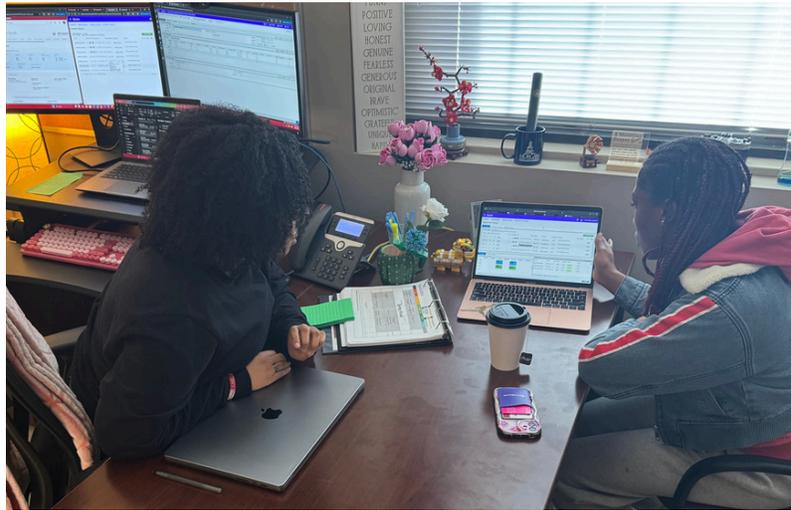




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Advisor Brittany Headen meets with Akeelah to create a Fall 2026 schedule



Lattimore helped the Men's Basketball Team reach the Final Game of the MEAC Tournament

DEAN'S UPDATE

With Spring Break ending and Summer and Fall registration beginning, we are in the midst of advising. This month, we are highlighting student stories to celebrate the many ways our students are successful.

Students are the heartbeat of University College, and we want to highlight their success. Each of these students is a University College student, a first- or second-year student with 53 or fewer earned credit hours.

The end of the semester is quickly approaching. Students, it is time to finish strong!

Eagle Pride, Amplified!

Zack Underwood

LATTIMORE NAMED ALL-AMERICAN FIRST TEAM

North Carolina Central men's basketball guard and sophomore Gage Lattimore was named to the 2025-26 BOXTOROW HBCU All-American First Team, announced Monday.

The honor marks the sophomore's second first-team recognition this season after he was previously named to the All-MEAC First Team. Lattimore was also selected to the 2026 MEAC All-Tournament Team following the championship game against Howard. News story from <https://nccueaglepride.com/>

GREEN, CHASTEN & LASSITER GO ABROAD WITH HONORS

During Spring Break, Senior Advisor Shanice Green, Director of the Speaking Studio Samantha Chasten, and Senior Academic Coach Leon Lassiter chaperoned Honors students from NCCU to Panama.

During this study abroad experience, Honors students stayed connected to University College resources while studying in Panama City and canoeing down the Rio Chagres. Students also studied the Panama Canal during their experience.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

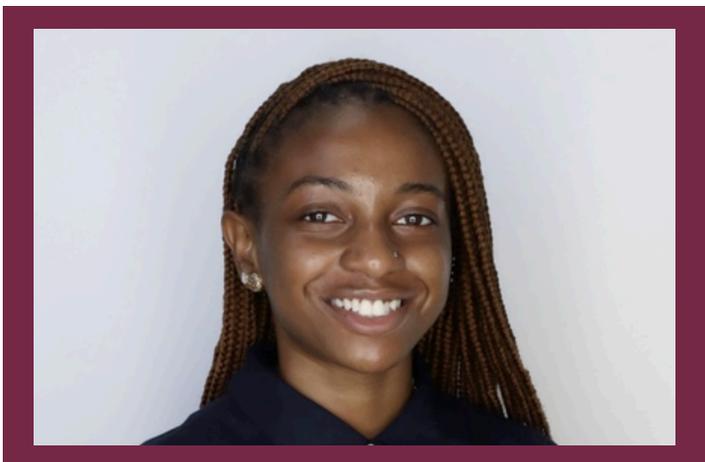
- March 23 Major Moves Event
- March 26 Should I Withdraw Event
- April 2 Last day to Withdraw from a class
- April 3 Good Friday Observance, No Class
- April 10 Honors Convocation
- April 29 Final Exams Start



AWARD-WINNING STUDENT ACCEPTED TO PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Armani Adams Smith speaks with pride about the tremendous mentorship she received while living in her native Brooklyn, New York. However, it was a move to Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem that sparked her interest in North Carolina Central University (NCCU). At NCCU, she found the same kind of support she had in New York with NCCU's TRIO Student Support Services (SSS). She says, "As a first-generation college student, TRIO served as a sense of direction in unfamiliar territory."

Adams-Smith is making strides towards a career in clinical psychology with a double major in psychology and behavioral sciences. She is a member of the University's Honors Program, and her 3.9 GPA has helped her earn scholarships from the Winston Salem Foundation and a \$10,000 Coca Cola scholarship through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. She'll return to New York this summer for a paid internship with Children of Promise, "the first and only after-school program and summer day camp in NYC specifically designed to meet the needs, interests, and concerns of children left behind by a parent serving time in prison."



FIRST YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Briana Richardson is a freshman pre-nursing major who is an active member of TRiO Student Support Services (TRiO SSS) in University College. No stranger to TRIO, Briana was first supported by NC State's Upward Bound program while attending Franklinton High School in Franklinton, NC. Since arriving at NCCU, Briana has become an active member of the campus community.

She is active in TRiO SSS and JEWELZ, where she seeks to strengthen her leadership skills. A McDonald's Scholarship awardee, Briana, is dedicated to her academics. With the support of TRIO SSS, Briana earned a 3.33 GPA in her first semester. With a strong start, she is now looking toward her next goal of earning a place in the nursing program. She is focused on studying for the TEAS and making good grades in her current classes.

