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# GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 · 9 A.M.  
MCDUGALD – MCLENDON ARENA

DR. KARRIE G. DIXON, CHANCELLOR, PRESIDING

<i>Faculty Processional: Trumpet Voluntary</i> .....	Jeremiah Clark	
by Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., Piano		
<i>Celebrants Processional: Pomp and Circumstance</i> .....	Sir Edward Elgar	
by Mr. Wilson, Piano		
Presentation of the Colors .....	Army ROTC Color Guard	
Music .....	<i>National Anthem</i> .....	John Stafford Scott
by Ms. Helen Carrie Everett, mezzo-soprano '27		
Music .....	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> .....	J. Rosamond Johnson
Opening Statement .....	Dr. Shauntae B. White	University Marshal
Welcome .....	Chancellor Dixon	
Invocation .....	Reverend Valerie J. Mayo	NCCU Volunteer Chaplain
Greetings .....	Attorney Emily M. Dickens	Chairwoman, NCCU Board of Trustees
	Mr. Cameron L. Shaw	President, Graduate Student Association
	Ms. Allyson F. Hays	Vice President, Student Bar Association
Recognition of Platform Guests, Retirees and Other Guests .....	Chancellor Dixon	
<i>Mary Did You Know?</i> .....	Buddy Green	arr. by Joy Gardner and Bradley Knight
NCCU Choir		
Ms. Roberta Laws, Director		
Mr. Wilson, Piano		
Introduction of the Speaker .....	Chancellor Dixon	
Commencement Address .....	Mr. Kwame A. Molden	Co-Founder and President of Springbreak Watches

Recognition of Honor Students ..... Dr. Ontario Wooden  
Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Graduate and Professional Degrees

Introductory Remarks ..... Dr. Wooden

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees

Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidate ..... Dr. Jaleh Rezaie  
Associate Provost and Dean of School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Mohammad Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences

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

Dr. Arwin D. Smallwood, 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

Dr. Patrick Roughen, Interim Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences

Presentation of Juris Doctor Degree Candidates ..... Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson  
Dean, School of Law

Induction of Graduates into the NCCU Alumni Association Inc. .... Mr. Andre' D. Vann  
President, NCCU Alumni Association Inc.

Charge to the Graduates ..... Chancellor Dixon

The Alma Mater – Dear Old N.C.C. .... Harry T. Burleigh  
NCCU Choir  
Lyrics by Annie Day Shepard

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Benediction ..... Rev. Mayo

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

*Recessional: "Halleluiab!" (from The Messiah)* ..... G.F. Handel  
by Mr. Wilson, Piano

# BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 · 2 P.M.  
MCDOUGALD – MCLENDON ARENA

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<i>Faculty Processional: Trumpet Voluntary</i> .....	Jeremiah Clark	
by Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., Piano		
<i>Celebrants Processional: Pomp and Circumstance</i> .....	Sir Edward Elgar	
by Mr. Wilson, Piano		
Presentation of the Colors .....	Air Force ROTC Color Guard	
Music .....	<i>National Anthem</i> .....	John Stafford Scott
by Ms. Helen Carrie Everett, mezzo-soprano '27		
Music .....	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> .....	J. Rosamond Johnson
Opening Statement .....	Dr. Shauntae B. White	University Marshal
Welcome .....	Chancellor Dixon	
Invocation .....	Reverend Valerie J. Mayo	NCCU Volunteer Chaplain
Greetings .....	Attorney Emily M. Dickens	Chairwoman, NCCU Board of Trustees
	Mr. Marcus Spates	President, Senior Class
Recognition of Platform Guests, Retirees and Other Guests .....	Chancellor Dixon	
<i>Mary Did You Know?</i> .....	Buddy Green	
NCCU Choir		arr. by Joy Gardner and Bradley Knight
Ms. Roberta Laws, Director		
Mr. Wilson, Piano		
Introduction of the Speaker .....	Chancellor Dixon	
Commencement Address .....	Mr. Kwame A. Molden	Co-Founder and President of Springbreak Watches

Recognition of Honor Students .....	Dr. Ontario Wooden Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees Introductory Remarks .....	Dr. Wooden
Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees	
Introduction of the Candidates by Deans .....	
	Dr. Arwin D. Smallwood, 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. ....	Mr. Andre' D. Vann President, NCCU Alumni Association Inc.
Charge to the Graduates .....	Chancellor Dixon
The Alma Mater – Dear Old N.C.C. ....	Harry T. Burleigh
NCCU Choir	Lyrics by Annie Day Shepard
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Benediction .....	Rev. Mayo
Closing Statement .....	Dr. White University Marshal
<i>Recessional: "Halleluiah!" (from The Messiah) .....</i>	G.F. Handel
by Mr. Wilson, Piano	

# SOARING ON THE LEGACY

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%, enrollment increased by 4.3% 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.

Appointed as NCCU’s 12th chancellor on June 26, 2017, Akinleye led major growth in enrollment and a \$400 million campus expansion, the largest to date for the institution. His leadership also secured NCCU’s historic Millennial Campus designation, the first for a historically Black college and university in the UNC System. He retired in June 2024.

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon became NCCU’s 13th chancellor on July 1, 2024. In her brief time at the helm, the university has achieved record enrollment growth, leading the UNC System with the highest percentage increase for a second consecutive year. This fall, NCCU welcomed 8,579 students, including its largest freshman class, as well as notable increases in online, adult and military-affiliated students. Prior to this role, Dixon served as chancellor of Elizabeth City State University and held senior positions within the UNC System, where she advanced student success initiatives. Her leadership has been recognized through various board appointments and honors, including the Old North State and President’s Lifetime Achievement awards.

# THE FOUNDER

**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.

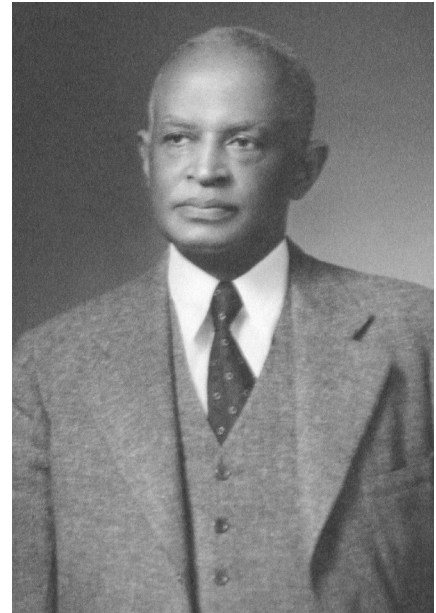
The Shepards had three daughters, Marjorie A. Shepard, Annie Day Shepard Smith and Marion Shepard, who died in infancy. The family legacy continues through the two daughters of Annie Day Shepard Smith, Annie Day Smith Donaldson and Carolyn Marie Smith Green, their children, and Mrs. Green's grandchildren.

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.



# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**KWAME A. MOLDEN** is the co-founder and president of Springbreak (SPGBK) Watches, a designer watch company that offers an impressive variety of impactful, stylish, and affordable timepieces. SPGBK draws strength and inspiration from its community and culture, as well as from the beautiful childhood experiences Molden had growing up in Fayetteville. His strong passion for education also informs the brand's mission.

Under his leadership, SPGBK has experienced remarkable growth and achieved major retail distribution in more than 350 stores, including Nordstrom, Macy's, Belk and recently, Nordstrom Rack. In 2023, the company was selected as one of Oprah's Favorite Things and has also garnered significant media attention from outlets such as Good Morning America, Oprah Daily, The New York Times, AfroTech and many others.

Molden's deep commitment to charity within his communities has enabled him to donate more than \$35,000 worth of watches to teachers and staff across the nation. This includes providing watches to the entire staff at his alma mater, E.E. Smith High School, as part of SPGBK's Annual School Giving program.

In addition to launching his watch business, Molden spent over 10 years as a senior process engineer for multiple Fortune 100 financial and retail companies in the Charlotte metropolitan area. He has extensive experience in managing and leading continuous improvement projects, designing core operational processes, and implementing enterprise-wide technology solutions.

Molden graduated from North Carolina A&T State University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and obtained his Master of Business Administration in marketing from UNC Charlotte in 2012.

In his free time, Molden enjoys learning, growing his startup watch company, and finding new ways to improve himself each day. Above all else, he cherishes his family and is devoted to caring for them as a loving husband and father.

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DR. KARRIE G. DIXON, CHANCELLOR

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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 144th Commencement is being held today for graduates who qualified for their degrees with the completion of the Fall 2024 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**

Danisa Baker	Tammie Marshall
Violet Barber	Katherine Max
Gregory Battle	Jenesis McAllister
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Lon’Cherie’ D. Billingsley	Selina Mumford
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Danielle Blackwell	Sharon Oliver
Courtney Boykin	Jy’Haven Parker
Anijah Coleman	Paul Phipps
Tyshima Collins	Haven Powell
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# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATE



## JENNIFER KNEAS

### DISSERTATION:

Molecular Characterization of the Processivity Factor for Kaposi's Sarcoma Herpesvirus

*Advisor: Dr. Lindsey M. Costantini*

Jennifer Kneas is from Northfield, New Jersey, and holds a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Salisbury University. As a doctoral student, Kneas has developed her research expertise in multiple fields including virology, molecular biology and biochemistry and has mastered a set of specialized methodologies such as electron microscopy, protein expression and purification, structural computational modeling and single molecule computational analysis. Kneas plans to obtain a postdoctoral position and strengthen her research expertise in the area of molecular biology.

## POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

We honor our fallen Eagle, Nia K. Johnson.

Nia's academic journey was inspiring. She earned two undergraduate degrees; kinesiology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and nutrition from East Tennessee State University. She also completed a certification in sports nutrition.

As a student, she enjoyed working at the Nutrition Fueling Station with the University of Tennessee football team and providing nutritional snacks and information for the East Tennessee State University women's basketball team.

Nia was working towards a master's degree in nutrition at North Carolina Central University. While doing so, she taught youth nutritional culinary classes at the YWCA in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Her dedication to her studies was fueled by her desire to make a meaningful impact in the field of nutrition, reflecting her deep-seated belief in the power of education and her commitment to improving the lives of others.



# GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL CANDIDATES

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND HUMANITIES

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### MASTER OF ARTS

#### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Daniel C. Atwood  
Brett P. Reid  
Brandy N. Stewart  
Tyanna A. West

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

David West

### HISTORY

Della R. Braschi  
Love L. Caesar  
Courtney L. Taylor  
David West

### PSYCHOLOGY

Mariah J. Addison  
Kiera S. Alston  
Kayla L. Chavis  
Chyna R. Davis  
Sadeja Goodman  
Cara L. Green  
Eric Greenwald  
Lexus R. Howell  
Ikenna N. Iloabachie  
Anisah K. Jester  
Robert B. Johnson  
Dextiny T. McCain  
Jamal E. Midgette  
Brett P. Reid  
Tamia Tuck  
Maya A. Walker  
Brandi M. Wright

### MASTER OF MUSIC

#### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Lawrence C. Darby  
Katherine M. Farley

### JAZZ STUDIES

Lawrence C. Darby  
Katherine M. Farley  
Emmanuel D. Howard

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Donald R. Addu  
Amaya L. Bell  
Justin D. Bowe  
Courtney A. Collins  
Ciji D. Garner  
Leesa D. Moore

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Anaja L. McClinton  
Devin T. Rouson

#### CUM LAUDE

Lacresha Anglin  
Grace Onuoma  
Alonza R. Pamplin  
Tonesha Townsel  
Monica Wallace

### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Donald R. Addu  
Anitra T. Allen  
Lacresha Anglin  
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Matthew S. Swepson  
Travon Thompson

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Khoury N. Harris  
Maya Jones  
Chandler M. Williamson

### CUM LAUDE

Alexis M. Battle  
Lanisha W. Charity  
Aaliyah M. Clark  
Teresa Herrera-Sanchez  
Bre'onna N. Howard  
Natia M. Jones  
Nashaila M. King  
Aniyah M. McAdams  
Lamar K. McIntyre  
Justice Radway  
Bryan J. Rodriguez Sanchez  
Steven A. Smith  
Jaya U. Watts

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Andrew R. Elliott  
Miya C. Moore  
James B. Rand Jr.  
Bryan J. Rodriguez Sanchez  
Deasia L. Wesley

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Nehemiah J. Archibald  
Daniel J. Arevalo  
Alexis M. Battle  
Nyaa N. Bradley  
Keseana M. Brandon  
Tamika N. Brown  
Tanaysia J. Camara  
Brittany Carson  
Lanisha W. Charity  
Aaliyah M. Clark  
Lakeisha M. Collins  
Desmond D. Crosby

Nehemiah K. Cross  
Leslie I. Diaz  
N'kyia H. Dumpson  
Zaid A. El Baroudi  
Jamar M. Frink  
Jessica M. Green  
Sirr J. Green  
Abubakr Hafiz  
D Niyah D. Hamilton  
Khoury N. Harris  
Teresa Herrera-Sanchez  
Bre'onna N. Howard  
Sanaa A. Huling  
Ariyona G. Jackson  
Epiphanie L. Jackson  
Nichelle J. James  
Kiya A. Jamison  
Marcus T. Jarrell  
Maya Jones  
Natia M. Jones  
Saadia Kartaoui  
Zakariah Kassem  
Nashaila M. King  
Brandon Lopez-Martinez  
Gloria M. Materanya  
Aniyah M. McAdams  
Lamar K. McIntyre  
Dynasha M. Mills  
Jamyia L. Mitchell  
Zhane T. Moody  
Tania A. Moore  
Wesley M. Moryas  
Rianna N. Munn  
Olufemi O. Onisarotu  
Jazmin M. Parker  
Tristan A. Parkes  
Lacy J. Pickens  
Albanie T. Pugh  
Lateisha T. Pulley  
Justice Radway  
Davius Richard  
Santana Ridgell Bomar  
Breanna N. Sampson  
Arica D. Scott  
Brittne M. Shaw  
Andrew M. Shepherd  
Roberto C. Sibrian  
Braxton K. Simpson  
Steven A. Smith

Raynesha S. Staton  
Matthew S. Swepson  
John W. Thaniel III  
Brenton Thomas  
Travon Thompson  
Antoine D. Washington Jr.  
Jaya U. Watts  
Nyasia L. Williams  
Chandler M. Williamson

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Ahmad M. Hannini  
Matthew S. Swepson

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jibrán M. Abdeen  
Hanane S. Abkar

### CUM LAUDE

Omari O. Bethea  
Axel O. Callejas Ramirez  
Randolph Esquivel-Saucedo  
Hope A. Flowers  
James Melvin  
Jacob I. Patton  
Jaelyn A. Stewart  
Kayauna L. Thomas

## COMPUTER SCIENCE AND BUSINESS

Alejandra Camargo

## HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM ADMINISTRATION

Hope A. Flowers  
Toni A. Harris  
Jacob I. Patton  
Brianna L. Ross  
Kayauna L. Thomas  
Brandon T. Washington  
Alexis A. Wesson

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jibrán M. Abdeen  
Hanane S. Abkar  
Omari O. Bethea

Jacob A. Boggs  
Axel O. Callejas Ramirez  
Maurice Cherilus  
Darius S. Cozart  
Randolph Esquivel-Saucedo  
Hasan L. Gaddy  
Ahmad M. Hannini  
Xzayvier K. Jones  
James Melvin  
Joshua E. Pullen  
Anthony I. Pulley Jr.  
Jaelyn A. Stewart  
Mykah K. Stone  
Matthew S. Swepson  
Mckenzie E. Walton  
Cobe L. Wilson

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Samantha B. Gibson  
Christina Mahoney  
Chelsea M. Washington

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Samantha M. Hedgepeth

### CUM LAUDE

Rosalyn Spencer

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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Samantha M. Hedgepeth  
Christina Mahoney  
Rosalyn Spencer  
Dequasia A. Tillery  
Chelsea M. Washington

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Jasmine O. Brooks-McGregor  
Barbara A. Cozart  
Aaron J. McCloud

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Donja I. Lawrence  
Juwana Sligh

## CUM LAUDE

Denaysia Arroyo  
Phaniah Baxter  
Macayla Butler  
Larae N. Christie

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Phaniah Baxter  
Jasmine O. Brooks-McGregor  
Asia Burnette  
Macayla Butler  
Typhanie Carr  
Larae N. Christie  
Dimyra Y. Cokley  
Michele L. Cole  
Barbara A. Cozart  
Shante M. Davis  
Danielle M. Dean  
Treasure T. Edmonds  
Alesha S. Foushee  
Shantia N. Fuentes  
Kyndall M. Hailey  
Alani S. Hargrove  
Donja I. Lawrence  
Nasiyah L. Lee  
Zenobia Lipscomb  
Ja'len A. Malloy  
Aaron J. McCloud  
Nailah A. McNair  
Desiree Mills  
Camille J. Mitchell  
Juwana Sligh  
Dinah J. Taylor  
Darius L. Williams  
Ashley N. Wright  
Delantre V. York

# RECEPTIONS

*Immediately following the ceremony unless otherwise indicated*

## ALLIED PROFESSIONS

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

## ART AND DESIGN

NCCU Art Museum

## BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Miller-Morgan Building, Room 244

## BIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1111

## BUSINESS

School of Business Building, Lobby  
829 E. Lawson St.

## CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1223

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1051

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Whiting Criminal Justice Building, Room 201

## ENVIRONMENTAL, EARTH AND GEOSPATIAL SCIENCE

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 2221

## EDUCATION

H.M. Michaux Jr. School of Education Building,  
Atrium

## HISTORY

Helen G. Edmonds Classroom Building, Room 201B

## KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

Mary M. Townes Science Complex

## LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Room 347

## MASS COMMUNICATION

Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Lobby

## MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1221

## MUSIC

C. Ruth Edwards Music Hall, First Floor Recital Hall

## NURSING

Nursing Building Lobby and Room 2315

## NUTRITION SCIENCES

Mary M. Townes Science Complex, Room 1225

## PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

BRITE Building, Room 1050

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Helen G. Edmonds Classroom Building, Room 103

## PSYCHOLOGY

Taylor Education Building, First Floor Lobby

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Albert N. Whiting Criminal Justice Building, Room 212

## PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Miller-Morgan Health Sciences Building, Auditorium  
Lobby

## THEATRE AND DANCE

Farrison-Newton Communications Building, Room 103



James E. Shepard, Founder

## INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 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.



James E. Shepard, Founder

# THE ALMA MATER DEAR OLD N.C.C.

*Annie D. Shepard*

*Harry T. Burleigh*

The sloping hills, the verdant green,  
The lovely blossoms' beauteous sheen  
Surround our college proud and gay  
Where wave our colors, Maroon and Gray  
What matters it how far we roam,  
Our thoughts will oft return to home  
And hearts will e'er be true to thee,  
Our Alma Mater, N.C.C.

REFRAIN:

Then Rah! Rah! Rah! for our colors so gay,  
Dear Old N.C.C.'s Maroon and Gray;  
Thy Sons and Daughters will honor thee,  
Dear Old N.C.C.

II

We've gathered here to fit our lives  
As from the darkness light revives  
So let us hail, both night and day  
Our glorious colors, Maroon and Gray.  
We'll ever love and honor thee,  
For thou hast taught us loyalty.  
Then let our watchword "Service" be  
To Alma Mater, N.C.C.

III

You send us forth with hearts of love  
So like a blessing from above,  
And from the path we'll never stray.  
Our dear Alma Mater, Maroon and Gray  
We'll work and fight, we'll win our way.  
When duty calls, we shall obey.  
And may we e'er return to thee,  
Our Alma Mater, N.C.C.