

Fayetteville State's Joshua Williams hopes to hear his name called next weekend.



KNOW YOUR BLACK HISTORY

# Remembering the Fields Sisters

By Ann Sides  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE  
*(This is a reprint of a 2013 story by Ann Sides from the University Park Homeowners Association newsletter.)*

When Letitia and Jeannette Fields were little girls, they skipped through meadows of trees and wildflowers where the Cameron Village shopping center now stands. Letitia remembers Bedford Avenue surfaced with hard clay and stones. Jeannette recalls a sawmill east of Oberlin road, and a stand of Christmas trees where apartments and shops exist now. Most of all, however, the octogenarian sisters remember the vibrant community spirit of Oberlin Village, a historic African American settlement where children were brought up to value hard work, education, and family relationships.

The home in which Letitia Fields Nedab and Jeannette Fields Harris grew up still stands. (It was moved from its original location at 802 Oberlin Road to 814 Oberlin and restored.) From the wide, shady veranda of this attractive, 19th Century house, Letitia and Jeannette went on to careers as teachers and administrators in the Washington D.C., public schools but never forgot

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# NCCU to keep RISE program

NCCU NEWS COMMUNICATIONS

DURHAM - Black and Latinx students are underrepresented among candidates seeking doctoral degrees in the United States, but North Carolina Central's Research Institute for Scholars of Equity program aims to help change that narrative.

RISE is an interdisciplinary training program open to students from select colleges and universities, including USC, Houston-Tillotson University, Jarvis Christian College, Paul Quinn College, Temple University, Texas College, University of New Mexico, UNC Wilmington, Wiley College and Virginia Union University. The program launched with a \$1.1 million, five-year grant in 2016 from the Institute of Education Sciences. UNC Wilmington served as a partnering institution on NCCU's inaugural RISE program.

Now, through a \$1.53 million, five-year grant from IES awarded in 2021, RISE 2.0, which runs through 2026, has started at NCCU. Eleven fellows were selected in March and will begin training on June 1.

In keeping with the inaugural RISE initiative, the fellows will participate in an eight-week boot camp designed to provide experience conducting mixed-methods education research, year-round mentorship and support preparing for doctoral study. By the end of five years, 58 fellows will have participated in RISE 2.0, which, in the summer, will provide them each with a \$3,000 stipend, 12 hours of GRE and doctoral application preparation, housing, meals, internet access, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative training, access to NCCU's library and other amenities.

During the academic year, fellows also benefit from mentorship with a RISE faculty member who conducts research addressing social inequality in Research Interest Groups with other RISE fellows, a \$3,000 stipend, up to \$900 for research-related expenses and experience conducting social equity research. To be eligible

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Can Republicans snatch control of Durham Public Schools from Democrats?

# GOP candidates seek to shift Durham school board balance of power

By Greg Childress  
THE POLICY WATCH

Durham County Republicans have recruited a slate of candidates in the 2022 nonpartisan school board election. On paper, electing a slate of registered Republicans to the Durham County school board appears to be a near mathematical impossibility. In this county, Democrats outnumber Republicans more than 5 to 1. In partisan races, such as the Board of Commissioners, GOP candidates are rarely successful.

However, school board contests are designated as "nonpartisan," which lends the races a false sense of neutrality. Five registered Republicans are challenging three Democratic incumbents and one unaffiliated member for the authority to steer the direction of Durham Public Schools. A fifth board member is not seeking reelection. The winners of the May 17 election will serve on the board.

Immanuel Jarvis, chairman of the Durham County Republican Party, recruited the slate, whose political slogan is "Better Board, Better Schools." One of the candidates is Jarvis' wife, Valarie Jarvis. She is running for the District 4 seat held by veteran board member Natalie Beyer. Beyer said her District 4 seat is the most vulnerable of the five. "I think we have to take it very seriously," Beyer said. "Voters need to come out and support candidates who have the heart and knowledge to serve the entire community with our shared values." The other four Republican candidates are Joetta MacMiller, Gayathri Raraman, Curtis Hrischuk, and Christopher Burns.

Very little campaign literature

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# Chapel Hill honors Riders

By Bonitta Best  
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Seventy-five years ago, 16 members of the Congress of Racial Equality arrived in Chapel Hill on their "Journey of Reconciliation."

The 16 members - eight Black and eight white - had traveled from Washington, D.C., on Trailways and Greyhound buses to test the recent enforcement of a Supreme Court decision that declared segregation on interstate buses and trains unconstitutional. The trip included stops in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Chapel Hill, however, proved to be the most dangerous.

After arriving on April 12, 1947, the members fellowshipped with local residents before preparing to depart the following day. As the buses got ready to leave, four riders - Andrew Johnson, James Felmet, Bayard Rustin and Igal Roodenko - were arrested for disorderly conduct for refusing to obey the state's segregated seating rules. Another rider, James Peck, was physically attacked. The group was sentenced to 30 days on a chain gang.

Rustin later wrote about his experience which inspired a tired bus rider in 1955 to refuse to give up her seat to a white rider. Her name? Rosa Parks.

Several events and activities will mark the 75th anniversary. James Williams, a retired public defender for Orange and Chatham counties, brought community members together to devise ways to recognize this milestone.

"This is such an important aspect of both local and national history, and I'm so pleased that community partners came together to commemorate the Journey in creative ways," he said.

**Upcoming events:**

- \* Keeping Your Seat to Take a Stand: trailblazer Sarah Keys Evans. This virtual event will be hosted by Carolina K-12, a program of UNC Chapel Hill's Carolina Public Humanities. Date and time TBA.
- \* The 1947 Journey of Reconciliation: A Long Road to Justice, May 20, 2-

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# Black maternal health crisis cuts across socioeconomic lines

By Lynn Bonner  
THE POLICY WATCH

Tomeka Isaac said she didn't know about the Black maternal health crisis in the United States when she was pregnant with her son in 2018.

It was that year that Isaac's son, Jace, died in utero, and Isaac almost lost her life to a pregnancy complication that went undiagnosed.

Isaac spoke at a forum sponsored by U.S. Rep. Alma Adams for Black Maternal Health Week. National discussions about the increased health risks pregnant Black women face seek to bring attention to the grim reality that Black women in the United States are nearly three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

Isaac said she had private health insurance, two master's degrees, and no pre-existing conditions.

"None of that protected me or my baby," she said. Isaac and her husband started a nonprofit named for their son to address racial disparities in maternal health.

Adams, a Charlotte Democrat, has prioritized bills that would improve Black maternal health care, and co-founded the Black Maternal Health Caucus.

"When we raise the tide for Black women, who are among the most marginalized and the most vulnerable, we ultimately raise the tide for all women," Adams said.

The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among 10 high-income countries, according to the Commonwealth Fund. Black women are not protected by socioeconomic status, said Dr. Pamela Cobb, an OB/GYN with Atrium Health. Addressing maternal health equity involves more than looking at what happens during labor and delivery, she said.

"We're talking about a life ex-

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# GOP candidates seek to shift power at DPS

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ture reveals that the candidates are Republicans. Immanuel Jarvis downplayed the importance of party affiliation in an interview with Policy Watch. Even though Jarvis assembled the candidate list, he contends the county party "didn't actively look for a Republican slate. "We looked for people and parents and grandmas and community stakeholders who recognize the low (academic) proficiency rates, who recognize the watering down of education," he said.

Nancy MacLean, a Duke University history professor and author of "Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America," said the school board candidates' strategy of downplaying party affiliation is consistent with what she found while researching her book. "What we have been seeing statewide and nationally, and now locally in Durham, is a radical right that understands that its policy agenda is unpopular, so it has to deceive, distract or rig election rules to gain power," MacLean told Policy Watch.

Of Durham County's 232,901 voters, more than half (126,027) are Democrats. Fewer than 25,000 are Republican. Unaffiliated voters are the second-biggest group with 81,121 residents. Early voting runs

from April 28 to May 14. Election Day is May 17.

If the GOP's "stealth slate" of school board candidates is successful, MacLean added, Durham could see "radical changes" in school board policy. "Not only would they be likely to prohibit honest teaching of our history and contemporary issues involving race and gender and perhaps science, too, but also to push tax subsidies for private schooling, including religious schools," she said.

An invitation on the county GOP's website to a recent "School Board Meet and Greet" provides a clue about the candidates' conservatism and party affiliations: "We have the right people and the right platform to win this election!! The opportunity of 5 open seats and five viable conservative candidates may not happen again for a long while. Now is the time to act!"

The Republican-backed candidates, Jarvis said, are unhappy with the quality of education children are receiving in Durham Public Schools. "They felt like it wasn't fair and wanted to do something about it," he said.

Bill Busa, director of EQV Analytics, a Durham-based data science nonprofit that works to elect Democratic candidates, dismissed Jarvis' comments. "I'm not even going to honor his [Jarvis'] assertion by rais-

ing a counterargument," Busa said.

Busa has been vocal online, however, in exposing what he says is the GOP's attempt to take advantage of the nonpartisan nature of school board races. EQV published a lengthy dossier titled "Can the GOP Take Over Blue Durham County's Board of Education (They're Betting On It)" that documents the candidates' GOP credentials. "The last thing on earth that the five 'Better Board, Better Schools' candidates want you to know is their party affiliation," Busa wrote. "Under this cloak of secrecy...the BBBS slate's candidates are all hyperpartisan Republicans."

Of the candidates, only Curtis Hrischuk returned messages from Policy Watch for an interview. An engineer, Hrischuk immigrated to the U.S. from Canada, he said, and has never voted in an American election. He is concerned about what he calls the "sexualization" of children in public schools. The issue is one of the less visible planks in the slate's platform.

"We have no idea what sort of confusion, what that [teaching about transgenderism and homosexuality] might induce in their character and personality development," Hrischuk said.

*(Read the entire story on our website.)*



Left to right: Letitia Nedab, Jeannette Harris, and Mary Haywood. Harris passed in 2019, and Nedab died last month.)

# Oberlin: Remembering the Fields Sisters

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their roots in Raleigh.

"Oberlin Village was founded by freed slaves just after the Civil War," Jeannette said. "Our forefathers had a great concern for education, and we had a school here in Oberlin Village in 1869, seven years before the first public school opened in Raleigh." (Officially, Oberlin was founded in 1858 by Jesse Pettiford, a free Black man.)

The residents, Letitia adds, opted to name their community and its main street "Oberlin," because the Ohio college welcomed former slaves, and one of the village founders, James E. Harris, was a graduate. On a large tract of land on Parker Street, the Rev. M.L. Latta established an orphanage and vocational school called "Latta University" in 1892. James E. Shepard, an Oberlin Village native and relative of the Fields sisters' mother, founded what is now called North Carolina Central in

1909.

In the 1930s and '40s, when the Fields sisters were growing up, Oberlin Village was a thickly-settled, self-contained, African American community. The 12 block area comprised approximately 1,000 people in 175 homes, plus stores, workshops, churches, and a cemetery. However, westward growth of Raleigh and its commerce, particularly the Cameron Village shopping center, began to eat into the boundaries of the Oberlin community in the 1950s. Desegregation brought more housing choices for blacks. Young people went off to college, and didn't return to Oberlin Village, Letitia says, "not realizing its value."

Oberlin Village is now a subdivision at the northeast corner of the University Park Homeowner's Association boundaries, and has a diverse population of students, renters, and homeowners. Descendants of the freedmen who settled the area

still remain in the neighborhood but their numbers are dwindling.

The Fields sisters, after successful careers as educators, returned to Raleigh and joined community efforts to preserve Oberlin Village's history and character. The neighborhood's fight against a megadevelopment derisively called "Coker Towers" at Oberlin and Wade succeeded, but Letitia frets that the current building, Oberlin Court, encroaches the cemetery where her ancestors are buried. The sisters also point to efforts to preserve the cemetery and the Latta school property as examples of community activism; an alliance between the original families and newer arrivals.

"The newcomers, fortunately, have gotten into the nostalgia mode," Jeannette says, "and want to keep it as a walking neighborhood. I'd like them to experience the same warm feeling we experienced growing up here."

# RISE program continues to train North Carolina Central researchers

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gible for the RISE 2.0 program, students must be rising juniors or seniors, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and have completed three or more credit hours of coursework in a social science, including sociology, psychology or political science.

"We recruited pretty widely, but it just so happens that most of our fellows for the initial year of RISE 2.0 are NCCU students," said Nina Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of human sciences. "We have one student from Arizona State University in this first cohort."

RISE Director Wynetta Lee, Ed.D., and Royel M.

Johnson, Ph.D., USC associate professor of higher education, join Smith as co-principal investigators on the \$1.53 million grant. Lee said NCCU was the first cohort of institutions funded through IES's Pathways Program, and was the only HBCU that was a primary recipient, meaning other HBCUs were funded as partnering institutions with predominantly white institutions.

"RISE 2.0 contributes to NCCU's strategic plan in many ways," Lee said. "As an interdisciplinary program for undergraduate students, many of whom are African American and Latinx, first generation college students who are unfamiliar with the culture of

graduate education, it helps prepare them to successfully access and attain graduate education in a variety of fields.

Although Lee, Smith and Johnson have administrative duties as co-principal investigators, they will also help instruct the RISE fellows.

"Black and Latinx students comprise only a small share of doctoral candidates across the country, and the RISE program presents a unique opportunity to strengthen the presence of minority students who are endeavoring to pursue doctoral degrees," Smith said. "I am very grateful to be part of such an important initiative."



Black women are still dying in childbirth at a larger rate than white women.

# Black maternal health care cuts across economic lines

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perience of racial inequality, a life experience of disparity of resources and access that ultimately leads to a life of stressors and different medical issues as the consequence of those stressors," Cobb said.

Cobb wants to turn labor and delivery away from "medical intervention" and toward care from doulas and midwives. She supports a form of prenatal care where small groups of women have ap-

pointments at the same time, then meet to discuss topics related to pregnancy and childbirth.

Care Ring, a nonprofit in Mecklenburg, runs a nurse-family partnership program for women who meet income guidelines. Nurses meet with families in their homes while the women are pregnant and until their children turn 2. A newer program called A Guided Journey connects community health workers to pregnant women whom they work

with for up to three months after the new mothers give birth.

"This is a crisis of both morbidity and morals, and the only way to combat it is with intentionally targeted solutions from the top down," said Care Ring CEO Tchernavia Montgomery.

"While we as Black women remain at the center of this continued crisis, I also have confidence that we ourselves will be at the helm of the solution."



Members of the Congress of Racial Equality in 1947.

# Chapel Hill to celebrate first Freedom Ride

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4 p.m. at the Hillsborough Courthouse. The public event will focus on the riders' trial and sentencing.

\* Re/Collecting Chapel Hill podcast episode. Later this month, co-hosts Danita Mason-Hogans and Molly Luby will share how the Journey impacted the local community. Other episodes of the podcast can be found at chapelhillhistory.org

\* Journey of Reconciliation Bus Shelter. The bus shelter at Rosemary and Columbia streets will be wrapped with a photo of the riders as they set out on the Journey. This will add to the collection of civil rights bus shelters in downtown, part of the Art + Transit program.

Stay up-to-date on events at chapelhillhistory.org.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### INNOVATE

Innovate Durham is accepting applications for its fifth cohort of entrepreneurs now through May 16. Visit [www.durhamnc.gov/3165/Innovate-Durham](http://www.durhamnc.gov/3165/Innovate-Durham).

### FUNDRAISER

Waverly Place will host a Spring Wine & Brew Walk April 28, 5-8 p.m., off Tryon Road in Cary. Proceeds benefit Kay Yow Cancer Fund. Visit [waverly-cary.com](http://waverly-cary.com).

### NIGHT MARKET

Inaugural Durham Night Market is April 28, 5-9 p.m., American Tobacco Campus, 300 Blackwell St.

### GRANT

N.C. Dept. of Revenue will launch Phase 2 of its Business Recovery Grant on May 2. Visit [www.ncdor.gov/business-recovery-grant](http://www.ncdor.gov/business-recovery-grant).

### WEGMANS

Wegmans will eliminate plastic bags by the end of the year. Customers who

forget to bring reusable bags will be charged 5 cents for every paper bag.

### OPENINGS:

\* Triangle Acupuncture Clinic's ribbon cutting is April 26, 4 p.m., 4301 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 210.

\* Little Caesars' ribbon cutting is April 29, 1 p.m., 4800 Grove Barton Rd., Suite 101.

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# Raleigh-Apex NAACP seeking new and diverse community voices

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CAROLINA PUBLIC PRESS

RALEIGH - The Raleigh-Apex NAACP is looking to start new initiatives for the community, expand its brand and get more diverse, fresh perspectives and engagement. These new ideas are being led by the director of community outreach, Kashinda Marche.

Originally from New Jersey, Marche relocated to Raleigh in 2014 after experiencing several health issues and surgeries.

She wanted a fresh start and to use her experiences with health issues to help others, although she has always had a passion for advocacy.

Marche says it is in her heart to want to do whatever she can to help others, and help them to recognize that despite any mistreatment, they deserve a chance at whatever it is they aspire to do.

In 2019 Marche was at a volunteer event handing out books when she and the current Raleigh-Apex NAACP President Gerald Givens Jr. crossed paths.

He mentioned that he was looking to build an

executive leadership committee and asked if she would be interested.

Marche heard of the NAACP growing up but never imagined joining would be such a close reach for her. "...So, meeting the branch president and being invited into the organization, it really wowed me," she said. She took him up on the invite and attended a few of their meetings. In 2020, she became the co-chair for the Women in NAACP.

Now, Marche has her own committee for the Community Outreach and Coordination. Her role is to connect with other community organizations to expand their chapter by hosting collaborative events. She is hoping to reintroduce the chapter with newer, fresher perspectives. Her focus is on highlighting the issues people care about on the ground.

"In order to develop initiatives, we need to know what the problems are," Marche said. "We need to have an idea what the community issues are." Marche wants to provide a space where community members can meet with the Raleigh-Apex NAACP di-

rectly so they can come up with solutions that work.

She wants to see the NAACP host more events that invite other organizations to be a part of the organization. She also wants to get specific with community engagement to help solve issues and get tangible results for the local community

"We want to put the invite and awareness out there in hopes of building the community outreach committee even further," she said. We need folks to be the eyes and ears on what's going on around us and to bring us their perspectives. We are here to let the community know that they matter in these processes."

The Raleigh-Apex NAACP holds public meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. Marche's own non-profit organization Kreative On Purpose is partnering with the NAACP for a "My Mental Health Matters" event in July. Further details will be announced at a later date.

For inquiries about volunteering or becoming a member, contact [raleighapexcommunityoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:raleighapexcommunityoutreach@gmail.com)

# 7 must read books by Black business leaders

By Amber Anderson  
AMERICAN EXPRESS

Who you are shapes how you lead. Leaders are made in the trenches, making day-to-day decisions that impact shareholders, customers and teams.

Simply put: leaders are layered, and many times the strategic insights people admire come directly from the intersection of our layers.

With this in mind, I curated a list of my favorite books by Black business owners who share how their personal and professional experiences impact how they lead. With candor and wit, they encourage us to think differently about the future, just as they have during their own journey building billion-dollar businesses.

*"Acting Up: Winning in Business and Life Using Down-Home Wisdom"* by Janice Bryant Howroyd

With a net worth of over \$390 million, Howroyd made her way from the segregated South to becoming the first Black woman to own a billion-dollar business. She is the founder and CEO of ActOne Group, a global enterprise that provides employment, workforce management and procurement solutions.

In "Acting Up," Howroyd walks you through the strategies she employed to build her company, from building winning teams to leveraging tech in saturated industries.

*"How Boards Work: And How They Can Work Better in a Chaotic World"* by Dambisa Moyo

Prize-winning economist and veteran board director Moyo wrote "How Boards Work" as a wake-up call for present and future board members.

Analyzing the misconduct demonstrated at popular companies, Moyo argues that corporations need boards that are more transparent, knowledgeable and diverse.

Most poignant is her belief that boards must be deeply involved in setting the strategic course of the companies they lead. This

book is perfect for current and future board members looking for a roadmap on how to better guide companies through challenges.

*"Chasing Youth Culture and Getting It Right: How Your Business Can Profit by Tapping Today's Most Powerful Trendsetters and Tastemakers"* by Tina Wells

Wells started her multi-million-dollar marketing agency, Buzz Marketing Group, at the tender age of 16. Early on in her life, Wells understood how to reach and speak to millennial consumers, and her expertise is sought after by top brands.

If you are a marketer looking for insight into the \$43 billion youth market, Wells is ready to introduce you to the Wired Techie, the Conformist But Somewhat Paradoxical Preppy, the Always-Mellow Alternative and the Cutting-Edge Independent consumers in your audience.

*"Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking"* by Malcolm Gladwell

Sure to provoke thought, best-selling author Gladwell revolutionizes how we understand leadership and decision-making in "Blink." Delving into neuroscience and psychology, Gladwell questions why some leaders seem to make brilliant decisions while others make poor ones.

He analyzes instinct, gut reactions and "thin-slicing," the ability to filter through an overwhelming number of variables to get to the few factors that matter. Ready to be challenged? "Blink" will push the boundaries on both what and how you think.

*"Why Should White Guys Have All the Fun?"* by Reginald Lewis and Blair S. Walker

Lewis, the first African American in the United States to build a billion-dollar company, was a maverick ahead of his time. Lewis ran his own corporate firm for 15 years before founding his private equity firm, TLC Group L.P., in 1983.

At its peak, his firm had sales of \$2.2 billion and

was featured as No. 512 in Fortune magazine's 1,000 largest companies. Lewis passed away from brain cancer before completing his memoir, so this book unearths the wisdom and intellect of a man who settled for nothing less than excellence from the colleagues, friends and family members who knew him best.

*"Unapologetically Ambitious: Take Risks, Break Barriers, and Create Success on Your Own Terms"* by Shellye Archambeau

From climbing the ranks at IBM to her role as the CEO of MetricStream, this bold book details the risks Archambeau took to steer her family, her career and her company toward success.

Full of heartfelt wisdom from one of Silicon Valley's first African American female CEOs, this book offers you a blueprint on how to achieve both personal and professional goals.

*"The Rise: Creativity, the Gift of Failure, and the Search for Mastery"* by Sarah Lewis

"The Rise" traces the stories of the world's most iconic choreographers, writers, painters, inventors and entrepreneurs — from Frederick Douglass, Samuel F.B. Morse, and J.K. Rowling to Nobel Prize-winning physicists Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov.

Written over the course of four years, this book argues that great achievement (and the courage, determination and grit required to achieve it in the first place) only comes after pivoting through failure.

If you're looking to understand success as a process, this book is for you.

These business owners are successful because of who they are and the way they use the adversities they have encountered to influence their work.

They leaned into their edge and found their space. The takeaway? As you execute, continue to allow who you are to shape how you lead. It can make all the difference.



Many department store cards are money traps.

# Store credit cards generate corporate profits and disgruntled workers

By Joya Misra and  
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THE CONVERSATION

Clothing retailers sell their shoppers more than jeans and sweaters. Major apparel companies also sell credit, often with very high fees, like The Gap's 21.7% starting interest rate, and \$27 to \$37 late payment charge. In 2019, Macy's store credit card revenue of \$771 million accounted for more than half of its operating income.

Many workers identified mandates to push credit card applications on customers as the worst part of their jobs. None of the retailers mentioned in this story responded to requests to explain their corporate policies on consumer store brand credit. "The credit cards have a 25% interest rate, and people don't always read that," Elise, a woman who had worked at Target, explained. "They saw it as 'something else I can use to pay later and not have to pay money now.'"

A Gap customer who buys \$300 of clothing, and pays the minimum each month of about \$25, will pay off that purchase in 14 months, and pay more than \$40 in interest. If they miss just one payment, they will likely pay more

than \$75 in interest and fees.

Rachel has worked at American Eagle and pointed out how credit cards often hurt credit scores. "People, especially my age ... don't realize that. They're 18 years old and a credit card sounds awesome."

Gabe, another American Eagle employee, refers to his store's credit card as "a Visa that has the American Eagle logo at an extremely high interest rate," explaining that only "gullible" customers sign up.

Credit card debt can cause substantial problems. Many people have to take multiple jobs simply to manage their debt. Getting behind on credit card bills often leads to higher interest rates and late fees, making it even more difficult to pay off the debt. Those who go into bankruptcy to discharge their credit debt may not be able to take out any loans to buy a car or a house for a decade or more. Credit also has the potential to exacerbate inequality. Federal Reserve data on credit denials also shows that for people at the same income level, Black and Hispanic consumers are more likely to have their applications denied.

Cashiers are expected to prompt all customers to

apply for a store credit card. Workers cannot refuse to sell credit cards when they are working shifts on registers. Management keeps track of those sales by using electronic surveillance to identify exactly how many credit cards each worker sells during each shift. Management monitors how well individual workers and store locations sell credit through data from the cash register.

Tara, a shift lead at American Eagle, said she needed to sell 2.5 credit cards for every 10 transactions at the cash register. Old Navy managers also expected cashiers like Danielle to sell two cards per shift. Special sales events intensify these goals. For example, Danielle was told to sell five to 10 credit cards during Black Friday shifts.

Those who perform above expectations — for example, selling five credit cards during a normal shift — may get a gift card, a bonus of \$1 to \$5 or a pack of gum. Stella, a Macy's worker, explained, "We get credit for people who don't even get approved for the applications." Most of the workers said if they don't sell enough credit cards, they may find themselves off the work schedule and without a job



# NC judge gets 1 more week to work on schools

By Gary Robertson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to give a judge another week to work through the latest step in a long-running legal fight over public education spending.

The court's justices granted Special Superior Court Judge Michael Robinson a seven-day extension, which he had requested Tuesday while citing differences between the legal parties over details and numerous documents to review.

Robinson was tasked last month with scrutinizing the November order of another judge who had directed that \$1.75 billion be moved from state coffers to carry out two years of a remedial plan to address education inequities.

In particular, the Supreme Court told Robinson to review Judge David Lee's order in light of the General Assembly's passage of a state budget that funds some of the plan's provisions.

Robinson originally had until Wednesday to report

his findings to the justices, who afterward will hear appeals that likely would rule on whether the judicial branch has constitutional powers to order taxpayer-funded spending for education on its own. Republican legislative leaders say only the General Assembly can appropriate state money.

In his extension request, Robinson said he's received a large number of written submissions from legal parties in the litigation such as school districts, parents and state officials, and held a lengthy in-person meeting last week.

The parties also don't agree on how much money is in the new budget law that covers the remedial plan program and on how certain spending should be interpreted, he wrote.

The delay until April 27 was needed to "carefully consider the submissions and arguments of counsel" and "issue an appropriate order containing its findings and conclusions," Robinson added.

The court granted the extension in an order that

contained no additional comment. Soon after, Robinson scheduled an online hearing for Friday to ask questions about the disagreements over spending.

The state budget office within Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's administration calculated earlier this month that the two-year budget allocated \$958 million that would coincide with portions of \$1.75 billion that Lee said should be spent through mid-2023. But an analysis by the legislature's Fiscal Research Division differed on which budget provisions align with the remedial plan and how spending should be counted. While Cooper favored full funding of the remedial plan, he still signed the legislature's budget into law.

The litigation is referred to as "Leandro" for a plaintiff in the original 1994 lawsuit. Supreme Court decisions in 1997 and 2004 declared there was a constitutionally protected right to obtain the "opportunity for a sound basic education" and that the state had not lived up to



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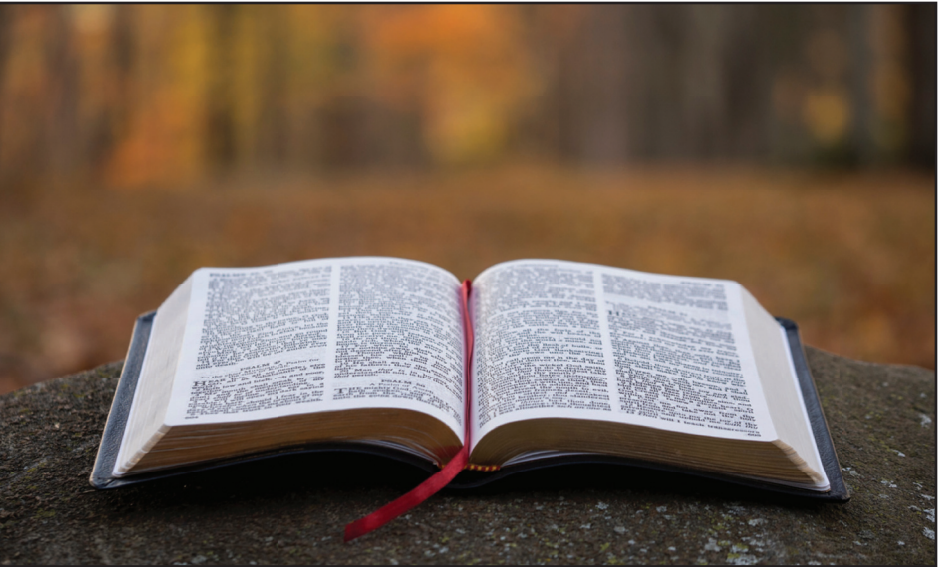


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**Bible Passage:** Joshua 1

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\* What are some future promises that help believers be strong and courageous today?  
\* Because of God’s presence with you, with whom will you share the Good News about Jesus, who came to save us and give us eternal rest?

**Food for Thought:**  
Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness for 40 years because of the people’s failure of faith in refusing to take the promised land a generation earlier. Now, a new generation had arrived on the edge of the promised land, but Moses would no longer lead them, for he, too, would die outside the land for his own disobedience. This next generation

would need a new leader, and God had raised up Joshua in the shadow of Moses to fulfill this role. In the midst of a climate of disappointment, failure and death, God set the stage with Joshua to demonstrate His faithful commitment to His people despite their sinfulness. The Book of Joshua begins with Joshua coming to grips with the reality that he was now the man who would lead the people of Israel. The mantle of leadership came with the pressure of having to lead the entire legion of Israelites into the promised land, but Joshua had the added pressure of having to step into the gigantic shoes of Moses. In the face of all this pressure, God encouraged Joshua by telling him, “I’ve got you.” Moses was not the once-in-a-lifetime type of leader. He was an example of what can happen when a human being trusts God with all that he has. The well of strength Joshua was to draw from was the same well Moses drew from: the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

God promised to be with Joshua. That same promise – a promise meant to give strength and courage – applies to us as the church today. He is with us day in and day out. It is no accident that in the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew, we see Jesus was to be called Immanuel, which means “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23). The promised presence of God being with the people of God carries through the entire Gospel of Matthew and, in the last chapter, Jesus tells His disciples, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Jesus’ promise to be by our side is meant to be the fuel that pushes us forward in the long race Jesus has set before us.

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# Homeland security official offers security tips for houses of faith

By Adelle M. Banks  
RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

Marcus Coleman spends his professional life at the intersection of religion and security. In the last month, as the director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for the Department of Homeland Security, he has taken part in iftars, where Muslims have broken their daily fast during Ramadan. And he has also hosted a webinar on protecting houses of worship that drew more than 1,000 participants. Coleman, 36, knows that numerous faiths are celebrating major religious holidays in the wake of a February DHS terrorism threat summary that included “faith-based institutions, such as churches, synagogues and mosques” among the constellation of targets in a “heightened threat landscape.” So he is advising and offering resources for congregations to keep a watchful eye as they open their doors for in-person gatherings marking special occasions, traditional worship and everyday work. “This is not intended to be a surveillance tactic,” he said. “We just want to encourage people to maintain a certain level of vigilance.” A member of a Washington, D.C., congregation affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, Coleman talked with Religion News Service about tips for congregations, his mask-wearing plans and the bright spots he sees between crises.

**RNS:** What are your key pieces of advice for congregations who want to be welcoming but also want to be safe?  
**MC:** I think the key piece of advice that I would encourage all faith and community-based organizations to do is, one, get connected to your local law enforcement and local community first responders. Most large gatherings of note, there is often a natural conversation for simple things about managing parking lots, traffic flow. But, as you’re having those conversations that lead up to your event, ask your local law enforcement or first responders if there’s any tips or recommendations they have for your particular facility. No. 2, I recognize that many faith organizations may be having their first very, very big gathering in quite some time, and so they may be out of practice for knowing what potential evacuation routes may look like, how to shelter in place in the event of a natural hazard. So re-familiarizing yourself if people haven’t been in a facility in a while with just what to do in the event of evacuation or a shelter in place order. And then, No. 3, to the extent possible, make sure that you’re plugged into locally trusted sources of information for updates and alerts. **RNS:** During the webinar, there was a mention of the “Power of Hello.” What is that?  
**MC:** The power of hello is a training that was developed by our colleagues at

CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency). Essentially what that speaks to is — as people are engaging individuals that are coming into houses of worship, or coming into a service or, in the case of employees, just coming into a facility — a way to reasonably promote employee or volunteer vigilance. We talk about observing, initiating a hello, navigating the risk and, if needed, obtaining help. We have developed several translated versions specifically for the faith community that speaks to the power of hello. **RNS:** The webinar noted that between 2010 and 2021, there were at least 32 incidents involving domestic violent extremism targeting faith communities, including synagogues, mosques, churches and temples. Is your department preparing for what might occur in the future?  
**MC:** We are preparing for an increase. There is a heightened awareness for acts of hate and acts of violence towards faith-based and community-based groups through a threat alert that we released. And so it is something that we, unfortunately, are continuing to prepare for, and it’s one of the reasons why we’re increasing our outreach and engagement and support to faith-based and community groups that want to be able to keep themselves safe from targeted acts of violence. There’s going to be an active-shooter preparedness webinar that we’ll be hosting May 5.

# AROUND THE TRIANGLE

- RALEIGH MARKET**  
Black Farmers’ Market is April 24, 1-4 p.m., Southeast Raleigh YMCA, 1436 Rock Quarry Road.

**OBERLIN**  
Friends of Oberlin Village will host its next Zoom meeting April 25, 6 p.m. RSVP to [friendsofoberlin@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoberlin@gmail.com) for a link.

**CONVERSATION**  
Policy Watch’s next Crucial Conversation virtual luncheon is April 27, 2 p.m. Register at [ncpolicy-watch.com](http://ncpolicy-watch.com).

**CASINO**  
Alliance of Disability Advocates will host its annual Casino Night fundraiser April 28, 6-9 p.m., Bowstring Brewery. Tickets at [adanc.org/casino/](http://adanc.org/casino/).

**CONFERENCE**  
N.C. Disabilities Network Conference on race and disabilities is April 29-30, N.C. State Hunt Library, 1070 Partners Way. Register at [www.ncblackdisabilitiesnetwork.org](http://www.ncblackdisabilitiesnetwork.org).

**BENEFIT**  
Q’s Kitchen & Catering presents Community Benefit Event Day April 30, 1-6 p.m., 311 N. Tarboro St.

**WELLNESS**  
Health and wellness event is April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., John Chavis Memo-
- rial Park, MLK Blvd. Then, an old-school day party from 2-4 p.m.

**FESTIVAL**  
NC Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Festival is April 30, 1-6 p.m., Lafayette Village Raleigh, 8450 Honeycutt Road. Tickets at [thechocolateboutiqueraleigh.com](http://thechocolateboutiqueraleigh.com).

**CARY HERBFEST**  
Annual Herbfest is May 1, noon to 4 p.m., Page-Walker Arts & History Center in downtown. Visit [www.friendsofpage-walker.org](http://www.friendsofpage-walker.org).

**DURHAM CONCERTS:**  
\* N.C. Youth Tap Ensemble will perform April 23-24, The Carolina Theatre. Visit [www.ncyte.org](http://www.ncyte.org).  
\* Gladys Knight will perform April 26, 8 p.m., DPAC, 123 Vivian St. Tickets at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

**FESTIVAL**  
Earth Day Festival is April 24, noon to 5 p.m., Durham Central Park, 501 Foster St.

**HOMECOMING**  
Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and others will hold a homecoming gathering for neighbors April 28, 6:30 p.m., Elizabeth Street United Methodist Church, 1209 N. Elizabeth St.
- CONFERENCE**  
A virtual faith-based mini-conference to raise awareness of drug overdoses is April 28, 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.. Register at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKHKWSX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKHKWSX).

**CANCER**  
Komen Race for the Cure is April 30, 7:45 to 9:45 a.m., Frontier RTP, 800 Park Offices Drive. Register at [info-komen.org](http://info-komen.org). Volunteers also needed.

**ARTISTS**  
Durham Arts Council is accepting applications for solo exhibits. Visit [artist.callforentry.org/](http://artist.callforentry.org/). Deadline: April 30.

**MARCH**  
Durham organizations will hold May Day worker power march May 1, 3 p.m. Email: [info@southern-worker.org](mailto:info@southern-worker.org).

**REVIVAL**  
First Calvary Baptist will host Spring Revival May 1, 9:30 a.m., and May 2-3, 7:30 p.m. nightly. Visit [www.firstcalvary.org](http://www.firstcalvary.org).

**LUNCHEON**  
Lincoln Community Health Center Foundation will host its annual Legacy Award Luncheon May 6, 11:30 a.m., Washington Duke Inn. Register at [www.lincolnhchcf.org](http://www.lincolnhchcf.org).

BOOK

# Children’s book takes on picky eaters with love

By Mark Kennedy  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
**Just Try One Bite**  
By Adam Mansbach and Camila Alves  
McConaughey  
Illustrated by Mike Boldt  
Dial Books

Camila Alves McConaughey has co-written a new children’s book about a bunch of picky eaters. Only in this case, the picky eaters aren’t the children. “Just Try One Bite” follows three kids as they try to get their parents to put down the ice cream, cake and chicken fried steak, and embrace healthy, whole foods. Actually, all the kids want is for the adults to take a single bite of anything healthy. “It’s not about preaching being perfect. I know I’m not. I know my household is not. We’ve got a ways to go,” says the model and entrepreneur. “It’s about making small changes.” The rhyming book — co-written with Adam Mans-

bach and illustrated by Mike Boldt — features well-meaning kids confronting their junk-food-loving parents (who somewhat resemble Alves and her husband, actor Matthew McConaughey) about giving kale a chance, a role reversal with plenty of humor. “Oh Papa, oh Mama, please be open-minded. You can’t say kale’s gross if you won’t even try it,” they plead in the book. “A well-balanced dinner really ought to be more than some French fries you found in your car on the floor.” A breakthrough occurs when the parents finally eat some cauliflower, and like it. That opens the door for yams, linguini with clams and, as a reward, donut holes. Yes, treats are allowed, in moderation.



“One of the most important conversation to have about doing better for yourself is early on,” says Alves from her home in Texas. “If you start giving kids the understanding and the knowledge, all of a sudden you start seeing them feel empowered and make better decisions on their own.” Alves has tips for parents of picky eaters beyond the classic one of making plates more fun by arranging the food into faces. One way she keeps the household happy is by sticking to good dietary rules all week and then having free-for-all-Friday, when everyone can eat what they want. She also endorses letting each child choose a “throw-up vegetable” — one item they can skip as long as they try all the others. (Her throw-up veggie would be okra, a lifelong slimy enemy, she says.) Another tip: Encourage children to help cook in the kitchen to learn about ingredients.

AUTO REVIEW

# Actress KJ Smith and the 2022 Lexus NX

By Kimatni D. Rawlins  
NNPA

Welcome to the City of Angels with actress and producer Khaneshia JaNea Smith — better known on screen as KJ Smith — to explore more depth and personality of the charismatic entertainer and lifestyle influencer. She profiled idyllic locations from Malibu to Melrose Place by way of the all-new 2022 Lexus NX 350h AWD Luxury in Atomic Silver. We rolled around the Cali streets styling while seeking opportunity in every turn with a responsive 14-inch touchscreen display and a panoramic glass roof to view the alluring scenery above. Smith is a rising star on the Hollywood scene and continues to trailblaze pathways toward film and TV success while depicting respected female personas. A transcending role in Ava DuVernay’s and Oprah Winfrey’s drama series “Queen Sugar” quickly catapulted her career and introduced new audiences to her likeness. Smith is currently playing the role of high-powered attorney Andi Barnes in



production team since California was nearing \$7 a gallon during our weekend set. As an avid mental health campaigner, Smith decided to become a mentor at (YES) Youth Emerging Stronger, which provides mental, emotional, financial, and educational support to homeless and foster adolescents. She strives to spread positivity and encouragement to juvenile generations. Her philosophy is that everyone can overcome adversity and follow their dreams with the necessary support. “Of course, I have a health plan to eat clean, bike, strength train, and enjoy various forms of exercise.”

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# NCCU women ink 6 new recruits

NCCU Sports Information

Head coach Trisha Stafford-Odom announced the commitment of six recruits in 2022-23.

NCCU's newcomers feature five transfers from a trio of Florida colleges and one high school player who signed her National Letter of Intent to play with the Eagles.

· Kimeira Burks is a 5-foot-8 guard transfer from Chicago. Burks is coming to NCCU after playing last season at Daytona State College, where she averaged 11.8 points, 3.7 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game.

"Kimeira is a strong shooting guard with range to envy and the skill set to create better shots for herself and others," said Stafford-Odom. "She is an aggressive rebounder and a fearless defender. We will be a more potent offensive team with 'Mera' on the floor, because her defender should never help."

· Kimia Carter is a 5-foot-10 guard transfer from Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was an ASUN All-Freshman Team honoree as a rookie in 2019-20 at Stetson University before playing 12 games last season at Florida Atlantic University. At FAU, Carter bucketed an average 5.8 points per game.

"Kimia comes to us experienced and packaged with undeniable scoring ability," said Stafford-Odom. "She is a big, agile guard with impressive footwork. Watching opponents plot defensive schemes for Kimia will be entertaining."

· Tanyia Gordon is a 5-foot-10 forward transfer from Plant City, Florida. She garnered First Team All-Central Conference honors last season at Daytona State College after ranking second on the team in scoring and rebounding. Gordon shot 66.1% from the field on the way to 11.9 points per game, while also averaging 5.6 rebounds and a team-best 3.7 steals per game.

· Jerni Kiaku is a 5-foot-7 guard from Garner. As a four-year team captain at Garner Magnet High School, Kiaku accumulated numerous awards, including three-time conference player of the year, four-time first team all-conference and three-time all-district. Kiaku averaged 24.4 points, 5.1 assists, 4.1 steals and 2.9 rebounds per game as a senior and is the all-time career points leader for the Trojans with 2,240 points.

"Jerni holds megastar status," said Stafford-Odom. "She plays the game to dominate both sides of the court and is one of the subtlest and humble threats I have ever had on my roster. She is torch-like fast with offensive pace, and comes with a winning mentality."

· Chukwudima "Blessing" Okoh is a 5-foot-11 forward from Houston. Okoh has played the last two seasons at Daytona State College and has averaged 6 points, 5.9 rebounds, 1.2 blocks and 1 steal per game over those 31 total games with a collegiate career shooting percentage of 63.3%.

"The luxury of adding such versatility on the floor instantly elevates our winning appeal," said Stafford-Odom. "Blessing's length and mobility will help close gaps in our defense and create matchup problems when it's our time to attack."

· Teneil Robertson is a 5-foot-4 guard transfer from Chicago. Robertson will be joining the Eagles after playing three seasons at Stetson University. Robertson, who earned ASUN Honor Roll prestige, saw action in 78 games and accumulated 287 points, 222 rebounds, 112 assists and 60 steals.

"Toughness and tenacity define Teneil," said Stafford-Odom. "The confidence she plays with comes from her physical ability to punish defenders and get to her preferred spots on the court. The game experience 'Tippy' has will prove beneficial in enhancing our on-court flow."

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Fayetteville State defensive back Joshua Williams participates in a drill at the NFL football scouting combine.

## Division II star emerges among NFL's small-school prospects

By Michael Marot

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Fayetteville State cornerback Joshua Williams recites the Kyle Dugger story as if he wrote the book. He talks about how the late-blooming safety chose to play Division II football in small town North Carolina after receiving just three scholarship offers. And how Dugger went from being an overlooked prep recruit to a second-round draft pick in just a few years.

So, as Williams watched Dugger's journey from less than 200 miles away in Fayetteville, the budding cornerback figured he would follow Dugger's lead. Next week, it could become a reality. "He ended up in New

England and is doing great things now," Williams said during the NFL's annual scouting combine in March. "He went to the Senior Bowl like me, he went to the combine like me, and I'm hoping maybe I can follow in his footsteps and showcase my talents the same way he did."

There are many similarities between Williams and Dugger. Both have the long, lanky body frames scouts want in defensive backs, possess top-end speed, and needed to prove they could outplay the more familiar big-time college names. Dugger convinced the Patriots he was good enough in 2020. Now, it's Williams' turn.

NFL.com gives the 6-foot-3, 197-pound Williams a

grade of 6.18 — an above-average backup who may eventually become a starter — though it's unclear where that puts him in next week's draft. Still, Williams has already achieved more than most people ever expected.

The son of a track coach, he grew up in Fayetteville, a military town where nearly 20% of residents live in poverty. Locals follow basketball more than football and while Williams certainly looks as if he might have succeeded on the court, his dream always was to play in the NFL. So, after moving from receiver to defensive back as a high school senior, Williams went to a South Carolina prep school for one season before returning home.

It's a 10-minute drive

from Fort Bragg Army Base to the Broncos' campus. The 5,000-seat Luther "Nick" Jerald Stadium seems more suited to hosting a large high school game than college stars. But it was this turf that helped Williams emerge as a legitimate draft prospect and possibly the league's next big star from a historically Black college or university.

The list includes Hall of Famers such as the late Walter Payton of Jackson State, Jerry Rice of Mississippi Valley State, and Donnie Shell of South Carolina State, along with Super Bowl champs like Ed "Too Tall" Jones of Tennessee State and Doug Williams of Grambling.

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### COLLEGE CORNER

## St. Aug's men's relay continues streak

The MEAC's baseball game between Delaware State and Norfolk State on April 29 will be broadcast live on ESPNU at 3 p.m.

### WOMEN

N.C. Central

The Lady Eagles performed well at last weekend's Norfolk State Invitational. Zinzili Kelley placed third in the heptathlon, and Joidon Boddie was third in the triple jump.

St. Augustine's

The Lady Falcons travel to Winston-Salem State and Fayetteville State this weekend to close out the softball regular season.

Shaw

The Lady Bears close out the softball season Tuesday against Livingstone at 1 p.m.



COURTESY

Isaiah Chapman at the Bob David Memorial.



LeVelle Moton celebration is April 30.

In tennis, Shaw hosts Livingstone on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the regular season finale. The Bears have a five match win streak. The CIAA Tennis Tournament begins next Wednesday on Virginia State's campus.

N.C. A&T

Senior golfer Christyn Carr was named to the Big South Conference All-Academic Team. Carr, a nurs-

ing major, has a 3.92 GPA.

Texas Southern

Vernette Skeete is the new women's basketball coach. Skeete was a co-associate head coach at Texas A&M.

MEN

N.C. Central

An official LeVelle Moton Celebration for the renaming

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### HBCU FOOTBALL

## HBCU players in the re-created USFL

By Bonitta Best

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The USFL kicked off last weekend with eight teams. Of those eight, the Michigan Panthers was the only team with no HBCU players on its roster.

Birmingham Stallions

Manasseh Bailey, Morgan State  
Peyton Ramzy, Tuskegee  
Bryan Mills, North Carolina Central

Houston Gamblers

Brandon Barnes, Alabama State

New Jersey Generals

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Calvin Ashley, Florida A&M

De'Andre Johnson, Texas Southern

Robert Myers, Tennessee State

Tim Walton, Texas South-

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## Jackie Robinson was a Republican before the 'white man's party'

By Chris Lamb

THE CONVERSATION

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson played his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers, forever changing baseball and society. Robinson was Black, and the integration of all-white Major League Baseball was perhaps the most important story about civil rights in the years immediately following World War II.

The integration, Jules Tygiel

wrote in his groundbreaking book, "Baseball's Great Experiment," "captured the imagination of millions of Americans who had previously ignored the nation's racial dilemma." As Martin Luther King Jr. famously put it, Robinson "was a sit-inner before sit-ins, a freedom rider before freedom rides."

Major League Baseball celebrated the 75th anniversary of Robinson's historic career last

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# Division II star emerges among NFL prospects

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Last year, though, no players from HBCU schools were taken in the draft. The shutout prompted league officials to put a higher emphasis on those players at the Senior Bowl and the HBCU All-Star game in New Orleans. This year, four players made the combine cut: Williams, defensive backs Markquese Bell of Florida A&M and Decobie Durant of South Carolina State, and offensive lineman Ja'Tyre Carter of Southern. Each understands the long odds they overcame to reach this point and the even longer odds they face in trying to replicate the success of Indianapolis Colts line-backer and South Carolina State grad Darius Leonard, a three-time All-Pro.

"Me and Darius, we always talk," said Durant, a

high school quarterback. "He talks about keeping your mindset and going in and having that dog mentality, no matter the school, no matter the size, no matter the speed. Everybody's always got something bad to say, so just overcome the critics." Even after getting noticed by the league's scouts, it hasn't been easy. Durant traveled to the University of South Carolina for his pro day workout. Williams, who ran the 40-yard dash in 4.53 seconds at Indianapolis, then wound up at North Carolina State where he performed drills against the Wolfpack's top players. One of those, offensive tackle Ikem Ekwonu, is a top-five talent who some have discussed going No. 1 overall. Williams didn't flinch. "I'm just appreciative they let me utilize their facilities," he said.

This year's list of small-school talent doesn't begin or end with the HBCU prospects. Williams, who saw former college teammate Kion Smith sign with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted rookie last year, knows it could happen to him, too. But after seeing Dugger's blueprint, Williams believes he will become the first Fayetteville State draftee since the New York Jets took running back James Godwin in Round 16 in 1976.

"I want to put my best foot forward coming from Division II, a smaller school, showing what I have to offer, that there's no knock against D-II football," he said. "I want to show everyone I'm just as talented, if not more talented, than these other guys."



Former NCCU DB Bryan Mills is a member of the Birmingham Stallions.

## HBCU players in USFL

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### New Orleans Breakers

Chad Williams, Grambling State  
Toree Boyd, Howard  
Nigel Chavis, Norfolk State

### Pittsburgh Maulers

Chidi Okeke, Tennessee State  
Justin Evans, South Carolina State  
Terrell Bonds, Tennessee State

### Philadelphia Stars

Chris Rowland, Tennessee State  
Sean Brown, Mississippi Valley State

### Tampa Bay Bandits

Mekhi Brown, Tennessee State

### Transfer Portal

Players are moving in and out of the NCAA transfer portal faster than a jackrabbit. \* Coastal Carolina running back Isaiah Connelly and Kansas defensive back DeVonte Wilson are transferring to Florida A&M. \* Auburn four-star quarterback Demetrius Davis has committed to Alabama State.



Christyn Carr

# St. Aug's men's relay team continues win streak

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ing of Lane Park after Moton and his new sculpture created by local artist Stephen Hayes is April 30, noon, at Lane Park.

Seven Eagles were named to the MEAC Golf All-Academic selections: Daniel Barbare, Alex Burnett, Jesper Gullstrand, Travis Jackson, Clarence Morse III, Camron Ratliff and Kendall Wallace.

In track, several Eagles finished in the top three at the Norfolk State Invitational: Matthew Swepson, second place, javelin and discus; and Marvin Jones and Brenden Finger, second and third in the high jump, respectively.

*St. Augustine's*  
The 4x400-meter relay team has done it again. The foursome of Sean Kalawan, Isaiah Chapman, Skyy Lawrence and Robert Walker won the event at last weekend's Trojan Relays in Mount Olive. This makes three first-place



Livingstone men's golf team

victories and two second-place finishes so far this outdoor season.

Kalawan also placed second in the 400-meter hurdles, and Kadain Roper was second in the javelin.

*Livingstone*  
The Blue Bears won the CIAA Golf Championship last weekend, finishing 19 strokes ahead of second place Virginia Union. LC earns an automatic bid to the Atlantic Regional May 5-7 in New York.

\* CIAA player of the year - Xavier Proctor, LC

\* Rookie of the year - Joseph Graham, Virginia Union

\* Coach of the year - Andre Springs, LC

*Alabama A&M*  
Former NBA coach Otis Hughley Jr. has been named the new men's basketball coach.

*N.C. A&T*  
JR Smith has officially signed an NIL deal with Lululemon as a brand ambassador. He is the first male golfer to sign with the company.



Jackie Robinson should be remembered for more than playing baseball.

# Jackie Robinson was in GOP before changes

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weekend in stadiums and ballparks across the nation. But those celebrations fall short if they don't address how Robinson confronted white supremacy with class and dignity during a time before he joined the Dodgers, when his own minor league manager once asked, "Do you really think a nigra is a human being?"

Robinson, who lived from 1919-72, was a Republican when millions of other Blacks were Republicans. Back in those days, the GOP still hung on to its mantra that it was "the party of Abraham Lincoln," the president who signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious Southern states that had seceded from the Union "are, and henceforward shall be free." Robinson's parents gave him the middle name Roosevelt in honor of Republican President Teddy Roosevelt, "who expressed disdain about racism," Arnold Rampersad wrote in his Robinson biography, "before white supremacist power made Roosevelt retreat into conservatism."

Branch Rickey, the white Dodgers executive who signed Robinson to a contract and became his mentor, was an ardent Republican who believed in racial equality. Robinson supported and then worked for civil rights advocate New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. "If we had one or two governors in the Deep South like Nelson Rockefeller," King said, "many of our problems could be readily solved."

Robinson endorsed Richard Nixon, the Republican

candidate for president, in 1960. Nixon, who, like Robinson, was from southern California, convinced Robinson, a former UCLA athlete, that he would support civil rights. Robinson found Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, Nixon's opponent, "insincere" in his tepid support for civil rights. Kennedy won the presidential election that year.

In 1964, U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona challenged Rockefeller and other more liberal Republicans for control of what the right wing called "the white man's party." He won the party's presidential nomination. Though Goldwater lost the presidential election in a landslide to Democratic President Lyndon Baines Johnson, he won the hearts and minds of pro-segregation Democrats, the mostly Southern politicians and their followers who had abandoned the Democratic Party when it endorsed legislation during the late '50s and '60s to advance civil rights and voting rights for Blacks.

Those who switched parties included U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who ran for president in 1948 as a segregationist and later filibustered for more than 24 hours to prevent passage of the 1957 Civil Rights Act. Goldwater, Nixon and others in the GOP used what they called the "Southern strategy" to leverage the grievances and fears of Southern whites over the Democrats' groundbreaking proposal that Blacks should have equal rights.

By 1968, Robinson was done with the GOP. He refused to support Nixon when he ran for president

again in 1968. He also became more active in the civil rights movement and appeared with King on frequent occasions. Robinson also became a prolific writer, including a column for the Amsterdam News, a weekly Black newspaper, where he further developed his fierce opposition to the Republican Party. "I suspect that unless the party showed a desire to win our votes," he wrote in a letter in 1968 to Clarence Lee Towns Jr., the leading Black member of the Republican National Committee, "it may rest assured that I and my friends cannot and will not support a conservative."

Instead, Robinson supported Nixon's Democratic rival, Hubert Humphrey. "I have my right to remember that I am Black and American before I am Republican," Robinson wrote in the Amsterdam News. "As such, I will never vote for Mr. Nixon." When Nixon won the election, Robinson demonstrated the determination he showed throughout his life.

In one of his last letters to the Nixon White House, Robinson pleaded with special assistant Roland L. Elliott to listen to Black America before racial tensions got out of control. "Black America has asked so little," Robinson wrote, "but if you can't see the anger that comes from rejection, you are treading a dangerous course. We older blacks, unfortunately were willing to wait. Today's young blacks are ready to explode."

On Nov. 24, 1972, Robinson died of a heart attack at age 53. Twenty-five years later, Major League Baseball honored him by retiring his number.

## SPORTS SHORTS

**RALEIGH**  
\*Last weekend, members of the Wake County Sheriff's Office grabbed shorts and sneakers to team up with youth to participate in the annual "Hoops with the Sheriff's Office" basketball tournament.

The single elimination tourney at Barwell Road Community Center was designed to give approximately 30 kids an opportunity to positively engaged with members in a fun environment.

The event was co-sponsored by the Raleigh Firebirds, a professional basketball team.

"Today's event was a wonderful success," said Sheriff Gerald Baker. "This tournament provided an opportunity for members of our agency to develop positive relationships with the children and their parents. The Wake County Sheriff's Office will continue to develop similar events across the county to build trust between law



enforcement and the community."

\* Ebony Raquet Club will host a Double the Fun USTA NC Tournament May 14-15 at Biltmore Hills Park. Register at playtennis.usta.com.

**DURHAM**  
\* The last Teen Night basketball game is April 29, 6 to 9 p.m., Holton Career & Resource Center, 401 N. Driver St.

\* F&B9 Golf Academy will hold a golf clinic April 30, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.,

Falls Village Golf Club. Visit [www.frontback9.com](http://www.frontback9.com).

\* Long Ball Durham is accepting applications for its 12 RBI Scholarships for all Long Ball players who plan to continue their education in the fall.

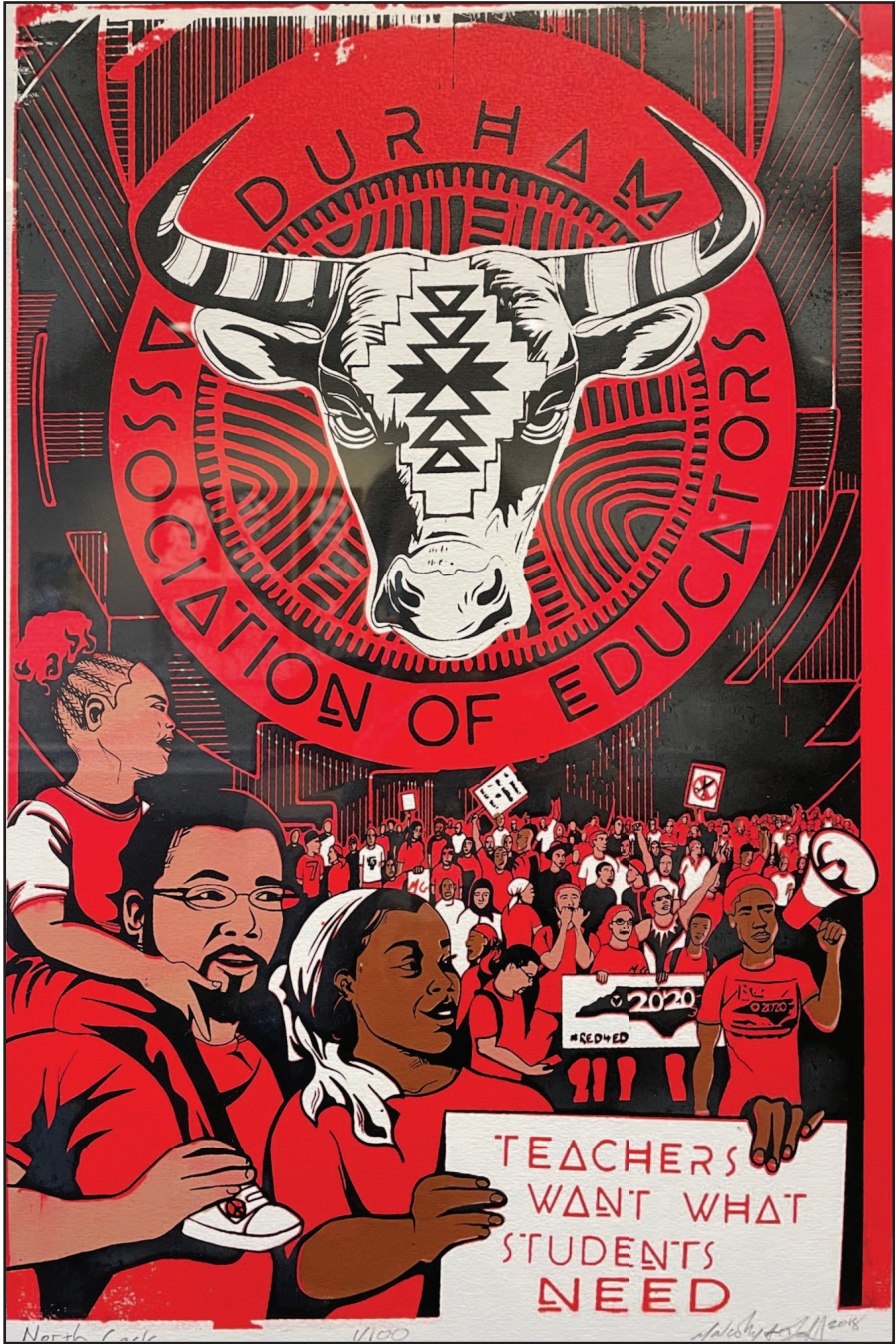
Apply at <https://aim.aplyISTS.net/RBI>.  
Deadline: April 28.

Email your sports news to [info@triangletribune.com](mailto:info@triangletribune.com). Photos encouraged.



# Durham Arts Council showcases DPS students

Durham Public Schools Art Instructor Showcase, the Durham Arts Council's first exhibit collaboration with the school system, is now on view in the Allenton and Semans Galleries of the Durham Arts Council building at 120 Morris St.



Art by Malcolm Goff



Art by Myra Stotesbury

# Tau Gamma Delta installs new members at ceremony

Tau Gamma Delta Sorority recently installed three new members at its April 14 initiation ceremony.



Left to right: Dean of pledges Dolores Davis Paylor, Velma Futrell, JoAnn Cunningham, Jennifer Moore and Basileus Gwendolyn Daniels.

## HBCU NEWS

**N.C. CENTRAL**  
NCCU has named Catherine Edmonds, Ed.D., as chief of staff after a competitive, national search. She begins on May 1. Edmonds will advise, support, coordinate and collaborate on initiatives for Chancellor Johnson O. Akinleye. She will provide leadership and direction for change management initiatives, project management and program development on behalf of Akinleye, as well as plan and direct all administrative, financial and operational activities for the Office of the Chancellor. Edmonds will work with and serve on NCCU's Executive Leadership team and represent the chancellor in select internal and external interactions with staff, faculty, committees, government representatives and community leaders.

A distinguished leader, Edmonds comes to NCCU with almost 30 years of ex-



Edmonds

perience, including numerous leadership roles in primary, secondary and higher education. Currently, she serves as deputy state superintendent for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In this senior leadership position, she works closely with the state superintendent and the senior leadership team. Edmonds earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from North Carolina A&T State University, a Master of School Administration in educational leadership from North Carolina State University and an Ed.D. in educational administration from North Carolina State University.

### HAMPTON

Retired three-star U.S. Army general Darrell K. Williams, a 1983 Hampton graduate, will replace Dr. William R. Harvey, who will retire in June after 44 years at the helm.

Williams, who retired

from the military in 2020 after 37 years of service, was the first African American and 19th director of the Department of Defense Logistics Agency, where he oversaw a global workforce of over 26,000 civilian and military professionals with over \$40 billion in global logistical support to all U.S. military services. He is currently an executive for global technology company Leidos.

"Running a university is complex, as was made evident by the global pandemic. When President Harvey told us of his decision to retire, we knew we wanted to build upon what he has accomplished," said Wes Coleman, chair of Hampton's Board of Trustees. "We embarked on a search for a proven strategic leader. The skills Lt. Gen. Williams is bringing to Hampton encompass what institutions of our size need. In a global world increasingly dependent on technology, this kind of strategic leadership expertise and knowledge can only help to move our institution forward over the coming decades."

# You're hiring a real estate agent? Take these steps.

By Shanta Jackson  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

While window shopping on real estate websites may be fun, when it comes time to make a home purchase, you'll want an agent by your side.

Agents have access to data that buyers don't have, and they know the difference between a good purchase contract and a tricky one.

But when there are dozens of qualified real estate agents in a single market, hiring one can seem like a daunting decision. Before you make up your mind, ask your potential agent these questions:

\* How many sales did you make last year? The average is 10. If a full-time agent makes fewer than 10 sales a year, it's possible

that he isn't the best in the business.

\* What's your office like? Agents with a team backing them up are more likely to give you the attention you need. Ask whether the agent works full time and whether you'll be working with the agent or with an assistant.

\* How are you paid? Usually a seller pays a commission to the agent's brokerage. Sometimes, however, the buyer is also expected to pay a retainer fee. The details of payment will be detailed in the buyer-broker agreement, which you will both sign at hiring.

\* Are you a Realtor? It's not the same thing as a real estate agent. A capital-R Realtor must be registered with the National Association of Realtors, whose licensing requirements are more stringent. However, all agents must be licensed,

so be sure to check the agent's license before you hire him.

\* Do you have any special qualifications? If the agent is a Realtor, he may have additional qualifications from the NAR, which he can receive by taking courses on specific areas of real estate.

\* Do you have references? Most agents will bring a list of satisfied clients to the meeting. If one doesn't, it's a red flag. The number of independent agents in any given town or neighborhood can be daunting.

It can be hard to discern which agents will be helpful to you. But a well-chosen agent can save you from a serious home-buying mistake.

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## SENIOR CORNER

# 6 tips for preventing falls

STATEPOINT

Few things are more important to older adults than their independence. But independence can be fleeting. Something unexpected, like a fall, can change everything. That's why it's important for older adults and their loved ones to take steps now to reduce the risk of a fall from happening.

Three million older people are treated in emergency rooms each year because of injuries caused by falls, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes broken bones and head injuries that can rob individuals of their freedom. Even having a fear of falling can restrict individuals from enjoying their life to the fullest.

Thankfully, many falls can be prevented with a little forethought and advance planning, says Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief medical officer for Medicare with Cigna, one of the nation's largest insurers. Sobel recommends older adults take the following precautions to prevent falls and increase their peace of mind.

\* **Get an annual eye exam.** More than 12 million Americans aged 40 years and older experience vision impairment, putting them at greater risk of falling. It's important for them to get an annual eye exam and make sure that they wear their glasses as instructed.

\* **Review medications.** People tend to take more medications as they age. Some of these medications, or a combination, can cause dizziness or confusion, resulting in falls. Seniors should talk to their



doctor or pharmacist about the medicines they are taking, including over-the-counter medications, regarding any interactions or unwanted side effects.

\* **Do strength and balance exercises.** Regular exercise strengthens muscles and improves balance and flexibility, helping reduce the chance of falls. Many Medicare Advantage plans include a fitness benefit at no extra cost. The benefit may include kits, bands and videos that can be used at home to help limit exposure to COVID-19, while achieving the benefits of exercise. Patients should always talk to their doctor about what exercises are right for them.

\* **Limit alcohol consumption.** Even a small amount of alcohol can affect a person's balance and reflexes, leading to a fall. According to the National Institute on Aging, alcohol is a factor in 60% of falls in older Americans. For those individuals who may need it, Medicare covers alcohol abuse screening, counseling and treatment. Please be sure to discuss these types of issues with your doctor.


\* **Ensure a safe home.**

Seniors can benefit from having grab bars installed inside and outside the bathtub tub or shower and next to the toilet, as well as having railings installed on both sides of stairs. Also, potential tripping hazards, such as floor mats, area rugs or extension cords, should be removed or taped down, both inside and outside the home.

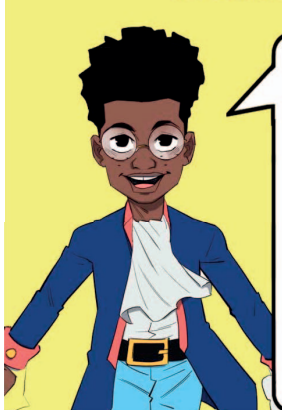
\* **Be careful with face masks.** Wearing a face mask is a reality of the times, even after a COVID-19 vaccination, but face masks can restrict peripheral vision. When wearing a face mask, make sure it is snug covering both your nose and mouth, and take slow and measured steps. Those who wear glasses should wash the lenses with soap and water (if permitted by the manufacturer), shake off the excess liquid and allow them to air dry. This can help provide a fog barrier.

"Today, many older adults take good care of themselves and feel younger than they are," Sobel said. "They are rightfully proud and don't want to make concessions for their age. But a fall can happen to the best of us. So, it's better to be safe."






## BLACK FRATERNITIES/ SORORITIES




Hi Everyone!

I just finished visiting a few Black fraternities and sororities at several HBCUs (Historically Black College and University). What an amazing experience! I got to actually practice a few "stepping" moves too.

### LAWRENCE ROSS



In his book, "The Divine Nine: The History of Black American Fraternities and Sororities", Ross created the phrase "The Divine Nine" when referring to the Black Greek-Lettered Organizations (BGLO). It was a small number of Black students from mainly HBCUs that started their own fraternities and sororities, nine organizations to be exact. There are five fraternities and four sororities and collectively they are called the "Divine Nine". Among other civic activities, they all share a common goal: to educate and uplift the Black community about racial discrimination.



### WHEN AND WHERE WAS I FOUNDED?

Most of the fraternities or sororities were founded on HBCU campuses. Match the following to their home base.

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority \_\_\_\_\_  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority \_\_\_\_\_  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority \_\_\_\_\_

**A** Butler University, 1922  
**B** Howard University, 1920  
**C** Morgan State University, 1963  
**D** Howard University, 1913  
**E** Howard University, 1911

### TELL THE TRUTH!!!

Print the letter T on the line if the statement is True or F if the statement is False.


\_\_\_\_\_ Many trailblazers are members of the Divine Nine.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest fraternity.

\_\_\_\_\_ Stepping is leaping from stair step to stair step.

\_\_\_\_\_ Kappa Alpha Psi is a sorority.

### AKA, KAMALA HARRIS



She is the first female and first Black and Asian American elected to the U.S. Vice Presidency. She attended Howard University in Washington D. C. where she joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

### FAMOUS FRATERNITY AND SORORITY MEMBERS:

Match the statement with the celebrities' name.

**A** Keisha Knight Pulliam (Delta Sigma Theta)  
**B** Toni Morrison (Alpha Kappa Alpha)  
**C** Omari Hardwick (Alpha Phi Alpha)  
**D** Michael Jordan (Omega Psi Phi)

\_\_\_\_\_ "I won 6 Championships with the Chicago Bulls".

\_\_\_\_\_ "Don't call me Rudy, because I am a grownup".

\_\_\_\_\_ "I love being a Ghost".

\_\_\_\_\_ "Writing books is one of my passions.."

### IN ONE MINUTE!

In one minute or less, unscramble the names of the Divine Nine fraternities and sororities. The first letter of the word is in bold.

a**A**hpl i**P**h **A**ahpl \_\_\_\_\_


pha**A**l pp**K**aa pha**A**l \_\_\_\_\_

h**P**i te**B**a ig**S**am \_\_\_\_\_

mgia**S** amama**G** h**R**o \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP IT UP!

"Stepping" is a form of dance that sororities and fraternities do to perform before the student body at their colleges or universities. It involves using the body as an instrument to create rhythms and sounds by using a combination of footsteps, stomps, handclaps and spoken word. This style of dance gives the students a sense of empowerment. The student body loves to watch the steppers perform and it often entices future fraternity or sorority members to join.



### ANSWER KEY

**WHEN AND WHERE WAS I FOUNDED?**  
C, D, E, A, B

**TELL THE TRUTH!**  
T, T, F, F

**ONE MINUTE MADNESS!**  
Alpha Phi Alpha  
Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Phi Beta Sigma  
Sigma Gamma Rho

**FAMOUS FRATS AND SORORS MEMBERS:**  
D, A, C, B

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## Be aware of the sports betting scams

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

RALEIGH - Sports betting is big business - for scammers as well. According to recent BBB Scam Tracker reports, con artists are posing as self-proclaimed handicappers who use insider information to place guaranteed bets on upcoming games. Don't fall for it!

Here's how to avoid these "scamicappers."

### HOW THE SCAM WORKS

You come across a social media post or get an email about an experienced handicapper with a record of picking consistent wins. This handicapper is allegedly using insider information to place sure-thing bets on upcoming games. For a fee, you can get in on it, too. This person is so confident about his information that he even offer you a money back guaran-

tee. For example, he may promise you free picks if you make a losing wager.

While it sounds like a safe bet, you're really dealing with a scammer. These "scandicappers" have no intention of ever providing a refund or free picks. And their "insider information" is fake, too.

BBB Scam Tracker has received multiple reports about this con. For example, one person reported paying for "sports betting picks with money back guarantees." However, the handicapper never refunded the losing picks. The con artist "also lies about his winning record and is a true scammer in every sense of the word."

### HOW TO AVOID THESE SCAMS:

Avoid sports handicappers. A handicapper's goal isn't to win bets for

members, it's to get people to buy the picks. Once you've purchased their picks, the handicapper has already won. It doesn't matter if the pick wins or loses, the handicapper keeps the payment.

Don't believe promises that sound too good to be true. If a handicapper promises you will never lose a bet, or he will refund your money any time you do, think twice. Scammers love to entice their victims with get-rich-quick schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Don't fall for tempting ads. Be wary of gambling-related pop-up ads, email spam or text messages.

Know how to identify fake emails and learn how to spot a scam by visiting BBB.org/SpotaScam.

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

### BOOK HARVEST

Book Harvest Durham has named Tabitha Blackwell as its new executive director effective May 25. Blackwell will be responsible for all operations and programming in Durham.

Blackwell

### RALEIGH

Nyki Hill has joined the city of Raleigh as an assistant city manager. She is the fourth ACM to be hired. Hill was chief operating officer for operational excellence at the N.C. Department of Health and

Human Services.

*Are you or someone you know a Mover and a Shaker? Drop us a line at Movers and Shakers, c/o The Triangle Tribune, 5007 Southpark Drive, Suite 200-G, Durham, NC 27713 or e-mail us at info@triangletribune.com. Photos welcome.*

## HU wins MEAC men's golf title

MEACSports.com

SILVER SPRING, Md. - Howard University won the 2022 MEAC Men's Golf Championship with a strong showing in the final round on Wednesday at the Argyle Country Club.

The Bison (+71, 310-313-300=923) claimed their first MEAC championship in program history.

North Carolina Central was the runner-up at +89 (325-315-301=941), while Maryland Eastern Shore was 95-over (315-321-311=947) to come in third.

Howard saw all five golfers shoot in the 70s, as the weather was the best it had been throughout the 54-hole tournament. Gregory Odom Jr. shot the low round of the championship, a 1-over 72, to finish atop the leaderboard at 12-over (76-77-72=225).

Odom won the individual award by four shots and was named outstanding

performer. Bison head coach Sam Puryear was the tournament's outstanding coach.

Daniel Barbare of North Carolina Central was the individual runner-up with a 16-over 229 (80-75-74). Howard placed three in the top five overall, as teammates Everett Whiten Jr. (80-75-77) and Joshua Siplin (77-78-77) tied for third at +19 (232). Maryland Eastern Shore's Thabang Meophuli rounded out the all-tournament team by finishing fifth at

+20 (77-77-79=233).

All-Tournament Team  
Gregory Odom Jr., Howard  
Daniel Barbare, North Carolina Central  
Everett Whiten Jr., Howard  
Joshua Siplin, Howard  
Thabang Meophuli, Maryland Eastern Shore

Outstanding Performer: Gregory Odom Jr., Howard  
Outstanding Coach: Sam Puryear, Howard

## 10 candle brands to keep on your radar

STAFF REPORTS

### RareLumiere - \$39

Nothing sets a more comforting mood than lighting up your favorite candle. Fill your home with scents that instantly make you feel a sense of luxury and wonder where you can start planning your next adventure. The beautiful slow-burn wax creates very little pooling, reducing the need to relight used wax or generating additional smoke. Enjoy 55 hours of burn time for each candle with 100% cotton wicks designed for the style of each glass vessel.

Sea Witch Botanicals all-natural essentials oil candles - \$29+

Sea Witch Botanicals hand-poured candles are all-natural and scented exclusively with essential oils and plant-derived waxes. Ditch the plastics and breathe in nature. Their vegan candles contain no paraffin wax or fragrance oils. The wide wooden wicks give a beautiful glow, while the soy candle has a nice, even burn to the bottom. Try their unscented or essential oil-scented varieties for the perfect atmosphere.

Fernweh Editions - \$40+  
The travel-inspired collection of hand-poured soy wax candles elevates spirits and enhances decor for upcoming entertaining. Fernweh means "a longing for faraway places" in German and expresses the feeling of wanderlust and exploration that inspired these candles. Satisfy your adventurous spirit and hike through a snowy forest in the Alaskan forest or cozy up to a Roaring fireplace in New England or take a stroll through the lavender fields in the Mediterranean.

The Worthington Collection: \$60+

The Worthington Collection is specially designed to remove odors permanently from any room! Give yourself the gift of relaxation and enjoy a

fresher home while transforming it with these beautifully fragranced, odor-eliminating candles, all featuring a clean burn. The Black woman-owned brand was founded out of necessity. These beautiful candles are practical and gorgeous for any home or office.

Backyard Candles Coconut Candles - \$11.25

Cuddle up with Backyard Candles newest scent! Enjoy the brand and know that each item is handmade with up-cycled coconut shells that otherwise would have been tossed away, polluting the environment. The unique aromas invigorate a room while creating a serene environment for relaxation and comfort. Boost your self-care regime with a dreamy bath and coconut candles that float!

Maggie Valley Collective: \$20

Much like the natural changes a valley goes through over time, you have also changed and Maggie Valley wants to celebrate life's twists and turns. Each scent is carefully curated and tells a story. With witty names like Gentleman's Coat and Gratitude Cocktail, they're designed with entertaining narratives in mind. Their candles fill your home and space with delightful and soothing scents that encourage you to channel the creativity within and foster reflection. Each candle is hand-poured in the United States into eco-friendly, recycled glass jars. Along with the wooden wick that crackles ever so slightly, the feel and image paired with each one provides you with the space to unwind. A women-owned and operated candle company that loves creating experiences through complex and well-rounded scents.

Bare Candle Company: \$24

Each candle from Bare Candle Co. is crafted with wax made entirely from soybeans grown in the

United States. With the emerging cautions about burning essential oils and the depleting resources available to make them, Bare Candle is ahead of the game.

Vegan-friendly, cruelty-free, and made with no paraffins, phthalates, parabens or prop 65 chemicals. Just simple candles you can trust. Support a small women-owned business.

Alabaster Co. - Prayer Candles - \$42+

Alabaster provides heirloom-quality gifts you will feel proud to give. Take a moment to be grateful and enjoy a quiet moment for reflection with these prayer candles. The soy wax candles are hand-poured in the U.S., provide a 70-hour burn time, and come in three blends: hope, peace, and strength. The hope is they can serve as a point-of-departure for deeper spiritual contemplation.

Hope Soap: \$18

Gift them this witty dog mom candle from Hope Scented with orange zest and champagne. This small business is passionate about making high-quality, natural skincare, haircare, and home goods to fuel their support of the local homeless community. For every item sold, they give a bar of soap to someone in need through The Love Truck, a nonprofit organization working to assist the homeless in Akron, Ohio.

Nox & Vesta: \$65

Honor your inner goddess with mythology inspired candles from Nox & Vesta, an upscale, luxury candle experience. Each treasure will fill your room with a complex mysterious symphony of fine fragrances. Their proprietary wax blend is a combination of coconut and apricot wax with a minuscule amount of beeswax, allowing for a slow clean burn. Each hand-poured candle features a wood wick with an impressive 65-70 hours burn time.

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