

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN SOCIAL WORKERS DAY ON THE HILL

Norfolk State University social work faculty and eight master of social work students attended the National Association of Social Workers Day in Richmond last month.

The students were accompanied by faculty members Drs. Belinda Bruster and Vivian Moore. The day consisted of connecting with national association executive director Debra Riggs, meeting other social workers and social work students and becoming aware of how what they are learning and practicing can be a part of legislative policy and advocacy. According to Dr. Bruster, the highlight of the day came when Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax introduced Norfolk State University students to the Virginia Senate.

The students walked away with several perspectives. They felt inspired like Lashae Wade '19. "When I arrived at the event," said Wade, "I immediately felt inspired to be surrounded by a group of people who possess similar goals ... I felt connected by the collective desire to initiate change through political involvement and advocacy."

The experience for Tori Griffin '19 was empowering. "Now that I understand the strength of my voice, I feel empowered and plan on using it to empower others whose voice may not be as strong," Griffin said.

The day brought clarity to the students about their profession and their own choice to become social workers. La'Toya Hines '00,'19 discovered new meaning to her work. "I have been working in the profession for over 17 years and have assisted individuals and families through many issues," she said. "After learning about lobbying, I have a greater interest in becoming an advocate for social change." Hines plans to encourage her colleagues to join her and use their collective political power by voting!

Shaquilah Walker '19 also found confirmation about her choice to be a social worker. "My experience was one that opened my eyes to the many career opportunities that are available to social workers. The entire day confirmed for me that where I am and what I am doing as far as my professional goals is where I am supposed to be."



PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR INSPIRES BY CHALK ART

Naiya Brooks, Communications and Marketing

Norfolk State University junior Anquini Lee is making a name for himself with his chalkboard art. Lee, who works in the Office of Student Activities & Leadership, displays his work in the department's office suite, which has a black chalkboard wall. Lee says he gets his inspiration from everyday items. He explained that his latest piece was inspired by the African-American historical figures printed on the back of a friend's hoodie. He wanted to "show the beauty and power of what it's like to be black and to remind everyone of how far we've come from where we once were." The artwork paid homage to Black History Month with a mural of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela surrounding the quote "Embrace Thy Heritage."

Lee's works take two to three days to complete and are done monthly. Throughout the semester he's created two other pieces — "Mother Spartan" and "Spartan."

After graduation, Lee plans to merge psychology and art by opening his own private practice and building a recreation hall dedicated to art, music and photography. Lee's "overall goal is to change the world and inspire others to do the same."

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CYBERSECURITY M.S.

One of Nation's 50 Best Programs

By Rebekah Davis, Communications and Marketing

Norfolk State University's graduate cybersecurity degree recently won the award of "50 Best Schools of 2018: Online Master's Degrees in Cybersecurity," distinguishing it from hundreds across the nation.

Dr. Aurelia Williams, professor and chair of the computer science department, and Dr. Cheryl Hinds, the program's coordinator, said this award shows the quality of education provided to students.

"The recognition provides current and prospective students with an assurance that the material covered in the program is comparable to other schools; therefore, students can rest assured that the quality of the degree earned at Norfolk State University satisfies the expectations of employers," Williams said.

CyberSecurityMastersDegree.org evaluated the 130 programs deemed as National Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The online organization assessed the CAEs on three key elements: additional designations, focus options and affordability.


Norfolk State University has achieved continuous recognition as a CAE since 2009 — first as a Center of Excellence in Information Assurance and now as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education with the introduction of the master's in cybersecurity program that began in 2015.

"This recognition by DHS and NSA of the quality of our cybersecurity programs will provide more scholarship and internship opportunities for current students," Hinds said. "Additionally graduates from CAEs will be recognized by employers as having been developed in a quality cybersecurity environment."

In addition to national designations, Norfolk State University's master's in cybersecurity degree provides many more technical elements than other programs, Hinds said. Williams added that students use virtual machines to perform tasks that they would conduct in the professional world. That, combined with the program's diversity, makes it one of the best in the nation, she said.

"The program also welcomes those with nontechnical degrees who are willing to work hard and provide them with a skillset to compete in the cyber job market," Williams said. "To date, we have had great success with our graduates securing professional positions."

This recognition is one of many that the program hopes to earn in the coming years as it continues to grow, work with local partners and provide competitive training to students.



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Vote Everyday on Every Device through April 15

Norfolk State has the chance to win a \$50,000 grant from Home Depot through the Retool Your School contest. All it takes is for the campus, alumni and friends of Norfolk State to vote every day on every device! All we have to do is:

VOTE DAILY USING ALL YOUR DEVICES

On Social Media #NSU_RYS18 via **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/homedepotretool/> and **Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/homedepotretool/> — these votes count more!

On the Retool Your School website at <https://www.retoolyourschool.com/>

If we win in our cluster of schools, depending on the amount, we would move forward with one of the following campus enhancements:

\$50,000 Project – Beautification of Three Campus Access Gates – to enhance and redirect the entrances to our campus by upgrading the current security booths.

\$40,000 Project – Replacement of Sidewalks on East Campus – to help alleviate constant flooding.

\$30,000 Project – Renovation of Flagpoles – to improve lighting and functionality of the flagpoles at the football stadium, Wilson Hall and the police station.

We've got to vote to win! Let's go Spartans —Vote!

IN BRIEF



The Norfolk State Department of Athletics recently inducted 12 student-athletes into the University's Eta Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society. The honor is bestowed upon selected junior and senior student-athletes based on outstanding academic performance, character, citizenship and athletics ability. Members must maintain a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

MEMBERS OF THE 2018 INDUCTION CLASS INCLUDE:

Jill Aquino, Volleyball
Shelby DesChamps, Softball
Tomas Fantaye, Men's Track
Anteneh Girma, Men's Track
Hunter Halford, Softball
Alexys Long, Women's Basketball

Jonathan Mahoney, Baseball
Tyson Robinson, Men's Track
Anna Rupertova, Volleyball
Alex Varaksa, Baseball
Joseph Wanene, Men's Track
T'Nai Wells, Women's Basketball



Dr. Wanda G. Brockington was appointed to serve as a member of the Sister Scholars Advisory Council of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation. The Sister Scholars Advisory Council offers counsel regarding the program component and research endeavors of the Foundation's Center for Research on African-American Women. The Council also serves as the Editorial Review Panel for the Center's scholarly publication, PHILLIS: The Journal for Research on African American Women.

The NSU Theatre Co.'s production of Fences made history Thursday, February 22 — it's opening night. The production became the University's first sold out, non-musical performance in more than 25 years. NSU Theatre Co. Director Anthony M. Stockard is profiled in the Spring 2018 Brandeis Magazine. Read the article at: <http://www.brandeis.edu/magazine/2018/spring/featured-stories/stockard.html>.

Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander has been named to The Virginia Museum of History & Culture advisory committee that will consult on an upcoming major exhibition on 400 years of African-American history—from 1619 to present day. Newby-Alexander is interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, professor of History, and director of the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Center for the Study of the African Diaspora. In addition to the advisory committee appointment, Newby-Alexander has also authored an article in Coastal Living magazine titled "Exploring the African Influence on Virginia and American Cuisine."

ALUMNA'S MEDICAL CHARITY SPREADING SMILES WITH CHIPS



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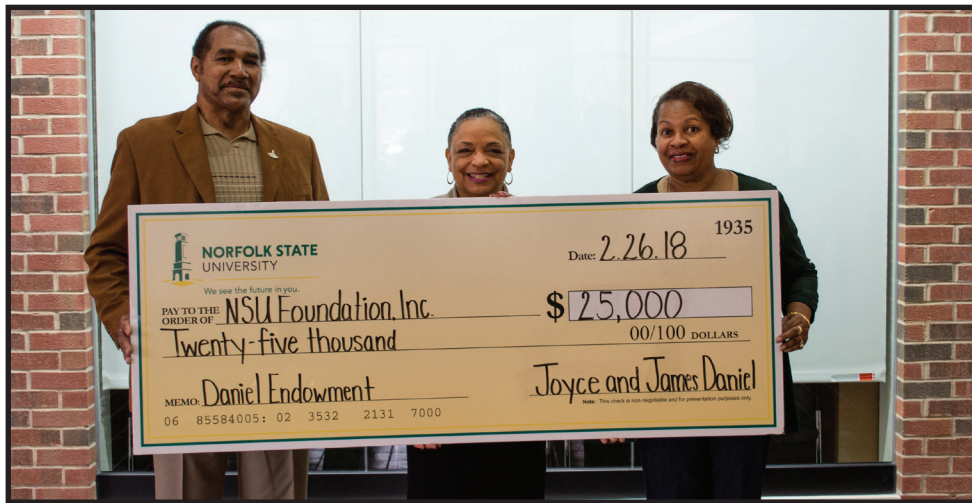
Operation Smile, an international medical charity founded by William P. Magee Jr., M.D. and Kathleen S. Magee (MSW '86), is partnering with Lay's potato chips to raise \$1 million. The Smile with Lay's campaign is hoping to help Operation Smile change the lives of children who suffer from cleft conditions and other facial deformities. Kathleen Magee credits her Norfolk State professors with helping her clarify and pinpoint where Operation Smile could provide services to those with the greatest need when the organization was new. Now, roughly 35 years later, Operation Smile has grown into a highly regarded global organization that has performed more than 260,000 free surgeries in developing countries. For more information on the Smile with Lay's Campaign, go to Lays.com.

NORTHAM APPOINTS NEW BOV MEMBER

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam appointed **James W. Dyke** to the NSU Board of Visitors March 9. He is filling the unexpired term of Rodney Powell. The appointment is effective immediately and expires June 30, 2021. Dyke serves as a senior advisor for Virginia Government Relations at McGuire Woods Consulting in Tysons, Virginia.

Dyke previously served as Virginia's Secretary of Education under former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and as domestic policy advisor to former Vice President Walter Mondale. He also served as a senior advisor to the BOV from 2013–14.

He is an active leader in the Northern Virginia business community and has served or is serving on several state commissions and committees. He has also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. Dyke has also been named to several power and influencer listings in Virginia and Washington, D.C. He is an alumnus of Howard University where he earned his undergraduate and law degrees.



DANIELS GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Joyce Selden Daniel '74 and husband James E. Daniel, who studied in the NSU School of Business, recently established the Daniel Endowment. The fully funded \$25,000 endowment will provide financial assistance to full-time, degree-seeking students in the School of Business, with a preference for Accounting majors.

Joyce Daniel credits former chair, the late Dr. Sanford Perkins, as the source of motivation and inspiration for her academic success. "Professor Perkins was more than a professor. He shared life lessons with the students in the School of Business," she said. As a student, Daniel was a member of Phi Beta Lambda with and a Kappa Sweetheart.

A retired accountant from the Department of the U.S. Navy (NAVFAC), she is a life member of the Norfolk State University Alumni Association. She has served in numerous roles with the national association and the Norfolk Chapter including national recording secretary, membership chair, president of the Norfolk Alumni Chapter and a member of the Homecoming and Noah Ryder committees. Daniel was also crowned Ms. Alumni in 1983 and received the NSUAA Alumna of the Year Award in 1989. Additionally, Daniel is a member of NSU's Emerald Society.



NASA-SPONSORED EVENT HIGHLIGHTS 'MODERN FIGURES'

A Black History Month panel discussion shed light on the "hidden" turns that many Norfolk State faculty and NASA scientists encountered during their college and professional careers.

The event, NASA Hidden Figures to Modern Figures, was a partnership between NASA's Office of the Chief Technologist at NASA Langley Research Center and the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. The panel discussion was part of NASA's outreach efforts and also served to encourage Norfolk State students to overcome obstacles they encounter on their academic journey.

NASA Chief Technologist Dr. David Terrier provided the life-changing event that led him to become a scientist. "I was born in Jamaica," said Terrier. "I was eight years old when Apollo landed on the moon. I had never even seen an airplane, but in that instant, I knew that I was going to do whatever it took to reach my goal of becoming a scientist."

Although the panel included many NSU faculty members, they revealed the cultural and gender biases they overcame to study and work in their fields.

Dr. Michael Kieve, CSET associate dean, had to find a way to cope with being the only African-American in his classes. "Learn to work with people who don't look like you," he advised the students.

Know your goal, Dr. Aliecia McClain, chemistry and DNIMAS director said. "The challenge for me was to break the barrier — there were no scientists in my family."

Besides the panel discussion, Terrier and Julie Williams-Byrd, NASA deputy center director for the chief technologist office, took a tour of several research laboratories. Terrier provided his assessment to the students. "From what I saw, you guys are right on the leading edge. You're in the right place."