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Good evening and greetings to our Honorees, ECSU Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Distinguished Guests. Welcome to the ECSU Foundation’s Founders Day Scholarship Gala XV. We are delighted you have chosen to celebrate with us on the 131st year of the founding of Elizabeth City State University and the 51st year of service provided by The ECSU Foundation, Incorporated. Thank you to our sponsors and contributors for your generous gifts.

The previous two years have brought about significant changes to our engagement in social spaces. We would have loved for this to have been an in-person event but decided against it due to the risk factors that were far too great. However, with the advances in technology and our understanding of how to engage with them, we can interact with you virtually and celebrate our Chancellor’s Legacy Award honorees’ diligence, faith, and work.

The Scholarship Gala is a significant event and fundraiser that we hold each year. As ECSU grows in prominence and prestige through the work of our Chancellor and her fantastic staff, the gala continues to grow. I am confident that every scholarship dollar collected and spent will enhance the culture of excellence at ECSU. With your support, we look forward to continuing to foster the future of the next generation of scholars and leaders.

The ECSU Foundation Board of Directors also congratulates the 2022 Chancellor’s Legacy Award honorees. We salute your accomplishments and extend our most profound appreciation for your commitment to excellence in service and support.

Finally, in the spirit of Viking Pride, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Founders Day Scholarship Gala Planning Committee. We are so grateful to our Co-Chairs, Diana Gardner, and Dr. Sadie Johnson Carter, for leading the committee. They were assisted by Vice-Chancellor Anita Walton and a host of faculty, staff and members from the Elizabeth City community. Congratulations on consecutively delivering another dynamic, virtual event.

Thank you all.

Enjoy your evening, Godspeed and Viking Pride x3,

Peter M. Eley, Ph.D.
ECSU Foundation Board, Inc.
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Greetings ECSU Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students and Distinguished Guests:

Welcome to Elizabeth City State University’s Founders Day Scholarship Gala XV. Although we are gathered in a different manner again this year, we sincerely appreciate your virtual participation on this very special evening.

Congratulations to this year’s Chancellor’s Legacy Award honorees: Delores Locke McClain (Class of 1970), Ernest G. Murphrey, Dr. Marcus J. Newsome (Class of 1975), Dr. Sandra Singleton Newsome (Class of 1970), and Celeste Carr Williams (Class of 1964). This evening, we salute your numerous accomplishments and your loyalty to your alma mater.

A special appreciation is extended to our sponsors and contributors for their heartfelt donations. ECSU has a proven record of welcoming ambitious students and helping them find a productive, meaningful role in the world. Your generosity helps to support them as they work to pursue their academic goals.

Dr. Peter Eley, Chair and the ECSU Foundation Board, congratulations on over 50 years of Board service to ECSU. Mrs. Diana Gardner and Dr. Sadie Johnson Carter, Event Co-Chairs, thank you and the members of your team for your tireless efforts to ensure a successful virtual Gala. We greatly appreciate all that you do for ECSU.

Let us enjoy a wonderful and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Karrie G. Dixon, Ed.D.
Chancellor
ECSU Family and Friends,

On behalf of the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees, it is a privilege and joy to greet you as well as welcome you to one of the highlights of the year which is the 2022 ECSU Founders Day Virtual Gala. This program is where we continue to celebrate those who have made a difference assisting the forward movement of our university by either adding to scholarship or sharing what life can look like as a great citizen when you give of your time and talent.

Certainly, the university, in partnership with individuals, organizations and companies, makes all the difference when it comes to moving our students forward toward successful careers. That, in turn, will allow them to look back, come back, and give back for the good of generations to come. We thank every single donor who contributed to this event, no matter how big or small the gift because it truly makes the difference.

We, the ECSU Board of Trustees, express our sincere gratitude to the ECSU Foundation and the Gala XV planning committee for your fundraising efforts on behalf of our students. The students are our future, and we celebrate their successes through the annual Gala. This is an opportunity to hear from students, recognize the honorees, and celebrate the joy of giving.

We thank all of you who have adjusted your schedules to an online platform again this year. Last year, the program, multiple venues of music, and fellowship were phenomenal. So, as we try this one more time, we wish you lots of fun and fellowship.

Just remember to look back on how much we have progressed since the founding of Elizabeth City State University. Look now at the major changes, programs, and buildings added, and then look to the bright future ahead… ALL BECAUSE OF EACH ONE OF YOU!

With much Viking Pride,

Dr. Stephanie D.B. Johnson
Chair, ECSU Board of Trustees
Fellow Alumni and Friends:

Thank you so much for your participation in the Elizabeth City State University Foundation, Incorporated Founders Day Scholarship Gala XV. We are excited to offer you the second virtual event. Your experience tonight is a result of a lot of hard work by our Viking family. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy all of the activities tonight while helping to support our students and their families as well as the University as a whole.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making the event so successful. Your generous contributions will help make our vision a reality by helping to provide scholarships for our students and increase our student enrollment.

You are truly appreciated. Thanks again.

With Viking Pride,

Sadie J. Carter
Sadie J. Carter, Ed.D.
Co-Chair, ESCU Foundation Gala
Greetings Alumni and Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous support of the ECSU Foundation Gala XV. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated by the ECSU family.

The scholarship assistance provides students and their families opportunities to enhance their lives and achieve their dreams. Your support offers encouragement and kindness during the difficult situations they are facing. Indeed, your donations make a massive difference in the lives of our students.

Our staff works tirelessly to create a Gala experience to recognize the potential of ECSU and honor those who have been strong supporters. Amid these challenging times, ECSU can be proud of its progress to bring educational opportunities to those in need.

We invite you to create some time and pay us a visit. We will be glad to walk you around and see some of our developments. We like visitors, and since you are part of our success, we will give you the warmest welcome.

Again, thank you very much for your generous donations. We are and will forever remain grateful.

With Viking Pride,

Diana Gardner

Diana Gardner
Co-Chair, ESCU Foundation Gala
McKinley Strother is an Emmy-nominated journalist and 2016 graduate of Elizabeth City State University. Currently, he is the weekend evening anchor at WSLS 10 News in Roanoke, Virginia.

Starting a new job during a fight for racial equality and a global health crisis was a challenge. On his first day in Southwest Virginia in June 2020, he was out in the field filing a story and it’s been that way ever since.

McKinley is a Virginia native. While the southwest region of the state may be new to him, he grew up in Hampton. For him, the only major difference is trading the beach for mountains!

Prior to Roanoke, McKinley worked as a reporter in Huntsville, Alabama and a producer in Norfolk, Virginia.

Growing up miles away from Hampton University and Norfolk State University means you’re immersed in the HBCU experience from a young age, especially when your mother works for one of the schools. So, attending ECSU was a no brainer and has proven to be one of the best decisions of his life.

While on the yard, McKinley marched with the “Sound of Class,” served as Student Government Association President, was a member of the Board of Trustees and worked closely with local government as an ambassador of the University. He was also named part of the inaugural Elizabeth City State University 40 under 40 alumni society. #HBCUPride

As a journalist, he has been proud to cover a wide range of stories that have given the community a voice. Only mere weeks into his new role in Roanoke, he pitched a special on race relations in the summer of 2020 that was later nominated for a regional Emmy award. His coverage of a divisive business dispute in Roanoke, a Huntsville LGBTQ teen’s suicide, an Alabama mother’s custody battle over an improper drug test and the death of an abducted 3-year-old all gained national attention.

Through his dedication and determination for resolution, he was successful in getting a bridge built for a community trapped by a river, street lights fixed after a pedestrian was hit and finding strangers to help a shoemaker whose business was burglarized.

McKinley is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.
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Delores Locke McClain, a retired educator, but tireless champion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education, embraces the Einstein quote, “Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted, counts.” As a young child growing up in rural Oak City, North Carolina with her brothers, she loved counting and teaching others to count. During an era of segregated schools, Delores served as the informal neighborhood teacher even as a child. She dreamed of going to college and becoming a “real” teacher of complex subjects, namely mathematics and science. She knew a college education would be invaluable and certainly an achievement that counted. Researching the success of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), she confirmed that these institutions of higher learning counted because of their focus on educating Black students destined to become teachers when they could not attend other colleges. Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) ranked at the top of her list because of its focus on preparing high quality, compassionate teachers.

In 1970, Delores turned her dream into reality when she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Science from ECSU. A lifelong learner, Delores continued her studies and obtained the Master of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of the District of Columbia. She never stopped dreaming, but knew dreams alone would not count. Goals were essential for her and the countless numbers of students with dreams that she would eventually teach.

For over 40 years, she taught gifted and at-promise students and those facing learning challenges, especially students who struggled in mathematics. She worked with students in schools, in their homes, and churches during and after classroom hours, on weekends, holidays and vacations helping them to become proficient in math and science at no extra cost to their parents and guardians. She developed a reputation for being “that teacher” students and parents requested. She knew students had different learning styles and she needed to develop diversity in her teaching style. She dared to be the standout teacher, the one students sought and identified as innovative, creative, caring, patient, smart, and more. Graduation from ECSU marked a pivotal moment in her dream and had prepared her for the challenges she would encounter as an educator.

Delores success as a mathematics and science teacher in the public schools in the District of Columbia and Prince George’s County, Maryland, earned her deserved recognition. She received the United States Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science, one of the highest honors bestowed by the White House. She was also tapped for the Who’s Who Among American Teachers Award, the Growth Initiatives for Teachers Award, and the Fortitude Image Award for community service.

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Delores frequently circled back to ECSU, where she obtained her foundation for success as an educator. She honored her beloved ECSU professors, who required her to be the best and to reach back to help others. Without being formally requested, she did what her ECSU professors requested, and reached back to develop other teachers. While her colleagues boasted about attending large predominately white institutions of higher education, Delores always championed the nurturing environment, the embrace of success, the diversity of the learning experience, the loving advocacy for education and leadership found at ECSU and other HBCUs.

As an ECSU student, Delores became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated where she remains actively engaged with the organization today, chairing the Science in Everyday Experiences Committee. Additionally, she served on the board of directors of the Delta Foundation in Prince George’s County, Maryland as the financial secretary.

Beyond her career as an educator, Delores launched a small business, became a member of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA), and achieved a higher level of success that allowed her to financially support Maryland and District of Columbia students with ambitions for higher learning. As a member of the ABWA, she received the coveted Woman of the Year award and now serves as president of the organization. She continues to organize and fund annual guided tours of ECSU, frequently accompanying one or more busloads of students from her community, allowing them to experience personally the magic of ESCU. A steadfast ambassador, Delores continues to inspire, encourage, and recruit students for ECSU with the goals of positively influencing enrollment, graduation rates, and a lifetime of giving back and helping others.

Delores realizes the vital role of the alumni at any HBCU. As such, she has been a faithful member of the ECSU National Alumni Association, Incorporated, where she volunteers with the William T. Bowser, Sr., Alumni Chapter in Prince George’s County, Maryland. She has served as president and treasurer of the organization and continues to work in the areas of recruitment, retention, and fiscal and programmatic resource development. Forever striving to make a difference, Delores captured the ECSU title of Ms. Alumni for 2017–2018, making history by surpassing all prior fund-raising efforts with a donation of over $30,000 to her beloved alma mater. With an additional donation of $20,000, she established the Roman and Alberta Locke Endowed Scholarship, a lasting tribute in honor of her parents who made tremendous sacrifices for her to attend ECSU.

Delores is a member of the Trustee Ministry of the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church, one of the 10 largest churches in Prince George’s County, Maryland. She is married to Ernest McClain. They have two adult children - Alisha, who is also an educator, and James, a television producer. She lives the words of Galatians 6:9 “…let’s not get tired of doing what is good” as she continues to support the ECSU community in unimaginable ways — “ways that really count.”
Ernie Murphrey is a retired financial services administrator who worked in the business end of higher education for 35 years. He went to J. H. Rose High School in Greenville, North Carolina. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1972 with a major in business administration and a concentration in accounting and obtained an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1977. He retired as the vice president for finance (chief business officer) for the UNC system in 2011.

He was born in “Little Washington,” North Carolina, where he lived for two years before moving to the mountains of the Philippine Islands with his family. His father was a radio engineer for the Foreign Service branch of the Voice of America (VOA). The VOA transmitted radio programs behind the Iron Curtain during the years of the cold war. Due to his father’s position, the family was constantly moving, as they moved from the Philippines to Oahu (then a territory) to Munich, Germany to Greenville, North Carolina, and finally to Rhodes, Greece. The travels made for some interesting early years as his parents often took the family on trips throughout Europe and other places.

After obtaining his degree from UNC, Ernie worked for Burlington Industries from 1972 to 1975 in various administrative capacities. While working for Burlington, he began what would be a long career of solving problems, beginning with problems in cost accounting at one of the major plants. He also brought the industrial supply room at Mount Olive under control, using a fork truck to build walls around a supply room area with pallets of cardboard boxes.

He left Burlington Industries in 1975 to return to UNC to obtain his MBA. Following graduation, he began his long career in higher education. Beginning in the financial aid office, he quickly moved to the systems and procedures department, which was suited to his particular skills. In this department, he had the opportunity to be a member of a task force that determined a new financial system for the university. Only one vote decided the eventual winner, and his vote was crucial in the decision.

In 1981, Ernie became the manager of general accounting at NC State University in large part due to his work on the financial system task force at UNC. Soon, he was designated project manager for the financial system implementation at NC State and led a successful implementation of the project, working with UNC-Chapel Hill and East Carolina throughout the process, which resulted in perhaps the best financial system of the 16 campuses. After the completion of the implementation, UNC-General Administration mandated that all the UNC schools implement the same system. By being in the process from the very beginning, Ernie became a valuable asset to system-wide implementation. He was later promoted to director of accounting and then university controller at NCSU.

In 1989, Ernie accepted a position as assistant vice chancellor for fiscal affairs with the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. There, he provided leadership for financial areas for 32 colleges and universities, where he made

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major changes in administrative procedures and provided auditing oversight of these institutions. He was appointed liaison to the Governor's office for minority business participation. He was a member of the 1996 Olympic Village Steering Committee with oversight over $160 million in new construction and renovations. He chaired the university system's committee that developed the system-wide computer security policy.

He was appointed associate vice president for budget, finance, and administration at Georgia Tech in 1993, where he oversaw the cleanup of major audit problems at the university. He also developed and implemented a web-based policies and procedures manual for the campus in the early 1990s when the web was just beginning to be popular.

In 1997, he was appointed vice chancellor for business and finance at Elizabeth City State University. In that capacity, he helped to achieve significant improvements in audit results (first clean audit in over 15 years). He also achieved significant improvements in budgeting, accounting, purchasing practices, and dining services. He likes to highlight his establishment of the Johnny Pfefferkorn Emergency Loan Fund, an emergency loan fund which helped hundreds of students to continue their education in the four years he was at ECSU.

In 2001, Ernie accepted a position at NCSU, returning to the institution where he had previously spent the most time and the area where he planned to retire. He was tasked with improving a new recently implemented financial system and “cleaning up” a large number of problems that had developed as a result of the implementation. This was a particularly fun time for him as he also designed and led the implementation of several web-based user friendly systems, particularly for administrative support of research. While at NCSU, he was also asked by UNC-General Administration to act temporarily as vice chancellor for business and finance at ECSU while the university was undergoing some changes in leadership.

Ernie currently resides in Apex, North Carolina. In retirement, he has spent his time traveling, reading, working on genealogy projects, following the Tar Heel football team, and volunteering with the Greene County Interfaith Food Pantry in Snow Hill, North Carolina. He has enjoyed meeting his many “cousins” in eastern North Carolina, facilitated by his genealogy work. He was recently appointed to the Elizabeth City State University Board of Visitors and enjoys interacting with old friends and new faces at ECSU. One of his favorite charities is the Beare Garden Foundation Rescue Mission located in Snow Hill on the site of his family’s ancestral home. The foundation is a “no kill” animal shelter that rescues animals, primarily cats, which, for various reasons, have been left homeless.
Dr. Marcus J. Newsome—artist, educator, musician, motivational speaker, television producer, author, and minister—is a 1975 graduate of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU). The opportunities he received at ECSU have inspired him to dedicate his life to improving the human condition. As a career educator, he has made a lasting impact on both national and international levels.

Marcus worked his way up from an art and mathematics teacher in the District of Columbia Public Schools to become a principal, director, executive director and an award-winning superintendent in three different districts. As the first Black American superintendent in Newport News Public Schools, all high schools were recognized as among the ‘Best High Schools in America’ by Newsweek Magazine.

As superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools, one of the 100 largest school systems in the country, the district was recognized as a national leader in digital education at the White House during the Obama administration. He also managed a $600-million annual operating budget, $2 billion in assets and approximately 8,000 employees. Marcus’ leadership as superintendent of Petersburg Public Schools has been captured in an international award-winning movie documentary called Petersburg Rising.

Marcus has served as an associate professor at Harvard University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia State University. He was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine as co-chair of his education policy transition team, and appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe as a member of the Virginia Local Government Financial Mandates Task Force. He is the founder of Mega Mentors—Central Virginia's premiere mentoring organization; founder of the Newport News Family University Network; and founder of Table Talk: Meals with Meaning.

His volunteer services include the following: Chair of Bridging Richmond; chair of the Hampton Roads Educational Telecommunications Association; chair of the Virginia Region II Superintendent's Study Group; chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Superintendent's Steering Committee; chair of the Virginia Math and Science Innovation Center Executive Board; member of the Virginia Colonial Boy Scouts Executive Board; member of the Virginia Peninsula Boys and Girls Club Executive Board; member of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; member of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Council; member of the American Association of School Administrators; and member of Christopher Newport University Minority Task Force Board. As an ordained minister through the National Church of God in Fort Washington, Maryland, he serves as a member of the Pastoral Staff, Pastor’s Council, and director of all educational ministries, to include the National Christian Academy (PreK through 12 school), adult education, children's and youth ministries.

Marcus is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions to include: the Richmond International Film Festival Founders Humanitarian Award (2021); Virginia School Board Association Award of Distinction for 12 consecutive
years (2004–2016); Virginia Region I Superintendent of the Year Award (2010); NAACP Living Legion’s Award (2005); National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Presidential Award (2004); Prince George’s County Human Relations Community Service Award (2003); Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Central Administrator Award (2002); Prince George’s County Public Schools Outstanding Educator Award (2002); Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission Award (2001); Brady Memorial Award for Community Leadership (2001); and FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award (1998).

Currently, Marcus serves as the president of the National Bible College and Seminary in Fort Washington, Maryland and director of the Virginia Superintendents Leadership Academy, where he trains public school superintendents throughout the Commonwealth. He is the co-author of *Breakthrough Leadership: Six Principles Guiding Schools Where Inequity Is Not an Option*.

As a member of the ECSU National Alumni Association, Incorporated and the William T. Bowser, Sr. Alumni Chapter, Marcus has been a generous donor to ECSU, specifically to the music department where he left a legacy as a drum major during his time as a student. He has also inspired the ECSU community as a keynote speaker for the Founders’ Day Convocation and National Alumni Convention among other events. He is married to Patsy Newsome, a 1976 graduate of ECSU. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Marcus J. Newsome is the embodiment of Viking Pride—ECSU planted seeds that launched an incredible career of service and commitment to excellence that leaves an enduring legacy for past, present, and future Vikings.
Dr. Sandra Singleton Newsome is a dynamic, energetic, purpose driven leader, educator, and motivator. She enrolled at Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in 1966 from Washington, North Carolina as a creative, innovative, and assertive student.

Sandra’s success began with her mother, the late Pastor Cora Hatchel, who noticed her daughter’s potential and was determined that she would receive a college education. With hard-work and the tutelage of her mother and high school music teacher, the late Mr. Floyd Brothers, Sandra received a music scholarship, work study, and a Pell Grant to attend ECSU. In 1970, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education that well-equipped her to meet both the challenges and opportunities ahead. Later in her educational journey, she earned a Master of Education degree in Reading from Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland and a Doctor of Education degree in Administration from Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida.

After graduation from ECSU, she was anxious to enter the workforce. Without hesitation, she caught a ride to Washington (DC) with seven dollars in her pocket to pursue a teaching position in the District of Columbia Public School system (DCPS). Although she initially faced obstacles, she persevered and moved quickly through the ranks of her profession, serving as a reading specialist - a position responsible for coordinating remedial, corrective, and enrichment reading programs. She continued to advance her career as a school improvement resource teacher, assistant principal, principal, and adjunct professor. Now retired, she serves as senior vice president of Flight to Excellence Educational Consultants, LLC, in partnership with her husband, Dr. Edward Newsome, Jr., to whom she has been married for 51 years.

In blazing a trail for herself, Sandra never forgot her beloved alma mater. She is a lifetime member of the ECSU National Alumni Association Incorporated (NAA) and for the past 50 years, she has been a consistent financial contributor to both ECSU and the NAA. She has served as Ms. Alumni (2016), having raised over $20,000 to earn the coveted crown. In 2020, she was the co-chair of the Class of 1970 Fiftieth Class Reunion Committee and helped to establish the class endowment with the initial investment of more than $80,000. She continues to support the endowment with monthly contributions.

In addition, she supports the Sound of Class Marching Band, the Viking Varsity Club, and the 1891 Club, among other auxiliaries. She is a regular attendee at ECSU events and NAA conferences and meetings, including the CIAA Basketball Tournament, the Down East Vikings Football Classic, and much more. She serves currently as first vice president of the NAA and treasurer of the William T. Bowser, Sr. Alumni Chapter in Prince George’s County, Maryland. She is always available to assist committees that support student recruitment and scholarships.

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Sandra is published and has received several noteworthy awards. She authored the article, “Best Practices for the Utilization of Assistant Principal’s Skills and Knowledge,” which was included in the Clute Professional Journal of Teaching and Learning. She received the Cafritz Foundation Award for developing a program for at-risk boys, titled “Visions: A Tour into Values.” As a Cafritz Teacher Fellow for the program, Sandra studied “The Socialization of the Senegalese Male” at the University of Dakar, Senegal, West Africa. She also wrote the programs “TechnoKids,” “Kids Court” and “Reading Literacy,” published by the National Teacher-to-Teacher Association. The Arts and Humanities awarded Sandra for her photography entries. Resultantly, she was inducted into the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International for photographs accepted for display in the DKG Fine Arts Online Gallery (2017, 2019, and 2021).

Since her retirement as a school-based educator, Sandra stays mentally, intellectually, and socially active as an avid reader, international traveler, poet, photographer, and pianist, which will continue to include her services as president of the Just Friends Book Club, Woman of the Year and education chair for the Oxon Hill Charter Chapter (OHCC) of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA), vice president of Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) International Society of Key Women Educators, officer of the ECSU NAA, and member of Reid Temple AME Church in Glen Dale, Maryland.

Because of ECSU, Sandra believes she has been able to harmonize her professional and personal life in a way that will be inspiring to others. She is hopeful her work and legacy of alumni relations and engagement will encourage fellow Vikings and friends to think more about their purpose and what their influence will be in helping to prepare tomorrow’s leaders.
Mrs. Celeste Carr Williams was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Elijah Carr, Jr. and Emma Frederick Carr. She is married to Leroy F. Williams, Jr., ECSU Class of 1965. They have two married sons, Orson F. Williams/Paula (Grands Myles and Wesley) and Jarvis D. Williams/Gretchen (Grands Ian and Gabrielle).

Celeste attended public school in Wilmington, North Carolina, where she graduated from Williston Senior High. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She completed advanced studies at Towson State University (MD), Howard University (DC), and the University of Maryland.

A committed educator, Celeste takes pride in her 43-year career as a teacher and leader in Washington (DC), Kent County (MD), and Prince George’s County (MD) public schools. She served these school districts in many capacities, including science teacher, mathematics teacher, program facilitator, science department chairperson, senior class sponsor, human resources specialist, and coordinator for the Comprehensive Partnership for Math and Science Program (CPMSP).

During her distinguished career, Celeste served two terms as Chair of Prince George’s County Educators’ Association (PGCEA), an organization of nearly 10,000 members. The organization provides 30 to 40 scholarships annually to high school seniors. She co-chaired PGCEA’s 2003 and 2008 Read Across America Campaigns that encouraged reading and literacy. She was appointed as a founding member of the American Biological Institute International Women’s Review Board. In these roles, Celeste worked collaboratively with children advocates, parental groups, and educators to ensure full funding of public education.

In recognition of her advocacy for educational excellence, Celeste was selected by her alma mater, Elizabeth City State University, to receive the National Association for Equal Opportunity in High Education (NAFEO) Distinguished Alumni Award. She was featured in the NEA Magazine article on “Six Over Sixty” and Chestertown’s Historical Society/Educators at the Beginning of Integration. She received the Extraordinary Women Community Leadership Award sponsored by State of Maryland Delegate Tony Knotts and the Ruby G. Macon Award for Key Women Educators presented by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Theta Chapter in Maryland. She is in the Hall of Fame for high school teachers in Kent County and the Hall of Fame for high school teachers at Frostburg College (MD). In 2019 she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Prince Georges County Public Schools (PGCPS) as a distinguished educator.

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In support of her undergraduate alma mater, Celeste served four terms on the ECSU National Alumni Association Board of Directors. She continues to be involved through her active lifetime membership and participation with the Washington, DC Metro Alumni Chapter. She is an active member of the Viking Varsity Club and generously supports athletics, student recruitment, and various student success fund-raising initiatives.

Celeste is a member of Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.
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