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FROM THE CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

Can't imagine life without the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences!

Whether we know it or not, these three subject areas are at the core of nearly every facet of our lives. And nearly every student enrolled at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University matriculates through the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), either because they need to fulfill core requirements or because it puts them on a trajectory for their life's journey after graduation.

The College's theme is *Building a Foundation for Life*. And it does just that through diverse offerings in its six departments: Criminal Justice, English, History and & Political Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, Liberal Studies and Visual and Performing Arts.

Also, the myriad of experiences offered helps students engage, explore, express and excel. How exciting is that for the more than 1,800 students enrolled in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, one of the largest academic units at North Carolina A&T?

CAHSS's mission is to prepare students for a global workforce. We can help CAHSS fulfill this mission by making sure its students have the financial support to pursue their path of study and life goals.

Now more than any other time in our nation's history, the knowledge and skillset of 21st century CAHSS graduates are needed. Our support will help students stay on track while fulfilling their higher education goals.

There is so much at A&T that we can be proud of, including many successes resulting from CAHSS programming.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- A&T has been ranked as one of the top eight campuses in America for undergraduate degrees awarded to African Americans in the Visual and Performing Arts and for master's degrees awarded to African Americans in English, Literature and Letters
- A&T's music and theater programs have been nationally accredited for more than 25 years
- A&T's Visual Arts Program was ranked the number one program among HBCUs in North Carolina in 2018 and number five in the nation among all HBCUs
- A&T's Journalism and Mass Communication Program is one of three accredited programs in North Carolina and one of only seven accredited programs at the nation's HBCUs.
- A&T's Journalism and Mass Communication Department earned the National Association of Black Journalists' 2018 Student Chapter of the Year Award; its public relations program was ranked No. 8 in America

THE EXPOSURE AND EXPERIENCE STUDENTS HAVE AT CAHSS ARE SECOND TO NONE! DID YOU KNOW...

- A&T's art galleries are undergoing a \$1M renovation this year so visual arts students, faculty and local artists can further display their works.
- Representatives of the National Security Agency, Google, Amazon, Netflix, Twitter and Spotify recently visited the CAHSS to discuss internships, jobs and partnerships with students.
- In collaboration with the Chancellor's Office, the CAHSS hosts the Chancellor's Town and Gown Gala, which features dinner and a theater performance highlighting visual arts, theater, music, and dance students.



Theater Students with Loretta Devine



- Veteran CNN news anchor Don Lemon, award-winning actresses Jasmine Guy and Loretta Devine, and student Emmy winner and alum Kevin Wilson Jr. held master classes with CAHSS students to share advice, techniques and training.
- Warner Bros and The Entertainment Industry College Outreach Program of Los Angeles selected A&T to host an advanced screening of the award-winning movie, *Just Mercy*.
- Renowned photographic artist Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, wife of famed tennis player Arthur Ashe, donated 15 prints to A&T's art galleries during an art dedication ceremony sponsored by Bank of America.



Art Students with Mrs. Ashe

I can go on and on about all the great things happening for students, faculty and the general college community at CAHSS. But it's most important that we talk about the NEEDS!



Jasmine Guy with Dance Students



Town and Gown Play

NEEDS

Just like the other Colleges at the University, the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences needs and deserves our individual and collective support. Current student scholarships range from **\$500** to **\$1,000**. A number of our HBCU peers offer scholarships that range between **\$2,000** to **\$5,000**. Last year, the CAHSS lost several undergraduate students because it could not offer them competitive scholarships. Enrollment in the college's English and African American Literature Graduate Program is stagnant because the program lacks the funding to support full-year scholarships to attract qualified students. The average student in the program seeks a **\$5,000** scholarship per semester.

The NC A&T Theater Program produces four major performances per year; the Music Program holds seven performances, including recitals and Jazz Ensemble performances; the University Choirs hold 20 performances, including tours, and the visual arts program hosts six art exhibitions. All of these events require financial support which goes towards costumes, instruments, art materials and artist fees. The College annually sends five to seven dance students to study abroad in Jamaica and Senegal. With additional support, we can send more students.

I can't imagine life without the Arts, Humanities and Social Services. Can You?



NOTABLE ALUMNI



Brenda Caldwell



Anzio Williams



Kevin Wilson Jr.



Najawa Huntley

In one way or another they impact all of our lives. As an alumnus of NC A&T State University, the CAHSS touched you whether you recognized it when you were here or after you graduated. Let's make a difference in the lives of today's students by investing in their future and in the future of CAHSS. These amazingly talented students deserve and need our support. I pledge to lead by example and ask that you please join me.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Designate gifts to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship Fund
- Designate gifts to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Endowment Fund
- Make a one-time gift of \$250 to the College's Unrestricted Fund. Have 4,000 alumni and fans commit to contributing a \$10-20 monthly recurring gift.
- If an alum gives just \$10 a month for a year, that is **\$120**. Multiply that by 4,000 and we have generated over **\$480,000** over the course of a year. Text "Aggie to 71777 and designate your gift to the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Sincerely,
Willie A. Deese '77