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NSU Student Earns Prestigious Fashion Scholarships, Making University History



Norfolk State University student, Destini Bell, is making history in the fashion industry after being selected as one of 160 recipients for a highly competitive national program through the Fashion Scholarship Fund (FSF).

The opportunity came after an encouraging email from fashion professor Christy Frederick, prompting the student to apply. That decision led to a major milestone, not only earning recognition within her field but also becoming the first NSU student to receive this honor.

[Learn more about her scholarships](#)

NSU Professor Honored for Advancing Health Equity and Shaping State Policy



Jamela M. Martin, Ph.D., RN, associate professor and chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health at Norfolk State University, is earning statewide recognition for her leadership in advancing health equity through both policy and practice.

[Learn more about her achievements](#)

NSU Student Participate at Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship Tournament



From left to right: Amana Leonard, Cameron Allen, Coach Michael Cotter, Anjeolaoluwa Archer, and Joi "Tuki" Hicks

Norfolk State University's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team finished as a quarterfinalist at the National Championship Tournament (NCT) in Torrance, California, April 12 -14, 2026, earning more than 17K in institutional grants and awards.

Captained by junior Cameron Allen, the team, whose members include senior Joi Hicks and juniors Anjeolaoluwa Archer and Amana Leonard, posted an impressive 6-0 record in the round-robin standings, besting Yellow Division rivals Howard University, Livingstone College and Stillman College. (NSU prevailed twice against each institution in head-to-head competition.)

Cameron Allen was one of eight divisional high point scorers to be a recipient of the All-Star Champion Medal and a \$2500 individual achievement award. He finished as the third-highest scorer at the tournament, behind Hampton and North Carolina Central, the tournament finalists. This is the second All-Star Champion Award for Cameron, a distinction he also earned as a freshman two years ago. (125 students representing 32 universities and colleges competed.)

Sponsored by Honda Motors, the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge—or HCASC—(pronounced Aitch Cass) is the first-ever academic competition between students at America's HBCUs. For more than 30 years, more than 150,000 students have participated in head-to-head Jeopardy-style quiz competitions, and Honda has awarded more than \$10 million in institutional grants to participating schools. Norfolk State University has participated in HCASC since 1990.

NSU's HCASC team is coached by Mr. Michael J. Cotter.

NSU Foundation Event Exceeds Fundraising Goal



The Norfolk State University Foundation, Inc., hosted the 5th Annual Green & Gold 5K and Kids Fun Run. The event exceeded its fundraising goal of \$75,000, generating more than \$120,000 in support of Foundation initiatives.

The event featured a Health and Wellness Expo, which promoted health awareness and community engagement. Proceeds from the event directly support student success initiatives and Foundation programming. Participation included NSU alumni and students, teams, sponsors and community partners, all contributing to the event's success through fundraising and engagement efforts.

Recognition and expressed appreciation to the event sponsors and partners, including:

- American Diabetes Association
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- Sickle Cell Association of Hampton Roads
- Fit Goddess Tribe
- Clinical Consulting Site Services
- NSU Nursing Program
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- Sentara Healthcare

The Board acknowledged that the success of the event would not have been possible without the continued support of these sponsors, NSUF staff, volunteers and community partners.

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