



# NORTHSIDE NEWS

*What is Black History Month, Black Power or Pride in Black Culture? Well, I'll tell you what it's not! It's not the antithesis of whiteness nor its "history". It does not bash whiteness. It is a declaration of community and of connection to a history and culture that we were traumatically torn away from. It is celebrating African American history or really the untold context of American history. It's having pride in the histories and Herstories that we know, discover, and create on a daily basis. I'm sure white folks could understand as their ancestors were able to create, keep and tell their stories, however they saw fit. While, leaving out many of the details and the people that helped them achieve their independence, liberty and status as a global superpower. So you will hear YASSSS!! And we will dance, sing, cook, design, build, teach, nurture, organize, direct, act, write, formulate, speak up, stand-in, or even code and code switch until the world recognizes the **VASTNESS THAT IS BLACKNESS!!***

-Brentton Harrison

## SHARE THE LOVE : SHARE HISTORY



Ms. Willie Mae Patterson at her home by the rock wall where neighbors gathered to exchange news, watch over kids, and plan the first sit-ins in Chapel Hill.

The Marian Cheek Jackson Center is proud to announce [From the Rock Wall](http://www.fromtherockwall.org): Living Histories of Black Chapel Hill/Carrboro, [www.fromtherockwall.org](http://www.fromtherockwall.org), an interactive site for all who have lived, worked, worshipped, played, and served in and everyone who wants to join in preserving the future of historically Black neighborhoods in southern Orange County, NC. Come listen and witness!

[From the Rock Wall](http://www.fromtherockwall.org) draws its name from the low rock wall at the corner of Cotton and McDade Streets, in the heart of the Potter's Field neighborhood. Built by Mr. Atlas Bradshaw and local, artisanal masons in the 1930s, the wall quickly became a gathering spot. Kids stopped there on their way down the hill from school, and their parents rested there on their way back up the hill after work. Lit by a rare streetlight, it became the place to connect, to exchange news, sometimes to call out each other's children, and, in the early 1960s, to plan the first salvos in the fight for Black freedom in Chapel Hill. Over the decades, the rock wall has become a symbol of community sustenance and struggle. Similarly, the website [From the Rock Wall](http://www.fromtherockwall.org) is a multi-generational place to talk, to listen, to learn, and to stake claims for home, community, and justice.



Students from the Durham Youth Organizing Institute (YOI) Summer Freedom School, 2016, stop at the rock wall to learn more about the black youth activists Chapel Hill.

[From the Rock Wall](http://www.fromtherockwall.org) is community owned and operated. Developed under the watch of our esteemed Community Review Board in collaboration with hundreds of neighbors over many years, the site hosts a wealth of memory and vision from the historically Black neighborhoods of Chapel Hill/Carrboro, North Carolina, including Northside, Potter's Field, Sunset, Lloyd/Broad, Tin Top, Pine Knolls, Rangewood, and Rogers Road. It brings together over 250 oral history interviews with images, documents, a timeline, maps, and digital lesson plans in a call-and-response format that depends on YOU to keep our history growing strong.


Visit the "WELCOME" and "ABOUT" sections for background on Chapel Hill/Carrboro's Black communities, including a detailed interactive timeline and a digital map of Black-owned businesses. Click on "PEOPLE" to find, hear, download, and share any of the oral histories. Explore "TOPICS" to see past exhibits and introductions to places and events that bound across the site Black Business, Lincoln High School, Work and Labor, The Freedom Movement, Celebrations, Food, and the Hargraves Community Center.

Then, tell your piece! On every page, you'll find an invitation to "RESPOND" to add to, correct, challenge, change, caption, and reflect on what you've seen and heard.

Hear history calling? Respond here. <https://fromtherockwall.org/respond>

## Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Spotlight

**Mrs. Sallie S. Pendergraft**  
**1946 Graduate**  
**North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCAT)**



SALLIE B. STEVERSON  
403 Church Street  
Chapel Hill, N. C.  
MAJOR: Elementary Education.  
AMBITION: Teacher.  
MOTTO: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.

Mrs. Sallie Pendergraft, the wife of the late Mr. Rufus Pendergraft, mother of Jakini (Christie) Adisa and Steven Pendergraft. She is one of Northside's Centenarians whose work as the second Director and Educator at Holmes Daycare, served African American families during segregation. Under her leadership, the lives of many neighborhood children received their educational foundation. From 1969 until her retirement in 1996, she graced the daycare center, ready to give her best to the children that she loved and became educated to serve.

Mrs. Pendergraft was a focused and devoted educator, who put educating children first, and took periodic breaks from college when a teacher was needed. Additionally, these breaks aided her in financing her tuition, so the breaks benefited her community and enabled her to complete her college degree.

While visiting her home, I noticed the Aggie magazine and I asked the question, "who attend A&T?". Expecting her daughter to respond, Mrs. Sallie said. With the pride of an Aggie, "I did!" and I beamed with pride as well.

She ranks as a Golden Aggie and was recognized by the University on her 95th and 100th birthdays. Mrs. Sallie has made her university proud, as well as, the alumni of the nationally recognized university for excellence in science. Her commitment and value of the academic curriculum provided at HBCUs is evidenced by her daughter, a 1978 graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and her son attended St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

It is indeed an honor to salute and recognize, Mrs. Sallie S. Pendergraft, an esteemed graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Mrs. Sallie S. Pendergraft, the spotlight is on you, our HBCU graduate! You wear our Blue and Gold royally!!!

Aggie Pride and Aggie Proud!!!

-Dr. Phyllis Joyner NCATSU

### SHOUT OUT TO OUR HBCU ALUMNI!!!

**A&T State University**  
Charles Booth  
Phyllis Joyner  
Sallie Pendergraft  
James Self  
Samori Self  
Betty Sue Edwards Webb  
Charlesena Stone

**Ft. Valley State University - Georgia**  
Doris Wilson

**Spelman College**  
Jakini (Christie) Adisa

**Winston Salem State University**  
Jane Garrett  
Charley Foster Norwood\*  
(Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing /WSSU)  
\*First native Chapel Hillian to be promoted to Supervisor 111 at NC Memorial Hospital.  
And this is just a few, so send us an email and rep your HBCU! (kathy@jacksoncenter.info)

**North Carolina Central University**  
Anita Booth  
Renee Booth Bynum  
Marlou Pippin  
David Caldwell, Jr.  
David Lyons  
Kathy Atwater  
Vivian Foushee  
Virginia Purefoy Jones  
Jeanette Purefoy Boone  
Clementine Self  
Nate Davis

**Howard University**  
Vadnay Cotton

### North Carolina HBCUs





Love poem from Black Woman  
Goodbye by Aisha Booze-hall

i said i would write love poems about you,  
i never got around to it, so here's me  
making time for you

in a past life,  
you were the ocean and i was the shore  
you never stopped trying to give me more  
you softened my roughest edges,  
and i was your worlds protection  
our lives weren't quite complete without each other

in this life,  
you are the sunshine and i am the moon  
your fiery ways cause me to swoon  
i heal your pain, and you brighten my saddest days,  
our chemistry is so undeniable, its power is even felt by the waves

in a future life,  
you will be the patch of lilies, i will be the soil that roots you  
you will grow and bloom, i will provide the nourishment

or maybe i'll be the wind,  
and our paths cross again when i sweep past you one sunny afternoon

or maybe i'll be a gardener who will water, and  
provide stability for you, while you provide consistency for me

maybe it's only a second,  
a year, a lifetime,  
maybe it's forever, lived over and over again

goodbye

2021 Jackson Center Singing Telegrams!

Despite the rain and cold, there was still sunshine in Northside! The Jackson 4 braved the frigid weather, delivering socially distant singing telegrams to dozens of Northside, Pine Knolls, and Tin-Top neighbors on Friday, February 12. Seeing the smiles on people's faces kept the crew warm throughout the day. Here are several of photos to showcase the highlights of the day! It was truly a Happy Valentine's Day!



"I want history to remember me... not as the first black woman to have made a bid for the presidency of the United States, but as a black woman who lived in the 20th century and who dared to be herself. I want to be remembered as a catalyst for change in America."  
-Shirley Chisholm

March Birthdays

- 3/4 Waylan Farrington
- 3/6 Avon Lassiter
- 3/8 Carolyn Evans
- 3/10 Wade Farrington
- 3/11 Pat Jackson
- 3/12 Maggie West
- 3/14 Billy Hemmingway
- 3/17 Claudia McLain
- 3/18 Nate Davis, Stella Farrar
- 3/23 Delores Bynum, Anita Wilson
- 3/24 Regina Merritt
- 3/28 Dustin Rawlings

IN MEMORIAM



Cheryl Edwards - May 16, 1955 - January 29, 2021.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Edwards Family in the passing of their mother and sister, Cheryl Edwards, on January 29, 2021. To Beatrice, Terrance, Keith, Jennette & Wade, Etta, Kimberly, Gaylan, and Liela- we love you and we'll continue to pray for your comfort and peace!

Mr. William Murray July 8, 1954- January 19, 2021

We will certainly miss our beloved bingo gamer, Mr. William Murray. We send our love and prayers to Ms. Viladila and to the Murray family.



COMMUNITY BOARD!! "IT'S BACK!!"

The community board is a part of the Northside Newsletter where YOU can find information around different community events happening in the near future. Email us at [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info) to have your community event publicize to the neighborhood.

MATERNAL AND CHILD  
HEALTH VIRTUAL  
PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 9:30 AM  
THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN AND BABIES. Please join us in our virtual program as Dr. Mary Braithwaite, guides us through healthy steps in caring for babies and children.  
\$25 GIFT CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST 20 PARTICIPANTS  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY NOON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
PRE-REGISTER AT:  
[HTTPS://MCH3FEB.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://MCH3FEB.EVENTBRITE.COM)  
OR [HTTPS://WWW.CHEALTHC.ORG](https://WWW.CHEALTHC.ORG)  
COMMUNITY HEALTH COALITION  
(919)470-8680

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated to  
host a Youth Oratorical Contest, May 23, 2021

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring a Youth Oratorical Contest for two categories, 6th – 8th graders and 9th -12th graders attending schools in Orange and Chatham County, on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 3 p.m. in a virtual event. This event is co-sponsored by the NCCU Orange County Alumni Chapter.  
Contestants will speak on the following topic:  
Explain how the Black Lives Matter Movement could eliminate racial inequity in America.

Application deadline is February, 28, 2021 via email or mail to: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, P.O. Box 3411, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 (postmarked by February 28, 2021). If there are questions, please email us at [education@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:education@chcaa-dst.org).  
To secure an application and to review Contest Rules, Scoring Metric and Key Dates go to: [TINYURL.COM/2021YOC](https://TINYURL.COM/2021YOC)

Give it your Best Shot  
Vaccination Quotes from The Community

"My sister and I had our vaccine shot on the same day and at the time. We discussed that topic for quite a while. She is a retired registered nurse who practiced for forty-five years and we also discussed the tragedy that happened with the Tuskegee gentlemen. After weighing our cons and pros, we decided to get the vaccine. She told me that this was the first time in her life that she did not feel the shot, she didn't even realize that the shot had been administered to her. There are five of us who lived within the same block in Pottersfield who share the same birth date. When the young lady who was registering me ask for my birth date and I told her 08-17-1939, she let out a sigh and a chuckle. I asked, "Is there a problem?" and she said, "That's my birthday, too and I have never registered anyone with my birthday, too!" We enjoyed a good laugh and she gave me my vaccine and I could barely feel the injection. Neither one of us have had a negative reaction. We wholeheartedly recommend the vaccine to everyone, you never know when you might meet someone with the same birthday!"  
-Esphur Foster

"My first vaccine was painless and I was given so much information I was prepared and ready to protect me and so many others!"  
-Dr. Phyllis Joyner

"My 100 year old dad, Joseph Farrington, received both doses of the Pfizer Vaccine at the Seymour Senior Center and had no issues. I received my first dose of the Pfizer Vaccine at the Friday Center and will return on February 19th for my second dose. I only experienced mild tenderness in my arm for one day. Everything went efficiently at both locations. Get your vaccine! Please wear your mask! Remember to social distance! Wash your hands! You may go to any county to receive the vaccine. Remember to take your ID."  
-Clementine Self

Carrboro Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Racial Equity Commission

The Town of Carrboro is recruiting for the newly established Racial Equity Commission. The Racial Equity Commission is empowered to make short, medium and long-term recommendations that will make significant progress toward repairing the damage caused by public and private systemic racism, boosting economic mobility and opportunity, and creating generational wealth in the Black community. Apply at [townofcarrboro.org/AdvisoryBoards](https://townofcarrboro.org/AdvisoryBoards)  
View and share the information flyer at <https://www.townofcarrboro.org/DocumentCenter/View/8721/Racial-Equity-Commission-Flyer>  
Submit your application today.