest district in North Carolina with more than 71,000 students in 120 schools.

Joan Jones-Mathews, Nurse of the Year, Chi Eta Phi Sorority

Joan M. Jones-Mathews, Ed. D., RN, currently Adjunct Associate Professor and retired Clinical Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, received the highest honor and recognition given to a member by the Southeast Region, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. during their 56th Regional Conference held in Ocala, Florida, March 18-22, 2009. She received the 2009 Southeast Region Soror/Frater of the Year Excellence Award for her outstanding public service and volunteerism that exemplifies Chi Eta Phi's founding principles of education, leadership, mentoring, networking, and service. During her forty-four years of membership, she has made a positive impact through commitment and dedicated service to the sorority and community at the local, state, regional, and national level. She serves on the Southeast Region (SER) Scholarship Committee, as SER Beta Coordinator, as Sigma Chi Chapter's Scholarship Chairman, and as a delegate to regional and national meetings.

She has been faculty advisor and beta sponsor for the UNCG Sigma Chi Alpha Beta Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority since the chartering February 27, 1999. During her ten years of service as advisor and sponsor, UNCG betas have received scholarship awards totaling over \$35,000.00, 5 of 9 Beta Image Awards, 8 of 9 highest Academic Achievement Awards, and recognition for their community service.

Dr. Jones-Mathews participates in the activities of several professional and civic organizations, such as serving on the Guilford County Board of Social Services from January 4, 2001-June 30, 2007, and being Vice Chairman from July 2005-July 2006. Currently, she is a member of the NC Association of County Boards of Social Services and its Executive Board, and she is a Region II Director. She is also a member of the Resource Manual Development Committee, NCA&T School of Nursing Advisory Committee, NC Nurses Association, Gamma Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Lincoln School of Nursing Alumni Association, NCCU Alumni Association, and the Health Ministry of Providence Baptist Church.

Calendar of Events

Chapter Events

- **Charlotte Chapter: June 13, 2009**

Harrah Cherokee Casino Day Trip

Saturday, June 13, 2009
Departing from Dillard's @ Northlake Mall
Departing: 6:30am
Return: 9:00pm

Price: \$30.00 (Includes bus ride and casino entrance)
Money due by June 4, 2009

Mail to :

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Call: 803-372-9222
Baltimore Chapter: September 18, 2009

Alumni Meetings

July 18, 2009 time and location TBA

Regional Meetings

- Region II: June 12-13, 2009 in Los Angeles, CA

It's a great time to be an Eagle! Eagle Pride AMPLIFIED!