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## Dr. Myra Adele Logan: Surgical Pioneer and Research Innovator

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Dr. Myra Adele Logan shattered multiple barriers throughout her distinguished career. In 1943, she became the first Black woman admitted to the American College of Surgeons, nine years after earning her medical degree from New York Medical College.

She built her practice at Harlem Hospital, and, in 1951, she became the first Black woman to perform a successful open-heart surgery using pioneering tech-

niques to remove a tumor from inside the patient's heart. At the time, opening someone's chest and operating directly on their heart was relatively new and extremely risky.

Beyond her surgical achievements, Logan was part of a research team that developed an effective antibiotic treatment for lymphogranuloma venereum, a sexually transmitted disease that particularly affected marginalized communities. She also invented a device to help detect breast cancer earlier.

Logan practiced medicine for over 30 years in Harlem, treating patients who often couldn't access care elsewhere, while also maintaining a successful private practice. She died in 1977.

Logan's work made advanced surgical care accessible to communities often underserved by the medical establishment.

Her dual focus on clinical excellence and research innovation established a model that continues to inspire generations of Black female surgeons.



COURTESY

## St. Aug's files Chapter 11, ends accreditation fight

SAU NEWS COMMUNICATIONS

RALEIGH - Saint Augustine's University announced Tuesday that it will initiate a voluntary Chapter 11 restructuring process. This court-supervised process will enable the university to organize its financial affairs.

SAU will continue to operate throughout the process, and a plan of reorganization is being developed to be submitted to the Court outlining its path forward. SAU enters this process with the support of its primary lending partner, Self-Help Ventures Fund, demonstrating confidence in the university's future.

"Chapter 11 provides a comprehensive path to address our

financial challenges and move forward with a stronger foundation," the board of trustees said in a statement.

SAU also confirmed it will not continue litigation related to its accreditation status, which will conclude effective May 15. After careful evaluation, the board determined that continuing litigation would not be a prudent use of resources. SAU will instead focus on supporting students through teach-out agreements, developing nondegree certificates and apprenticeship programs, and building a pathway toward reaccreditation. The institution reached this conclusion in cooperation with its accreditor, SACSCOC, to ensure

impacted students were able to graduate from an accredited institution.

As part of this broader transition, interim president Jennie Ward-Robinson has stepped down, and Verjanis A. Peoples has been named interim president. SAU will work collaboratively with stakeholders, including creditors, donors, alumni and community partners, to provide meaningful opportunities for supporters of the institution to contribute and play an active role in its continued progress and success.

To read a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the university's status, visit [st-aug.edu/sacsoc-updates/](http://st-aug.edu/sacsoc-updates/).

## Durham mayor announces millions toward youth, hunger programs

By Kylie Marsh

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"Who is this city for?" That's the question Mayor Leonardo Williams said he keeps asking himself in his opening remarks at the 2026 State of the City Address.

The April 21 public event took place at the Durham Performing Arts Center. A modest crowd of around 300 people attended, likely due to little promotion of the event through social media and the local press.

"I'm here to tell you all tonight, this city is for us," Williams said.

Williams discussed the political issues of policing, affordable housing and violence. "As the police department moves through this transition, the work that they're doing to build trust and strengthen our community relationships and to drive real public safety outcomes in this city deserves to be named," said Williams, referring to Police Chief Patrice Andrews' retire-

ment in May.

Williams said violent crime fell nearly 17% last year, aggravated assaults were down more than 21% and robberies were down over 9%. "Let's lift them up, because it's a hard job," he said.

Ahead of the event, four tents with the words "Where do we go?" painted in large letters on the sides were erected by residents on the lawn outside of the DPAC, raising the issue of the city's treatment toward the

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KYLIE MARSH

Homeless encampment at Durham's Longmeadow Park is well-known.

## FBI, Durham police raid homeless encampment in East Durham

By Kylie Marsh

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DURHAM - Charles Williams and his neighbors were frightened by a loud bang followed by a cloud of smoke near his tent.

A Durham Police officer entered with his weapon aimed at Williams. Officers shouted there was a "search warrant" and ordered people in the encampment to exit their tents. The raid happened on a stretch of land next to Longmeadow Park at the corner of Liberty and Holloway streets in East Durham. Officers arrived around 2 p.m.

"We thought they were shooting," Williams and others told The Tribune. "They just said it was a search warrant."

Williams said a warrant was not shown to the people in the encampment.

About 12 people sat handcuffed on an embankment surrounded by the officers. Nearby, others were searching tents. All were Black. Some had dirt and other debris on their clothing after being thrown to the ground by officers. One young woman was crying.

Williams, who is from Durham, told The Tribune he'd been living at the encampment for two weeks. He said the police harassment is ongoing.

"They come every day. They kick stuff over," he said. "There are people that gave stuff to us, like they brought us a grill so we could cook food; they knocked the food down, and we're just like 'why?'"

Quatasia Jones was handcuffed, searched and questioned by police. She told The Tribune she doesn't live at the encampment but brought supplies for the residents to use. "They threw out everything," she said.

Williams said "there's a lot" of people who live at the encampment, all from Durham.

"They come and harass us every day. They don't have no reason to mess with us. We don't do nothing," he said. "We sit here, we might turn on some music, might drink a little bit, but we don't do nothing out of the ordinary. They say we been causing problems, but we haven't done nothing."

A statement from the Durham Police Department said the officers were "conducting a violent crime initiative focused on known gun and drug offenders. Illegal narcotics and four firearms were also seized from the encampment. This remains an ongoing investigation and further details will be released at the appropriate time."

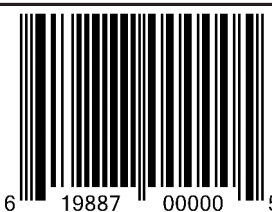
Williams said he hasn't seen "anything like that."

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Left to right: ABC-11 journalist Bianca Holman, Durham Mayor Leonardo Williams and Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott.

## Durham mayor announces millions for youth, hunger

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homeless community. Williams addressed two main frameworks to ensure the safety and well-being of Durham's homeless. "We want to treat it as a human issue because that's exactly what it is," he said. "Housing is the solution. Not a shelter as a permanent state; not managed homelessness, warehousing people indefinitely and calling it a system. Housing - real, stable, permanent housing."

Williams said over \$160 million have been invested in accomplishing Durham's housing goals, which they've "exceeded" as part of the ongoing Forever Home, Durham initiative. The mayor pledged that by 2031, any resident's experience with homelessness will be very brief and rare.

"So that brings me to our HEART team," he said. "Duke University and the University of Michigan found that HEART reduces crime reports by 58% and arrests by 56%...that is why we're a national model. That is why we're featured on CNN. That is why we're going to continue to expand this program."

Before sitting for a brief "fireside chat" with Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, Williams transitioned to the issue of youth gun violence in the Bull City. "Sometimes, this is where I lose my cool, and I'm working on that. But I just don't want to see our young people's lives cut short," he said. "This is actually very personal. The people doing the shooting and the people mostly get-

ting shot, they look like me."

The chat was moderated by ABC-11 journalist Bianca Holman. Scott and Williams are from the same small home town in Halifax County, North Carolina, so they affectionately referred to each other as "cousin."

In 2022, Baltimore launched its Group Violence Reduction Strategy in partnership with police and prosecutors, which Scott said has reduced homicides by over 60% in the last five years.

One of the most significant differences between the two mayors is the power to make executive decisions. Executive mayoralty, meaning that mayors work as a separate office from the city council and exercise more legislative power, is only legal in Maryland.

"Just the way city governments and local and state governments are set up, it's really hard to move money for what we actually need," Williams said. "Right now, we're spending as a nation \$2 billion a day on a war that's unnecessary, yet there are hungry children in our streets," he said. "We cannot turn on one another. We have to turn together and make sure that we are building collective power here in the community."

Despite federal funding changes presenting challenges to municipalities, the mayors agreed philanthropic dollars from universities and foundations illustrate the significance of public-private partnerships. Scott said the federal delegation really helped

Baltimore get the GVRs running, but advocacy for funding should include "how it impacts them."

"We have to get out of this mindset that these things are solely the responsibility of the city government and make them really a responsibility of the great community," he said. "Especially right now, when the things and the strategies that have gotten violent crime to its lowest point in a long time across this country are under attack from the highest office in the land, it's gonna come down to us at the local level."

The violence reduction plan isn't purely about policing. "It's about lighting, it's about trash, it's about recreation, it's about housing," Scott said.

To close out, Williams announced millions of dollars toward ending food insecurity, including a \$25,000 Mayors Alliance Action Fund Grant funded by Dollar Tree and Share Our Strength to help fight hunger, and \$175,000 in grant funding from the American Beverage Foundation and the African American Mayors Association toward The Durham Cooperative Extension, Everyone Eats Durham, Meals on Wheels and the Durham Black Farmers Market - the largest grant awarded.

Williams announced an additional disbursement of \$30,000 from private donations, and \$7,500 to four youth-oriented nonprofits through the Bull City Future Fund. Kind Kitchen Group, Black SEL's Dangers of the Mind Education Fund and Vault Theatre were recipients.

## FBI, Durham police raid homeless encampment

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Charges listed for the individuals that were arrested included marijuana possession, resisting a public officer, failure to appear, misdemeanor probation violation, felony conspiracy, cocaine trafficking, and attempting to manufacture, sell, deliver or possess a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a park. No gun

charges were listed.

A crowd of residents assembled to observe the operation, which included an estimated 30 Durham police officers plus at least two FBI agents and one K-9 unit. One officer said, "we found guns and drugs" to bystanders who were filming the raid and asking questions.

The encampment at Longmeadow has been

long-established. Reggie, another resident, told The Tribune he's been living there since he was released from prison in February 2024. He also said police harassment is a regular occurrence.

Longmeadow Park was closed last year for renovations and remains fenced off. Four of the individuals arrested remain incarcerated.



The grand opening of the new Hope Day Center.

## Urban Ministries opens Hope Day Center

By Kylie Marsh

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DURHAM - Although Durham's homeless might secure a bed at a night shelter, they often can't find a safe, comfortable place in the daytime.

Urban Ministries of Durham opened its Hope Day Center last week, which provides a stable environment and essential resources weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"The Hope Day Center is about more than just providing a roof during the day; it's about dignity and progress," UMD Executive Director Sheldon Mitchell said in a release. "By offering everything from hot showers to workforce development in one location, we are helping our neighbors move closer to permanent stability."

People can enter the building on Liberty Street just a block from the Main Public Library to find coffee, water and light refreshments while they wait for intake, UMD Residential Operations Director Shona Wyr told The Tribune. They can also enjoy books, magazines, puzzles, and board and card games.

"Everyone needs to be accounted for," Wyr said.

Volunteers and staff will connect anyone seeking resources for housing, employment and food through their community partners, like Families Moving Forward, Housing for New Hope and Lincoln Community Health.

People can access computers for resumes and cover letters, apply for jobs, research legal information like identification and public services or simply check messages. Lockers are also available to securely charge their devices instead of using the Main Library.

"People can come in and just be," Wyr said. "There's no eating at the library, and you're not allowed to sleep, so people can come here and put their head down and take a nap if they want to."

Wyr said she expects at least 30 people to come through the Day Center. "When I first started here, my thought process of homelessness was very different," she said. "We get people from all walks of life. Sometimes I don't see people because they're working two or three jobs."

Case management lasts between two weeks to a month. "Each situation is different," Wyr said.

"Sometimes there are senior citizens who sold their property or someone passed away, or college students who can't afford to stay in their dorms, or people who are choosing Medicare or health care versus housing."

Urban Ministries serves nine families with children, including 62 men and 14 women. Operations coordinator India Howard said most of the people they serve are Black men between their late 30s to 50s. Often, they are stuck in a cycle. "It's usually mental health and substance abuse," Howard said. "The struggles come and that leads to drug use, which affects the mental health. Maybe their coping mechanism is drug use, and their living situation doesn't help at all."

Urban Ministries provides mental health counseling in a group setting, which Howard said tends to be supportive for the people they serve.

In addition to serving breakfast and a bagged lunch in the mornings, plus a hot dinner at 6 p.m., the building also has one available shower. The Day Center will bring a mobile shower and laundry trucks to the community as well.



STOCK PHOTO

## NC lawmaker warns of hospital closings due to cuts

By Zamone Perez

PUBLIC NEWS SERVICE

Advocates and local lawmakers are calling out the steep threat Medicaid cuts at the federal level pose to rural hospitals and medical centers.

Last year, congressional Republicans passed President Donald Trump's budget bill, known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," which cut nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid over the next decade.

Senator Natalie Murdock, D-Durham, represents all of Chatham County, a rural area west of the Research Triangle. She warned cuts to Medicaid threaten the ability of rural hospitals to continue operating vital services, like maternal health care.

Nearly 30% of counties in North Carolina offer low access to maternity care or

are maternal health care deserts.

"If you're pregnant and getting ready to deliver, every minute counts," Murdock said. "Driving 15 minutes or 30 minutes compared to an hour or an hour and a half, we have so many counties in North Carolina that are in a maternal health care desert."

Trump and GOP lawmakers argued Medicaid cuts were a part of a larger effort to cut federal spending and root out waste, fraud and abuse from the federal government. The cuts also allowed Trump to pay for further tax cuts, but opponents argued the tax cuts only benefit the highest income earners.

North Carolina lawmakers nearly unanimously passed more than \$300 million for the state's portion of Medicaid funding last week, preventing

the program from running out of money next month. More than 3 million North Carolinians are enrolled in Medicaid.

Murdock warned hospital closures as a result of Medicaid cuts could hurt the most vulnerable North Carolinians, restricting their ability to access preventive care.

"We cannot leave the least of these, those that are the most vulnerable, left holding the bag if the federal government and the state can't figure out what it is that they want to do," Murdock contended. "Health care is a basic human right. We will continue to fight tooth and nail to ensure that Medicaid expansion is preserved."

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Request for Qualifications and announcements may be obtained at: <https://townofcarrboro.org/bids.aspx>

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## LEGAL NOTICES



### LEGAL NOTICE

#### UTILITIES ASSET AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

RFP No. 26-040

The County of Durham will receive sealed proposals from qualified Vendor(s) to establish a contract to provide a Utilities Asset Management and Project Management Software Solution and Implementation on June 9, 2026, at 2:00 P.M Eastern Time, in the Durham County Purchasing Division of Finance, 201 East Main Street, 7th Floor, Room 703, Durham, North Carolina 27701. No proposals will be accepted after the official time and date.

An electronic copy of this Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained from Durham County's free eBid System located under Bid Opportunities at: <https://dconc.gov/Finance/Purchasing/Bid-Opportunities>

This RFP has multiple submission requirements therefore it is advised that you review all of the information on the eBid site.

Proposers can download a copy of the solicitation and all addenda without registering in the system. However, in order to automatically receive email notifications of solicitations and addenda issued by the Purchasing Division, Proposers MUST register in the eBid system.

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## In Memory Captain John Lyon Durham Fire Dept.



Former Durham Fire Department Captain John Lyon, one of the department's "Original Ten" African American firefighters in 1958, died this week at the age of 92. Lyon and nine others were the first to integrate the Durham Fire Department. He was the last living member of the Original Ten. A memorial service is May 2 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Apex.

## The Bible's definition of 'single'

By Doug Hankins

BAPTIST PRESS

The following is an excerpt from "Still Single, Still Called" by Doug Hankins, senior pastor of First Baptist Church Winter Park, Florida.

In Matthew 22, Jesus finds himself in two conversations with three rival Jewish groups. The Pharisees and Herodians bring up the issue of God and government. Jesus provides clarity on the subject with His eminently quotable phrase, "Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Next, the Sadducees bring up the topic of marriage and eternity. Jesus likewise responds with a comment that seems to leave them speechless due to their cultural assumptions about the reality of the matter: "You are mistaken because you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God. For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven." — Matthew 22:29-30 (CSB)

The gathered crowds were astonished at Jesus' ability to skillfully answer the rival Jewish groups with such confidence and authority on the matter. It had never occurred to many of them that marriage was a temporary arrangement and singleness before God is the eternal reality for resurrection people.

Although this idea was foreign to many in the crowd, it was not foreign to Jesus' disciples. In Matthew 19, Jesus has a related conversation with his disciples about the subject of divorce and marriage, in which he reminds them that God hates divorce. His disciples respond in verse 10, "If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it's better not to marry."

Jesus concludes, "Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given." Over and over again, Jesus, a single person, reminds us that singleness is the default state of being for humanity and in many cases one that is preferable to marriage.



When he wrote his letter to the church in Corinth, Greece, in the 50s AD, the apostle Paul addressed a culture much like our own. Corinth was a fast-growing metropolis in a geographically and financially advantageous part of the world, populated by single men looking to get rich quickly and make a name for themselves in the Roman Empire, and marked by a great diversity of marital status, religious worldview and cultural values. Paul was ministering to and writing to a diverse audience that had substantial questions about the implications of following Jesus, among them how one should approach sexuality, marriage and community.

In the seventh chapter of his first letter to the Corinthian church, Paul wrote on the issue of singleness and marriage: "I wish that all people were as I am. But each has his own gift from God, one person has this gift, another has that. I say to the unmarried and to widows: It is good for them if they remain as I am." (1 Corinthians 7:17)

Keep in mind that Paul's definition places emphasis on celibacy and not abstinence. While these terms are often used interchangeably in religious circles, there is a significant difference between the two. Abstinence is a temporary refraining from sexual activity. But abstinence also carries an implied or stated expiration date in mind with the intention to enter into sexual activity at some point in the future. Celibacy, on the other hand, is

viewed as a more permanent commitment not to participate in sex or marriage, motivated in part by spiritual formation and personal choice. When Paul says that being single is good, he is not expressly making a statement about abstinence. It is one thing to practice abstinence for the short term so that marriage and sex later will not be spoiled. This is a True Love Waits view of singleness, and one that many young single adults tend to presume is the normal course of life. But take note that Paul does not suggest that singleness is about delayed gratification so that human flourishing can occur later in the Christian life. Paul sees singleness as a way to flourish now without any promise of sexual gratification occurring later. He sees both marriage and singleness as worthy and equal Christian pursuits. For the record, Jesus seems to teach the same.

In case Paul's meaning is unclear, he reiterates this idea in verse 17, "Let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him." For Paul, singleness is a good thing. Christians should not try to talk single people out of their singleness. Instead, single people should remain in their singleness as Paul models for us.

I wish more churches would live out the teachings of Jesus and Paul: that singleness is a good thing, that the single life can be one of flourishing and that single friends are a gift to us all.

## AROUND THE TRIANGLE



Applications are open for the 2026 Friends of the Page-Walker Scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior and a Cary resident.

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 Operation Fan Heat Relief will distribute fans to eligible residents 60 and older from May 1 to Oct. 31. Call 919-855-4840.

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 Loaves & Fishes will celebrate 45 years May 3, 4 p.m., 1725 N. New Hope Road. Meet & greet with artist Richard Wilson Jr.

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 Community Music School's "Brighter Futures Through Music" fundraiser is May 5, 6-8 p.m., AJ Fletcher Opera Theater inside Martin Marietta Center. Visit: [cmsraleigh.org](http://cmsraleigh.org).

**TOWN HALL**  
 "Ask the Doc" Wake County town hall meeting is May 7, 6 p.m., Tarboro Road Community Center, 121 N. Tarboro St. RSVP: [wake.gov/AskTheDoc](http://wake.gov/AskTheDoc).

**FESTIVAL**  
 Raleigh's Spring Festival: A Mother's Day Tribute is May 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Moore Square.

**CARY SCHOLARSHIP**  
 Applications are open for the 2026 Friends of the Page-Walker Scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior and a Cary resident. Visit: [www.friendsofpage-walker.org](http://www.friendsofpage-walker.org). Deadline: May 5.

**DURHAM MARKET**  
 Black Farmers' Market is May 3, 1-4 p.m., Durham Tech, 1637 E. Lawson St. Visit:

**KINDERGARTEN**  
 DPS's annual Countdown to Kindergarten is May 4, 6-

8 p.m., Museum of Life and Science, 433 W. Murray Avenue. Register: [www.dpsnc.net](http://www.dpsnc.net).

**COMMUNITY REPORT**  
 Durham Cooperative Extension's 2026 Report to the Community is May 6, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Briggs Ave. Community Garden, 1314 S. Briggs Avenue. Register: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**CONVERSATION**  
 A conversation with author Brit Bennett is May 7, 6:30 p.m., Hayti Heritage Center, 804 Old Fayetteville St. Tickets: [www.hayti.org](http://www.hayti.org).

**GARDENING**  
 The next gardening class is May 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Stanford L. Warren Library, 1201 Fayetteville St.

**GROUNDBREAKING**  
 The Villages of Hayti groundbreaking is May 13, 10 a.m., 1103 Merrick St.



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# Streaming service a gold mine for SWAC

SWAC Commissioner Charles McClelland was full of surprises last month.

The biggest was the announcement of a collaboration among the four NCAA HBCU conferences to form their own Black College Football Poll, Black College All-American Teams and postseason awards.

The fact that the SWAC released the news several hours before the other conferences meant that it was spearheading the new endeavor, which has been well received among HBCU fans and alumni. The most common response was "what took so long?"

But before the partnership revelation, McClelland discussed the future of one of the top FCS conferences in the nation at the SWAC Men's and Women's



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Golf Championships in Birmingham, Alabama.

He sat between broadcasters Santoria Black and Charles Bishop and talked for over an hour on where SWAC Nation is, how far it's come and where it's headed.

One of the biggest moves the conference made was the launch of SWAC TV streaming service on Aug. 1.

McClelland said even he is surprised at the response.

"It's grown exponentially fast. We've had to revise our strategic plan simply because it's taken off faster than what we thought it would," he said. "Our corporate partners want to double down on SWAC TV, and we've been actively working with some third parties to bring in some additional media partners, and it wasn't planned that way."

McClelland said the launch was perfect timing. Sports is one of the few industries where the pushback against Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hasn't affected sponsorships or advertising dollars.

"It was a Godsend that we shifted to media when we did because we've been able to hold on to them (sponsors) because of the media. We should be announcing some major additions in the future," he said.

Let's be honest: if it's Black, folks think second class.

SWAC TV is as professional and well-run as anything I've watched on ESPN or Fox Sports.

That's what Corporate America is seeing. And who can tell our stories better than us?

Football and basketball have gotten the most airplay, with volleyball and soccer, and conference championships "sprinkled in."

McClelland said the plan is to have all 12 institutions and every sporting event - 2,080 to be exact - streamed by Year 3.

So far, SWAC TV has 2.5 million unique viewers, 580 million impressions and 55 million minutes watched in less than nine months. But the marriage hasn't been one long honeymoon.

"I thought you would just be able to plug it up and start a network; that's not necessarily the case," McClelland said. "The first few weeks of football, I wanted to quit. I wanted to fire everybody. Had to go to some counseling sessions."

Football is the SWAC's golden goose. The conference board of directors recently voted to eliminate nonDivision I and DII teams starting in 2027. This means no more Virginia-Lynchburg or teams with "Christian" in their name.

"We will no longer play games that don't count," McClelland said. "More competitive games are going to shift schools' thought processes. Our fans are key and center to all that we do and all we can become."

Next week: From Last to First.

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Cameron Lutterloh at the CIAA Golf Championships

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## Driven by Precision

Cameron Lutterloh leads the way for Winston-Salem State golf

WINSTON-SALEM STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

WINSTON-SALEM - For Winston-Salem State men's golf, consistency isn't just a goal, it's a standard. And no one embodies that standard more this season than standout golfer Cameron Lutterloh, whose steady rise has helped position the Rams as a contender in the CIAA.

Lutterloh's game isn't built on flash. It's built on

discipline, preparation and an unshakable approach to every round. Whether it's navigating tight fairways or sinking clutch putts under pressure, he has become the anchor the Rams rely on when it matters most.

"I just try to stay even-keeled," Lutterloh said. "Golf is a game where you can't get too high or too low. Every shot matters, and I focus on the next one."

That mindset paid off in a

major way at the CIAA Championship, where Lutterloh delivered a tournament-best performance, finishing 4-under overall (74-71-67--212) to claim the individual title. His final-round 67 not only vaulted him to the top of the leaderboard but also showcased the composure and execution that have defined his season.

But Lutterloh's impact goes far beyond the scorecard.

Lutterloh didn't begin to play golf until the COVID-19 pandemic. He grew up playing basketball and baseball, but he was forced to stay home when the pandemic hit. So, to find an escape, he went to the Stoney Creek Golf Course to work on his game. Going there almost every day, he became addicted to the sport and has not looked back since.

A Leader by Example

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## HBCU FOOTBALL

# HBCU players sign free agent contracts

By Bonitta Best  
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The SWAC community is mourning the loss of Arkansas-Pine Bluff legendary football coach Monte Coleman. Coleman also was an NFL star with the Washington Redskins (now Commanders) for 16 seasons.

### Florida A&M

There will be no SWAC Championship or Celebration Bowl appearance for the Rattlers after NCAA APR violations.

The Level Two penalties make the program ineligible for postseason competition in 2026. And to add insult to injury, FAMU's ban allows players to

transfer even though the portal is closed.

### NFL

Two former HBCU players were drafted in last weekend's NFL Draft. Others signed free agent contracts and/or were invited to rookie minicamps.

### Draft

\* N.C. A&T/Wake Forest CB Karon Prunty, New England Patriots, fifth round

\* Jackson State/Missouri WR Kevin Coleman, Miami Dolphins, fifth round

### Free Agents

\* N.C. Central/Virginia RB

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Virginia Union record-setting RB Curtis Allen.

## COLLEGE CORNER

# NCCU's Lucas ends collegiate career in style

Livingstone has named Curtis Walker as vice president of athletics and operations.

Fayetteville State joins Winston-Salem State in the NCAA Atlantic/East Regional Tournament. The Broncos are seeded No. 11 after earning an automatic berth.

### WOMEN

#### N.C. Central

Senior high jumper Tia Lucas ended her collegiate career with a bang, winning the College Women's High Jump Championship at last weekend's prestigious Penn Relays. Lucas cleared 1.75 meters on her final attempt.

In softball, the Eagles' season ends at 8-40 overall, 6-15 MEAC, after defeating South Carolina State in the regular season finale. Only the top six teams advance to the conference tourna-

ment. NCCU was seventh.

### Shaw

The Bears have no peers in CIAA tennis. They won their eighth straight conference tournament, defeating Bluefield State 4-2, after going 11-0 during the regular season. Shaw hasn't lost a championship since Chowan was a CIAA member. Serena Teluwo was the tournament's most valuable player for the second straight season.

### Morgan State

The Bears will face No. 8-seed North Carolina State in the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Team Championship this weekend in Raleigh. MSU defeated Norfolk State in the MEAC Championship to earn an automatic berth.

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# USA Baseball and TST unite to launch TST's Soccer Home Run Derby

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CARY - The Soccer Tournament, the annual 7v7 global soccer festival featuring three \$1 million winner-take-all prizes, has added a new event for 2026: TST's Soccer Home Run Derby.

Developed in collaboration with USA Baseball, the Derby blends the format of baseball's Home Run Derby with the creativity and skill of world-class soccer players. The inaugural event is May 28 during the second day of TST 2026 at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary.

"We're thrilled to partner with TST on the launch of the Soccer Home Run Derby and to welcome another innovative and exciting event to Cary," USA Baseball Executive Director and CEO Paul Seiler said. "This is a fun and really unique opportunity to bring together elements of baseball and soccer in a way that we and U.S. Soccer can intro-

duce our sports to new audiences worldwide."

The competition will feature both women's and men's divisions, showcasing a mix of former professionals, current players and TST fan-favorite personalities. The women's field is headlined by U.S. Soccer World Cup champions Hope Solo, Carli Lloyd and Jessica McDonald, who have combined for four World Cup titles and 537 caps with the U.S. Women's National Team.

On the men's side, Mexico and Club America legend Miguel Layún, former Villarreal CF standout Xisco Nadal and arena soccer star Stefan Mijatovic will compete. Final participants for both divisions will be announced in the coming weeks.

"I'm thrilled to be part of the inaugural Soccer Home Run Derby!" Lloyd said. "This event is

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NCCU star J'Mari Taylor graduated before transferring to Virginia.

## HBCU players sign free agent and rookie contracts

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J'Mari Taylor, Jacksonville Jaguars

\* Jackson State WR Jaylon Dupree, Cleveland Browns

\* Prairie View A&M S Jaylon Shelyon, Atlanta Falcons

\* Morgan State LB Erick Hunter, Detroit Lions

\* Howard/Syracuse OL Da'Metrius Weatherspoon, Buffalo Bills

\* Tennessee State/San Diego State CB Bryce Phillips, Kansas City Chiefs

**Rookie Minicamp**  
\* Virginia Union RB Curtis Allen, Seattle Seahawks and Atlanta Falcons

\* Jackson State DE Quincy Ivory, Tampa Bay

\* Florida A&M OL Ashton Grable, Buffalo

\* Jackson State DL Jeremiah Williams, Minnesota

\* N.C. A&T OL Korion Sharpe, Cleveland Browns  
\* Southern DE Ckelby Givens, Buffalo

## USA Baseball and TNT unite to launch soccer derby

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a fantastic way to blend the excitement of soccer with a fun, competitive twist. It's an opportunity to showcase our skills and connect with fans in a whole new way."

Players will attempt to kick as many "home runs" as possible by clearing an eight-foot fence on the fly, striking balls served by a pitcher on the ground by foot. Each participant will

have one minute to record as many successful home runs as possible, with the top two advancing to a championship round. The final will feature a best-of-five, penalty shootout-style showdown, with competitors alternating attempts until a winner is crowned.

The Derby joins a growing list of new additions to TST 2026, including the debut of TST Mixed, a

third \$1 million winner-take-all competition featuring teams of men and women rotating on and off the field throughout each match. The 2026 event will also feature a Creator Game, bringing together some of the top soccer content creators and streamers from across the United States and beyond.

Tickets are on sale at [tst7v7.com/tickets](https://tst7v7.com/tickets).



N.C. Central high jumper Tia Lucas goes out a champion.



N.C. Central men's tennis team's highway unveiling ceremony.

## Driven by precision: WSSU golfer leads team

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While his numbers speak volumes, it's his presence within the program that has elevated the entire team. Known for his work ethic and quiet leadership, Lutterloh sets the tone both in practice and competition.

Joining the golf team has been a dream come true. Coach Penny gave Lutterloh a chance and, in his first season, he has made the most of it.

Built for Big Moments

Golf often comes down to the smallest margins, and Lutterloh has proven he thrives in those defining moments. His ability

to stay composed late in rounds has turned potential setbacks into scoring opportunities, helping WSSU stay competitive across multiple tournaments this spring.

Whether it's responding to a tough hole or capitalizing on a scoring chance, Lutterloh's mental toughness has been just as valuable as his technical skill.

Raising the Standard

As WSSU continues to make strides within the CIAA, performances like Lutterloh's are setting a new expectation for the program. His championship run not only highlighted his individual

excellence but also signaled the Rams' growing presence on the conference stage.

With momentum on their side and a proven leader at the forefront, the future of WSSU men's golf looks increasingly bright.

And for Cameron Lutterloh, the mission remains simple. "Just keep improving," he said. "There's always another level."

For the first time in program history, men's golf will participate in the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships. The Rams are seeded No. 8. Regional play runs May 7-9.

## NCCU's Lucas ends career

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**Hampton**

Alumna Mo'ne Davis has signed with the Indianapolis Colts in the Banana Ball League. Davis, if you remember, was a Little League star pitcher and wowed the country during the Philadelphia Little League World Series.

**MEN**  
N.C. Central

Kyle Gregory earned a spot on the NEC All-Tour-

nament Team after tying for ninth in the NEC Men's Golf Championship.

**S.C. State**

The Bulldogs will face Central Florida in the NCAA Advancement this weekend. SCSU won its sixth straight MEAC Championship and 21st overall.

**Lane**

Rust College head coach Barry Wellington is Lane College's new men's basketball coach. Wellington was an assistant at Lane.

**Goodbye. Hello.**

\* Eastern Illinois G Lalani Ellis to Grambling State

\* Buffalo G/F Amber Howard, Coppin State

\* Alcorn State G Jameel Morris, Bethune-Cookman

\* Virginia Union F O'Maundre Harris, Virginia State

\* Clark-Atlanta G Joirdyn Smith, Tuskegee

\* Boston College F Kennedy Hall, Hampton

### BLACK BOXERS ACTIVITY SHEET

Hi Everybody!

Sankofa 82 and I have traveled in and out of time looking at several of our black boxers for them to share their stories with us. Our current generation of fighters consider Muhammad Ali to be the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time). But did you know that there was a GOAT before the GOAT? Yes, his name was Jack Johnson.

**GOAT BEFORE THE GOAT: JACK JOHNSON**

Meet the original GOAT, Jack Johnson, born John Arthur Johnson. He was the very first Black Heavyweight champion of the world. He had an amazing record of 73 wins, of which 38 by knockouts (KOs), 13 losses and 10 draws for a total of 96 fights! While heavyweights wanted to avoid fighting Johnson for fear of losing to him, James Jeffries became the "Great White Hope" by agreeing to fight Johnson. The match ended in round 14 when Jeffries could no longer fight. Johnson's win erupted in racial violence throughout the United States.

**ONE MINUTE MADNESS**

In one minute or less, unscramble the words about boxing. The first letter of the word is in bold.

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**M**eki yn**T**so \_\_\_\_\_  
**n**ayd**G**r wni**T**s \_\_\_\_\_

**THE GOAT: MUHAMMAD ALI**

"I am the Greatest Of All Time", boasted Cassius Clay, alias, Muhammad Ali. He was a boxer, philanthropist and social activist who is regarded as one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century. He had a very impressive record of 56 wins (of which 37 were KOs) and 5 losses. Ali's superior speed, dazzling footwork, and his ability to take a punch, earned him the right to say, "I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." After his suspension from boxing for refusing military service, Ali reclaimed the heavyweight title two more times, when he fought against Joe Frazier and George Foreman. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, he devoted more of his time as a philanthropist and earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005.

**MADAME BUTTERFLY: LAILA ALI**

Laila Ali is the daughter of Muhammad Ali. She has the speed and punching power of her dad and is appropriately nicknamed "She Bee Stingin'" and "Madame Butterfly." She boxed professionally from 1999 to 2007 while amassing a record of 24 wins, 21 by KO's and 0 losses. Laila and Jacqui Frazier-Lyde were the first two women boxers to fight for a pay-per-view audience as the Main Event. Now, Laila Ali is a television personality and has secured her place in boxing history.

**TELL THE TRUTH**

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

\_\_\_ Floyd Mayweather retired from boxing with an undefeated record.

\_\_\_ At age 18 the Grandy twins are YouTube Sensations!

\_\_\_ Jack Johnson was the first African-American Heavyweight Champion.

\_\_\_ Mike Tyson was nicknamed "Money".

\_\_\_ Muhammad Ali has 89 wins, second only to Jack Johnson.

\_\_\_ Laila Ali possesses a 24-win 0 loss record.

**THE GRANDY TWINS: YOUTUBE BOXING SENSATIONS**

The Philadelphia born Grandy twins, Steven and Daniel, got their boxing start when their dad, Danny Grandy took them to the gym when they were two years old. They are now accomplished fighters. When they were 8 a short video of them training went viral and ever since they have been a YouTube sensation. They earn an estimated 2 million a year as YouTube boxing sensations.

**MICHAEL GERARD TYSON: ALIAS "IRON MIKE"**

Mike Tyson is a former Black American professional boxer. He competed from 1985 to 2005. As one of the world's greatest heavyweight boxers of all times, he earned the nicknames "Iron Mike", "Kid Dynamite" and "The Baddest Man on the Planet". He reigned as the undisputed world heavyweight champion from 1987 to 1990 and he holds the record as the youngest boxer to ever win a heavyweight title.

**"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD MAYWEATHER!**

Floyd Joy Mayweather Jr., also nicknamed "Money", is a professional boxing promoter and a former professional boxer. He competed between 1996 and 2015. He won 15 major world championships and retired with an undefeated record.

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MUHAMMAD ALI  
MIKE TYSON  
GRANDY TWINS

## Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

More than 2,000 people gathered near the Durham Bulls Baseball Stadium for the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Participants enjoyed a variety of vendors, live music, exercise activities and more. Naturally, the highlight of the event was the 5K race, which plays a vital role in supporting the search for a breast cancer cure by raising essential funds.



MATHIAS BISHOP



### MOVERS AND SHAKERS

**COASTAL PINES**  
 Cheryl Burns is the new board chair of the North Carolina Coastal Pines Girls Scouts organization. Burns has served in several key roles within the organization. As chair, she will focus on strengthening community partnerships



Burns

and advancing initiatives that empower girls. She leads a 36-member board of directors.



McFadden

**DURHAM COUNTY**  
 Shirley McFadden has been named Durham County Government's new internal audit director.

McFadden was deputy director of internal audit for Guilford County.

*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 email us at [info@triangletribune.com](mailto:info@triangletribune.com). Photos welcome.

### HBCU NEWS

**SHAW UNIVERSITY**  
 Edwina Findley Dickerson, author and award-winning actress, is the keynote speaker for Shaw University's 2026 Commencement Ceremony on May 9, 10 a.m., at the Raleigh Convention Center. "The ceremony marks a milestone moment for the class of 2026 as they prepare to lead, serve and make an impact beyond Shaw University. We are proud to welcome Edwina Findley Dickerson, whose accomplishments reflect the values we instill in our graduates," Shaw President Paulette R. Dillard said. Findley Dickerson is an accomplished actress

whose work spans film, television and stage. She recently added author to her list of achievements. Her first book, "The World Is Waiting For You," features a foreword by Academy Award-winning actress Viola Davis and outlines her personal roadmap for pursuing purpose with clarity and intention. In addition to her work on screen, Findley Dickerson is a sought-after speaker and co-founder of AbundantLifeU, a non-profit that empowers individuals to discover their purpose and create meaningful impact. The Washington, D.C., native trained at the Duke Ellington



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School of the Arts before earning her degree from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**DURHAM COUNTY**  
 Dianna Robinson has been appointed principal of Eno Valley Elementary School. As assistant principal since 2022, she has worked closely with teachers, staff, students, and families to support academic achievement, promote a positive school culture, and develop effective instructional practices. "I'm truly honored and excited to step into the position of principal because the school already means so much to me. Serving as the assistant principal has been an incredible journey, and I look forward to growing with this community, supporting our students and staff, and building on our foundation in this new capacity," Robinson said. She has helped to lead initiatives focused on student growth and teacher support. Robinson's broad experience as an educator also includes having



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served as an assistant principal of Ignite! Online Academy and a principal intern at Creekside Elementary School. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration

degree from North Carolina Central University and earned a Masters of School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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