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Mission

Statement

The mission of the NCCU Centennial Scholars Program is to provide participants with relevant academic, professional, and social experiences to be productive citizens without excuses.

The CSP staff is always open to suggestions about how we can better serve you. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to us at csp@nccu.edu or call 919-530-7814.

Centennial Scholars Program Eagles' Talon

Guest Professor Motivates Scholars Through Empowering Discussion



Dr. Derek Greenfield, Director of Diversity and Equity Management at Alcorn State University, engages a large group of Centennial Scholars during his presentation in the Alfonso Elder Student Union. His talk was focused on forgiveness and achieving the impossible.

As the Centennial Scholars Program continues to assist students in striving for academic and personal excellence, visiting professor and motivational speaker, Dr. Derek Greenfield was able to show the scholars that not only is the impossible possible, but by working together and supporting each other, it is even easier.

"Dr. Greenfield's presentation gave me more motivation to keep my mind focused on my goals," said sophomore music major Reginald "RJ" Simon. "I am glad that I came because he was really inspiring, and I appreciate him being here."

Dr. Greenfield, who currently serves as the Director of Diversity and Equity Management and as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Alcorn State University, presented on September 6 for the scholars during the 10:40 a.m. break and again later that evening. In the early session, he discussed different ways to approach being successful and allowed some of the students

to share their experiences so far at NCCU. In the night session, students were able to share personal reflections and support each other through that process.

"Motivation, and providing a space for support was my goal," said Dr. Greenfield, who used poetry and other activities to create a safe space for personal sharing amongst the group. "[Through this session] the students see that the community cares and that together, family grows stronger." In a room filled with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, many who did not know each other, the Centennial Scholars spoke about many personal situations regarding family, friends, past and present. Dr. Greenfield knows that people carry hurt and pain, and how important it is to let it go. "I see the hurt and pain, and it holds people back more than anything else. Once you let it go, you can move forward in life."

For the Centennial Scholars who attended the presentation, it was definitely a motivational and emotional time that allowed the students to learn and grow together. For many students this will serve a life-long learning experience and they are thankful for Dr. Greenfield.

"This was a great opportunity to share our perspective on life," said sophomore math education major Alex Mitchell. "It not only helped us better ourselves, but also better society."

Calling All Men of NCCU! Are You the One?

Calling all males! Calling all males! Well, perhaps not ALL males. We are looking for only the best and brightest campus stars that North Carolina Central University has to offer.

Do you play an instrument in such a way that brings people to tears and makes them want to change their lives for the better? Does your flow set fire to the hearts of any emcee

that dares to step up to the mic to challenge your lyrical prowess? Are you the fastest, strongest man on campus, making the Old Spice guy wish he were as confident as you? Well, we want to hear from you!

The Centennial Scholars Program will host a male talent showcase to highlight the special skills of the men at NCCU on November 10 at 7 p.m. in the New School of Education Au-

ditorium. We invite spoken word artists, visual artists, athletes, and any other participants who claims to be the best at what they do. In the end, one man will be crowned the most talented and take home the trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the year. An interest meeting will be held October 11 at 10:40 a.m. in the Student Union. Please contact Mr. Jason Dorsette more details by e-mailing idorsette@nccu.edu.

Faculty & Staff

Spotlight

Gary Brown is the Direc-

tor of the Office of Stu-

dent Rights and Respon-

sibilities, where he works to educate NCCU stu-

dents about how to be

the best decision makers

they possibly can. He is a native Texan who

grew up in the Washing-

Director's Message

Greetings Scholars, Families and Partners:

The semester is just about half over. Our scholars have encountered some growing pains during the first eight weeks of class, and we've all learned some lessons. The CSP staff urges all the scholars to stay focused on their studies and work hard to be a good citizen in the residence halls and beyond.

Roommate issues are bound to arise from time to time with people living in close quarters. Be sure to communicate with your roommates, suitemates and neighbors before situations get out of hand. Many times someone may not know his behavior is adversely affecting you. At the same time, be respectful of your roommates and their possessions. Keep your rooms, common areas, bathrooms and bodies clean. And do your laundry - no one likes a stinky roommate.

Recognize that every person comes from a different background with distinctive experiences, values and goals. Rather than judging them, embrace the new prospective they can bring to your life. We must all learn to coexist and work together.

As a reminder, all CSP members are required to attend their cohort and general body meetings each month. The staff disseminates important information at these meetings that is vital to the success of our scholars. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact your CSP advisor at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, regularly check the CSP Blackboard site for program-related information. If you are not able to sign on or you are not getting the e-mails, please contact Ms. Kelly at dkelly 17@nccu.edu.

Keep striving for success. We believe in each of you.

Warmest regards,

Jason J. Dorsette

Jason J. Dorsette CSP Director

Centennial Scholars Makes a Difference in the Community



Freshmen Centennial Scholars (left to right) Montreal Chambers, Nathaniel Peterkin, and Jared Smith approach a house to pass out a gift bag during NCCU's Make A Difference

On a cold and rainy morning, 740 students, including a large contingent of Centennial Scholars, woke up bright and early on September 17 to participate in Make A Difference Day and the Eagle Habitat for Humanity Project groundbreaking ceremony. Make A Difference Day is a partnership between NCCU and the city of Durham for a day of service to the five neighborhoods surrounding the campus. An additional focus of this service-learning initiative was to help foster a greener environ-

After inspirational remarks from Dr. Deborah Bailey, Director of the Academic Community Service Learning Program, and several other campus and community leaders, participants helped paint, pick up litter, plant flowers, and foster relationships in the communities immediately adjacent to campus.

Reflecting on his experience, CSP criminal justice major Sayqwan Stabler of Raleigh said, "Being one of the freshman leaders, I had one of the most satisfying, motivating, and productive times volunteering for the Make A Difference Day clean up. Doing work in the community

opened my eyes to a world that is important to the university, to CSP, and now to me."

Following the conclusion of the Make A Difference Day program, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Eagle Habitat for Humanity Project took place at 814 Colfax Street in Durham. The impact of the Centennial Scholars Program's participation did not go unnoticed.

"The Centennial Scholars are always enthusiastic and always there. They were the heart of Make A Difference Day," said Dr. Bailey. "The energy that the Centennial Scholars brought gave the event a positive spirit. The other students didn't get excited until they felt how much energy the Centennial Scholars showed."

ton, D.C. area before coming to North Carolina for higher education pursuits. "Be proud of who you are, where you come from, and what you bring to the table. Remember, the sacrifices of many that have enabled you to make it to this point in your life. Know that your time at NCCU should shape you in preparing for your future. What you do today truly can and will impact your tomorrow. Make good decisions. The best decision makers are those who realize the decisions they make not only affect them but also affect others. Live each day with integrity because doing so will allow you to SOAR (Successfully Overcome Adverse Reactions)!"



Scholar Highlight

Two CSP Freshman Swing for the Fences

Sports are more than a casual pastime for some. It's a passion and a part of who they are and who they want to become. Two CSP freshmen, Deion Doubledee of Vinland, NJ, and Clarence "Cory" Williamson of Greensboro, NC, have been playing baseball for more than 14 years and are now lending their talents to the NCCU Baseball Team.

College athletics is serious business and so are the challenges student athletes face, especially as freshmen. "I plan on balancing athletics and academics by taking advantage of the study hall hours that I have to complete and every week, and I always make sure that I set my priorities," said Williamson, a business finance major with a minor in leadership studies.

Even with the extra responsibilities, Williamson feels baseball is a calling as it is in his blood. "Baseball has always been in my family," he said. "My grandfather played for North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University and continued his career in semi-pro baseball. My father played at Saint Augustine College and in minor league baseball for the Cincinnati Reds organization."

The students say CSP has a hand in keeping them focused on what's important. "CSP helps me mentally stay on top of my game and helps keep my mind clear. When I feel like I need anything, I can go to CSP and get it. They also give me extra drive to do things on campus," said Doubledee, a business administration major with a concentration in marketing, who is also involved in the Student Government Association, Army ROTC and the Student Activities Board.



Freshmen Centennial Scholars and NCCU Baseball team members Dieon Doubledee (I) and Clarence "Cory" Williamson (r) are looking to have a positive impact at NCCU on and off the baseball field.

When other students are studying, relaxing or sleeping, these student athletes are hard at work perfecting their craft. The early morning workouts were a surprise for Doubledee. "Going to a Division I Baseball school, I expected to have long nights, not early days. Getting up early around 5:30 a.m. is a task for me."

Both scholars plan to incorporate sports into their futures. Williamson's goal is to play professional baseball, own a number of restaurants, and help his father with his teaching business in leadership studies. Doubledee intends to earn a law degree and become one of the top sports agents in the United States.

CSP's Scholarly Tips

Helpful hints to make better students

Halloween Safety Tips for College Student (Adapted from Webwire.com)

Halloween as a child is fun. Kids trick-or-treat in groups and go door-to-door in familiar neighborhoods, and they attend supervised parties. Halloween at college is a different. It's when some students dress up in racy costumes that others may think of as an open invitation to take advantage. People gather in basements that might not meet fire safety codes. Underage and excessive alcohol consumption is often an issue.

Whether or not you observe Halloween or not, here are some tips to keep in mind this time of year, to stay safe and for everyone to have fun .

- 1. Leave your lights on even if you don't plan on being in your room.
- 2. If you are hosting a party, keep an eye on whom you let enter and what they are bringing with them. Don't let your guests' behavior get out of hand.
- 3. Don't walk alone on campus or off campus.
- 4. Be cautious when approaching strangers in costume.
- 5. No matter how cool it may look with your costume, leave the fake weapons at home.
- 6. Limit your alcohol consumption. Don't leave your food or drink unattended.





Centennial Scramble

Unscramble the letters to uncover the CSP terms

I. chorto
2. ecacdmai
3. iscalo
4. cusefussic
5. nadrigtauo
6. mmottcmein
7. ntceelinan
8. hpsridleea
9. deiodnicat
I 0. uuluclrmattli
II. elams
12. nhpritesin
13. solarch
14. etonhimprs
I5. tdiaoevtm
l 6. iusveetromln
I7. eleelcncxe
18. poariatnrep
19. baogll
20. inzpsiicteh

Did You Know? Chancellor's Edition Part 2

LeRoy T. Walker (1983-1986) served as the interim Chancellor for three years. As a nationally renowned track coach for NCCU for 41 years, he coached athletes at every Olympic Games from 1956 to 1976, and was head coach of the U.S. track and field team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Tyronza R. Richmond (1986-1992) came to NCCU as dean of the School of Business in 1977 and was named chancellor in 1986. During his administration, NCCU landed its first \$1 million gift and established its first endowed professorship. He founded the University College to offer a degree path for working adults who needed to take their courses in the evening.

Julius L. Chambers (1992-2001) was the first alumnus to serve as NCCU's chief executive. He was named chancellor in 1993 after a distinguished career as a civil rights attorney. He earned his bachelors degree in history from NCCU in 1958 and a law degree from the UNC School of Law, graduating first in his class.

James H. Ammons (2001-2007) was the eighth chancellor at NCCU. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) in 1974. He became FAMU provost before his appointment as NCCU's chancellor in 2001.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Place	
October 10	CSP Cohort I	7 p.m.	Chidley Smart Classroom	
October II	CSP Cohort 2	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	
October 13	CSP Cohort 3	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	
October 17-18	Fall break – no classes			
October 25	CSP Cohort 2	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	
October 27	CSP Cohort 3	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	16. iusveetromin - volunteerism. 17. eleelcncxe - excellence. 18. poariatnrep - preparation. 19. baogil - global.
November 8	CSP Cohort 2	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	13. solarch - scholar. 14. etonhimprs - mentorship. 15. tdiacoevtm - motivated. 14. itsveetromp
November 9	CSP General Body (All Cohorts) w/ Special Gu	7 p.m. ests	New School of Ed Auditorium	9, deiodnicat - dedication. 10. uuluclrmattii - multicultural. 11. elams - males. 12. nhpritesin - internship. 13. solacto - scholar.
November 10	CSP Cohort 3	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium	6. mmottcmein - commitment. 7. ntceelinan - centennial . 8. hpsridleea - leadership.
November 10	NCCU Male Talent Showcase	7 p.m.	Student Union Lobby	Word Scramble Answers L. chorto - cohort. L. escachasi - academic. 3. iscalo - social. 4. cusefusslc - successful. 4. cusefusslc - graduation. 2. inadrigator - graduation.



