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CATO College of Education Building
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
July 26, 2019 | 9am – 3pm



ABOUT THE EVENT

The Bigger Than High School Event is hosted by the Urban Education Collaborative at UNC Charlotte in partnership with Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

This event will take place on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 9am to 3pm on the main campus in the CATO College of Education. Rising 9th to 12th graders will experience an interactive full day of workshops, student panels, professional mentoring, an admissions presentation and college tour.

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BTHS COORDINATORS



Jimmeka Anderson, UNC Charlotte The Urban Education Collaborative

Jimmeka is a Doctoral student in the Urban Education program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a research focus on adolescents and media. She received her master's degree in Educational Media with a focus on New Media Literacies and Global Perspectives at Appalachian State University. Currently, Jimmeka resides

In Charlotte, NC where she has served as the Founder and Executive Director of I AM not the Media, Inc. for eight years. Jimmeka is also the creator of the Teen Media Literacy Conference in Charlotte, NC and serves on the Leadership Council for the National Association of Media Literacy Education. She is also a part-time instructor at Carolina School of Broadcasting.



Jasmine McNeil, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Jasmine graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a BA in Psychology, minoring in Urban Youth and Communities. While in college, Jasmine served as a co-presenter at the NC Campuses against Hunger Conference and even was a creator in the UNC Charlotte Jamil Niner food pantry for students. She's currently an Outreach Coordinator at

the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. There, she focuses on providing early literacy skills for educators and families. In addition, Jasmine is also the creator of the Reading in Color Book Club, which is a program designed to tackle the lack of diversity in children's books, as well as to increase literacy skills in reluctant readers.

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BTHS SCHEDULE

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening and Introduction | 9am – 9:10am

1ST BLOCK: BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Speed Professional Mentoring | 9:10am -10am

2ND BLOCK: COLLEGE POLITICS

UNCC Admissions Presentation | 10am – 10:30am

RECESS

10:30am - 10:40am (Break)

HOME ROOM: INTRO TO ECONOMICS

Scholarship Writing Workshop | 10:40am – 11am

3RD BLOCK: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

African American PhD Student Panel | 11am – 11:45am

LUNCH

11:45am – 12:30pm

4TH BLOCK: ELECTIVE - MEDIA CENTER

Library Fair College Resource Fair | 12:30pm – 1:30pm

5TH BLOCK: ELECTIVE - STUDENT LIFE 101

Undergraduate Student Panel | 1:30pm – 2:15pm

6TH BLOCK: PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Campus Tour | 2:15pm – 3pm

DISMISSAL

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PROFESSIONAL BIOS

Dr. Angelia Byrd, Chiropractor

Dr. Angelia Byrd pursued her undergraduate degree from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. While attending Talladega College, Dr. Byrd was a very active student. She served as President of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a Ronald E McNair Scholar, College Ambassador, and a member of the Student Government Association. In 2007 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Talladega College, and continued her educational journey at Life University. Dr. Byrd served the Southwest Atlanta community for several years before returning home to Charlotte, North Carolina where she is currently a Clinic Director at American Back Care Chiropractic.

Alysia Osborne, Vice President of Planning Development

Alysia Davis Osborne is an urban placemaker that works to improve public gathering places, community stewardship, and creation of equitable development strategies in the Charlotte community. As Vice President of Planning and Development, Alysia contributes to strategically guiding the growth and development of Uptown, South End and West End and partners with organizations and citizens to advocate for innovative planning and urban design practices that enhance all the neighborhoods of the Center City. Osborne, a Mississippi native, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science/Pre-Law from Tougaloo College and a Master of Arts Degree in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis in Environment/Land Use Law from Jackson State University.

Javier Young, Senior Cyber Security Analyst

Javier Young is a Senior Cyber Security Analyst with proven experience in mitigating Insider Threats and thwarting malicious hackers. Mr. Young excels in technical and analytical roles within Cyber Security and translates technical solutions to executive teams while providing comprehensive customer service. Javier notes, to succeed in the field of Cyber Security, one must display an extraordinary work ethic and have a resilient aspiration to successfully accomplish objectives related to any mission.

Micheal Jones, Realtor

After graduating from High School, I attended Western Michigan University. I studied Graphic Engineering and Art. I became a contractor for FedEx Ground. This allowed me to operate as a business owner, within the company using my own truck to provide delivery services. Once I relocated to NC, I received my Real Estate Broker's license, from the Mingle School of Real Estate. I now work for myself, as part of a team with my wife, building our own Real Estate Firm.



PROFESSIONAL MENTORS



Dr. Angelia Byrd
Chiropractor



Alysia Osborne
VP of Planning &
Development



Javier Young
Senior Cyber
Security Analyst



Micheal Jones
Realtor



Tashia Jones
IT Project
Manager



Karyl Jones
Realtor



Detrice Fox
Public Librarian



Sierra Davis
Senior Financial
Analyst



April Young
Speech Language
Pathologist



Sakira Curbeam
SVP, Risk Management
Senior Officer



Martina Ackridge
Cyber Security
Database Manager



Gabr'I Stackhouse
Principal

*Not Pictured: Asha Ellison, Marketing (See Library Speakers) and Johnny Johnson, Social Worker

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PROFESSIONAL BIOS

Tashia Jones, IT Project Manager

Tashia is the Manager of Sales Technology at Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, where Tashia manages the development and implementing of technology solutions for the business to business enterprise group. In February 2019, Tashia started a marketing visual branding consultant business called Stronger Than Before Creative Services. She designs websites, logos, and provides visual branding services to entrepreneurs, small business owners, and not for profits organizations. Tashia earned her B.S degree in 2001 and M.Ed. in 2003 from North Carolina Central University. In 2008 she earned her MBA from the University of Phoenix. She currently is studying to take her Professional Program Management Certification.

Karyl Jones, Realtor

I am originally from Charlotte, NC. I attended the University of MD Baltimore County. I received my degree as a Registered Nurse, from Northern VA Community College. I had a career as a Registered Nurse, for 15 years, before deciding to follow my dream of becoming a Realtor. I received my training, from Mingle School of Real State, in Charlotte, NC. After obtaining Broker's license in both NC and SC, I furthered my training to become a Broker-in-Charge. This will allow me to run my own Real Estate firm. Real Estate is more than a career for me. It is my passion. I truly love helping others to become home owners, and make sound investments.

Detrice Fox, Public Librarian

De'Trice is a library veteran with fourteen years of experience providing children's, teens, and adult programs. She currently works in the Job Help Center at the Main Library where she is an Adult Services Librarian. She specializes in providing exceptional adult programming specifically coaching teens and adults to their best selves by focusing on increasing career confidence and developing skills that open doors for opportunity in careers and beyond.

Sierra Davis, Senior Financial Analyst

Sierra S. Davis graduated Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelors of Science in Finance. She currently works as a Senior Financial Analyst with 11+ years of professional experience in reporting and analysis of financial statements and corporate expenses and financial modeling. Sierra also started her own event business, By Design Events, where she coordinates and decorates various types of events and celebrations. Some of these include weddings, birthday celebrations, and baby showers. Sierra is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and engages in other volunteer activities in and around her community.

PROFESSIONAL BIOS

April Young, Speech Language Pathologist

April Young currently works as a speech therapist with both pediatric and geriatric populations across a variety of settings. Mrs. Young specializes in treating disorders of speech/articulation, cognition, fluency, voice, and dysphagia. What she loves most about her career is that it is a wide-open field with endless opportunities to grow and change scenes within the scope of practice.

Sakira Curbeam, SVP, Risk Management Senior Officer

I am a Risk Management Senior Officer with Bank of America. In this role I support the Global Banking and Markets Finance team with Spreadsheet Policy Controls and Operational Losses. I have been with Bank of America for 13 years. Most of my career with Bank of America has been in the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Group in traditional Finance roles. When I first graduated from college, I taught 7th grade Math at Northeast Middle school. I have a BS in Mathematics from Davidson College and a MBA with a concentration in Finance from UNCC.

Martina Ackridge, Cyber Security Database Manager

I am a visionary that can take a concept and move it to design and implementation. Currently, I am spearheading the first database security team for a Fortune 100 company.

Gabr'I Stackhouse, Principal

Gabr'I Stackhouse is a veteran educator with extensive experience working at the school, district, and state level. She is currently the principal at Concord Lake STEAM Academy a K-8 Public Charter School in Kannapolis, NC. She previously provided leadership, professional development, program evaluation and management for teachers, administrators, and students as an Education Specialist for Pearson Education. Prior to joining Pearson, she served 106 elementary schools and more than 85,000 students as the Elementary Math Specialist for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Stackhouse was a Regional Professional Development Lead for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, an Elementary Assistant Principal of Instruction, K-8 Title I Math Coach, K-5 Math Facilitator, and K-5 Classroom Teacher. Stackhouse received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC and an Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Stackhouse achieved National Board Certification as a Middle Childhood Generalist.



PhD STUDENT PANEL



Kellan Strong



Vanita Beavers



Candace Chambers



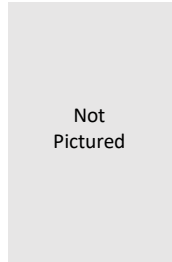
Keith Burgess



Deneen Dixon Payne



Jimmeka Anderson



Annette Teasdel

LIBRARY SPEAKERS



Asha Ellison
(Marketing) Charlotte
Mecklenburg Library



Shannon Page
Charlotte
Mecklenburg Library



LaShai Thompson
Charlotte
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PhD PANELISTS BIOS

Kellan Strong

Kellan Strong is a Ph.D. candidate in the Curriculum and Instruction, Urban Literacy program at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English from Johnson C. Smith University. She earned her first Master's degree in African American Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her second Master's degree from Gardner-Webb University for Education, with a concentration in Middle Grades Language Arts. Kellan taught middle school language arts for nine years in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Her research interests include urban education, literacy curriculum development, African American girls' literacy, and social justice education.

Vanita Beavers

Vanita Beavers is a lover of family and friends, good food, and uncontrollable laughs. A native of Fayetteville, NC, she began her educational career as a graduate from E. E. Smith High School. She received a bachelors degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and began her career as a third grade teacher with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. She went on to obtain two masters, one from UNC Charlotte in Curriculum and Supervision and a another in Educational Leadership from Winthrop University. Vanita has been fortunate to serve in various roles to include math facilitator, Title I instructional coach, and assistant principal. Currently, she is a New Teacher Support Coach and enjoys supporting teachers in building a culture of success in their classrooms. Vanita's special interests in school experiences of African American students has guided her to the Urban Education Doctorate program, where she is, once again, a student entering her second year of exploration and continual growth.

Candace Chambers

Candace Chambers is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and is a Ph.D. student in the Curriculum & Instruction, Urban Literacy program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in secondary education from Jackson State University, and a Master's degree in English from the University of Alabama with a concentration in Composition, Rhetoric, and English Studies. At the University of Alabama, Candace served as an Assistant Director of the campus' writing center and taught Freshman Composition in the English department. She has tutored students in writing at various colleges and universities. She has also worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as a writer/editor. Candace is the CEO of Educational Writing Services, LLC as she provides editorial services, and assists students with writing scholarship essays using her text, Write Your Way to a Successful Scholarship Essay. She conducts writing workshops nationwide to teach high school and college students how to fully fund their education through scholarships and grants as she did!

PhD PANELISTS BIOS

Keith Burgess

Keith Burgess is a native of the Bronx, New York and a 2001 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University where he received his bachelors of science degree in Biology. In 2015 he changed careers to become a Middle grades science teacher at Druid Hills academy. Mr. Burgess is currently working on his PhD in Urban Education at UNC-Charlotte, where his primary research focus addresses critical issues faced by LGBTQ students. His research has allowed him to travel and present at both international and national education conferences. In April of this year Mr. Burgess was 1 of only 27 North Carolina K-12 educators awarded a Kenan Fellowships for teacher leadership sponsored by North Carolina State University. As a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Mr. Burgess actively participates in various community service projects throughout the year. Being the proud father of two teen daughters, Camille and Corrine, he makes sure to balance his career and research with quality family time.

Deneen Dixon Payne

Deneen Dixon-Payne is a native of Bronx, NY who currently resides in Charlotte and is NC educator with over 20 years experience serving in both Charlotte Mecklenburg and Forsyth County schools as a classroom teacher in elementary and middle, a literacy and math facilitator, testing coordinator and new teacher mentor. Currently Deneen serves as an instructional specialist. A proud graduate of an HBCU, Winston-Salem State University and a current doctoral student at UNC-Charlotte. Her passion is providing equity and access in gifted education for marginalized students. She is a proud wife and mother of a 13 year old boy who rocks.

Annette Teasdell (Not Pictured)

Annette Teasdell is a doctoral student in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her research interests include culturally sustaining pedagogies, Women's and Gender Studies and feminist theory in African American Literature. In a broad sense, she is interested in exploring the contours of Black feminist pedagogies and Afrocentric curriculum reform. She grounds her teaching and research in more than 16 years of experience working as an educator in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District and as a lecturer at UNC Charlotte.



SUPERLATIVES

Most Important
Quote:

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Most Memorable
Moment:

Best Advice:

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Funniest Comment:

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Most Influential Person I Met Today:

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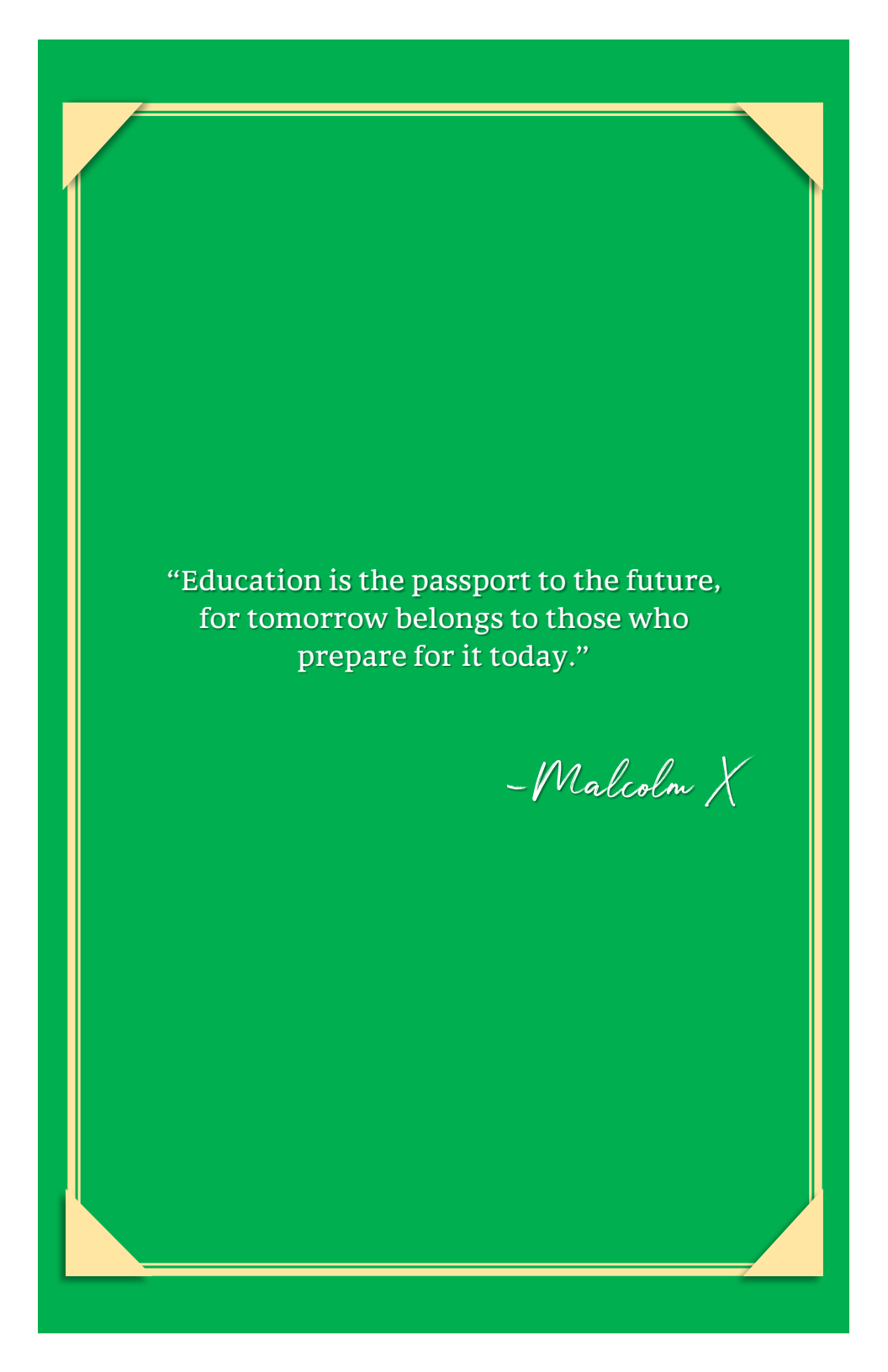
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“Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who
prepare for it today.”

-Malcolm X