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FOUNDERS DAY
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Gala XIV
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PROGRAM

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Tisha Powell, Co-Anchor, ABC 11 WTVD Eyewitness News

WELCOME

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon, Chancellor, ECSU

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ms. Nyasia Luke ’20

GREETINGS

Dr. Peter M. Eley ’00, Chairman, ECSU Foundation

Mr. Abdul Rasheed ’71, President
ECSU National Alumni Association

Mr. Jimmy Chambers ’22, President
ECSU Student Government Association and
Member, ECSU Board of Trustees

Ms. Mekayla Stokely ’21, Miss ECSU &
Mr. Nomar Proctor ’22, Mister ECSU

INTRODUCTION OF CHANCELLOR’S LEGACY AWARD HONOREES

Ms. Mary L. Cates ’61
Dr. Laura Walton Buffaloe ’65
Colonel Richard A. Harrison ’94

Special Presentation featuring the 1971 CIAA Championship Football Team, moderated by
Mr. George Bright, ECSU Athletic Director

Mr. Larry Johnson, Sr. ’73

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Anita B. Walton, Vice Chancellor
ECSU Division of University Advancement and
Executive Director of the ECSU Foundation
Good evening to all gathered for the Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) Founders Day Scholarship Gala XIV. We are delighted you have chosen to celebrate with us on the 130th year of the founding of Elizabeth City State University and the five decades of service provided by The ECSU Foundation, Incorporated.

Thank you to our sponsors and contributors for your generous gifts. We are indeed navigating an unprecedented time, but we remain mindful of the importance of providing financial support to our students who chose ECSU to fulfill their academic dreams. The continued generosity of supporters, like you, ensures a brighter future for the next generation of scholars and leaders.

The ECSU Foundation Board of Directors also congratulates the 2021 Chancellor’s Legacy Award honorees. We salute your accomplishments and extend our deep 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 for all that you have done to deliver this event to us virtually. Kudos to all!

Enjoy your evening and we bid you God Speed.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Eley, Ph.D.
Chairman, The ECSU Foundation, Incorporated
GREETINGS

THE CHANCELLOR

Greetings ECSU Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students and Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to Elizabeth City State University’s Founders Day Scholarship Gala XIV – Remembering the Past, Investing in the Future: Cheers to 50 Years! Although we are gathered in a manner different than ever before, we sincerely appreciate your virtual participation on this very special evening.

Congratulations to this year’s Chancellor’s Legacy Award honorees: Mary L. Cates, Dr. Laura Walton Buffaloe, Colonel Richard A. Harrison and Larry Johnson, Sr. along with the 1971 CIAA Football Championship Team. 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 generous and heartfelt donations. Your gifts help to support our students as they work to pursue their academic goals.

Dr. Peter Eley, Chair and the ECSU Foundation Board, congratulations on 50 years of Board service to ECSU. Dr. Jeanette Evans, Event Chair, 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
Good Evening,

It is truly an honor to bring you greetings on behalf of the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees and to welcome you to the 2021 Founder’s Day Scholarship Virtual Gala! We extend congratulations to each of our distinguished honorees who continue to inspire our current and future Vikings. We celebrate your success and dedication to ECSU.

We also celebrate the ECSU Foundation and 50 years of raising money to fund scholarships that allow our students to have an excellent college experience and become successful citizens. We recognize the tireless effort of the Foundation Board and Scholarship Planning Committee in ensuring this evening is both a success and celebration of Vikings, past, present, and future. Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, your dedication and untiring efforts have helped to make this event one that would surely make our Founders proud.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and attendees for your generous contributions and support of the Viking community and its partners.

The world, our country, our community, have all been immensely challenged this year. Yet, here we are celebrating the Great Grace shown to the Vikings. We join together to acknowledge the perseverance of our ancestors, those who acted upon a vision, and those who continue to invest in the future of Elizabeth City State University.

In Viking Pride,

Jan

Jan King Robinson, Chair
ECSU Board of Trustees
Tisha Powell co-anchors ABC11 Eyewitness News every weeknight at 5, 6 and 11pm with Steve Daniels. You can also find the team at 10pm on CW22. When Tisha is not on the anchor desk, she is out in the community or working on special reports for Eyewitness News.

Before coming to ABC11 in 2004, Tisha’s career in TV news brought her to various places around the southeast. This Louisiana native graduated from Loyola University New Orleans where she majored in broadcast news and minored in political science. After college, Tisha worked as a reporter, producer and anchor for WCBI in Columbus, Mississippi. She soon went back home to Louisiana. As a reporter for WDSU in New Orleans, Tisha traveled to Honduras to cover the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. She was then hired as a reporter for KABB in San Antonio where she covered the escape of the Texas Seven and the Spurs 2003 NBA Championship. Shortly after, she became the midday anchor and health reporter for News 9 San Antonio.

While here in the Triangle, Tisha traveled back to New Orleans in 2005 to cover Hurricane Katrina. She reported on the Pope’s visit to Philadelphia, the Carolina Panthers trip to Super Bowl 50 and has interviewed influential people like First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey. Tisha has also jumped with the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Tisha is an Army wife and a mother of two daughters who were born on the same day 12 years apart. She’s also an avid supporter of the American Heart Association, the Girl Scouts and the USO of North Carolina.

Tisha is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Triangle Park Chapter of the Links, Inc.
Ms. Mary L. Cates is a native of Pitt County, North Carolina. She graduated from H.B. Sugg High School in Farmville, NC, an Inner Banks region outside of Greenville, NC. After high school, Ms. Cates continued her education at Elizabeth City State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1961. She completed further studies at East Carolina University to earn certification as a reading specialist.

During her professional career of 32 years, Ms. Cates taught third grade and 5th through 8th grade language arts and social studies. Upon retiring in 1994, Ms. Cates opened an in-home daycare for children, which she continues to operate today.

In addition to her love for teaching and childcare, Ms. Cates is equally passionate about her support for her alma mater. When it comes to ECSU, she believes the best thing you can do for yourself is to do well for your university. And that means giving back in service, treasure, and loyalty. To illustrate this belief, Ms. Cates has been steadfast in her involvement in alumni programming, student recruitment and fundraising for ECSU.

Since 1989, Ms. Cates has served as president of the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter, located in Greenville, NC. Previously, she served as second vice president and recording secretary for the National Alumni Association. She was the successful candidate for Ms. Alumni in 1994, having raised the largest amount of money among several other contestants. She was also a member of the ECSU NAA Alumni Awards Banquet Committee for more than 10 years. Notably, she served as a class agent for the 2002 60’s Decade Reunion, an event that yielded more than $150,000 from ECSU alumni of the sixties.

Currently, Ms. Cates is the chairperson for ECSU NAA-sponsored homecoming activities. Under her leadership over the past 15 years, the NAA has raised close to $400,000 for student scholarships, student recruitment, and other NAA student success initiatives. For her valuable, enduring service to ECSU, Ms. Cates received the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) Award in 2003.

Ms. Cates is a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, NC, where she is an usher and the former chairperson for the Hospitality Committee. She is also the Chief Judge for the Pitt County Board of Elections and a member of the Pitt County HBCU Alumni Group.

She is the mother of one son, William Thomas Gorham.
Dr. Laura Walton Buffaloe grew up in Elizabeth City, NC, graduated from P. W. Moore High School (1961), and earned a business education degree from Elizabeth City State University (1965). Realizing that education was her dream and believing in life-long learning, she continued her education at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC, receiving a master's degree (1981), a CAGS degree (1989) and an Ed.D. (1996) both from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA.

She began her career as an educator with her commitment to students as an eighth-grade teacher and reading teacher at Pasquotank County Elementary School in Elizabeth City, NC (1965–1967). She also spent three years as a business teacher/department chair at Gumberry High School in Northampton County, NC (1965–1970). Dr. Buffaloe continued her chosen career at Halifax Community College (HCC) beginning in 1970 as a college instructor in the business department, where she distinguished herself as an exemplary leader at Halifax Community College, in the Roanoke Valley, and throughout the state of North Carolina. Her long career in education spans over 40 years, with 37 of those years with the North Carolina Community College System as an employee at Halifax Community College in Weldon, NC.

Dr. Buffaloe taught business courses for many years and subsequently was promoted to department chair, to division chair, to evening director, to director of special projects, to dean of instruction, and finally to vice president of instructional services, a position she held until her retirement in 2005. Dr. Buffaloe was the first female to fill the position of dean of instruction and vice president at the college, where she oversaw every aspect of instructional delivery with pride, commitment and dedication to the students, faculty, staff, and the college. She served as an ambassador on a continuous basis and worked directly with the president in setting policy. She was officially assigned (approved by the board of trustees) the responsibility for running the college should the president not be available.

With student success always in the forefront, Dr. Buffaloe led the college in achieving its goal of meeting all 12 of the critical success factors set by the North Carolina Community College System leading to the achievement of a superior rating during the fall 2004 and spring 2005 academic year.

Other institutional and student-centered accomplishments included spearheading the transformation of the HCC Library to the Electronic Resources Center; development of the leadership development program and the faculty and staff mentoring program. She also led the efforts in SACS reaffirmation, revamping HCC’s catalog, and HCC reengineering (conversion from quarter to the semester system). She organized a Relay For Life Team representing HCC in the community.

As instructor, department and division chairperson, she forged close relationships with the business education teachers.
in the high schools in the local service area. These partnerships emphasized student success when they reached the community college. Partnerships with businesses, such as International Paper Company to host a special field day for superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, and vocational education counselors from all the school systems in the Roanoke Valley; efforts with Halifax Regional Medical Center to secure a Duke Endowment Rural Development grant; and a Return to Industry Experience with the Employment Security Commission and Champion International Paper Company (Roanoke Rapids, NC), and Burroughs Wellcome (Raleigh, NC) to keep HCC current with the trends and needs of the business community.

Partnerships were also developed with the University North Carolina System to ensure success when students transferred to a university, including the HCC Teacher Preparation Partnership with Elizabeth City State University and the partnership with the NC Central University Community College Initiative (1999). These partnerships created a smoother transition for students transferring to four-year institutions. Under her leadership, HCC also developed a partnership with the East Carolina University Higher Education Leadership Doctoral Cohort program for faculty development on the HCC campus. This program gave faculty the opportunity to take courses leading to the doctoral degree.

During her retirement celebration, her family and friends highlighted her commitment and true passion for students by establishing the Dr. Laura Buffaloe Business Education Scholarship at Halifax Community College. This scholarship recognizes and promotes academic achievement and excellence for students enrolled in the HCC business administration program and aspire to seek a four-year degree. For her outstanding leadership and service, Dr. Buffaloe was awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Michael F. Easley. She was also honored with a Resolution of Appreciation by the mayor of the Town of Weldon, and a Resolution of Appreciation by the president of Halifax Community College.

After her formal retirement in 2005, she continued to work part time at HCC. She was elected by the North Carolina State Senate of the General Assembly to serve on the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina System in 2006 and served with distinction until 2013. As a board member, she was appointed to four of the board’s standing committees: the Audit Committee from 2007 until 2008, serving as its secretary; the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs from 2006 until 2007, from 2008 until 2009, and then again from 2011 until 2013; the Committee on Personnel and Tenure from 2007 until 2008 and again from 2010 to 2011, serving as its vice chair; and the Committee on University Governance from 2009 until 2010. In her position on the board, she was able to advocate for students, faculty, and institutions—especially HBCUs and particularly Elizabeth City State University, her alma mater.

Dr. Buffaloe also provided steady leadership to several special committees of the board, including the Committee on the O. Max Gardner Award in 2007 and then again in 2010; the Committee on the Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2010; and the Selection and Screening Committee of the 2010 Presidential Search.

She was appointed by the chair of the Board of Governors to serve as a member of the North Carolina Principal Fellows Commission from 2006 to 2009 and again from 2010 to 2013. This commission is responsible for determining the selection criteria, methods of selection, and selection of recipients to receive scholarship loans made under the Principal Fellows Program.

Dr. Buffaloe also served on many other community boards and as a member of various organizations, including

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Laura Walton Buffaloe ’65 continued

Systems of Care/Families Supporting Families; North Carolina State Employees Credit Union-Roanoke Rapids; Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce; North Carolina Community Colleges Curriculum Review Committee; Halifax County Schools GEAR-UP program; Halifax County Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, and Halifax Community College’s Student Support Services “Needs” program. She also served on Northampton County Schools Advisory Committee, Education Foundation, and the Vocational Education Advisory Committee boards. She was a member of the Roanoke Valley United Way, Rotary Club, NAACP, National Council on Black American Affairs of the AACJC and the State Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, National Association of University Women, and the Joyful Sounds Gospel Chorus.

Dr. Buffaloe has received numerous awards, including the Association of Community College Trustees Southern Region Faculty Award in 1986–1987; the HCC Teacher of the Year and a nominee for the SBCC/First Union Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1989; Weldon High School Distinguished Service Award in 1993–94; the HCC Leadership Award in 1993–94 and then again in 2001; the HCC Association of Education Office Personnel Administrator of the Year Award in 1994–1995 and again in 2001–2002; the HCC Employee of the Year Award in 1996-1997; the HCC President’s Award in 2004; the HCC Spirit Award in 2005; the ECSU 60s Decade Image Award in 2006; the NAFEO Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007, and the HCC 2010 Staff Emeritus Award.

Dr. Buffaloe lives in Roanoke Rapids, NC and has two children: Lisa Jones and husband James live in Chesapeake, VA; and son Derrick lives in Roanoke Rapids, NC. She also has six wonderful grandchildren. She is an active member of Roanoke Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Garysburg, NC.
Colonel Richard A. Harrison assumed responsibility as the 44th Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School and as the Chief of Air Defense Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on Aug. 20, 2020. His prior assignment was the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of UNC/CFC/USFK.

A native of North Carolina, COL Harrison was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in 1994 from Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in Elizabeth City, NC. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from ECSU, a Master of Arts in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Military Studies from the United States Army War College. COL Harrison’s military education includes the ADA Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and the United States Army War College (USAWC).

COL Harrison’s first duty station was Fort Campbell, KY, where he served as an Avenger/Stinger Platoon Leader and Battery Executive Officer in 2-44 Air Defense Artillery (ADA) from April 1995 to May 1998. He later served at Schofield Barracks, HI as the Deputy Assistant Division Air Defense Officer for the 25th ID (Light), Battalion S1/Adjutant and Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-62 ADA from December 1998 to December 2001. He later assumed command of Charlie Battery, 1-62 ADA, in Fort Lewis, Washington, from February 2002 to March 2003.

COL Harrison served as an Army Intern in the Immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense from May 2003 to May 2004. And from May 2004 to June 2006, he served as a Strategic Planner and Executive Officer for the Army Initiatives Group in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7. Also during this time, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) serving in numerous positions at the headquarters for Military Transition Teams in Iraq. Upon graduation from Georgetown University, COL Harrison was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC and served as the Executive Officer for 3-4 Air Defense Artillery Regiment (ADAR) from June 2007 to June 2009. After graduating from CGSC, he returned to Fort Bragg and served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for the 108th ADA Brigade and later the Battalion Commander for 3-4 ADAR from June 2010 to May 2013. He deployed with elements of his battalion to the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

Following graduation from the U.S. Army War College, COL Harrison deployed to Doha, Qatar, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 (Forward) for the 32d Army Air Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) from June 2014 to March 2015 in support of OEF. COL Harrison commanded the 69th ADA Brigade at Fort Hood, TX, from June 2015 to June 2017. While serving in brigade command, COL Harrison deployed with elements of his brigade to the CENTCOM AOR in support of OEF.

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In June 2017, COL Harrison relinquished command and was immediately assigned to the Joint Staff, Pentagon. During his tenure on the Joint Staff, COL Harrison served as the Division Chief for the Protection Division, Joint Staff J-3 and later as the Executive Assistant/Executive Officer to the Joint Staff J-3 from June 2017 to June 2019. His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (1 OLC), the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, the Korean Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (w/ numeral 4), the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and German and Uruguayan Airborne Wings.

COL Harrison is married to the former Tyra Jones, ECSU Class of 1993, of Navassa, North Carolina. They have three children: Aliyah (24), Alexa (19), and Collin (14).
Larry Johnson, Sr. is widely, accurately, and undoubtedly considered the best defensive line coach in college football. Ohio State’s seventh year coach, who was promoted to associate head coach in January 2019, simply continues to excel as coach of the Buckeye’s defensive linemen. And his excellence continues to deliver.

In 2019 he coached and developed Chase Young into a Heisman Trophy finalist — just the ninth defensive player ever named a finalist — and to unanimous first-team All-America status while being named a finalist for five other major national awards. Young won both the Bednarik Award and the Bronko Nagurski trophy, both of which are awarded to the nation’s top defensive player.

Young also won the Ted Hendricks award as the nation’s outstanding defensive end in 2019 and he won three Big Ten Conference awards: the Chicago Tribune Silver Football as the Big Ten’s best player and the Big Ten’s Defensive Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Johnson has coached more Big Ten defensive players of the year or linemen of the year — 16! — than any program has in the Big Ten over the last 23 years. After coaching nine such honorees during his 18 seasons at Penn State, Johnson has seen Joey Bosa win conference defensive lineman of the year honors twice (2014 and 2015) and the league defensive player of the year award in 2014, Tyquan Lewis was named the Big Ten’s defensive lineman of the year in 2016 and Nick Bosa gave Johnson and the Buckeye program four consecutive honorees when he earned the honor in 2017. Young added to the total in 2019.

Eight Ohio State defensive linemen have earned first-team All-America honors under Johnson, including DT Haskell Garrett in 2020. The list includes: Chase Young (2019), Dre’mont Jones (2018), Nick Bosa (2017), Joey Bosa (2014 and 2015), Adolphus Washington (2015) and Michael Bennett (2014). Johnson has coached a total of 14 first-team All-Americans at Ohio State and Penn State.

Johnson has coached nine first-round NFL draft picks, including Young (2020) and the Bosa brothers (Joey in 2016; Nick in 2019). He had five of his players move on to the NFL in one season, after the 2017 campaign, including draft picks Tyquan Lewis, Sam Hubbard and Jalyn Holmes. In addition, four of his players, including Sam Hubbard, have been named first-team Academic All-American.

Johnson joined the Ohio State staff in early January, 2014. Ohio State won the 2014 College Football Playoff national championship that season and has won three Big Ten titles with Johnson on staff.

Mentoring is a critical aspect to the successes Johnson and the student-athletes he coaches have realized.

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“I’m a relationship guy and I think in order to get the best out of your players you have to develop relationships,” Johnson has said. “I’m also a teacher. I like to teach the basic fundamentals of football. I want guys who are fundamentally sound and have the ability to play fast and to play relentless.”

Johnson grew up in Williamston, North Carolina, and is a 1973 graduate of Elizabeth City (N.C.) State University with a degree in health and physical education. He came to Ohio State after coaching along the defensive line for 18 years at Penn State, including the last 14 seasons (2000-13) overseeing the entire unit. He spent his first four seasons at Penn State – 1996-99 – as defensive ends coach and special team’s coordinator.

While Ohio State is Johnson’s second collegiate coaching stop, his career includes 20 years of high school coaching in Maryland and Virginia.

Johnson came to Ohio State with a resume full of accomplishments while at Penn State:

• Six of his defensive linemen were first-round NFL draft picks, including No. 1 overall pick Courtney Brown in 2000 and also featuring Jimmy Kennedy (2002), Michael Haynes (2003), Tamba Hali (2006), Jared Odrick (2010) and Aaron Mabin (2009).
• Seven of his defensive linemen achieved first-team All-American status (the six listed above and Devon Still).
• PSU defensive linemen earned 22 Academic All-Big Ten Conference honors.
• Three of his position players earned Academic All-American status (Tim Shaw in 2006 and Pete Massaro in 2010 and 2012).
• Fifteen Nittany Lion defensive linemen were named first-team all-Big Ten Conference.

In addition, he coached on a Penn State defense that led the nation in sacks between 2005 and 2009 and was No. 5 nationally in rushing defense from 2004-10. And between 1996 and 2013 Penn State’s defense was a Big Ten Conference statistical champion 14 times, including four times in quarterback sacks and three times in scoring defense.

Johnson spent the first 20 years of his career as a highly successful high school coach. Six times chosen as the Washington Metropolitan Area coach of the year, he guided McDonough High School in Poolesville, MD, to three Maryland state championships and to a 139-36 record between 1975 and 1991. Johnson also coached two seasons (1992-93) at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. He started his coaching career in 1974 at Lackey High School in LaPlata, MD.

As a player, Johnson was an NAIA All-American and all-conference performer at Elizabeth City State University. He was inducted into the school’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. He played one year in the NFL, with the Washington Redskins in 1973.

Johnson and his wife, Christine, are the parents of two sons – Larry Jr. and Tony – and a daughter, Teresa. Larry Jr. and Tony both played football at Penn State with Larry Jr. rushing for a school record of 2,087 yards in 2002 and later becoming a first-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs and a two-time Pro Bowl selection. Teresa played softball for the Nittany Lions.
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
1971-1972 CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

10 James Spence
11 Reginald Stukes **
12 Lawrence Harrell /**
18 Pernell Denson
19 Roger Hathaway
20 Cary Sims
21 Maurice Harrod *
22 Oliver Reynolds
23 Leon Thomas **
24 Ronnie Russell
25 O’Neal Pullie
30 Lindsey Riddick **
31 Calvin Spratley
32 David Stukes
33 Leslie Carter
40 John Thrower
41 Herbert Williams **
42 Gregory Downing
43 Bruce Carmichael **
44 Rene Laughinghouse **
45 Wilbur Miley
50 Lawrence Parker
52 Isaac Oliver
53 John Brooks
54 Otha Jones
55 Jackie Samuels
60 James Bond
61 Melvin Swain
62 Joseph Avant
63 George Miller
64 Nelson Jennings **
65 Larry Johnson
66 Aly Khan Johnson *
70 Quentont Jones
71 Darnell Johnson **
72 Doni Phillips
73 Dwight Smith **
74 Malachi Marshall **
75 Paul McCray **
76 Charles Sneed **
77 Andrew Tisdale
80 Edward Bryant
82 Gerald Gunnell
83 Alvin Felton
84 Jesse Parker
85 Leroy Davis
86 Ed Williams
81 Ralph Holloway

*Co-captains
**Deceased
Trainers
Carl Ebron ** and Robert Hardy **

Lawrence Harrell, Maurice Harrod, Coach Caldwell and Aly Khan Johnson
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

CHANCELLOR’S LEGACY
AWARD HONOREES

2020 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA XIII
Ziner Johnson Alexander, ’66
Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina
Emmanuel D. Harris
Dr. Ali A. Khan
Abdul Sm Rasheed, ’71
Rear Admiral Keith Smith
Ethel Faye Gregory Sutton, ’65

2019 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA XII
Billy C. Hines
Norma M. James
Joyce E. Long
Justina M. Long
Barbara Barnes Sutton
Anthony “Tony” Swain
Johnnie B. Walton

2018 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA XI
John Shelton Best
Dr. Ronald H. Blackmon
Dr. Mary Albritton Douglas
LT C Tyrus W. Eason (ret)
Andy Hartfield
Paul A. Norman

2017 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA X
Dr. Glen Bowman
Dennis Earl Leary
Dr. Richard L. Lucas, Jr.
Billie Joe Reid
Estella Hall Simons

2016 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA IX
(Fomer ECSU First Ladies)
Lula G. Thorpe
Dr. Faleese Moore-Jenkins
LaVera Levels Burnim
Jacqueline Johnson Gilchrist
Brenda Becton

2015 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA VIII
Gwendolyn D. Bowser
Jeff Dixon
Dr. Linda Hayden
COL Rodney Haggins
Dr. Darrell Johnson
Dr. Stephanie Bailey Johnson
Mary Elizabeth Sharpe
Cecil Perry
Argle Whitfield

2014 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA VII
Willis Langley
Willie Stewart, Jr.
Richard Olson
Lieutenant Commander Navin L. Griffin
Dr. Shirley Murphy Turnage

2013 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA VI
Carroll Hurdle
Norris Earl Francis
Mike Chandler
Elston Howell
Congressman G. K. Butterfield
Commander Warren Judge
Dr. Stephanie Dance-Barnes

2012 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA V
Norman M. Cherry, Sr.
Todd W. Tilley
Patricia Youngblood
Bishop Kim W. Brown
Roger McLean
Mark R. Brown, Jr.
Dr. Lindsey L. White
Randy M. Jones
Colonel Warline S. Richardson

2011 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA IV
Reverend Vonner G. Horton
Colonel Thurinton W. Harvell, Sr.
Edna Gray Randolph
Philip R. Johnson
Danny and Carol Flowers
Dr. Roger Hathaway
Leonard Carmichael
Matthew Lewis, Jr.

2010 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA III
Cola Ashe
Dr. Helen Marshall Caldwell
The Honorable Melvin Daniels, Jr.
LT C Mechelle Hale
Wanda Hunt McLean
Jethro Pugh
Rev. Dr. Claude M. Odom
Frank H. Skidmore, Jr.
Julius Walker, Jr.
Linwood Williams

2009 ECSU FOUNDERS DAY GALA II
Dr. Charles Cherry
Dr. Claudie Mackey
The Honorable Annie Ward Mobley
Dr. Wayne K. Stallings
Captain Christopher E. Austin
Colonel Randy Braxton Bell (ret)
Captain Roosevelt R. Wright, Jr. (ret)
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Dr. Johnny L. Houston
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2007 INAUGURAL GALA
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Kinston-Lenior Alumni Chapter
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Ms. Ziner J. Alexander ’66 in Memory of
Ms. Myrtle L. Johnson ’75
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Mr. Andy Culpepper
Dr. Edward Newsome, Jr. ’73 & Dr. Sandra S. Newsome ’70
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