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### Chant: Eagles UP? Response: Flying HIGH!!!

Alumni:

Let me remind all of you why going to NCCU was the best decision you could have made:

\*\*NCCU Law school is ranked No. 1 best value law school in the nation

\*\*NCCU is the No. 1 public HBCU in the country

\*\*Friendships and memories

\*\*NCCU is the nation's first public liberal arts college founded for African-Americans

\*\*Legendary NCCU head football coach George Quiett received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his service in Korea with the U.S. Army from 1950-53. He was named CIAA Coach of the Year in 1969 and MEAC Coach of the Year in 1971.

Stop and take a moment to reflect this Labor Day-before you put the hotdog on the grill, the cheese on your burger or the BBQ sauce on the chicken (September is National Chicken Month)-about the countless contributions Dr. James E.

Shepard made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of 'Dear Ole NCCU'.



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Tomeika Bowden  
 Class of 2000  
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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.

Contact:

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## National News

### ...Alumni Council Meeting in Greensboro, NC...

The NCCUAA Council meeting will be held on October 3, 2009, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, 812 Duke Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, from 9:00am - 2:00pm. See the Events Calendar for more information.

### ...2009 Annual Raffle Winners...

NCCUAA would like to congratulate the following winners of our 2009 Annual Raffle:

1st Prize - prize - Clent E. Davis of Durham, North Carolina - 32" LCD HDTV

2nd Prize - Prize - Alethea C. Bell of Durham, North Carolina - Laptop Computer

3rd Prize - Prize - David Avery of Richmond, Virginia - Nintendo Wii System

All of the proceeds support the operations of the NCCU Alumni Association.

### ...Alumni Scholarship Winners 2009-2010...

Channel Hall, freshman from Jacksonville, NC majoring in Psychology with a minor in Spanish

Lauren Pinkney, freshman from Charlotte, NC majoring in Early Childhood Education

Shantessa Love, freshman from Charlotte, NC majoring in Biology

Tevin Jones, freshman from Rocky Mount, NC majoring in Education

## University News

### ...NCCU Launches New Centennial Website...

NCCU launches a new Website to commemorate the university's Centennial year and to invite alumni, students and friends to join in the celebration. The site, located at <http://www.nccu.edu/centennial>, will offer an online portal to North Carolina Central University's history in Durham as well as a glimpse into the future of the institution. "This University has touched a myriad of lives and strengthened communities worldwide," said Charlie Nelms, chancellor of North Carolina Central University. "James E. Shepard, the founder of this institution was a visionary. He

looked into the future and saw what education would mean to people of color. And, 100 years later, NCCU is a testament to his insight."

There will be an opportunity for alumni to add their stories of achievement to the archives and legacy of this university. All visitors to the site will be invited to share about the role NCCU played in their personal histories. "We're reaching out to fellow alumni to tell us how NCCU impacted their lives and careers," said Carlton Thornton Class of 1994, member of the Centennial Alumni Committee and president of the Durham Alumni Chapter. "The Centennial is truly a celebration of what we have become."

The site will also serve as the central portal of information throughout the Centennial for events, including cultural and educational opportunities. "NCCU invites students, alumni, and the public to learn more about the university's mission and its storied history," said Centennial Committee Co-Chair Bill Evans. "The launch of this site is a resource for news about Centennial activities and the beginning of a remarkable year of celebration."

### **...NCCU Athletics Introduces "Eagle Talk"...**

The North Carolina Central University Department of Athletics introduces a brand-new 30-minute weekly talk-show, "Eagle Talk," dedicated to give an inside look at all 14 intercollegiate sports at NCCU. The show will air on the WRJD Rejoice 1410 AM every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## **Freshman Pinning Ceremony**

2009 Freshman Pinning Ceremony  
The University Is Growing: So Must  
We!

By: Vice President Tania B. Davis



It's 3:00 pm and all the chairs on the floor of McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium are filled to capacity. The band is playing ceremonial music, as the members of the dais march in. The Freshman Pinning Ceremony on August 16, 2009, has officially begun. People after people are entering into the gymnasium intermittently and sitting in the upper level because they have arrived late. My view from the platform: it's a well-attended program. When it was time to pin the 2009 freshman class and all freshmen were asked to join the others seated on the floor, the whole upper level of the gymnasium emptied. All of those late arrivals, except for a few alumni who were seated in the same area, were members of the freshman class. What a sight to behold! When the alumni and faculty/staff came to pin the freshman students, faculty/staff and alumni were grossly out-numbered. Unfortunately, not every student was able to experience being "personally" pinned by an alumnus or university employee. Did we disappoint them because they were given their lapel pins "in hand"?

This class size was announced at 1,310. I am sure the next freshman class is going to be larger. This is why we need you! We need all alumni to participate in programs such as the pinning ceremony. The students need to see that alumni care, even though they may not fully understand our role and purpose in their college experience.

As we embark upon celebrating the centennial anniversary, this is a great time to grow our Alumni Association and alumni volunteer base. Let's increase our Association membership, especially during this centennial year. Have you asked an alumnus about joining the NCCU Alumni Association? If not, please encourage one today. We must grow to keep pace with the university's growth.



## Alum Corner

Samuel "Sam" Jones and Ernie Barnes (posthumously) will be inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, September 25 at 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA.

Tickets: \$75 per person or \$700 per table (seats 10). Contact: Yolanda Graham - 404-524-1106 for more information.

## Homecoming 2009

It's that time of the year-HOMECOMING 2009! This year is unlike any other because the NCCUAA is stepping up its game with the premier HOMECOMING event-THE ALUMNI DANCE. The dance will feature a silent auction, cash bar, live band, and food all for a special price. Purchase your ticket now at [www.nccualumni.org](http://www.nccualumni.org).



Please go to [www.nccualumni.org](http://www.nccualumni.org) for more information on Homecoming 2009.

**NCCU Alumni Association**  
**2009 Homecoming Dance**  
 Marston Imperial Hotel Ballroom  
 Durham, North Carolina  
 Saturday, October 31, 2009 - 8:00pm-1:00am  
**\$35 Advance - \$40 at Door**  
 • Silent Auction  
 • Cash Bar  
 • Live Band  
 • Refreshments  
**Special Guest:**  
 Buy your tickets today!  
 \*Online: [www.nccualumni.org](http://www.nccualumni.org)  
 \*Call: The Alumni Office at 919-487-2222  
 \*Highland located at 1014 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC  
 \*Alumni Office (Office located at 1014 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC)  
 Blended in The All Stars

## Calendar of Events

**Football Game**, September 5th : North Carolina Central University "Eagles" vs. Hampton University "Pirates" in Hampton, VA. Kick-off: 6pm

**Alumni Tailgate:** September 5, 2009: Come out, tailgate and EAGLE UP! For more information, contact Enoch Bond at (919) 530-6363. Location: Hampton University-Lots 1,2,3,4, near main entrance of the Stadium Time 3-9

**Community Clean-up @ NCCU:** September 12, 2009: Make a Difference Day: From 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. B.N.Duke Auditorium, NCCU Campus Register to volunteer at [www.nccu.edu](http://www.nccu.edu)Chapter Events

**Alumni Council Meeting:** October 3, 2009: October Council Meeting at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, 812 Duke Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Registration fee is \$20.00 and must be paid to NCCU Alumni Association, Inc., no later than Friday, September 25, 2009. Send to: NCCU Alumni Association, Inc., Attn: Jackie Brodie, 2223 Fayetteville St.,Durham, NC 27707, Contact Host Hotel directly to make hotel arrangements:

Doubletree Hotel, 3030 High Point Road, Greensboro, North Carolina, USA, 27403  
(336) 292-4004/1-800-222-8733

Room Rates are \$89.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

Reservation codes are North Carolina Central University Alumni or CUA

**Alumni Homecoming Dance:** Saturday, October 31st-8 p.m.--Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets available online: [www.nccualumni.org](http://www.nccualumni.org) or by calling the NCCU ticket office at 919-530-5222.

**Chapter Events:** Is your chapter hosting an event? Send a flyer or email to [news@nccualumni.org](mailto:news@nccualumni.org) so your chapter's event will appear here.

It's a great time to be an Eagle! EAGLES UP!---FLYING HIGH!

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