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In this issue of HBCU CONNECT Magazine, you’ll find more great content for and about HBCU Alumni! Staying true to form, the magazine is successfully transforming into a publication that highlights the success of our nation’s HBCUs, proven by the success of their graduates!

If you are interested in being featured in the next issue of HBCU CONNECT Magazine, submit your profile to us using the following url:

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Also in this issue you will find some excellent employment opportunities from our partners, Microsoft, College of Lake County, MDRC, TriHealth, Ivy Tech Community College and more. Be sure to take a look at the pages in the magazine featuring their opportunities and visit their websites to find out more and take advantage of the right opportunity for you, or spread the word.

On the horizon for next year, we have great news! We are going to be hosting a new HBCU Alumni & Friends Cruise on Royal Caribbean cruise line. In case you missed the first few cruises we hosted, Royal Caribbean was the best of them all, and we are going to do it again. There will be lots of fun on the ship, including a spades tournament, costume party, exotic destinations for exotic professionals like yourself, so be sure to check out the details here in this issue, and then visit www.hbcucruise.com to sign up for the cruise. Space is limited of course!!

Finally, I’d like to thank everyone for staying tuned in to HBCUConnect.com and helping us to stay alive and relevant with over 1.2 million members since 1999. I am humbled by your support and attention to our work. We will continue to stay dedicated to bringing you more opportunities in all aspects of your lives as thriving professionals.

Sincerely,

Will Moss
Will Moss | CEO | HBCU CONNECT
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Based on our extensive relationships with faculty and staff at our nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the largest database of companies actively hiring students and graduates of HBCUs, HBCUConnect.com has announced their 2015 list of the top 50 employers of HBCU Students and Graduates.

In order for companies to be considered, we use a standard list of criteria that includes a company’s HBCU specific outreach, conversations with the companies to learn about their recruitment efforts, relationships the companies have with HBCUs or alumni organizations, and the overall visibility of the efforts made by the companies being considered. Consideration for the actual rankings for the companies was based on their consistency in effort, level of investment, actual hires and creativity in their outreach.

Over the last 12 years, the HBCU CONNECT team has been working hard to connect employers with the talent produced by our nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Having a top 50 list is a great way to congratulate and encourage these companies to continue their efforts and to notify HBCU faculty, students and graduates about the employers putting a strong effort towards recruiting them.
1. Microsoft  
2. Wal-Mart  
3. Monster Worldwide  
4. Merck  
5. The United States Coast Guard  
6. Walgreens  
8. Department of State  
9. Disney Worldwide  
10. Nextera Energy  
11. Premier Health Partners  
12. MDRC  
13. Ford Motor Company  
14. College of Lake County  
15. L’Oreal  
16. Infosys Limited  
17. Parker Hannifin Corporation  
18. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
19. IBM  
20. Grand Rapids Community College  
21. Verizon Wireless  
22. Paul Quinn College  
23. Achievement First  
24. Brown-Forman  
25. CNH Industrial  
26. Windstream  
27. Oakton Community College  
28. UnitedHealth Group  
29. Northern Kentucky University  
30. KIPP Public Charter Schools  
31. Delaware County Community College  
32. Fresno Unified School District  
33. Unilever  
34. Bucknell University  
35. Harvard University  
36. Land O’ Lakes  
37. Allstate Insurance  
38. NYPD  
39. Nebraska Wesleyan University  
40. Defense Contract Management Agency  
41. Motlow State Community College  
42. Transportation Security Administration  
43. UPMC  
44. Azusa Pacific University  
45. Stony Brook University  
46. Nationwide Insurance  
47. Polk State College  
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49. Emerson College  
50. Central New Mexico Community College
Howard University’s Tobi Gadison, has been nominated as Best Actor for his role as Nicholas in the independent film, Myra’s Angel, at this year’s 18th Annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF), in New York City, June 19-22. Conceived in 1997 to promote diversity in film and television, ABFF is dedicated to showcasing quality films by and about people of African descent and new talent in front of and behind the camera. The film, about a man’s journey for redemption as he tries to clear his name of a robbery he did not commit, is one of eleven to debut and received six nominations.

Tobi was always attracted to acting and music as an imaginative child growing up in a Washington, DC household rich in HBCU history. “As far back as I can remember, most of my dad’s side (Robert E. Brown) attended Xavier University in New Orleans.” His maternal great grandfather and grandfather, Drs. Pinkney Marion Henderson and Purvis Sinclair Henderson; and his maternal grandmother, Dr. Helen O. Dickens, attended Howard University School of Medicine. His mother, Dr. Jayne (Henderson) Brown, attended for her post baccalaureate premedical studies and residency. Tobi and his sister, Kai, attended in the 1990s. As a business major “I wanted to be an artist and repertoire talent scout, but never really found my niche. They put me in business, acting and jazz classes but it was not the right fit.” So Tobi headed to New Orleans, starting successful landscaping and photography businesses. On the crest of the area’s booming film industry he signed with a talent agency after appearing in a church play sponsored his drama ministry. His career took off. He was featured in commercials, local productions and prominent movies such as Ray, Dukes of Hazzard, Glory Road and Just My Luck. The decision to dedicate his life to acting came when he saw Don Cheadle in Devil in A Blue Dress. “His character did it for me”. However, things would change drastically when Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. Tobi lost everything. Displaced and bewildered, he migrated to Los Angeles. He reconnected with friends in the business and perfected his craft. Eventually, Tobi returned to the East Coast to Philadelphia, and while busy with theatre roles and commercials a manager-friend rallied for his role as Nicholas. “I convinced the producers that no one else could deliver the realness of the character like I could”. He got the part. The film was shot locally, as well as in New York. Tobi feels blessed to be an ABFF nominee. “This is a vehicle where we can show and tell our own stories from our perspective, as diverse as anyone else is on this planet.” As the multi-layered, marred, and emotionally crippled Nicholas character, Tobi feels the film’s take home message is “Be careful of your choices. Although there is redemption for everyone, your choices and relationships affect not just you, but those around you.”

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If only life could be simpler. If only you had less to do, or more time, you might not be under such stress. Did you know that a survey by the American Psychological Association found that one-third of Americans live with extreme stress? Nearly half said stress is damaging their health, relationships, and work.

Many people turn to eating food, usually high in fat and sugar, to help them cope with stress. Over time, those extra calories and fat can lead to weight gain. Other people do the exact opposite when faced with stress—eating less food than usual or skipping meals altogether.

Whether you’re eating too much or too little, using food to help you deal with emotions, such as stress, may lead to poor weight management.
Why Does Emotional Eating Occur?

The link between stress and eating most likely begins in the brain. When faced with a real threat, the body releases chemicals to help you either fight or run away. These chemicals also help curb hunger for a short period of time. However, when faced with ongoing, long-term stress (such as health or relationship problems), many people turn to eating high-fat, high-calorie foods for comfort.

Studies show that eating high-fat foods may help you feel content and satisfied. However, these feelings may be short-lived—foods high in fat actually can increase stress hormones and help keep them high.

What is the real trouble with emotional eating? Once the joy of eating fades, the feelings that caused you to eat in the first place remain. In fact, you might even feel worse after eating the amount or type of food that you did. That’s why it’s important to learn the differences between physical and emotional hunger.

Physical vs. emotional hunger

Making a connection between eating and your feelings is not always easy. Using a journal can help. Be sure to write down:

- What you ate
- How much you ate
- How you felt at that time (such as being stressed, bored, or anxious)

If you discover that you’re eating due to stress:

- Find a replacement activity to do instead. Take a 10-minute break to reenergize. Listen to some feel-good tunes. Do an activity that you enjoy until the urge to eat passes.
- Take a moment before reaching for food. Do you rush through the day without giving yourself a chance to unwind? Take a few minutes when you get home to relax before you eat. Then think about how you’re feeling at that time.
- Get rid of the foods that tempt you. Find yourself reaching for the same foods when feeling stressed? Keep them out of the house so you will not be tempted to eat them.
- Eat a balanced diet. Eating a balanced diet—one that contains foods from all of the major food groups—helps give your body the nutrition and energy it needs to fight stress. Having regular meals, carrying nutritious snacks, and planning your meals also may be helpful.

Breaking the cycle

Breaking the cycle of emotional eating can be challenging. However, there are many professionals you can turn to for support. These include:

- Counselors and therapists who can teach you healthier ways to deal with stress
- Dietitians and nutritionists who can help you make healthy food choices
- Fitness experts who can get your body’s feel-good chemicals moving through exercise instead of food

If you continue using food to cope with stress or if you have any other questions or concerns, talk to your health care professional. He or she may want to ensure that you’re managing your weight safely, and if needed, may suggest professionals who can help you have a healthier relationship with food.

When you’re under stress, remember: you’re not alone. And some of these small suggestions may be a big help.
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Lorenza Coffin is currently employed within the DoD providing Engineering Surveillance and Earned Value Metrics on a wide range of projects. As a civilian Mechanical/Aerospace Engineer he has worked on multiple NAVY Aircraft Platforms such as JSF-35 and P-8 RDT&E. In his spare time he is an advocate for male mentoring and speaking engagements that promote STEM in his local community as he has been featured multiple times in local news articles.

LORENZA COFFIN

Mr. Nathaniel (Nate) Collins is a second generation graduate of North Carolina A & T State University. He also earned a Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Maryland College. He has been a school administrator in Montgomery County Public Schools and Charles County Public Schools for the last 20 years. He also spent 22 years in Law Enforcement.

NATE COLLINS

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NEA ANNA SIMONE

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RACHELLE AKUFFO

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MAJOR: Pre-Law
CLASS: 1999
EMPLOYMENT: Producer and Business Correspondent at China Central Television

Rachelle Akuffo is a news producer and business correspondent for China's state television news network, China Central Television. The British-Ghananian journalist works in the Washington DC bureau to help inform and change the lives of others one story at a time.

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MAJOR: International Business
CLASS: 1995
EMPLOYMENT: Founder CEO at FrontPageDomination.com

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FULL NAME: Sabrina Anderson
COLLEGE: Kentucky State University
LOCATION: Cheshire, CT
MAJOR: Computer and Information Science
CLASS: 1989
EMPLOYMENT: Project Manager at Sikorsky - United Technologies Corporation

Sabrina Anderson is a graduate of Kentucky State University with a degree in Computer Science. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Technical Program Management from The John’s Hopkins University. She has over 10 years of industry experience in Software, Systems and Project Engineering. Sabrina is currently working for Sikorsky Aircraft as a Project Manager on the S-92 Helicopter platform.

FULL NAME: Shary Jones
COLLEGE: Howard University
LOCATION: Kansas City, MO
MAJOR: Pharmacy
CLASS: 2000
EMPLOYMENT: Deputy Regional Health Administrator at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

A graduate of Howard University, Dr. Shary Jones is the Deputy Regional Health Administrator for Region VII, overseeing the states of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. As a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, she has served as a pharmacist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and a public health adviser to the Assistant Secretary for Health.
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Shenell L.T. Bolden is a scientist and educator. She recently published her first book, “Noa The Little Scientist”, a STEM inspired children’s book whose main character discovers her love for science. Shenell is currently working on her doctorate in Public Health and aspires to work in the field of Epidemiology.

Tammi Palmer Thomas, a seasoned administrator, has more than 20 years of experience in the marketing, public relations, and economic development fields. The 1991 Alabama State University graduate is the Chief of Staff to the President at Bowie State University.

Tihisha Rawlins is the Associate State Director of Grassroots Initiatives for AARP, where her particular area of interest and expertise are in Medicare and health care reform. Governor Beshear appointed her to the Health Benefit Exchange Board in conjunction with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which helped lead to Kentucky’s successful implementation of the law.

Tony Brewer was the president of the Society for the Advancement of Computer Science club. He is the first trainer for the Baltimore Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates high school competition. He is the Church of God in Christ Greater Maryland 1st Jurisdiction 2013 “Man of the Year”. Tony accomplished restoring Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity chapter of Morgan State University to activation.

Dr. Valencia Dutton-Hall is an Engineering Instructor at Energy Institute High School and an Adjunct Professor at Houston Community College System. She has transitioned from the architecture industry to the academic setting quite well by introducing drafting techniques and concepts to high school students. Some of her students have received their drafting certificates simultaneously while receiving their high school diploma.
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| COLLEGE: | Jackson State University |
| LOCATION: | Decatur, GA |
| MAJOR: | Mathematics |
| CLASS: | 1993 |
| EMPLOYMENT: | Procurement Specialist at Jacobs Engineering Group |

A resident of Decatur, Georgia, Yolanda R. Owens is a life member of Jackson State University National Alumni Association and the Metro Atlanta Chapter. She served as President of the Metro Atlanta Chapter from 2005-2009 and was named Alumnus of the Year in 2006 & 2010. After two terms as Southeast Regional Vice President and on July 1, 2014, she took office as President of the JSUNAA.

| FULL NAME: | Allen Johnston |
| COLLEGE: | Clark Atlanta University |
| LOCATION: | Atlanta, GA |
| MAJOR: | Mass Communication |
| CLASS: | 1982 |
| EMPLOYMENT: | Owner at The Music Specialist |

Executive, Educator, Writer Allen consults new and existing entertainment businesses, increasing their revenue streams while making them technically astute. With over four decades of progressive experience in all aspects of music product development, licensing, sales, promotion and distribution for national and international markets.

| FULL NAME: | Ameka Ali |
| COLLEGE: | Hampton University |
| LOCATION: | Oakland, CA |
| MAJOR: | Aviation |
| CLASS: | 2002 |
| EMPLOYMENT: | Author & Application Developer at Higher Mind Apps |

Ameka Ali is an Application Developer for Higher Mind Apps. She launched Higher Mind Apps to offer Higher Spiritual Truth to children through the introduction of metaphysics. This 2002 Hampton graduate also recently created an interactive children’s app book series that will be available very soon at the iTunes App Store and Google Play.

| FULL NAME: | Anthony Ray |
| COLLEGE: | Elizabeth City State University |
| LOCATION: | Franklin, VA |
| MAJOR: | Geology |
| CLASS: | 1977 |
| EMPLOYMENT: | Founder and Chairman at The HBCU Nation |

Anthony E. Ray is a servant leader who specializes in transforming broken and underperforming teams, departments and organizations. He is the creator, producer and host of The HBCU Nation Radio Show. A 1977 graduate of Elizabeth City State University, he holds a M.Div. in Christian Apologetics, Cincinnati Christian University. He is a Lifetime Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

| FULL NAME: | Averri Liggins |
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| LOCATION: | Decatur, GA |
| MAJOR: | Management |
| CLASS: | 2007 |
| EMPLOYMENT: | Social Media/Communications Associate at The Home Depot |

Averri Liggins is the owner of Avere SL online boutique. When she is not managing her business, she works as the Outreach and Resource Development Coordinator for the National Corporation for Community Service. A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, she looks to compete in the Miss Black Georgia Pageant this fall.

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**BRENDA BERRY**

Casandra D. Blassingame is the Founding President & CEO of Washington Career and Technical Education Center in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. In addition to her own entrepreneurial endeavors, she continues to serve as a Professor at area colleges and universities and provides consultation services to clients in the education community.

**CASANDRA BLASSINGAME**

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Corey Waite graduated from Kentucky State University in 2009 as a Criminal Justice major. He now works for Kentucky State University as a Student Activities Coordinator in the Office of Student Life. He is passionate about being able to give back and guide students to excellence and graduation from his alma mater.

**COREY WAITE**

Curtis Walls, a Landscape Architecture major from North Carolina A&T State University, was the football captain & member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Following college, he worked for Design Workshop and played in the CFL & AFL. Currently Curtis trains with Nascar and is the owner of a non-profit, a consulting firm, Charlotte Greek Picnic, Single Mother Empowerment Symposium, and Nxlevel Charlotte.

**CURTIS WALLS**

Daphne B. Latimore is the founder and Chief Executive of D.B. Latimore Professional Services Group, LLC, a boutique firm specializing in Human Resource Management Consulting, Professional Coaching Services and Workforce Seminars. As a senior HR Practitioner and Corporate Executive, Daphne’s leadership accomplishments have been cultivated within both the public and private sectors.

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Deborah Williams is the Founder & CEO of a self owned company called A Fresh Start, LLC. A Fresh Start, LLC educates and trains the community on credit and budgeting. Deborah works with clients all over the country. She partnerships with banks, real estate agents, churches, school and greek organizations to enrich the community on the importance of great credit. This 1985 Norfolk State University graduate also received the Torch Award.

Deborah Scott Thomas is President & Chief Executive Officer for Data Solutions & Technology Incorporated (DST), a consulting firm located in Lanham, MD. For the past 20 years, Thomas has been respected for her business acumen and is considered a thought leader with expertise in building successful client teams while focusing on strategic operations and execution. Thomas sits on a host of boards including the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

Doni Glover is the Founder and President of an indie black news website that specializes in black business and politics. The 1996 McNair Scholar is a step away from his Master’s Degree in International Affairs. He’s covered news in Jordan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Jamaica, and Canada with 21 visits to cover Obama White House and he hosts a 15-year-old news talk show on Radio One Baltimore.
**Full Name:** Elisha Harris
**College:** Norfolk State University
**Location:** Chesapeake, VA
**Major:** Physical Education
**Class:** 1978
**Employment:** Teacher at Chesapeake Public Schools

Elisha Harris, III better known as “Coach Cadillac” has coached high school and college football for 35 years in Hampton Roads Virginia and North Carolina. His athletes earned a record number of scholarships to Division 1 Universities, five of whom played in the NFL, with three playing in Super Bowls. This 1978 Norfolk State University graduate was a football player and captain of a team that won three back to back CIAA championships.

**Full Name:** Drew Brown III
**College:** Southern University and A&M College
**Location:** Newnan, GA
**Major:** Business Administration
**Class:** 1977
**Employment:** Pilot at Fed Ex

Drew was the only Black Navy Jet Attack Carrier Pilot in the active US Naval fleet at one time. He grew up in Harlem, New York, and Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. The difference being that in Brooklyn, his Russian immigrant grandparents raised him. Being raised by these two different and diverse cultures makes him a true product and example of America’s melting pot.

**Full Name:** Garthen Leslie
**College:** Alabama A&M University
**Location:** Columbia, MD
**Major:** Computer and Information Science
**Class:** 1973
**Employment:** IT Consultant at Independent IT consultant

Dr. Garthen is a IT consultant specializing in business continuity processing. He is a Six Sigma Black belt and is the inventor of Aros - The World’s Smartest Window Air Conditioner (www.quirky.com/shop).

**Full Name:** Gregg Campbell
**College:** Florida Memorial University
**Location:** Pembroke Pines, FL
**Major:** Criminal Justice
**Class:** 1991
**Employment:** Guidance Counselor/ Administrator at Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Greggory F. Campbell is a 1991 graduate of Florida Memorial University. He has worked in the capacity as a police officer and licensed counselor for the past 19 years. He is currently awaiting an administrative position as an assistant principal. For the past 4 years he has been the CEO of Certification Consultants, LLC providing training in food management to hospitality industry nationwide.

**Full Name:** James Tate
**College:** Johnson C. Smith University
**Location:** Washington, DC
**Major:** Computer and Information Science
**Class:** 2002
**Employment:** Owner at Beyond W8 Loss Total Wellness Center

James is a certified Health/Wellness/Nutrition coach. In 2010, James weighed in at 415 pounds! Through prayer, changes in his eating lifestyle, and exercise, he has lost and kept off over 200 pounds. James is able to use this experience to relate to and help others achieve and even exceed their wellness goals.
Jana Stewart is the president and CWO of Jana Stewart Fitness. This 1997 Florida A&M Graduate is also the founder of Bikini Booty Club Fitness, an International health, wellness, and lifestyle company for women. Jana teaches people all over the world about physical and financial freedom.

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Roscoe Nance is an independent sports journalist. He retired from the USA TODAY Sports Department after 21 years as a reporter and has covered black college sports throughout his 39-year career.

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<td>Orangeburg, SC</td>
<td>Biology</td>
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<td>Assistant Track &amp; Field Coach at Bethune-Cookman U</td>
<td>Tyree Price has been coaching track &amp; field for over 15 years. He has produced great programs including Morris Brown College, Fort Valley State, SC State, &amp; Bethune-Cookman University. This 1998 SC State graduate has produced many Conference Champions, All-Americans, &amp; National Champions, and is assisting former teammate and coaching friend Donald Cooper at Bethune-Cookman University.</td>
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<td>Jacksonville, FL</td>
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<td>Engineering Educator at Duval County Public Schools</td>
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**Tiffany Woods**

Tiffany Woods is the Owner/Manicurist of Nola Nail Bar, LLC located in New Orleans, La. This 1999 graduate of Grambling State University is also a major advocate for her community. She works with a group of other professionals in the area to help boys, girls, men, women and even animals of the city of New Orleans.

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National/International Blogger, Speaker and Presenter on Social Media Safety, STREAM careers, Prevention of Bullying and Cyberbullying and SWAG with Social Media Presenter at: Florida Blogging Conference for Educators - Preventing Crime in the Black Community - Boys and Girls Clubs of America - United Way - Learn2Earn College Experience and Black Male College Explorers at Edward Waters College.

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<td>Chemistry</td>
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<td>New Journal and Guide Newspaper Columnist. At Retired after 36 years in Higher Education Administration NSU and ECSU.</td>
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Anthony Beckett is the Founder & CEO of the first ever LGBT focused event planning, marketing/brand development and social activist firm in the state of South Carolina. This 2012 South Carolina State University graduate is living proof of what vision, dedication, and above all FAITH can do.

Charmaine E. Betty-Singleton is the CEO/Owner PTK (Praises to the King) Enterprises, LLC, an umbrella organization for numerous endeavors with the primary focus being the empowerment of individuals and the establishment of positive community relations working together to obtain mutual and long-lasting benefits for all. A military veteran, this VUU alumni is a recognized coach, mentor, and trainer.

Chevella L. Thomas is a three-time graduate of North Carolina Central University (1982 BBA, Management; 2004 BBA, Accounting; and 2006 MIS, Information Systems/Networking). She graduated from Person Senior High School in 1978 which is located in Roxboro, NC. Presently she resides in Durham, NC, and will complete her 30th year at NCCU as an Accountant in the Comptroller’s Department in the Administration and Finance Division.

Komposer MD is a musical artist that currently composes, performs, and produces music in various genres. You are invited to visit her websites, www.9eyequad.com and www.reverbnation.com/komposermd, to experience her musical productions for yourself. Additionally, she has published a book entitled, “The Ecology of Coronary Heart Disease,” which provides information for healthy communities.

Gerald Tyler retired from higher education administration after 36 years on July 1, 2013. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chancellor and Director of the Cluster Program at Elizabeth City State University. He also served as Director of University Relations, Coordinator of Military Programs, and Director of the Reclamation Project at Norfolk State University. In his retirement, he continues to write the “Pastor’s Corner” column.
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LaQuanah Crawford is owner of L³ Lips Lids Lavish, providing makeup services around the world. With over 15 years experience, LaQuanah specializes in weddings, special events, video/photo shoots and tutorials. Her work has been featured in Who's Who In Black Detroit 2007-2009, Ebony Magazine, countless book covers, Television Broadcastings and Global General Motors productions.

LaQuanah Crawford is the executive producer of a new exciting Christian program entitled The YES! Show: Young, Entertaining & Saved! She reigns from the Essential Theatre of Florida A & M University. The Jacksonville, Florida native is an ex educator and current actress in the city of Los Angeles.

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