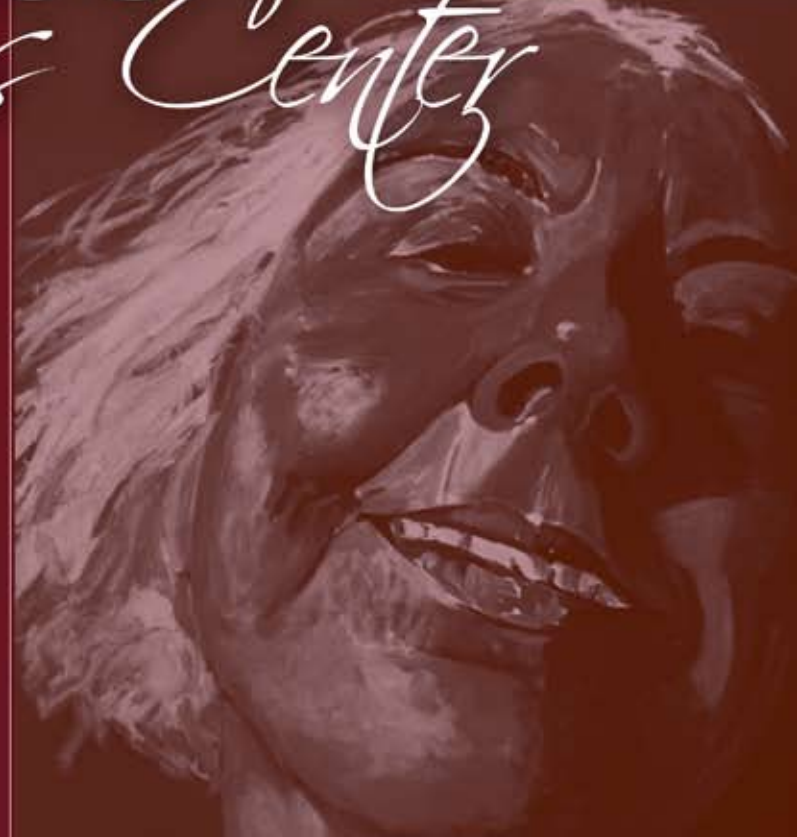




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NCCU
Women's Center



UNIVERSITY MISSION

North Carolina Central University is a comprehensive university offering programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and selected professional levels. It is the nation's first public liberal arts institution founded for African-Americans. The university upholds a strong liberal arts tradition and a commitment to academic excellence in a diverse educational and cultural environment. It seeks to encourage intellectual productivity and to increase the academic and professional skills of its students and faculty.

The mission of the university is to prepare students academically and professionally to become leaders prepared to advance the consciousness of social responsibility in a diverse, global society. The university will serve its traditional clientele of African-American students; it will also expand its commitment to meet the educational needs of a student body that is diverse in race and other socioeconomic qualities.

Teaching, supported by research, is the primary focus of the university. As a part of that focus, the university encourages its faculty to pursue intellectual development and rewards effective teaching and research. The university recognizes, however, the mutually reinforcing impact of scholarship and service on effective teaching and learning. North Carolina Central University, therefore, encourages and expects faculty and students to engage in scholarly, creative, and service activities, which benefit the community.

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A Message from the Director

Hello! I am very excited to introduce you to the NCCU Women's Center! I began my tenure here on August 22, 2007 and we have hit the ground running.

What is a Women's Center? It is a space for women and men to receive confidential support, to empower them to work on issues related to women's advocacy, and a central point for insuring gender equity on NCCU's campus.

There are over 500 women's centers nationwide, and three other women's centers at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). The NCCU Women's Center, however, is the first one of its kind at a public HBCU. This fact makes NCCU a pioneer in public HBCU's— true to its history. We have a small staff of three permanent employees, my position as Director, and two Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence coordinators as well as a wonderful work-study students and volunteers.

We have had a successful first three years, full of educational programs and outreach. We launched exciting programs and initiatives, including the Circle of Sisters women's leadership program, HBCU HAVEN (Helpers and Advocates for Violence Ending Now), Men Creating Change, Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Love Your Body Week in February, Women's Empowerment Week in March, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

We cannot do the wonderful work of the Women's Center without your help. I encourage your participation in our work through your gifts of time and money.

Please keep us in mind as you seek opportunities to give back to NCCU!

Yours in peace,
Chimi Boyd-Keyes



Women's Center Programs



Circle of Sisters women's leadership program- The purpose of the program is to prepare students for responsible and positive contributions to the campus community while at NCCU, develop and enhance women students' self-esteem, aid students in developing relationships with administrators by exposing them to campus officials outside of their "typical" setting and role, make students aware of the multitude of campus facilities and resources, and support students in developing a

network of peers with positive influences.

HBCU HAVEN (Helpers and Advocates for Violence Ending Now) -

program seeks to provide more streamlined, efficient, comprehensive culturally-competent services to members of the NCCU campus community who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

HBCU HAVEN also aims to increase educational awareness for students, faculty and staff. Using the Socio-Ecological Model to develop our program, we will work to end stalking, sexual and domestic violence on our campus by involving the entire community. We believe in the idea that, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." The partnership will address culturally-specific issues, develop innovative approaches for addressing barriers to seeking services, and create a sustainability plan for collaborative service delivery.

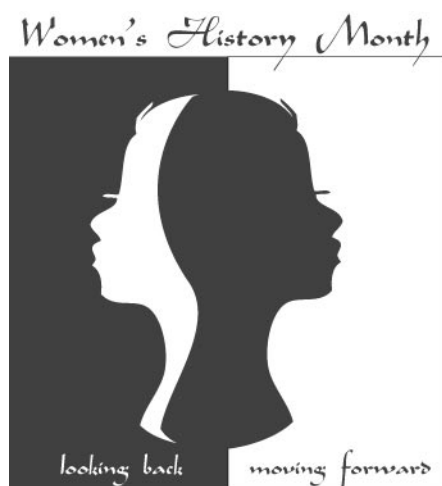


Men Creating Change - This NCCU Men's Initiative began as way for the Women's Center to develop male allies to support our work. Men Can Stop Rape in Washington D.C. was awarded a grant from the US Department of Justice and Health and Human Services, in part, to provide support to form and establish a chapter at NCCU.

Triple E Program Series (Embrace, Enhance and Empower Yourself!) - The purpose of this series is to create a stronger sense of community between female students and faculty, to enhance the collegiate experience of the women students of NCCU and to provide rich networking opportunities for college women as they pursue their career endeavors.

WHOLE Conference (Women Heightening Opportunities for Leadership and Empowerment) - We are dedicated to discovering new and exciting ways for women to be physically, mentally, professionally, and spiritually WHOLE! The purpose of this conference is to impact the WHOLE woman by creating unity among all women and promoting self worth, self esteem, responsibility, importance of education and the provision of community service.

Women Inspiring Learning (Momentum) - The W.I.L.L. program focused on middle school girls in the Durham community and cultivated their aptitude for science by pairing them with a mentor, exposing them to many career possibilities and providing academic enrichment with hands-on experience. Another program component included developing an encouraging environment for participants by involving parents during the program.



Awareness Months:

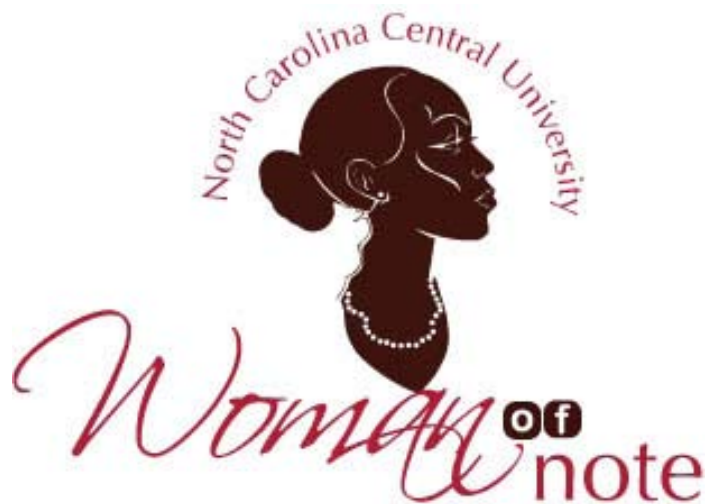
Breast Cancer Awareness - October

Domestic Violence Awareness - October

Love Your Body Week - February

Women's Empowerment Week (Women's History Month) - March

Sexual Assault Awareness - April



Woman of Note (wom•an • of • note)

1. *a: Someone who excels in her field, is involved in the arts, has an interesting hobby or avocation, or volunteers for a worthy endeavor*
2. *b: Students, current or retired staff and faculty, and alumnae of NCCU*

A Woman of Note is a woman who has not been widely recognized for her achievements or whose contributions are unknown outside of her area of expertise or a woman who has a lifetime of excellence in her chosen field and gives of her time to support worthy endeavors.

Inaugural Woman of Note Jazz Fête

and celebrate **100 YEARS OF WOMEN AT NCCU!!**

Friday, September 10, 2010

6:30pm-hors d'oeuvres

7:30pm – dinner, presentation and dancing

Live jazz with the Kirk Keyes Jazz Ensemble

Durham Marriott Convention Center

201 Foster Street

Durham, NC 27701

The Heroines

The Heroine Award recognizes women who have a lifetime of excellence in their chosen field and give of their time to support worthy endeavors.

Minnie Forte-Brown



Minnie Forte-Brown is a Durham native, attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech and English from Saint Augustine's College and a master's of education degree in speech pathology and audiology from North Carolina Central University. She also has participated in doctoral studies at Howard University in Theory and Rhetoric in the School of Communication.

Currently, Minnie serves as coordinator of speech communication and a master teacher in the Department of English and Mass Communication at NCCU. She is also the Chair of the Board of Durham Public Schools.

She has received numerous awards for teaching excellence and community service and is a frequent presenter locally and statewide. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and White Rock Baptist Church. She has one daughter and two grandsons, all a part of the DPS family. She is married to Roger A. Brown.

Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich



A path-maker while at NCCU, Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich served as the Editor-In-Chief of the award-winning CAMPUS ECHO, PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY, SENIOR COUNSELLOR, and was the first woman in NCCU's history to run (in 1954) for STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT. She was the first Undergraduate Public Relations Officer, appointed by President Alfonso Elder; and the first African American from NCCU, from the State of North Carolina, or from New York State (where she was born) to win a FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP (Germany, 1955-1956).

Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich was Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia, Pa., New York State's first black Housing Commissioner (in Governor Mario Cuomo's Cabinet), U.S. HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary, Executive Director of President Carter's **Urban and Regional Policy Group** which issued America's first codified National Urban Policy; and director of the Urban and National Policy Institutes, of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, in Washington, D.C She was the first CEO of the national Black Leadership Forum, Inc. where she remained for 10 years (1994 -2004).

She regularly is quoted in newspapers around the country and has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and many other national publications. She has been a commentator on the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, on MSNBC and CNN and appears frequently on many other public affairs and network news broadcasts. Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich has written over 100 publications and her op-eds have been published in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and the *Miami Herald*. She is the 2008 winner of the Bernie Harrison Front Page Award for Commentary. Syndicated by *Women's E-News*, her latest book is *Sound Bites of Protest*, published by Third World Press, Chicago, Ill. She has been lauded as A History Maker who is "... one of the most important intellectual leaders of the modern civil rights movement..." She is listed in a number of biographies, including *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who Among Black Americans*, *Who's Who Among American Women*, and in the seminal *Biography of African American Women*.

Kay Thompson Thomas



Kay Thompson Thomas was born in Gastonia, North Carolina but grew up in Rocky Mount and Scotland Neck, North Carolina. Kay earned her undergraduate degree from North Carolina College in 1966; a master's degree from Lynchburg College in 1970 and Education Administration from East Carolina University in 1985.

Her teaching career began in Campbell County Virginia in 1966. She taught in the Baltimore County School System, the Rocky Mount City School System and the Nash-Rocky Mount School System. Additionally she served as an Assistant Principal and a Principal. At her retirement she was an Assistant Personnel Director with the Nash-Rocky Mount School System. She spent thirty nine years in the field of education where she was recognized with awards for teaching and in administration.

She has been devoted to North Carolina Central University. She is a life member of the NCCU Alumni Association where she has served as National Secretary and National President and President of her local chapter. She currently serves as a National Committee Chair. In 2002 she received the Alumna of the Year Award from the National Alumni Association and Distinguished Alumni Award from the university presented by Dr. James Ammons, Chancellor at that time. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2003, and chaired the board 2008-2009.

Kay volunteers in her community on the Advisory Board for Grace Street Branch of the State Employees Credit Union where she served as chair 2005-2009, and she is a member of the Rocky Mount Re-Development Commission. At her church, St. John AME Zion, she serves as Secretary-Treasurer, member of the Trustee Board and President of the Gospel Choir. She is involved in other public service projects and activities through her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She is beginning her sixth year as a Communities in School Volunteer at Parker Middle School.

The Unsung Leaders

This award honors NCCU alumna, faculty and staff members who are little known outside of their area of expertise despite their invaluable contributions and achievements.

Regina R. Alston



Regina Alston is director of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) at North Carolina Central University. She was appointed to this position in the fall of 2009. Prior to that appointment, she taught English at NCCU from 1978-2009 in the Academic Skills Center and in the Department of English. She also served as director of the Office of National and International Fellowships while teaching.

Professor Alston also represents NCCU beyond the campus. Since 1990, she has been a Consultant with the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. In that capacity, she has served as a Reader and Table Leader involved in holistic scoring of essays portions of the SAT-II, GMAT, NTE, PRAXIS, ECT and AP English Literature. She was tapped for a special appointment by the College Board to serve as a Senior Reviewer to approve syllabi for the Advanced Placement English courses taught throughout the United States.

On the state level, Regina Alston represented North Carolina Central University as a member of Leadership North Carolina, Class III. The experience was a highlight of her civic activities. She has also participated in a number of philanthropic community activities as a member of the Durham Chapter of the LINKS, Incorporated.

During her many years of service at NCCU, she has been active on university-level and departmental level committees. In the Department of English, she developed the first online ENG 1210 course.

Regina Robinson Alston received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from North Carolina Central University (1974 and 1977). She has held North Carolina "A" and "G" teacher certification. In 1990, she completed all coursework and examinations for the Ph.D., except the dissertation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She is the widow of Joseph Spencer Alston (an alumnus of NCCU, B.S. and MBA) and the mother of Attorney Kimberly Alston of Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Baiyina Muhammad, Ph.D.



Baiyina W. Muhammad is an assistant professor of History at North Carolina Central University. She received her B.A.S. in African Diaspora Studies from Bennett College; her M.A. in History from North Carolina Central University; and her Ph.D. in History from Morgan State University. Dr. Muhammad's research interests and publications include African culture and identity within the African Diaspora, and in examining the relationship between Diaspora communities, the Black press, and African American Muslim women.

She entered the Department of History at NCCU in 2006. During her tenure she has taught courses on the Black Experience, the History of women and Special topics courses that explore identity, race, class and gender. For the past two years she has organized a Women's history conference for students enrolled in the topics in Women's history course. In April 2009 Dr. Muhammad received an award for Exemplary Teaching and Mentoring from the College of Liberal Arts and in May 2010 she received the NCCU Award for Teaching Excellence.

In addition to teaching students at NCCU, she has taught at the N.C. Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh a history course. Dr. Muhammad noted, "All my life, my mother did community work in prisons...so I when I saw the opportunity to teach at the correctional facility, I saw it as a way to connect to the community the way my mother did." She is also a member of several community organizations which include The Durham Parks and Recreation Inclusion advisory board, the Exceptional Children- Parent Teacher Association, and the Durham chapter of the Autism Society.

A native of Paterson, NJ., Dr. Muhammad now resides in North Carolina with her husband Dr. Dwayne T. Brandon who in an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at NCCU. They have four sons.

Jacqueline Waddell Johnson



Jackie Waddell Johnson exemplifies NCCU's motto of Truth In Service. She has been the Team Leader with State Farm for over 34 years in areas of Claims and most recently Multi-Cultural Business Development [Supplier Diversity Programs] for the NC/VA/MD/DC regions. She recently created the OPP (Operation Pretty & Polished) Prom for inner city high school students to experience the positive and memorable aspects of a safe and fashionable Prom. With the assistance of DC radio personality Justine Love, also a former NCCU student, they brought together over 1,000 donated designer evening gowns, cocktail attire and tuxedos for young adults within a two month timeframe. She also has traveled with Dr. Ian Smith to promote the 50 Million Pound Challenge Program with State Farm.

Jackie established TOMMORROW'S LLC, a college tour program to enlighten high school students to attend HBCU programs throughout the Southeast. They toured more than 11 colleges within a one week span during spring break from DC/MD/VA to NC/SC/GA. She felt the need to bring a diverse group of students from 10th to 12th grade to help them make the right choices and seek out minority-serving colleges.

Known by her friends as a Martha Stewart type of woman who can do anything, she is also active with her children's education. Daughter Jasmine attends NCCU with goals to become a Veterinarian Medical Technician and son Tres Jasper III attends North Carolina A&T State University. She is proud of her 10 year old nephew Desmond Jackson who is now training and involved with track and field Special Olympic programs for children with amputees/prosthetics. She inspires Dezi to excel and achieve goals against all odds and to become a super achiever.

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