BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 • 9 A.M.
McDOUGALD – MCLENDON ARENA

CHANCELLOR JOHNSON O. AKINLEYE, PRESIDING

Pomp and Circumstance .............................................................. Mr. Grover J. Wilson Jr.
by Mr. Martin Shaw

Processional: Fanfare: Gloria In Excelsis Deo .............................................................. Mr. Wilson
by Mr. Martin Shaw/Trumpet Voluntary by Mr. Jeremaih Clarke

Presentation of the Colors ............................................................. Pope Air Force Base Honor Guard

Music .................................................................................. National Anthem ........................................... John Stafford Scott

Music .................................................................................. Lift Every Voice and Sing .................. J. Rosamond Johnson

Opening Statement ................................................................. Dr. Shauntae B. White
University Marshal

Welcome .................................................................................. Chancellor Akinleye

Reflections ........................................................................ Rev. Dr. Robert James
Executive Minister, Union Baptist Church

Greetings .................................................................................. Dr. Pearl Burris-Floyd
Member, University of North Carolina Board of Governors

Mr. Kevin M. Holloway
Chairman, NCCU Board of Trustees

Ms. Jessella Gaymon
President, Senior Class

Recognition of Platform Guests, Retirees and Other Guests ................................................... Chancellor Akinleye

Hallelujah (from “The Cry of Jeremiah”) ................................................................. University Choir
Rosephayne Powell

Introduction of the Speaker ........................................................... Chancellor Akinleye

Commencement Address .................................................................. Mr. Leland Melvin
Former NFL Wide Receiver and NASA Astronaut
Recognition of Honor Students ................................................................. Dr. Yolanda Banks Anderson
Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Development/Resources

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees Introductory Remarks ........................................... Dr. Anderson

Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
Introduction of the Candidates by Deans ............................................................................

Dr. Carlton E. Wilson, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
Dr. Mohammad Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences
Dr. Anthony C. 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. ..............................................................................
Lyrics by Mrs. Annie Day Shepard
Arrangement by Mr. Harry T. Burleigh
(Please stand and refer to the back of the program for the singing of the first stanza only) Remain standing until the recession is completed.

Retiring of the Colors ............................................................... Pope Air Force Base Honor Guard

Benediction ................................................................................................. Rev. James

Closing Statement .............................................................................................. Dr. White
University Marshal

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by G.F. Handel
Pianist
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

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Presentation of Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates ......................................................... Dr. Rezaie

Dr. Carlton E. Wilson, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
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Presentation of Juris Doctor Degree Candidates ........................................ Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson
Dean, School of Law

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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.
LELAND MELVIN is an engineer, educator, author, and former NASA astronaut and NFL wide receiver. In 1986, he was selected by the Detroit Lions in the 11th round of the NFL draft. Following an unrecoverable hamstring injury, his NASA career began in 1989 in the fiber optic sensors group of the nondestructive evaluation sciences branch at NASA Langley Research Center. There, he conducted research in the area of physical measurements for the development of advanced instrumentation for nondestructive evaluation. He later served on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis as a specialist on the 2008 mission and 2009 mission, helping to construct the International Space Station.

Upon hanging up his space boots, Melvin led NASA Education and co-chaired the White House’s Federal Coordination in STEAM Education Task Force, developing the nation’s five-year STEAM education plan.

After 24 years as a NASA researcher, astronaut and senior executive service leader, he shares his life story as an athlete, astronaut, scientist, engineer, photographer and musician to help inspire the next generation of explorers to pursue STEAM careers.

In May 2017, Melvin released his memoir, “Chasing Space: An Astronaut’s Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances.” In “Chasing Space,” Melvin shares his personal journey from the gridiron to the stars, and examines the intersecting roles of community, perseverance, and grace that align to create the opportunities for success.

In addition to his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Richmond and master’s degree in materials science engineering from the University of Virginia, Melvin holds six honorary doctorates for his service in education, the sciences and philanthropy.
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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 142nd Commencement is being held today for graduates who qualified for their degrees with the completion of the Fall 2023 semester. 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:

- Apricot ...................................................... Nursing
- Brown ....................................................... Fine Arts
- Crimson .................................................... Journalism
- Dark Blue .................................................. Philosophy
- Golden Yellow .......................................... Science
- Lemon Yellow .......................................... Library Science
- Light Blue ............................................... Education
- Maroon .................................................... Human Sciences
- Pink ........................................................... Music
- Purple ...................................................... Law
- Sage Green .............................................. Physical Education
- Salmon Pink ............................................ Public Health
- Scarlet ..................................................... Theology
- Yellow-Brown ............................... Commerce/Business
- White ........................... Arts, Letters, Humanities

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 and Sciences, College of Behavioral and Social Science, 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 members 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 university marshal at the beginning and the chancellor at the end of the procession are both attired in the distinctive maroon and gray gowns symbolic of their offices.

**UNIVERSITY COLORS:**
Maroon and Gray

**UNIVERSITY FLOWER:**
White Carnation

**UNIVERSITY MOTTO:**
‘Truth and Service’

**HOSTS AND HOSTESSES**
Demarcus Benson	Brittany Scott
John Black	Aquasia Smith
Delphine Bowman	Thomas Stackhouse
Janika Bunch	Rokeia Stephens
Tawanda Burno	Gail Scott Taylor
Tyshima Collins	Marshall Thompson
Robin Featherstone	Wendy Thompson
Kalvin Franklin	Brenda Toomer
Uziaa Gray	Andre D. Vann
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Willie Hill, III	Kent Williams
Jadyn Hinton	Delores Williams
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Jessica Jenkins	Pearl Wilson
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Sharon Oliver
Paul Phipps
Damia Pittman
Jessica Delos Santos
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BACHELOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC
Brandon A. Seaforth
Jessica L. Thompson

THEATRE
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Jayla J. Silver
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Matoaka Thrower

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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.