

Dear NCCU Class of 1977,

The time is quickly approaching to return to the "sloping hills and verdant green" to celebrate our 45th class reunion! Please mark your calendar for November 3-6, 2022. North Carolina Central University's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is a long-standing tradition where alumni come together with their classmates to celebrate, get reacquainted and reminisce about their NCCU days. We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding our reunion celebration, and introduce our reunion planning committee.

I serve as Chair of the Class of 1977 Committee, and we need your help to ensure that our reunion is a success. We are looking for volunteers to help create and manage our social media platforms to ensure that everyone receives announcements effectively and efficiently. Please consider serving as a committee volunteer. If you want to help in another capacity, we have a role for you. Contact me if you are interested via email at [ndpetway@aol.com](mailto:ndpetway@aol.com) ASAP.

We will be sending correspondence frequently over the next few months. It is imperative that we have your correct contact information and an updated email address that you check frequently. Use this link to update any outdated contact information to ensure your information is correct: <https://myeol.nccu.edu/webform/update-alumni-contact-info>.

Lastly, our reunion class gift goal is \$61,600 (we have a stretch goal of \$100,000!). We are asking our classmates to consider making a gift that is comfortable for you. No gift is too small; however, we will need those of you that can step up to the plate and make a donation of at least \$1,000 (you have 8 months to plan for your contribution). All donations must be received by October 31, 2022 to count toward our reunion goal. Gifts may be made online at <https://www.nccu.edu/institutional-advancement/giving-online>. Your tax-deductible contribution helps strengthen the current and future success of NCCU and paves the way for our students to become leaders.

On March 1, 2022, at noon, we will begin our annual 24-hour giving day in celebration of our community and the major impact we can make on NCCU's future together. Help us grow our community by making a gift and sharing information about this event with your friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances. You can also create your own Dare to Soar peer-to-peer fundraising page and encourage your community to give by being a Fundraising Champion. To learn more, visit our [Dare to Soar: Shaping Our Future Together](#) page. Your gift will also be entered into a raffle, and two lucky winners will receive a full Reunion 2022 package!! We hope you will join us in shaping NCCU's future on March 1, 2022 and be part of this exciting event! To sign up to be a Fundraising Champion or for questions about Day of Giving, please email [annualgiving@nccu.edu](mailto:annualgiving@nccu.edu).

We are very excited to welcome you back, and hope that you and your family will join us. Hotel reservation information, the weekend schedule of events and other important details will be provided in the coming months. You may also visit our Class of 1977 webpage [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (919) 621-8272 or via email at [ndpetway@aol.com](mailto:ndpetway@aol.com).

With Eagle Pride Amplified,

*Norma Petway Smith, '77*

**Class of 1977 Committee Members**

Sandra Armstrong  
Linda Cammack  
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