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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 • 8 A.M.
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Commencement Address ........................................................................................... Attorney Benjamin L. Crump
Founder and principal owner of Ben Crump Law
Presentation of the UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching ......................... Dr. Burris-Floyd

NCCU Awards for Excellence in Teaching ............................................................................... Dr. David H. Jackson Jr.
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Recognition of Honor Students ....................................................................................................... Provost Jackson

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees Introductory Remarks ...................................................... Provost Jackson

Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees by Deans
Dr. Carlton Wilson, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
Dr. Mohammed Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences
Dr. Anthony Nelson, Dean, School of Business
Dr. Audrey W. Beard, Dean, School of Education

Induction of Graduates into the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc. ........................................... Ms. Tomeika Bowden
President, NCCU Alumni Association, Inc.

Charge to the Graduates ........................................................................................................... Chancellor Akinleye

The Alma Mater – Dear Old N.C.C. ....................................................................................... H.T. Burleigh/Annie Day Shepard
NC Central University Choir (The audience will please stand.)
Ms. Melanie Moseley ‘23, Piano

Benediction ................................................................................................................................. Rev. Glover

Closing Statement ....................................................................................................................... Dr. White

Recessional: Royal Fanfare ......................................................................................................... Rafael Kruz
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

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Conferring of Graduate and Professional Degrees

Introductory Remarks ................................................................. Provost Jackson

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees

Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral Degree ...................... Dr. Jaleh Rezaie
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Presentation of Master Degree Candidates ............................. Dr. Rezaie

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Dr. Jon Gant, Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences

Presentation of Juris Doctor Degree Candidates ......................... Atty. Malik Edwards
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As founder and principal owner of Ben Crump Law, BENJAMIN L. CRUMP has established himself as one of the nation’s foremost lawyers and advocates for social justice, winning a number of record settlements and verdicts for victims and families that have faced injustice. Referred to as ‘Black America’s Attorney General,’ he has worked on some of the most high-profile cases in the U.S., representing the families of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, the residents of Flint, Michigan, and the family of Henrietta Lacks in a landmark reparations case. In the historic case of Tamara Lanier versus Harvard, Crump’s passionate advocacy before the Massachusetts Supreme Court led to them ruling in favor of a Black woman who sued Harvard for the possession of photographs of her enslaved ancestors and the mental duress caused by their use of them.

Crump’s book, published in October 2019, “Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People,” reflects on the landmark cases he has battled, and how discrimination in the courthouse devastates real families and communities. Additionally, during the consequential year after George Floyd was murdered, his work was chronicled by Netflix film crews in the award-winning documentary, “Civil.”

Crump has received multiple awards and accolades throughout his career, including being listed among Time100’s Most Influential People of 2021, Ebony Magazine’s Power 100 Most Influential African Americans, the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers, as well as being named the 2014 NPA Newsmaker of the Year. Additionally, he is the first practicing Black attorney to have a law school named after him – the Benjamin L. Crump College of Law at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla.

Dedicated to serving the community, Crump is president of the National Civil Rights Trial Lawyers Association and founder and director of the Benjamin Crump Social Justice Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on creating opportunities that ensure fair and proper administration of laws that safeguard the fundamental rights of all citizens.

He obtained his bachelor’s degree from Florida State University (FSU) and law degree from FSU College of Law.
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES

**DONIA KASED HANAFI**

**DISSERTATION:**
Investigating GPER and STYK1, Potential Therapeutic Targets for Ovarian Cancer

*Advisor(s): Dr. Sean Kimbro, & Dr. Rob Onyenwoke
Committee: Dr. Kevin P. Williams, Dr. Nate Wymer, Dr. Antonio T. Baines*

Donia Hanafi, who is from New York City, N.Y. and Cairo, Egypt, holds Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degrees in biotechnology. She is presently pursuing a doctoral degree in integrated biosciences. She intends to pursue a postdoctoral position or an industry position.

**DE’JANA T. PARKER, M.S.**

**DISSERTATION:**
A Role for Alcohol and Cannabinoids in a Model of Pathogen Induced Pulmonary Inflammation*

*Committee Chair: Vijay Sivaraman, Ph.D.
Committee Co-Chairs: Sean Kimbro, Ph.D.; Alex Marshall, Ph.D.; Roland Tisch, Ph.D.*

De’Jana T Parker, a native of New Orleans, La., is a double alumna of Wake Forest University, having previously earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology. She has accepted an National of Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award (IRACDA) postdoctoral position at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she will continue to conduct biomedical research and teach.

**ALANNA BURWELL, MPH**

**DISSERTATION:** Impact of Geography and Stress Hormones on Female Breast Cancer Disparities

*Committee Chair: Dayami Lopez, Ph.D.
Committee Co-Chairs: Tim Mulrooney, Ph.D.; Sean Kimbro, Ph.D.; Kevin Williams, Ph.D.*

Alanna Burwell, a native of Durham, N.C. is a double alumna of North Carolina Central University (NCCU), having previously earned her bachelor’s degree in biology and her master’s degree in public health from the University of New England. She plans to obtain a postdoctoral fellowship conducting translational cancer research.

**KALA NDI NWACHUKWU**

**THESIS:** Sex as a Biological Variable in the Persistent Neurobiological Effects of Adolescent Intermittent Ethanol Exposure on the Adult Hippocampus

*Advisor: Dr. S. Alex Marshall*

A native of Upper Marlboro, Md., Kala Nwachukwu holds a bachelor’s degree from NCCU and Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She will complete her postdoctoral training in Duke University’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and aspires to attend medical school and become a physician/scientist who practices neurology or psychiatry.
DR. DARLENE EBERHARDT-BURKE is an associate professor in the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Department of Human Sciences where she serves as interim chair of the department. She has also served as director of graduate studies for the department.

She earned a Ph.D. in clothing and textiles from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master’s degree in biochemistry from Hampton University and a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Delaware State University.

Eberhardt-Burke has taught a range of undergraduate and graduate courses in the department, including undergraduate courses in the clothing and textiles curriculum and graduate courses in the family and consumer sciences curriculum. Currently, she has a pivotal role in the design and establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Fashion Apparel and Textile Design degree. In 2015, she was awarded the NCCU Student Disability Services Faculty of the Year Award. That year, she also received the NCCU Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Eberhardt-Burke has secured funding from private organizations for curriculum enhancement and student support. In the past two years, she has received $250,000; this includes an award in the amount of $100,000 from The GAP, in partnership with ICON 360, the largest awarded to an historically Black college or university through this collaboration. As a result of Eberhardt-Burke’s efforts, NCCU has become a part of the Closing the Gap Initiative. Additionally, she has authored and co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, and delivered presentations at local, state and national conferences.
WYKESHA GLASS, ED.D., is an associate professor and interim program coordinator of the early childhood education (birth through kindergarten) program at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). She also serves as the graduate director for the family and consumer sciences with a concentration in human development and family studies program. Glass’ inherent love of children and desire to make a difference have enabled her to make a valuable contribution to education over the past 22 years. Her current research focuses primarily on early childhood education and children’s perception of their educational settings and parental involvement. Glass holds a bachelor’s degree in child development from Alcorn State University, and master’s and doctoral degrees in early childhood education from Jackson State University.

CHRISTOPHER McGINN, PH.D., is an associate professor in the NCCU Department of Environmental, Earth and Geospatial Sciences, where he also serves as the undergraduate program advisor and distance education coordinator. McGinn’s specialty is in human geography with a focus on political, economic and social inequality. As a professor, he strives to empower students to not simply memorize facts but to take those facts and apply them in the context of their own lives in order to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the complexities of the social, economic, political and physical world. McGinn earned his bachelor’s degree in geography from East Carolina University, and his master’s degree in applied geography and doctorate in geography from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

JASON O’BRIANT, PH.D., serves as clinical instructor and director of the didactic program in dietetics at NCCU. As a registered dietitian nutritionist for nearly 15 years, his research investigates novel dietary, physical activity and behavioral approaches to prevent and manage comorbid conditions, with the goal of designing interventions that are cost effective, account for the impacts of food insecurity and are culturally suitable for many of the residents in rural North Carolina. O’Briant holds a bachelor’s degree in biological science and Ph.D. in human nutrition from NC State University. He also earned his master’s degree in nutrition from Meredith College.

POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

MS. CORNISHA SHAW receives a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree from NCCU College of Health and Sciences. Shaw had a genuine and kind spirit, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Her love for animals led her to start her own business, Rocky’s Playhouse, where she designed and sold customized supplies for pets. Shaw will be remembered for her positive demeanor, which encouraged others to approach life with love and authenticity. She was a treasured and engaged member of the Eagle community. Her professors recall her zeal for learning and ability to light up a room with her beautiful smile. Following graduation, Shaw planned to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.
In 1910, Dr. James E. Shepard, a Durham pharmacist and religious educator, opened the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race and declared its purpose to be “the development in young men and women of the character and sound academic training requisite for real service to the nation.”

The institution struggled financially in its early years. In 1915, it was sold and reorganized, then becoming the National Training School. In 1923, the state legislature appropriated funds to buy the school, and renamed it the Durham State Normal School. Two years later, the legislature converted the institution into the North Carolina College for Negroes, dedicating it to liberal arts education and the preparation of teachers and principals. The college thus became the nation's first state-supported liberal arts college for Black students.

In 1939, the college offered its first graduate-level courses in the arts and sciences. The School of Law opened in 1940, followed in 1941 by the School of Library Science. In 1947, the legislature changed the name to North Carolina College at Durham. Shepard served as president until his death in 1947. Dr. Alfonso Elder was elected in 1948 as his successor.

Under Elder's leadership, Shepard's ambitious building program came to fruition and the university experienced an increase in enrollment of students as well as faculty. At his retirement in 1963, Elder was named president emeritus. Dr. Samuel P. Massie succeeded Elder in 1963 and served in the role for three years.

Dr. Albert N. Whiting led the university from 1967 until 1983. During his tenure, in 1969, North Carolina College at Durham became North Carolina Central University (NCCU). On July 1, 1972, all the state's public four-year colleges and universities were joined to become the Consolidated University of North Carolina. As part of the transition, the chief executive's title changed from president to chancellor.

In 1983, Whiting was succeeded by Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, vice chancellor for university relations and an internationally renowned track and field coach. Dr. Tyronza R. Richmond succeeded Walker in 1986; Richmond's tenure saw the establishment of the School of Education.

In 1992, Dr. Donna J. Benson became interim chancellor, serving for one year before Dr. Julius L. Chambers, a noted civil rights attorney, was named as the first NCCU alumnus to lead the university in 1993. Chambers' tenure led to construction of a biomedical/biotechnical research institute and a new education building.

Dr. James H. Ammons became chancellor in June 2001, eight months after state voters approved a major bond issue for UNC System capital improvements. Under Ammons' leadership the university experienced a surge in enrollment.

Dr. Charlie Nelms succeeded Ammons in 2007. During his five-year tenure, Nelms emphasized student success and focused on improving retention and graduation rates. Nelms presided over NCCU’s centennial celebration during the 2009-10 academic year. NCCU was ranked as the nation's No. 1 public historically black university by U.S. News & World Report for two consecutive years under Nelms' leadership.

Nelms retired in 2012 and was succeeded on an interim basis by Charles L. Becton, a prominent attorney and former judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He served until August 2013.

On Feb. 8, 2013, Dr. Debra Saunders-White was selected as the 11th and first permanent female chancellor of NCCU by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. Saunders-White was formally installed on April 4, 2014. During her successful tenure, the university’s first- to second-year retention rates rose to 80 percent, enrollment increased by 4.3 percent and fundraising attained a near-record annual total of $7.6 million.

Saunders-White took a leave of absence in 2016, and the provost, Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye, was appointed as acting chancellor. Following her death in November 2016, Akinleye was named interim chancellor in January 2017.

Akinleye was appointed the 12th chancellor on June 26, 2017. Under his leadership, NCCU’s enterprise has expanded significantly, including increased enrollment in undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, in both on campus and online programs. Akinleye has led the development of five new major capital projects and was instrumental in securing approval for NCCU's Millennial Campus Designation in October 2018. Akinleye also executed a comprehensive $3 million campus security initiative that invests in the safety and security of students, faculty, staff and visitors. He spearheaded NCCU’s 2019-2024 strategic plan, as well as a new 10-year master plan.
JAMES E. SHEPARD was born Nov. 3, 1875, in Raleigh, the son of the Rev. Augustus and Mrs. Harriet Whitted Shepard. He received undergraduate and professional training at Shaw University, from which he graduated in 1894. The next year he married Annie Day Robinson, a descendant of Thomas Day, a famed North Carolina furniture maker.

The Shepards had three daughters, Marjorie A. Shepard, Annie Day Shepard Smith, and Marion Shepard, who died in infancy. The family legacy continues through the two daughters of Annie Day Shepard Smith, Annie Day Smith Donaldson and Carolyn Marie Smith Green, their children, and Mrs. Green’s grandchildren.

Soon after his graduation, Shepard opened a pharmacy business in Durham, and he continued his education in theology and related studies. From 1905 to 1909, he traveled nationally and internationally as field superintendent for the International Sunday School Association, whose goal was a standardized Christian education curriculum across denominational lines.

By 1909, he had decided to start his school to train pastors and educate African Americans, who were shut out of most opportunities for higher education by Jim Crow laws. The first 130 students arrived in 1910 when the school opened as the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race. It was supported by the philanthropy of Dr. Shepard’s numerous black and white friends in both the North and the South. The institution struggled in its early years and suffered two devastating fires. Undeterred, Shepard would reconfigure the school and press on. He was a constant presence on campus. He demanded decorum and stellar behavior of students and faculty. From his home and from his office, he kept a close watch on the students’ comings and goings.

Shepard also played key roles in the founding of major financial institutions that serve African Americans to this day. He became a sought-after speaker nationally. He lent his influence at the state and federal levels to increasing public aid to African American education.

He died in his NCCU home on Oct. 6, 1947. The tiny enterprise had grown to a physical plant worth $2 million, with state appropriations that year of an additional $2 million. At the time of his passing, African Americans could earn an array of degrees from then North Carolina College at Durham, including law and nursing.
THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

A PERSPECTIVE: North Carolina Central University (NCCU) owes a substantial debt to its medieval predecessors for its Commencement ceremony and academic attire. The Middle Ages gave birth to the academic heritage that provided us with a teaching institution, the university; a method of measuring academic progress, degrees; and a structure for an appropriate ceremony recognizing student achievement, Commencement. This One Hundred Forty-First Commencement is being held today for graduates who qualified for their degrees with the completion of Spring semester, 2023. This colorful ceremony is the formal climax and recognition of the graduates’ years of study and preparation.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE: All participants in the commencement ceremony, except members of the military services, are attired in traditional cap and gown, patterned after the attire of the monks and students in the Middle Ages. Black is the traditional color for all academic gowns. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves; the master’s gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom; and the doctor’s gown has bell shaped sleeves. The bachelor’s and master’s gowns are untrimmed. The doctor’s gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet chevrons across the sleeves. The facing and chevrons may be black or the distinctive color of the field of study. The hoods recognized for each of the degrees vary in size, shape and length, with the larger and more elaborate designating the doctoral level.

The shell of the hood matches the black material of the gown. The lining, which is folded out, bears the official colors of the institution that conferred the degree, maroon and gray for NCCU. The color of the velvet border on the hood denotes the field of study to which the degree pertains:

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Mortarboards are the traditional headdress. The tassel, worn on the left side of the cap, may be gold if the holder has a doctor’s degree. Candidates for undergraduate degrees wear the tassel on the right side of the mortarboard until after their degrees have been conferred.

Candidates receiving honors for academic achievement wear honor cords draped around the collar. The gold cord represents summa cum laude; purple, magna cum laude, and white, cum laude honors. The highest level for undergraduates is summa cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.8-4.0. The second level for undergraduates is magna cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.5-3.799. The third level is cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.2-3.499.

The highest level for graduate students in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, the College of Health
and Sciences, the School of Business, and the School of Education is summa cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.92-4.0. The second level for graduate students is magna cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.85-3.919. The third level is cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.770-3.849.

The highest level for graduate students in the School of Library and Information Sciences is summa cum laude, maintaining a grade point average of 4.0. The second level for graduate students is magna cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.9-3.999. The third level is cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.75-3.899.

The highest level for professional students in the School of Law is summa cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.5-4.0. The second level for professional students is magna cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.3-3.49. The third level is cum laude, maintaining a grade point average between 3.0-3.29.

Recognition as valedictorian will be given to students with the highest cumulative grade point average in each of the following categories:

1. The student who entered NCCU as a first-time freshman, and who has completed at least 95 percent of his/her overall credits at NCCU, or

2. The student who entered NCCU as a transfer student, and who has completed at least 51 percent of the credits required in his/her degree programs at NCCU.

**THE PROCESSION:** The university marshal leads the procession. Following the marshal are the faculty, the candidates and members of the platform party. Platform guests include a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and the NCCU Board of Trustees, the guest speaker, the provost, deans of the colleges and schools and other members of the university administration. The procession concludes with the chancellor. The chancellor is attired in the distinctive maroon and gray gown symbolic of his or her office.

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Maroon and Gray

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BIOLICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
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ART AND DESIGN
C. Ruth Edwards Music Hall

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Miller-Morgan Building, Room 244

BIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1111

BUSINESS
C.T. Willis Commerce Building, Room G32

CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY
Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 3001

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
H.M. Michaux Jr. School of Education Building, First Floor

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Nursing Building Auditorium, Room 1110

ENVIRONMENTAL, EARTH AND GEOSPATIAL SCIENCE
Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 2221

EDUCATION
H.M. Michaux Jr. School of Education Building, Second Floor

HISTORY
Edmond Classroom Building, Room 201B

HUMAN SCIENCES
Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1221

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION
LeRoy T. Walker Physical Education Complex, Lobby

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Room 347

MASS COMMUNICATION
Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Lobby

MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS
Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 3229

MUSIC
C. Ruth Edwards Music Hall

NURSING
Nursing Building Lobby

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
BRITE Building, Room 1050

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Hubbard-Totten Building, Room 102

PSYCHOLOGY
Taylor Education Building, First Floor Lobby

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Albert N. Whiting Criminal Justice Building, Room 202

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION
Miller-Morgan Building, Auditorium Lobby

SOCIAL WORK
Miller-Morgan Building, Second Floor

SCHOOL OF LAW
Albert L. Turner School of Law, Great Hall

THEATRE AND DANCE
Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Room 103
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to my alma mater in appreciation for the opportunities for development afforded me as a student at North Carolina Central University.

I pledge active membership in the Alumni Association wherever I may be. Through association with fellow alumni, I shall ever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my alma mater.

I pledge as a citizen to exemplify the high ideals thus implied, seeking truth always, rendering positive service to community, state, and nation, and so to live as ever to bring honor and respect to my alma mater.

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