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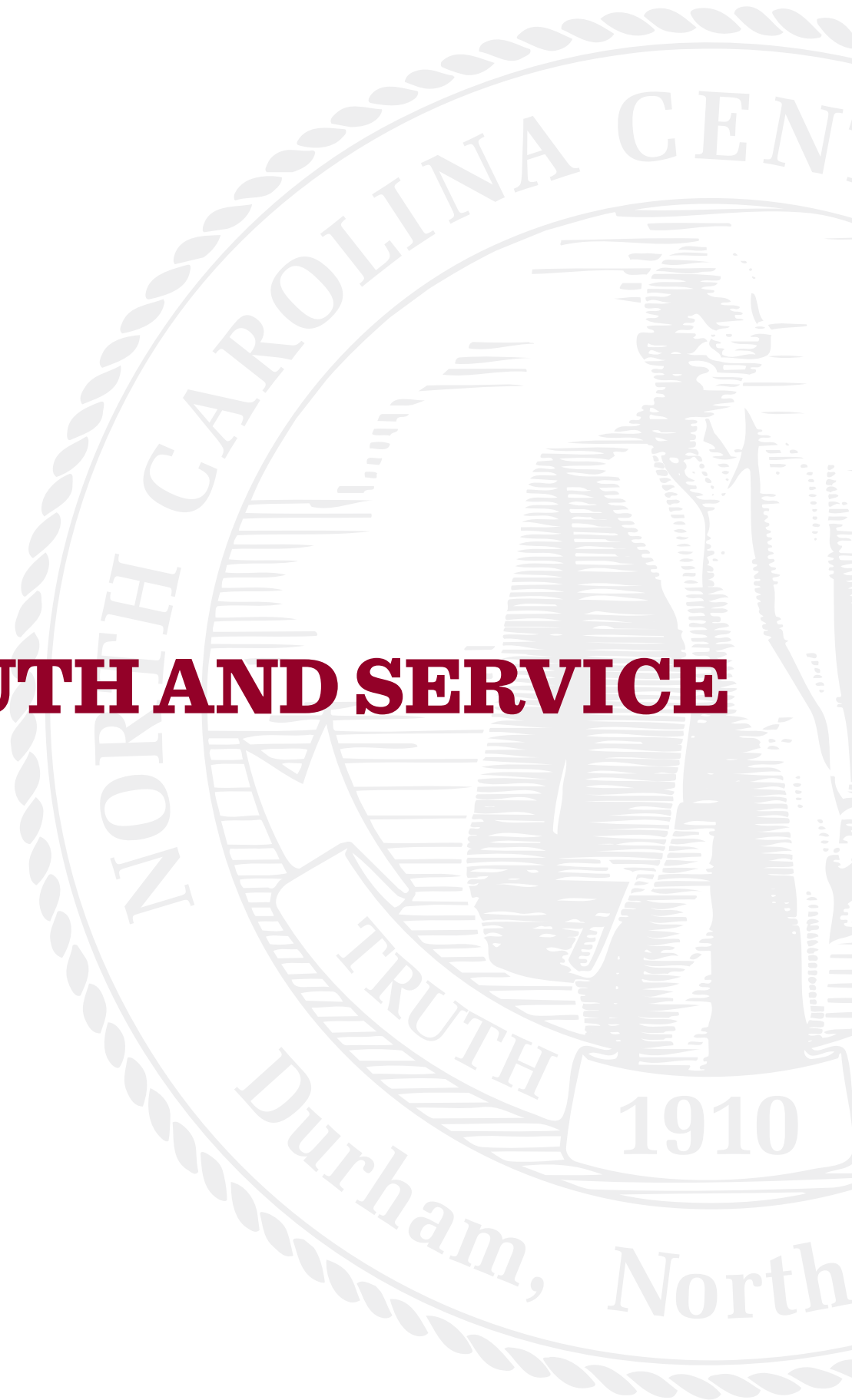
# TRUTH AND SERVICE





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# *From the* CHANCELLOR

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Dear graduates,

Your commencement reflects both personal triumph and a collective moment of pride for North Carolina Central University. Today's ceremony honors the commitment that carried you through challenges, the curiosity that strengthened your scholarship and the purpose that guided your journey.

This year, we welcome two accomplished leaders whose careers demonstrate the impact of vision and perseverance. Anne Sempowski Ward has shaped global brands, expanded companies and championed women in sports while serving as an influential corporate and community voice. Rob Robertson's path from the NFL to executive leadership in financial services and youth mentorship shows how integrity and service can transform lives. Their experiences offer meaningful examples of how to lead with intention.

Your time at NCCU connected you to a community that celebrates excellence across disciplines. As you join the more than 47,000 alumni who carry our legacy into classrooms, boardrooms, laboratories and neighborhoods across the world, know that you are prepared to contribute in ways that matter.

Families, friends and mentors who supported our graduates deserve heartfelt appreciation. Your belief in their potential has shaped this moment.

As you step into new roles and responsibilities, trust the preparation you have received here. Move forward with confidence, honor the values that ground you and let your achievements reflect the enduring strength of a university where purpose takes flight.

In Truth and Service,



**Karrie G. Dixon, Ed.D.**

Chancellor

North Carolina Central University



# GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 • 9 A.M.  
MCDUGALD – MCLENDON ARENA

DR. KARRIE G. DIXON, CHANCELLOR, PRESIDING

Faculty Processional: “Trumpet Voluntary” .....	Jeremiah Clark
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Celebrants and Platform Guests Processional: <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> .....	Sir Edward Elgar
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Presentation of the Colors .....	Pope Air Force Base Honor Guard
“The National Anthem” .....	John Stafford Smith
Ms. Ariel Barker, mezzo-soprano '20	
“Lift Every Voice and Sing” .....	J. Rosamond Johnson
Opening Statement .....	Dr. Shauntae B. White
	University Marshal
Welcome .....	Chancellor Dixon
Invocation .....	Chaplain LaWonder McDowell
	NCCU Volunteer Chaplain
Greetings .....	Mr. G. Keith Chadwell
	Member, NCCU Board of Trustees
	Mr. Cameron L. Shaw
	President, Graduate Student Association
	Ms. Olivia Bayabona
	President, Student Bar Association
Recognition of Platform Guests, Retirees and Other Guests .....	Chancellor Dixon
“Bless Me” (The Prayer of Jabez) .....	Donald Lawrence
NC Central University Choir	
Ms. Ariel Barker, soloist	
Ms. Roberta Laws, director	
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Introduction of the Speaker .....	Chancellor Dixon

Commencement Address .....	Ms. Anne Sempowski Ward Chairwoman, CURiO Brands
Recognition of Honor Students .....	Dr. Ontario S. Wooden 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 Candidates .....	Dr. Jim C. Harper II Interim Associate Provost and Dean of School of Graduate Studies Dr. Mohammad W. Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences
Presentation of Master Degree Candidates .....	Dr. Harper Dr. Arwin D. Smallwood, Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities Dr. Mohammad W. Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences Dr. Anthony C. Nelson, Dean, School of Business Dr. Audrey W. Beard, Dean, School of Education Dr. Jon P. Gant, Interim Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences
Presentation of Juris Doctor Degree Candidates .....	Atty. Donald W. Corbett Interim Dean, School of Law
Induction of Graduates into the NCCU Alumni Association Inc. ....	Ms. Nikki Davis-Green President, NCCU Alumni Association Inc.
Charge to the Graduates .....	Chancellor Dixon
The Alma Mater – Dear Old N.C.C. ....	Harry T. Burleigh NC Central University Choir (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.) Lyrics by Annie Day Shepard
Benediction .....	Chaplain McDowell
Closing Statement .....	Dr. White University Marshal
Recessional: “Halleluiah!” ( <i>from The Messiah</i> ).....	G.F. Handel Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano

# BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 • 2 P.M.  
MCDOUGALD – MCLENDON ARENA

DR. KARRIE G. DIXON, CHANCELLOR, PRESIDING

Faculty Processional: “Trumpet Voluntary” .....	Jeremiah Clark
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Celebrants and Platform Guests Processional: <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> .....	Sir Edward Elgar
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Presentation of the Colors .....	Pope Air Force Base Honor Guard
“The National Anthem” .....	John Stafford Smith
Ms. Aliyah Busby, soprano '25	
“Lift Every Voice and Sing” .....	J. Rosamond Johnson
Opening Statement .....	Dr. Shauntae B. White
	University Marshal
Welcome .....	Chancellor Dixon
Invocation .....	Chaplain LaWonder McDowell
	NCCU Volunteer Chaplain
Greetings .....	Mr. G. Keith Chadwell
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	President, Senior Class
Recognition of Platform Guests, Retirees and Other Guests .....	Chancellor Dixon
“Bless Me” (The Prayer of Jabez) .....	Donald Lawrence
NC Central University Choir	
Ms. Ariel Barker, soloist '20	
Ms. Roberta Laws, director	
Mr. Grover Wilson Jr., piano	
Introduction of the Speaker .....	Chancellor Dixon
Commencement Address .....	Mr. Rob Robertson
	Senior Vice President and Head of Strategic Sales, First Citizens Bank



Recognition of Honor Students .....	Dr. Ontario S. Wooden 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 W. Ahmed, Dean, College of Health and Sciences
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# 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 June 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. Under her leadership, the university has achieved record enrollment and posted the highest percentage growth in the UNC System for the second consecutive year in fall 2024 and spring 2025. In fall 2025, NCCU surpassed 9,000 students for the first time in its history, with notable increases among online, adult, graduate and military-affiliated learners. The university also became the nation’s first HBCU to establish an AI institute. Dixon is the first woman to serve as permanent chancellor at two UNC System institutions.

NCCU continues to honor its legacy of excellence while embracing innovation and opportunity as a premier institution “where purpose takes flight.”

# 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.

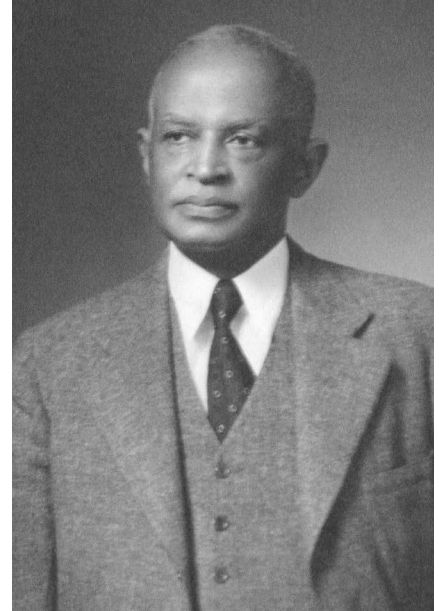
The Shepards had three daughters, Marjorie A. Shepard, Annie Day Shepard Smith and Marion Shepard, who died in infancy. The family legacy continues through the two daughters of Annie Day Shepard Smith, Annie Day Smith Donaldson and Carolyn Marie Smith Green, their children, and Mrs. Green's grandchildren.

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

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### ANNE SEMPOWSKI WARD

**CHAIRWOMAN, CURiO BRANDS**

As a strong advocate for women in sports, Anne Sempowski Ward is an owner of the WNBA Chicago Sky and two USL (United Soccer League) franchises. She has also continued her corporate career and is chairwoman of CURiO Brands, a private equity backed portfolio of beauty, wellness and home fragrance brands (Capri Blue, Thymes & Otherland). This role builds on her tremendous success as CEO for 12 years where the company quadrupled in size under her leadership and a woman-led team.

Ward is also an independent director on the boards of SPS Commerce, Vanda Pharmaceuticals, TLB (The Lip Bar) and serves on the Duke University Fuqua School of Business Board of Visitors and the University of St. Thomas Board of Trustees.

A mechanical engineer that took an unconventional path to becoming a C-suite executive, Ward is a proud native of Detroit and currently resides in Minneapolis with her family.

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## BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

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### ROB ROBERTSON

#### SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF STRATEGIC SALES, FIRST CITIZENS BANK

From the football field to the financial frontlines, Rob Robertson has built a career defined by perseverance and purpose. A former NFL fullback for the Baltimore Ravens, Robertson brings more than 24 years of experience in the financial services industry, specializing in home lending and market expansion.

He has held senior leadership roles at PNC Bank, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo, where he is known for building high-performing teams and cultivating cultures of accountability and care. Robertson currently serves as senior vice president and head of strategic sales at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh, North Carolina. He defines his leadership mantra using the acronym C.P.R. (Culture, People, Relationships), emphasizing the importance of embodying a culture of caring.

Beyond his professional success, Robertson's passion for service runs deep. As president of the D.C. Chapter of the National Football Players Association (NFLPA), he led the chapter to earn Chapter of the Year honors in 2023. He currently serves as chairman of the NFLPA Former Player Advisory Board and sits on the boards of MENTOR and Big Brothers Big Sisters National Capital Area, mentoring youth and strengthening communities.

Celebrating its one-year anniversary, Robertson launched "Persevering Through Purpose," a memoir reflecting on overcoming loss and adversity, offering inspiration to anyone facing challenges in their own life. His journey exemplifies perseverance and purpose-driven leadership.

Originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Robertson lives in Northern Virginia with his wife, Nneka, and their children, Bryson and Boston Olivia. He credits his grandmother, affectionately known as Madear, for instilling the values of faith, perseverance and service that continue to guide his life and leadership.



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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 146th Commencement is being held today for graduates who qualified for their degrees with the completion of the Fall 2025 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, Social Sciences and Humanities, 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 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**

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# POSTHUMOUS DEGREES



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## **KELLY MARIE BRYANT**

Kelly Marie Bryant was a kind, thoughtful, humble and loving scholar who lived a purposeful life, achieving many personal and academic milestones. She earned a master's degree in library science with the highest honors from the School of Library and Information Sciences (SLIS) and had the opportunity to study abroad with an NCCU cohort, fully embracing a rich international learning experience.

Bryant worked full time at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina. Her kindness, quiet strength and unwavering dedication to the SLIS profession left a lasting impact on her community.



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## **JOSHUA BRAMEL TILLMAN**

Joshua Bramel Tillman embodied NCCU's motto of Truth and Service. He earned a master's degree in public administration and was scheduled to graduate in fall 2025.

Tillman served as a graduate hall coordinator and held other roles on and off campus, positively influencing his peers through leadership, compassion and dedication to community service. He aspired to a career in economic development policy, focused on expanding opportunities and providing fair, affordable housing for underserved communities. His warmth, intelligence and spirit were evident both inside and outside the classroom.



# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES



## JEFFREY SHIPMAN

### DISSERTATION:

Mechanisms for Vaping-Dependent Pulmonary Inflammation

*Advisor: Dr. Vijay Sivaraman*

Jeffrey Shipman grew up in White Oak, North Carolina, and earned dual bachelor's degrees in biology and forensic science from Fayetteville State University. His early research explored antibiotic resistance, laying the foundation for his growing interest in environmental health. Shipman now studies how exposures such as vaping and particulate matter 2.5 impact lung disease outcomes. After graduation, Shipman plans to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship to further develop his expertise and launch an industry-based career.



## EZEKIEL J. WAMBLE

### DISSERTATION:

Exploring the Impact of Ancestry on Inflammation and Immune Function

*Advisor: Dr. Vijay Sivaraman*

Born in Sierra Vista, Arizona, and raised in Smithfield, Virginia, Ezekiel J. Wamble comes from a proud military family. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Norfolk State University, where he distinguished himself as a Dozoretz National Institute for Mathematics and Applied Science Scholar. Driven to address health disparities, his research examines how ancestry shapes inflammation and immune function. After graduation, Wamble plans to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship to broaden his knowledge and advance into an industry career focused on meaningful scientific innovation for community impact.

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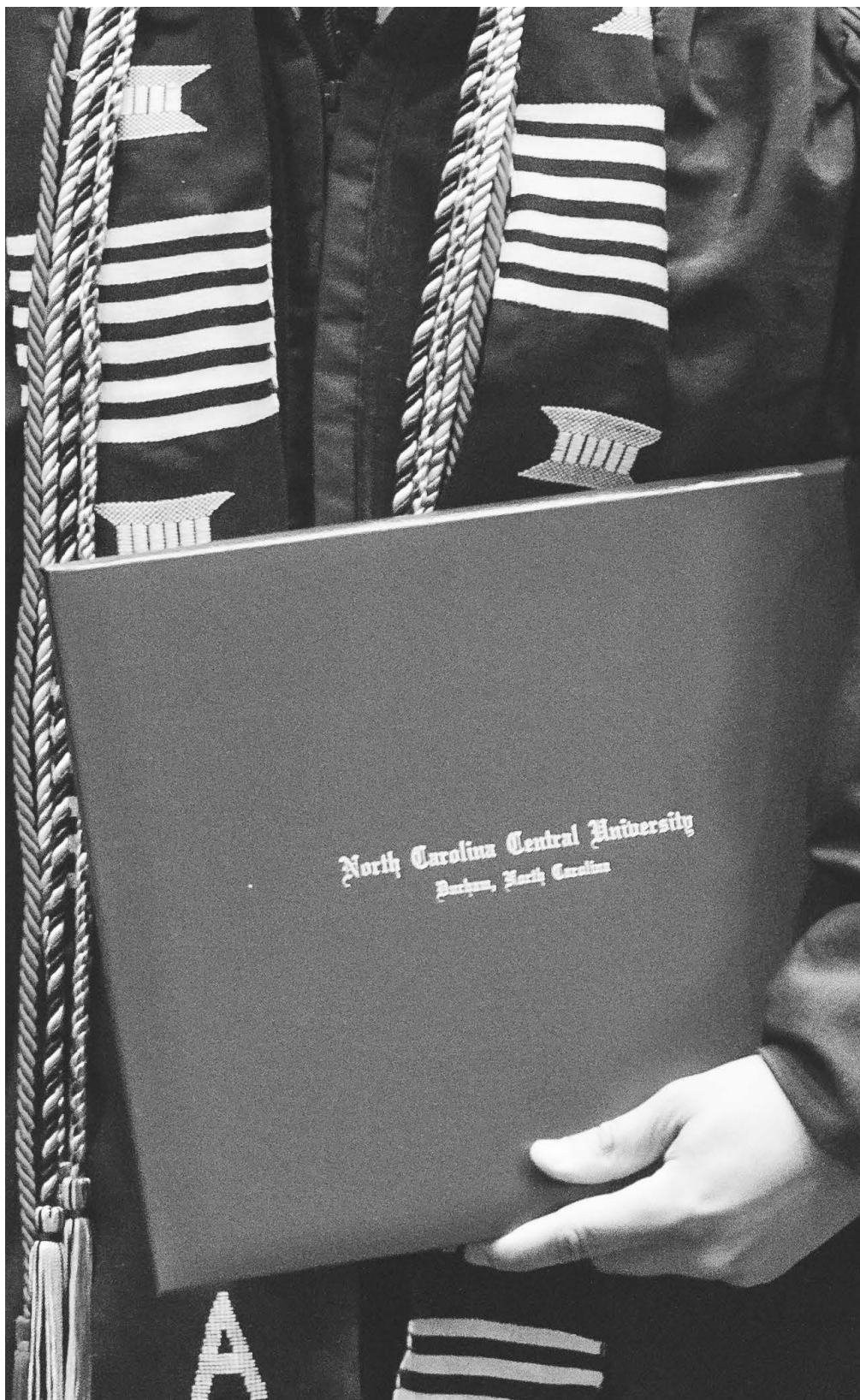
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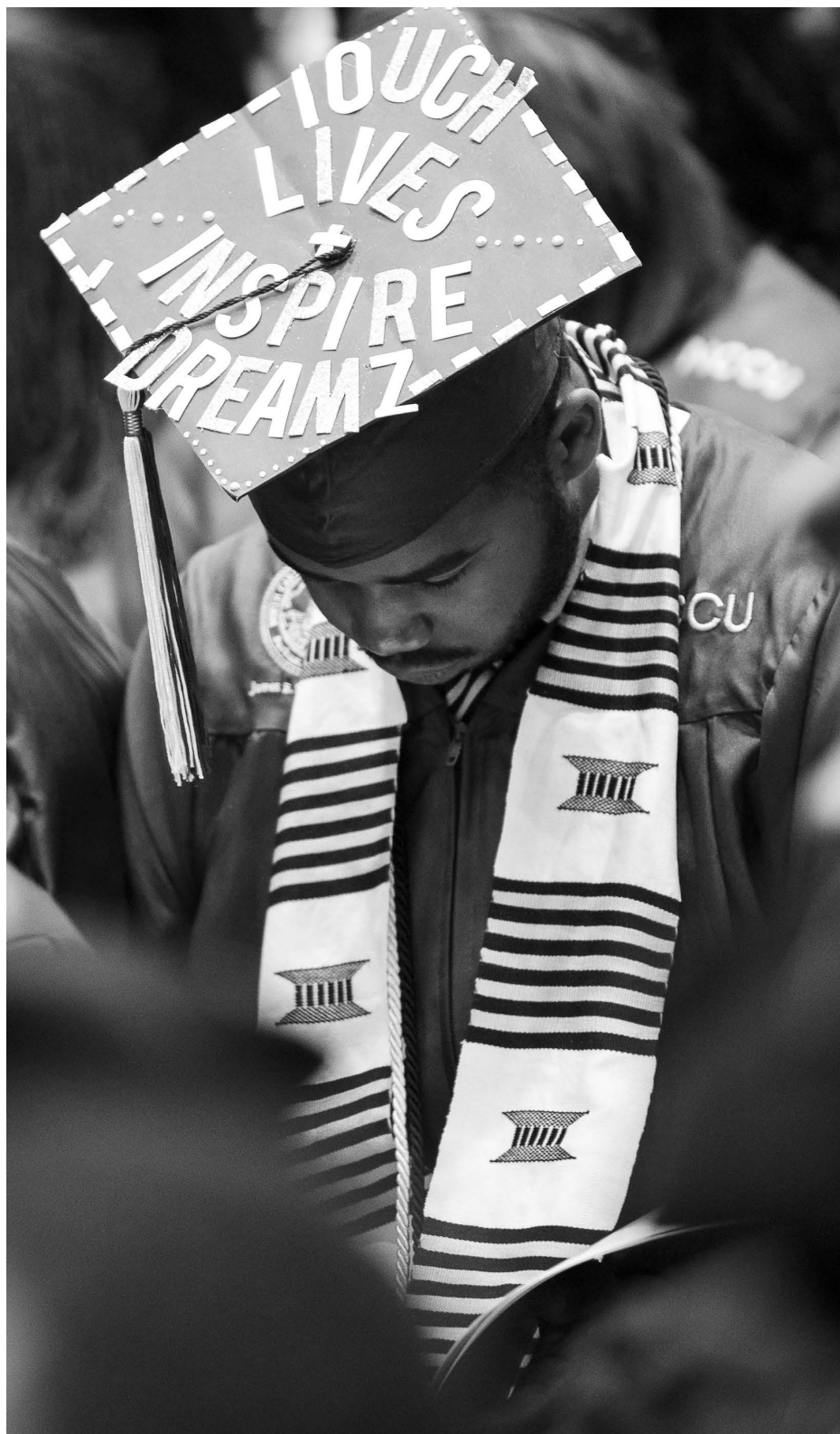
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The sloping hills, the verdant green,  
The lovely blossoms' beauteous sheen  
Surround our college proud and gay  
Where wave our colors, Maroon and Gray  
What matters it how far we roam,  
Our thoughts will oft return to home  
And hearts will e'er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

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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.

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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.