

**March 2026**

## **Norfolk State Receives NSF Award for Advanced Quantum Materials Research**



Norfolk State University has been awarded nearly \$1 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for research on advanced quantum materials. The project titled *Investigation of Novel Spin Textures in Non-Centrosymmetric Magnetic Materials*, was awarded through the NSF's Excellence in Research (HBCU-EiR) program, led by Dr. Sunil K. Karna, NSU assistant professor of physics and materials science.

[Learn more about this award](#)

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## Fine Arts Professor Speaks on New York Fashion Week Panel

By Communications and Marketing Production House Intern Christian Baker



Norfolk State Fine Arts Professor Christy Frederick participated in the Fashion Alliance Network's *History and Legacy in Fashion* panel discussion during New York Fashion Week (NYFW) last month. The panel discussed the critical need to document, preserve, and institutionalize Black fashion history, not as an afterthought, but as a cornerstone of the global fashion story.

[Learn more about her experience](#)

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## NSU Students Participate in HBCU Battle of the Brains





Top row left to right: Ayomide Olafusi, Joseph Hargett, Saniyyah Jefferson, Petra Ekezie, Jahkari Taylor  
Bottom row left to right: Kyra Williams, Thaddeus White Jr., Logan Brown

Norfolk State University students recently competed in this month’s HBCU Battle of the Brains, marking the university’s fifth year of participation. While Norfolk State did not advance to the final round, the experience remains invaluable. “Participation in competitions such as this builds a strong legacy of Black education, innovation and resilience, while creating space for students to develop solutions that directly impact their communities,” stated Kiara Hacker, Academic & Professional Enrichment Coordinator for the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College, who accompanied the students to the competition.

**NSUF  
GREEN  
& GOLD  
5K**

**April 18  
2026**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Dick Price Stadium

**Kids Fun Run 11 a.m.**

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