Alumni Giving Participation Rate Goal for FY 2011-2012 is 20%; Currently at 6%

This is an urgent request to all alumni who have donated gifts, or have yet to contribute, to the law school for this fiscal year. The reduction in state funds has had a significant impact on student programs. If you have never donated, do consider doing so now. The more alumni participation we have, the more student program enhancements can be supported. If you haven’t contributed for awhile, begin today because every donation is needed and greatly appreciated. If you are a regular donor, and if your circumstances permit, consider increasing your normal level of donation by 25 percent, 50 percent, or more.

The Alumni Giving Participation Rate (APR) is widely used to measure the value alumni place on their education and the financial health of the institution. Employers, prospective students and grant-making foundations look to alumni giving rates as evidence of support, and direct support is needed for our scholarship funds, the Annual Fund, library, clinic and Bar stipends. To donate right now, click here.

On behalf of the students and faculty, I extend warm and sincere thanks to all who have donated to the law school this year.

Delores James
Director of Development

NCCU School of Law Gains AALS Membership

The North Carolina Central University School of Law has been elected to membership in the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), a nonprofit group that works to improve the legal profession by improving legal education. The AALS’s House of Delegates approved NCCU’s membership at its annual meeting in Washington on January 5, 2012. Read more here.
Phillip Dixon Sr. donates Award to School of Law Public Interest Law Organization (PILO)

Phillip Dixon Sr. of the Dixon Law Group donated his NC Bar Foundation Dr. I. Beverly Lake Public Service Award to the School of Law Public Interest Law Organization (PILO). The gift totaled $5,500. The gift will be awarded to students who are participating in public service law activities. Dixon’s son Phillip Dixon Jr. is a 2008 graduate of the law school and his son Jonathan “Scott” Dixon is a 1L.

To read more about the 2011 Dr. I. Beverly Lake Public Service Award, click here.

NCCU Law Hosts EPA Administrator and Business Leaders

Read more here.

NCCU Law 1Ls Sweep Kilpatrick-Townsend Competition!

Read more here.

Alumni Employment Opportunities

The Career Services Office (CSO) uses the Symplicity system for posting jobs online and managing on-campus (OCI) and off-campus interview programs. Alumni will need to contact Stephanie Troy Williams, Career Services Manager, at 919-530-7701 or stroy@nccu.edu to establish a Symplicity account. For more information on all the support services the CSO provides, click here.

EVENT RECAP: Winston-Salem Alumni Reception

The 2012 Winston-Salem Alumni Reception was held on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the law firm of Elliot Pishko Morgan, P.A. The event was hosted by Helen Parsonage ’06.

Pictured from left to right: Douglas Nauman ’08, Charles Miller ’73, Helen Parsonage ’06, Dean Raymond C. Pierce, Wendy James ’03, Ruth Bradshaw ’06, Camile Banks-Payne ’01, Travis Simpson ’97.
ALUMNI EVENTS

April 6: Richmond, Va. Alumni Reception

Friday, April 6, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by: Tonnie Villines ’88
Tobacco Co. Restaurant
1201 E. Cary St.
Richmond, Va. 23219

March 31: Law Week Class Reunions!

Alumni interested in participating in the celebration as class agents should contact Sharon D. Alston, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, at 919-530-5386 or sdalston@nccu.edu.

Graduation Reunion Year
2007 5
2002 10
1992 20
1982 30
1972 40
1962 50
1961 & Beyond 50+

ALUMNI NEWS

James “Jay” T. Bryan ’77 has been appointed District Court Judge for District 15B (Orange and Chatham Counties) by North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue.

Rickey N. McCurry ’84, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., has started a two-year term as board chair of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education’s (CASE) Great Lakes District of education advancement professionals.

James “Jay” T. Bryan ’77

Read more here.

Atiba Adams ’96 travels the globe on behalf of Pfizer. Read more here.

Natalie Renee Hughes ’02, valedictorian for the class of 2002 who practices in Charlotte, N.C., was named to the Hall of Fame in employment law by North Carolina Business Magazine as part of its “legal elite” annual vote. Members of the legal elite are selected in a variety of practice areas each year by the votes of lawyers who practice in the area. The Hall of Fame is for those who are repeatedly recognized by their peers.

Natalie Renee Hughes ’02

Helen Parsonage ’06 was named partner at Elliot Pishko Morgan, P.A. in Winston-Salem, N.C. In addition, Parsonage’s work with immigrants’ rights has earned her the “Xemplar” Award. For more information about the award, click here.

Helen Parsonage ’06

Dale J. Davis ’04 was recently promoted to Senior Counsel – Intellectual Property for GE Energy’s Thermal business which is valued at roughly $40 billion. His role includes ownership for all IP matters and a wide array of complex legal and technical issues, global IP transactions and global mergers and acquisitions. He is also an accomplished GE inventor, holding three patents related to the reduction of carbon emissions and power plant efficiency. Additionally, Davis is an appointed member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO). Upon graduation, Davis was an IP Associate with Moore & Van Allen in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He became IP counsel for GE Energy in 2006.

Dale J. Davis ’04

William F. “Billy” Braziel III ’09 was named a “Rising Star” in the 2012 annual list of North Carolina Super Lawyers. Braziel is one of only four lawyers in the state to be named to the list for consumer bankruptcy. Licensed less than 3 years, Braziel is also the newest lawyer on the list. He is currently with the Brewer Law Firm in Raleigh.

William F. “Billy” Braziel III ’09

Preston Mitchum ’11 completed his first semester of the LLM. Program on Law and Government at American University Washington College of Law in December 2011. In January 2012, he began a six-month clerkship with the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy in Washington, D.C.

Preston Mitchum ’11

IN MEMORIAM

Olubayo Oyedele Agbetunsin ’99,
October 5, 2011, Raleigh, N.C.

Made a change, made partner, or just made good? Contact the Development Department to share the good news with your fellow NCCU School of Law alumni. For news submissions or address changes, email sдалston@nccu.edu or call 919-530-5386. To reconnect online, click here. Please feel free to send a digital photo of yourself with your news stories. Low-resolution photos are acceptable for electronic publications and webpage postings; however, for images to be included in the School of Law print publications, high-resolution images are required (e.g. 800kb, 300 dpi).
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