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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

Centennial Scholars Get Called to Manhood



Tony Porter, Co-Founder of A Call to Men, an organization committed to promoting healthy manhood and teaching men about violence against women, speaks to a group of Centennial Scholars and other NCCU students in the A.E. Student Union.

At many colleges and universities, violence against women is a campus focus. Through collaborative programming, the Women's Center, Alfonso Elder Student Union, Centennial Scholars Program and Student Rights and Responsibilities hosted "A Call to Manhood," featuring speaker Tony Porter who taught students, staff, and faculty that violence against women is not

just a concern for women, but that it begins and ends with educating males in our communities.

On October 11, Porter, Co-Founder of A Call To Men, a men's organization addressing domestic and sexual violence prevention and the promotion of healthy manhood, had a impactful dialogue with staff and students over lunch. He culminated his presentation with a dialogue to Centennial Scholars Program students at night in the Student Union.

"Having the opportunity to engage in these discussions on campus are important, not only for the staff, but also the student body," said Jahmal Williams, an Assistant Director with the Centennial Scholars Program. "Violence against women is a serious concern nationally, and I am glad to have worked with Mr. Porter to educate our young men on the role they play in ending this cycle."

Porter discussed the concept of the "Man-Box." The "Man-Box" consists of the traditional ideas of what a man is supposed to be. He stressed that these norms continue to keep men from taking an active stand in domestic and sexual violence prevention. In the end, he was able to provide the Centennial Scholars with strategies to prevent domestic and sexual violence, and get students to take a stand for what is right, both at NCCU and throughout their lives.

'Tis the Season to Support CSP

The holiday season has crept up on us once again and the sights and sounds of the season are all around us! During this time of year, friends and family gather around to reflect on their many blessings.

As you can imagine, the Centennial Scholars Program often finds itself assisting students who are in need financially. Through the support of donors and sponsors like you, our

organization has been able to assist students with tuition costs, books, professional business attire and personal hygiene products. If you are able to donate privately, please inquire about matching funds programs through your employer. We also welcome support from corporate sponsors, so please extend this invitation to those individuals as well. No amount is too large and no amount is too small.

Checks may be made payable to the NCCU Foundation: Student Affairs. Please write in the memo line "Centennial Scholars Program." If you require additional information about CSP, please contact us at (919) 530-7814 or via e-mail at csp@nccu.edu or idorsette@nccu.edu, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Director's Message

Greetings Scholars, Families and Partners:

Faculty & Staff **Spotlight**



Brenda R. Shaw is the Director/Principal Investigator of the Title III Programs and is responsible for administering the HBCU, HBGI, CCRAA, and SAFRA grants of North Carolina Central University. She is an assistant professor of English, a native of Jackson, TN, and a graduate of Lane College.

"I am very proud to be involved with the University's support of the African American Male Initiative (Centennial Scholars Program) through the Title III Programs. Chancellor Charlie Nelms and Vice Chancellor Kevin Rome are to be commended for their keen awareness of the challenges that black males face and their contemporary vision to address these needs. The focus this program places on these students' persistence and graduation is critical to this community and the nation. NCCU has taken a giant step towards helping our African American males achieve academic and social success, but it is each NCCU African American male's responsibility to rise up and take his true place in this society: a position of leadership, honorable character, and selfless service."

As we enter the season of giving and being thankful, the Centennial Scholars Program staff members would like to express their appreciation to all those who support our mission and our scholars in various ways. Almost daily, we all hear about the importance of giving back, whether it is to your community, church, alma mater or family. People often feel overwhelmed by the many demands on their time and resources that they often overlook how crucial "paying it forward" is to making society a better place. There are examples all around us of how even the smallest act of kindness can have some of the most extensive impact on others. Give with all your heart in whatever way you can: open doors for others, smile at strangers, donate to your favorite charities, volunteer in your community, offer to help your neighbors, tell others how much they mean to you or give compliments.



Jason J. Dorsette

Unfortunately, it seems our legislators have lost touch with what it means to give back. Cur-CSP Director rently, the House Appropriations Committee draft fiscal year 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS) funding bill would devastate federal Title III funding to historically black colleges and universities, including NCCU, by cutting support by 36 percent next year. Title III funds underwrite projects all over campus, including the Centennial Scholars Program. NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms is encouraging everyone to speak to, write or visit your Congress member and ask him or her to stop the cuts to education and invest in education as the essential building block of the human infrastructure necessary for future prosperity. You may find contact information for your representative at http://www.house.gov/representatives/.

At the same time that holidays are quickly approaching, finals are looming as well. Your focus may be on Thanksgiving break, but once you return you will have only one week of class time before exams begin. Check out our study tips for finals on page 3, and keep your focus on academics.

Don't just reach for the stars - reach beyond them. We believe in each of you.

Warmest regards,

Jason J. Dorsette

Centennial Scholars Makes a Difference in the Community



Centennial Scholars Program staff and students braved the cold weather and rain to participate in the 2011 Homecoming Parade.

Homecoming 2011 was truly made epic at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) with scores of events, activities, and functions, and the Homecoming Parade was no exception.

The NCCU community took to the streets of Durham on October 29 at 9 a.m. to celebrate Homecoming 2011. Kicked off by the grand marshal, Jeffrey L. Throop, president of the

Tournament of Roses, the event saw the university family, both past and present, brave the brisk and damp weather as NCCU's Marching Sound Machine and other bands, student organizations, campus partners, and many others made their way down Fayetteville Street for the festivities.

The Centennial Scholars Program (CSP) contributed with a float of its own. Occupied by students, staff, and family members, the CSP float participants showered onlookers with candy in appreciation for their participation.

"The Homecoming Parade was an experience for me," said CSP freshman Terrell Snipes. "It was great seeing all the people from the community out in the morning cheering for our school and seeing all the little children and their exuberance over the candy. The atmosphere was amazing.'



SCHOLARS

Scholar Highlight

Military Upbringing Fosters Accountability for Lopez



Junior Centennial Scholars Program member Christopher Lopez continues to serve as a positive example and leader for CSP freshmen and others around NCCU's cambus.

It is a lesson that is sometimes hard to learn: be accountable for your actions and the actions of those around you. Growing up in a Marine Corps family, Centennial Scholars Program junior Christopher DelaRosa Lopez of Jacksonville, NC, learned early on that even if you are not directly involved in an incident, your affiliation to others will connect you to the situation.

"I would always be held accountable for anything going on around the house," recalled Lopez, a business administration/management major. "Even when I had nothing to do with the situation, I was still held accountable because my family, which consists of my mother, father, sister, and me, always worked together and acted as one unit. So, if one person was in trouble, everyone would feel the heat!"

Lopez takes the lessons he learned from his now retired Marine Corps father and applies them to everyday life. "The military, especially the U.S. Marine Corps are the ones trained to fight, defend, and help progress the beautiful country that we live in. In turn, I take that concept and look at it on a much smaller scale," he said. "I was trained to fight, defend, and help progress my family through taking care of business, remaining accountable and staying responsible – like Marine Corps motto 'Semper Fidelis,' which is Latin for 'Always Faithful."

Along with other juniors, Lopez helped to develop the P.R.E.P. Mentoring Program that connects junior and sophomore CSP students with first-year CSP students to help them better acclimate to their new environment and provide advice and guidance. Lopez is confident this program will help new scholars feel the same bond of brotherhood that the more seasoned members do.

"The main thing I've obtained from CSP thus far is a long-term brotherhood connection," Lopez noted. "The feeling of being both accepted and honored is truly a blessing. With the program, I feel like I have hundreds of

brothers who are going through everything I am, so I'm really not left alone. I am able to help those around me who are going through those trials and tribulations of being in college. CSP allowed me access to those individuals who are seeking help and the humanitarian side of me wants to do nothing but see those surrounding me not strive, but thrive for their own personal success."

After graduating from NCCU, Lopez plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a master's degree in business management. He would then like to attend Yale University to obtain an executive doctorate in business administration. The future "Dr. Lopez" would like to work in the automotive industries on a corporate and the entrepreneurial level to help develop more jobs within the economy.

CSP's Scholarly Tips

Helpful hints to make better students

Finals Preparation Tips

Tip 1: Start early

Preparation for exams should begin earlier than the day before the test. You cannot cram an entire unit of information into an all-nighter. Get started at least a week before the exam.

Tip 2: Organize

Begin by making yourself a calendar outlining a daily schedule of topics for review. Cover a small amount of material for each class each day. Every time you complete a topic, give yourself a mini review.

Tip 3: Outline

Once you have decided what you need to study and how much time you need to spend studying, it is time to actually study. One of the best ways is to make succinct outlines. As you read over your textbook and class notes, write a brief summary for each topic.

Tip 4: Make flashcards

Similar to outlining, making flashcards is a helpful technique for studying. By writing down the information from your outline, you are already doing half the studying. Once the flashcards are complete, you will have a portable study packet to review.

Tip 5: Get help

If you are having trouble memorizing something or a particular concept is just not sinking in, get help before it is too late. Ask your professor to go over a glitch you might be having. If memorizing 200 vocabulary words seems like too much to do, recruit your friends and family members to quiz you with index cards.

Centennial Number Block

What is a Number Block you ask? A Number Block is group of numbers formed in a block. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right. Some of the numbers are missing. You fill in the missing numbers. Do not use any numbers higher than 5.

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Did You Know? "Dear Old NCC"

Did you know that Annie Day Shepard wrote the words to "Dear Old N.C.C.," the school's alma mater. The music was written by musical Harry T. Burleigh, and revised by his son Alston W. Burleigh. Dr. James E. Shepard had the song copyrighted in 1939.

The Sloping Hills, the verdant green
The lovely blossoms' beauteous sheen
Surround our college proud and gay,
Where wave our colors Maroon and Gray
What matters is how far we roam,
Our thots will oft return to home
And hearts will e'er be true to thee,
Our Alma Mater N.C.C

Refrain:

Then Rah! Rah! Rah For our colors so gay!
Dear old N.C.C.'s Maroon and Gray;
Thy sons and they daughters will honor thee,
Dear old N.C.C.

We've gathered here to fit our lives, As from the darkness light revives So let us hail, both night and day, Our glorious colors, Maroon and Gray. We'll ever love and honor thee, For thou hast taught us loyalty. Then let our watchword service be, To Alma Mater. N.C.C.

You send us forth with hearts of love; So like a blessing from above, And from the path we'll never stray, Our dear Alma Mater, Maroon and Gray We'll work and fight, we'll win our way. When duty calls, we shall obey. And may we e'er return to thee, Our Alma Mater, N.C.C.!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Telvin Adams
Andrew Barnes
Christopher Brooks
David Bullock
Khayri Burns
Dyrell Carr
Daniel Charles
Cameron Clifton
Brandon Coleman
Tre'Sean Cooks
James Echols
JoWarren Halback

Dante Harrell
Michael Harris
Miguel Hechavarria
Tyrone Hayes
Tevin Jones
Jerrell King
Kenneth Lampkin
Jaquan Lawary
Kevin Lerner
Nicholas Lewis
Christopher Melvin
Alexander Moore

Antonio Morehead Jamar Negron Damilola Okunsokan Kaleb Scroggins Emmanuel Smith Brandon Taylor Darquis Thomas Donnie Thomas Anthony Thorpe

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Place							
November 14	CSP Cohort I	7 p.m.	Chidley Smart Classroom							
November 21	CSP General Body (All Cohorts)	7 p.m.	New School of Ed Auditorium							
November 23	Thanksgiving Break Begins									
November 28	Classes Resume			7.7	۷1	91	13	33	91	71
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