Dr. Khalil Muhammad, director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture speaks at the invitation of the newly formed Commission on Enhancing the Intellectual Climate.
Intellectual Commission at NCCU

A new commission has been formed at NCCU with the goal of raising academic expectations and accountability for students, faculty, staff and administrators. The Commission on Enhancing the Intellectual Climate, established by Chancellor Charlie Nelms, is designed to explore innovative ways to facilitate student-faculty exchanges, expand students’ involvement in intellectual activities on and off the campus, and to begin a conversation within the university community about perceptions of the intellectual climate. The commission includes faculty, staff and students.

Programs and activities focused on improving the climate have already begun. The first speaker, on Feb. 23 and 24, was Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, assistant professor of history at Indiana University and newly appointed director of the New York Public Library’s Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Located in Harlem, the Schomburg Center is the world’s leading repository on the global black experience. Muhammad spoke on the physical and intellectual perspectives of documentation and preservation of African-American culture.

A native of Chicago, Muhammad is the great-grandson of Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Nation of Islam, and the son of Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times photographer Ozier Muhammad.

Meet NCCU Alumni Ameen Saleem

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Ameen Saleem started playing bass with the city’s youth orchestra program in 1992. He attended the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, graduating fourth in his class. He also received the top instrumentalist award in that same year.

He received a full scholarship to North Carolina Central University, recorded with the NCCU jazz band twice, and graduated magna cum laude in 2001 with the highest grade point average in the music department. Saleem then enrolled at Queens College in New York City and earned a Master of Music degree. He received the 2003 ASCAP Foundation Louis Armstrong Scholarship at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College.

Since then, he has participated in the Jazz Ambassador program operated jointly by the U.S. State Department and the Kennedy Center, as well as with Rhythm Road American Music Abroad program, which is run by the State Department and Jazz at Lincoln Center. Saleem has toured and performed in 38 countries. He has played on such shows such as Emeril Live and frequently tours across the United States. He currently performs with the Roy Hargrove Quintet and Big Band and will be on the NCCU campus performing with that quintet in April.

Jazz at Lincoln Center, in partnership with the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, produces an annual series of international tours for 10 ensembles performing jazz, urban or American roots music to countries all over the world. Through performance, education and person-to-person interaction, the Rhythm Road program encourages mutual respect and understanding between the United States and the countries visited by ensembles. In 2009, the Brian Horton Quartet (of which Saleem was a member) was selected as one of the performing groups to tour Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
NCCU Jazz Festival

The NCCU Jazz Festival returns this spring for its 21st year with the promise of amazing guest artist performances, creative and innovative sounds from NCCU music faculty, and stellar performances by jazz studies students. The festival will run from April 11 to 16 and includes performances by jazz vocalist Rene Marie with conductor Doug Richards on April 15 and the Roy Hargrove Quintet on April 16. This year’s festival is being labeled as “NCCU Jazz Week,” with planned performances by NCCU music faculty and students across the campus.

Jazz Ensembles II and III will perform at the Student Union on April 11, and the Jazz Combo will perform at the B.N. Duke Auditorium on April 12. A Meet the Artist session will be held at the Beyu Caffé, 335 W. Main St., in downtown Durham, on April 13. The NCCU Faculty Jazz Group will perform at the B.N. Duke Auditorium on April 14.

Each year the festival has grown in popularity, thanks in part to Dr. Ira Wiggins, associate professor of music in the Jazz Studies program and organizer of the festival. Wiggins first introduced the festival in 1990 to expose the campus community and the city of Durham to America’s first indigenous art form, jazz.

In addition to the festival, the NCCU Jazz Program will participate in the following events:

March 20 — a performance hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter of the NCCU Alumni Association

March 25-27 — Villanova Competitive Jazz Festival

April 7 — Elizabeth City State University Jazz Festival

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ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Baseball
3/2 Longwood University Durham 3 p.m.
3/8 Florida A&M University Tallahassee, Fla. 2 p.m.
3/8 Florida A&M University Tallahassee, Fla. 5 p.m.
3/9 Florida A&M University Tallahassee, Fla. 2 p.m.
3/11 Presbyterian College Clinton, S.C. 2 p.m.
3/12 Presbyterian College Clinton, S.C. 2 p.m.
3/13 Presbyterian College Clinton, S.C. 2 p.m.
3/15 Duke University Durham 3:15 p.m.
3/18 University of Buffalo Durham 3 p.m.
3/19 University of Buffalo Durham 2 p.m.
3/20 University of Buffalo Durham noon
3/23 UNC Charlotte Durham 3 p.m.
3/26 Delaware State Univ. Dover, Del. 1 p.m.
3/26 Delaware State Univ. Dover, Del. 4 p.m.
3/27 Delaware State Univ. Dover, Del. noon
3/29 Davidson College Buies Creek, N.C. 3 p.m.
3/30 Campbell University Buies Creek, N.C. 6 p.m.

Softball
3/1 UNC Wilmington Cary, N.C. 3 p.m.
3/8 Furman University Greenville, S.C. 2 p.m.
3/8 Furman University Greenville, S.C. 4 p.m.
3/10 Barton College Wilson, N.C. 3 p.m.
3/10 Barton College Wilson, N.C. 5 p.m.
3/17 Campbell University Buies Creek, N.C. 4 p.m.
3/17 Campbell University Buies Creek, N.C. 6 p.m.
3/18 Delaware State Tournament Dover, Del. TBD

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March 10, Dowd YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C., 6:30 p.m.
March 16, NCCU Alfonso Elder Student Union, Durham, N.C. 6 p.m.
March 17, OIC One Senior Citizen Center, 721 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rocky Mount, N.C., 6 p.m.
March 19, NCCU Alumni Association Region IV Meeting, Elizabeth City, NC
March 25-26, NCCU Alumni Association Region III Meeting, Columbia, S.C.

Football 2011: Make Plans to Travel with the Eagles
Eagle Football is more than just a game. It’s excitement on the gridiron, road trips with alumni and friends and much more.

Featured Photo

(I to r) Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree, director of athletics, discusses strategy with chefs from the Department of Hospitality and Tourism and Sodexho before squaring off against Chancellor Nelms in the first Battle of the Chefs competition.

NCCU wraps up its 2011 campaign 60 miles down the road in Greensboro, N.C., on Nov. 19 (1:30 p.m.) against the rival North Carolina A&T Aggies. After two straight years of nail-biting competition between the Eagles and the Aggies, last year’s electrifying match-up was brought back to O’Kelly-Riddick Stadium for the first time since 1992. The Eagles took an early lead, defeating their biggest rivals with a final score of 27-16.
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Sept. 9 – 11  NCCU vs Central State ($395)
Cleveland, Ohio

Oct. 8   NCCU vs South Carolina State ($135)
Orangeburg, S.C.

Oct. 22   NCCU vs Hampton ($130)
Hampton, Va.

Nov. 4 - 6  NCCU vs Delaware State ($295)
Dover, Del.

Nov. 19   NCCU vs N.C.  A&T State ($95)
Greensboro, N.C.

Overnight trip pricing includes transportation, double occupancy lodging, hotel breakfast, taxes and gratuities, NCCU Alumni souvenirs, tour attractions, luggage handling and game ticket.

Malveaux Offers Leadership Advice

“If you think you are leading and no one is following, you are fooling yourself,” Dr. Julianne Malveaux told an audience at NCCU as the initial speaker in the Department of Public Administration and Public Allies Leadership series.

Malveaux said that as president of Bennett College, she has learned something about leadership, especially about women in leadership. Her first tip to budding female leaders: avoid the stereotypes. “Not all women are the same,” said Malveaux. “On demand and by appointment I can be warm and fuzzy, but not all the time.” She said there are six lessons all female leaders must learn: Know yourself and your baggage; cover your buttons or triggers (the things that can upset you); don’t be picky and petty; listen to your inner voice; don’t yell, and learn balance and what brings you joy.

But beyond female leadership, she stressed the importance of being a transformative leader, a skill that she says must be learned. “A true leader will take what you are and make it better because they have learned humility and integrity and the power of three words, ‘I was wrong,’” said Malveaux.

Coming to Bennett College for Women in 2007, Malveaux credits her administrators as a key to her success as a leader. She acknowledged that she didn’t know everything but she did know how to motivate her staff to believe in her vision — a vision that included creating global citizens. By 2012 Malveaux said half of the graduating class will have participated in a global opportunity and the campus will be an all-passport campus.

After taking questions from the audience, Malveaux provided a parting thought to the audience. “Learn to lead your self. Without it,” she said “you can’t lead others.”