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Check out the new Alumni website!!!

Happy Spring, Alumni:

This month is International Women's Month (IWM). All around the globe, IWM marks the celebration of the economic, social, cultural, and political achievements of women.

From the first time a women dared to speak, dared to believe in herself or dared to believe her dream could come true; she was making the decision to give herself something else---a life more equal filled with more opportunity than ever before.

Women have succeeded in so many ways, but in so many ways there is still so much left to do.



Take the time to celebrate your wife, mother, sister, or YOU this month. There are so many women who have left an imprint on this country, your state, city or community and 'Dear Ole NCCU'.

If you need chapter or national information, send me an email at news@nccualumni.org or go to nccualumni.org. Tell a friend.

Truth and Service,

Regional Vice Presidents

Dwayne Houston Region I	Ainsley Owens Region III
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Tomeika Bowden
Class of 2000
Public Awareness Chairperson
NC Central University Alumni Association

This alumni e-newsletter is a communication vehicle to help keep you informed, involved, and invigorated about NCCU! Please share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. Alumni Communications can only become better if you do your part, and get involved.

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National News

...Aimed at Keeping Alumni Connected...

North Carolina Central University's Alumni Association (NCCUAA) announced today the launch of a new alumni website---<http://nccualumni.org>.

"It's a new look, and new feel that provides alumni lots of valuable information. Most importantly, it's here to help keep alumni engaged and involved," said Richard D. Smith, President of NCCUAA.

"Statistics have shown that more and more alumni turn to the Internet and electronic media as the primary means of communication, and NCCUAA wanted to provide them with a user-friendly site that provides clear and concise information," said Tomeika Bowden, content contributor.

With just a click of the mouse, alumni, friends and visitors can find information about alumni chapter activities, the associations' history, join the Association, and donate to the University. Visitors and friends can also find links to athletics, the student newspaper, and view alumni photos.

For more information about the NCCU Alumni Association, visit <http://nccualumni.org/>.

..."Join Me"--Membership Campaign...

NCCUAA has launched a membership campaign to increase alumni membership by 10%. NCCUAA rolled out a Discount Card, which affords alumni the opportunity to receive discounts for travel, on-line shopping, etc. The Association receives a rebate each time that you do! See NCCUALUMNI.org for more information.

...Centennial Fundraising Project Kickoff...

The Alumni Association has launched a fundraising project in support of the University's Centennial Anniversary, July 10, 2010. The theme of the project is "NCCU Alumni: Building on Our Legacy, Investing in the Future". The fundraiser is a three-prong approach: 1) Establishing two new Endowed Chairs; 2) Regional/chapter fundraisers in support of the Chancellor's "Investing in the Vision" initiatives; and 3) Continuing to support the Alumni Scholarship fund.

Additionally, the Association is planning an Alumni Convention to be held in Durham, NC, July 7-10, 2010; this date includes University planned events. The location has not been determined. However, begin to incorporate this date into your 2010 summer plans and join us for an exciting time as we celebrate our rich legacy.

Prong #1

Goal: \$500,000

In support of funding the two Endowed Chairs, each alumnus is asked to contribute at least \$200 over the next 15 months. One endowed chair will be designated for the Department of Hospitality and Tourism (Dept. H&T) and the other is undesignated, but will be determined at a later time. Recently, the university mailed a brochure about its "Campaign 100" initiative. Also featured on the response card is a block in support of "Alumni endowed professorships". When you decide to contribute to "Campaign 100", please check both blocks. When you check the second block, you will be contributing toward the Association's Endowed Chairs fundraiser. You can either give a \$100 or more by May 31, 2009, and remit the second \$100 or more by May 28, 2010, or contribute \$200 or more by May 28, 2010. Again, this contribution supports the Endowed Chairs. All checks or money orders are made to: NCCU Foundation, Inc., and returned to: NCCU Office of Institutional Advancement, 1801 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707. On the memo line, designate which chair you wish to support; either - Dept. H&T or Undesignated Alumni Chair.

Prong #2

Goal: \$100,000

Each of the Association's four regions will be conducting fundraisers through its chapters. You will be contacted by your respective Regional Vice President. If you are not a member of one of the chapters, you will still be able to participate, as long as your information is current with the Association and/or University.

Prong #3

Goal: \$100,000

The Mr./Ms. Alumni contest is suspended for Homecoming 2009 only, but it does not mean that the Association will not be raising funds for scholarships. Raising scholarship dollars is the most rewarding program the Association operates. In recognition of the Centennial, the fundraiser for scholarships will be different. In the alumni convention souvenir journal, pages will be dedicated to alumni who wish to identify what they remember most as a student. Every organization, event, or landmark over the 100 year history will not be listed, but the list will be inclusive enough for you to be able to associate yourself with an experience while at "the sloping hills and verdant greens". We're asking each alumnus to contribute \$10.00 for each time your name is listed under one or more "reflections".

Information about supporting Prongs 2 and 3 will be released soon, as well as additional communication reminders for Prong 1. Please frequent the Association website at www.nccualumni.org for the latest developments and updates of our Centennial Project.

We understand the current economic conditions experienced by many, but any support toward these efforts is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do for NCCU!!

Tania B. Davis, '94, Project Manager
Robert S. Chiles, Sr., '56, Co-Project Manager
David Avery, '63, Advisor

...Shop at Food Lion, Donate to NCCU...

Attention Food Lion Shoppers! Shop at Food Lion using your MVP card and a portion of your total grocery bill will go to NCCU. To register your support, please go to www.foodlion.com and choose to "Register MVP Cards" or "Re-link Your MVP Card". Complete the necessary information and choose North Carolina Central University as your organization. Now all you have to do is go shopping!

University News

... NCCU ANNOUNCES MOTON AS NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH...

North Carolina Central University announced alumnus LeVelle Moton as the 17th men's basketball head coach in school history on Wednesday (March 25) during a press conference in the William Jones Building on the campus of NCCU. A former standout shooting guard for the NCCU Eagles from 1992-96, Moton returned to his alma mater as assistant men's basketball coach in July 2007, serving in that capacity for the past two seasons as NCCU continues its reclassification as an NCAA Division I program. "We are pleased that we were able to identify a new head coach from within the Eagle family," said NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms. "Coach Moton has a long-standing history with our basketball program and will continue to bring exceptional leadership in this role."

Alum Corner

Sudden loss of Kaye Myatt Harris, Class of 1978

The Greensboro Chapter is saddened to announce the death of NCCU Alumna and life member Mrs. Kaye Myatt Harris, class of 1972. Kaye was killed in a tragic head-on vehicle accident on Saturday evening (3/22/09), in Greensboro, NC. Kaye's youngest daughter Arnittra 'Renee' Harris also an NCCU Alumna, class of 2007, was in the vehicle and survived with several injuries. Kaye is survived by her husband also an alumnus, Arthur Harris, Class of 1972. Please keep the Harris family and the Greensboro Chapter in your thoughts and prayers.



ON SATURDAY, THERE WILL BE A RESOLUTION PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE NCCU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

Friday March 27, 2009: 6:30PM - 8:00 PM Viewing Hours St. James Baptist Church
536 W. Florida Street Greensboro, NC 27406 Phone: (336) 378-1688

Saturday March 28, 2009: North Carolina A&T State University Campus Harrison Auditorium 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Viewing Hours 12:30 PM Funeral Service)

Calendar of Events

Chapter Events

- **DC/Metro Chapter: April 25, 2009**

Annual Black Tie Maroon and Grey Scholarship Gala \$75
LaFontaine Bleu Ballroom
7693 Annapolis Road
Lanham, Maryland
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Contact: Calvin Kearney-calvinkearney@yahoo.com

- **Baltimore Chapter: September 18, 2009**

2nd Annual Crab Fest

What: Authentic Maryland Crab Feast! When: Friday, September 18, 2009 Where: Grace Presbyterian Out Reach Center
2604 Bannister Road (@ Greenspring Ave. and Bannister Rd.) Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cost: \$45.00 Reservations - Please by September 11, 2009

Menu includes: Potato Salad, Veggies, Corn on the Cob, Chicken, Beef, Hot Dogs, Beverages, Desserts, and Spicy Hot Maryland Crabs...

Contact: Sam Parham @410-367-3966 Robert Stephens @410-358-9732 Harry Smith @ 410-367-2809 James Harris @410-375-7354 cell Charlene Wicks @ 410-746-9350 cell

- **Baltimore Chapter: May 8, 2009**

7:00p.m.-12:00Midnight Waterview Yacht Club (Baltimore Rowing Club and Resource) 3301 Waterview Avenue Baltimore, MD 21230 Dinner and Dancing Contact: 410-655-5099/410-367-3966 Special Guest * Eagle & Author, James Smith "Deal By Me" Book Signing Donation: \$50 (Tax Deductible) Bring friends and family - WE WANT YOU THERE!

Alumni Meetings

July 18, 2009 time and location TBA

Regional Meetings

- Region I: April 18, 2009 Virginia Beach, VA
- Region II: April 24-25 Los Angeles, CA
- Region III: March 27-29, 2009 in Charlotte, NC

University Events

- Graduation: May 16, 2009 8 AM O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium

It's a great time to be an Eagle! Eagle Pride AMPLIFIED!