



Our vision is a university community that consistently and enthusiastically fosters, supports and celebrates the achievement of Black employees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Happy New Year! CBC January 2013 Updates - "News You Can Use"

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 11:30 a.m. (Union 3407)

"State of the University" with Chancellor Thorp

Lunch will be served!

Note: CBC 2012 Holiday Social Pictures are posted on the website – www.unc.edu/cbc

UNC Chapel Hill 2013 Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

Participate in a week of cooperatively planned events to commemorate the ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, Jan. 20 – Friday, Jan. 25

<http://www.unc.edu/diversity/mlk/>



BSM & CBC Joint Book Read – Spring Semester 2013

Did you purchase or check out [Some of My Best Friends Are Black: The Strange Story of Integration in America?](#) The book, written by [Tanner Colby](#), explores the troubled relationship of race and integration post Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through four distinct stories. CBC and BSM members will engage in a discussion group(s) later this month.



Read, Reflect, and Reveal your thoughts!

Save-the-Dates! Black History Month

1. **Third Annual CBC Read-In – Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m. (Stone Center) – Don't miss out on this special evening!** Students, staff, faculty, and administrators read their favorite poems and literature from the African Diaspora. We also honor our people and history through song, dance, and spoken word. This special event culminates with scrumptious servings of cuisine (e.g., soul food, Caribbean, African, and Latino dishes) from our African culture.



2. **“An Arts Night Out” – Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.** This second annual event is in partnership with Carolina Performing Arts. (<http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org/>) The Caucus receives complimentary tickets to the performance. Send a note to cbchair@unc.edu if you want to reserve your seat. Support CPA!



Advocacy

1. **Friday, January 11 – 9:00 a.m. UNC System BOG Meeting (Spangler Center) Overview** of the Strategic Directions Initiative at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 10 (Committee on Public Affairs) <https://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/schedule.php>
2. **IMPORTANT!** The DRAFT version of the UNC Strategic Plan (Our Time, Our Future: The UNC Compact with North Carolina) has been released! Please find that plan, along with the report of the Faculty Advisory Committee (Our University: Our Future), attached to note. Both

documents are also available on the FA website

(<http://www.northcarolina.edu/facultyassembly/index.htm>) The strategic plan is the focus of the Faculty Assembly meetings on Friday, January 18. The meeting will begin with briefings from several GA administrators and discussion topics include measuring academic quality, General Education, eLearning, research and economic development. It is expected that the strategic plan will go before the BOG for final approval on February 8.

Stone Center News - <http://sonjahaynesstonectr.unc.edu/>

He Was a Poem, He Was a Song

Monday, Jan. 21 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Stone Center Theatre)

This annual program explores Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy through music, poetry and spoken word. Community members, faculty, staff, and students will convene to pay tribute to Dr. King's life and work. The program will feature performances by the Triad Youth Jazz Society and the UNC a cappella group Tar Heel Voices. Free and open to all age groups. A reception will follow in the Stone Center lobby.



Wednesday, Feb. 7 – 7:00 p.m.



La Sombra y el Espíritu: Women's Healing Rituals in the Diaspora Bloodlines: The Work of Toni Scott

Exhibition Opening Reception and Artist Talk - *Bloodlines*, by Los Angeles sculptor, painter, and multi-media artist Toni Scott, is an all-encompassing large-scale installation on the subject of the African American journey from slavery to freedom. It speaks of resilience and tragedy, hope and history.

Scott uses photography, graphic design, digital rendering, and in an "extraordinary fusion of forms and materials in this remarkable installation."

"W.E.B. DU BOIS AND THE PROBLEM(S) OF THE 21st CENTURY"

Jan. 31 – Feb. 2: This symposium presented by distinguished faculty, alumni, students and honored guests of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. Hyde Hall University Room. Details and registration online: <http://duboisconference.web.unc.edu>



PlayMakers presents 'A Raisin in the Sun' with 'Clybourne Park'

1. PlayMakers Repertory Company offers audiences two insightful looks at race and the meaning of home in productions of "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Clybourne Park," to be performed in



rotating repertory **Jan. 26 to March 3**. In this groundbreaking drama proceeds from a life insurance policy give the Younger family hope for a better life. Can their "dreams deferred" be realized by moving into a home in an all-white neighborhood when they are confronted with conflicting desires within the family and racial prejudice outside their door? First produced in 1959, Lorraine Hansberry's landmark drama "A

Raisin in the Sun" has become an acknowledged American masterpiece. Nominated for multiple Tony Awards, "Raisin" was the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway. The New York Times proclaimed that it "changed American theater forever."

2. **January 16 - 6:30 p.m.** (Paul Green Theatre) - Directors Raelle Myrick-Hodges (RAISIN) and Tracy Young (CLYBOURNE) talk about their shared vision for these two brilliant plays running in rotating repertory. At this very unique event, the directors will be joined by special guests Bruce Norris, Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright of Clybourne Park, and Harry Elam, Vice Provost of Stanford University, a renowned scholar on the life and works of "Raisin" playwright Lorraine Hansberry.





Four-time Grammy-winning **Boyz II Men** joins the North Carolina Symphony for one night only of their most famous hits like "I'll Make Love To You," "End of the Road," "On Bended Knee" and many more. (Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh)

<http://www.ncsymphony.org/events/index.cfm?view=details&viewref=calendar&detailid=1011&eid=1744>



www.hiddenvoices.org - Please join this community effort to support Hidden Voices' 2013 work with veterans, students, teachers, and juvenile justice.

Be a Blue Ribbon Mentor! Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate is a comprehensive support program for students in the Chapel Hill- Carrboro City Schools. BR provides mentoring, tutoring, advocacy, enrichment, leadership training, and scholarship support services.

<http://www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectiondetailid=50082&>

Articles of Interest and great discussion material:

1. **Reduced Tuition for Select Majors?** - To nudge students toward job-friendly degrees, the governor's task force on higher education suggested recently that university tuition rates be frozen for three years for majors in "strategic areas," which would vary depending on supply and demand. An undergraduate student would pay less for a degree in engineering or biotechnology — whose classes are among the most expensive for universities — than for a degree in history or psychology. Read more - <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/10/education/florida-may-reduce-tuition-for-select-majors.html?pagewanted=all&r=2&>
2. While a concern for job preparation is not surprising after a serious recession, **universities need to be careful about designing undergraduate educations** that are too closely tied to particular jobs. Direct job-education connections are dangerous for several reasons. Read more - <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/01/06/2583286/the-best-college-education-reading.html>
3. **Encounters With Diversity, on Campuses and in Coursework, Bolster Critical-Thinking Skills (CHE)** - <http://diversity.uoregon.edu/chronicle-higher-education-diversity-bolsters-critical-thinking-skills>



Become a Carolina Firsts Advocate.



Nearly 20% of undergraduates at UNC-Chapel Hill are first-generation college students. We proudly call our first-generation college students "Carolina Firsts." Carolina Firsts contribute to the great cultural and intellectual life of our vibrant and diverse undergraduate community. Carolina is a place where first generation college students thrive. **Faculty and staff can contribute to the Carolina Firsts community by becoming a Carolina Firsts Advocate.**

Carolina Firsts Advocates are a committed group of professionals dedicated to student success, appreciate the experiences of first-generation college students, and support students on their path to graduation. **To become an Advocate, attend the lunch on Friday, January 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, Room 039.** RSVP -

https://apps.research.unc.edu/events/index.cfm?event=events.eventDetails&event_key=8159D6C3618EE3F6DB23991875F3B9B39A5B1117

The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs launched the Carolina Millennial Scholars Program (CMSP) to assist minority males in their academic and professional development. Funding from the General Alumni Association allows ~ 35 males to join a formal cohort that participates in workshops, mentoring and service activities. Contact: Marco Barker, Ph.D. at barker@unc.edu

The Caucus leadership is now partnering with the American Indian Center and the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative to share ideas, strategies, and feedback on issues of mutual interest on a monthly basis.

Let us know what is on your mind!



Recap of the Special Meeting with Mr. Art Pope

Our newly named Deputy Budget Director visited with the Caucus on Monday, November 26. He graciously sat with us and spoke direct on a number of topics ranging from NC politics, the value of liberal arts and ethnic studies, funding of social programs, the impact of Variety Wholesalers, and his perspective on the future of UNC-Chapel Hill. Members engaged him and challenged his “real and perceived” persona. The Caucus appreciated the time spent as it spurred healthy discussion around his leadership style and influence on state affairs. It is important that the Caucus continues to foster open dialogue with powerful colleagues on campus and beyond.



Renew/Join the Caucus at <http://www.unc.edu/cbc/joinform.html>

FIRST 48 RENEWALS – FREE CAUCUS BAG!

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Your CBC 2012-13 Leadership Team

Victoria Hammett – School of Pharmacy

Shandra Jones – Kenan-Flagler Business School

Ursula Littlejohn – Kenan-Flagler Business School

O.J. McGhee – School of Public Health

Verita Murrill – Human Resources

Nakenge Robertson – FPG Child Development Institute

Deborah Stroman – Exercise and Sport Science



Ambassadors for 2012-13:

Aaron Dodson, Morgan Johnson,

Kristina Redd, Myles Robinson, and

Taylor Walker

“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.” M. Williamson