Join us for Third Annual Janice L. Mills Scholarship Rising Stars Concert

The Janice L. Mills Scholarship Foundation and North Carolina Central School of Law cordially invite you to help us keep Janice’s memory and passion for education alive as we present the third annual “Rising Stars” Concert. The concert will be held Saturday, August 27, 2011, at the Hayti Heritage Center Performance Hall, 804 Old Fayetteville St., Durham, N.C., 27707. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

This year’s concert will feature national recording artists Stanley Baird and Yolanda Rabun. There will also be performances by two outstanding vocalists, Bertha Young and Henry Lovett.

Tickets are on sale for $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Hayti box office, 919-683-1709, ext.21, or online at jlmrising3.eventbrite.com. The proceeds from this concert will provide funding for scholarships that will be awarded to aspiring students at our law school. Click here to read more about Dean Mills’ life and legacy.

Alumni participation rate at 17%; Class of 2008 leads in alumni giving

Congratulations to the Class of 2008 for finishing first in alumni giving for fiscal year 2010-2011. In addition, we commend the Class of 1976 and the Class of 2004, which tied for second place in contributions, and the Class of 2006, which finished in third place. While we did not reach our goal of 20 percent alumni giving participation, we did match last year’s all time high alumni giving participation rate of 17 percent. The ongoing generous support and financial assistance from our alumni is critical to the success of our students.

Thank you again for supporting your NCCU School of Law.
Greetings from the Alumni Association Board

On behalf of the Alumni Association Board, you are invited to join us for our next meeting Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. until noon at the NCCU School of Law Turner Law Building, on the second floor in the Janice Mills Conference Room. We are excited about the upcoming academic year and the opportunity for greater involvement from alumni in the affairs of our law school. The meeting will include a discussion about alumni career opportunities and formalizing a mentor program for current students.

We look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Carissa Burroughs at carissa.burroughs@nccu.edu or 919-530-6427.

Regards,

Larry D. Brown, Jr. ’08
Alumni Association Board President

Students visit nation’s capital, observe arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court

On Monday, April 18, 2011, Professor April G. Dawson and 14 NCCU law students went to the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., to observe oral arguments. The group, which had reserved seating arranged by General William Suter, Clerk of the Court, observed oral arguments in *Tapia v. U.S.* and *Microsoft Corp. v. i4i Limited.*

After observing the arguments, Professor Dawson and the students had lunch in the Supreme Court cafeteria, followed by a tour of the court. After the tour, the group met with Suter in his office, where he gave the students an overview of the procedures of the Supreme Court and took questions.

This trip was sponsored, in part, through the generous support of alumni donations. Here is feedback from a couple of the law students who took part in the trip and were very appreciative to have had the alumni support:

- **Meredith Norris ’11**: “To visit the U.S. Supreme Court is an awesome, unforgettable experience.”
- **Toya Ervin** rising 3L: “It is important for law students to understand all aspects of the judicial process and the history of the Supreme Court. The funds were beneficial because it provided the students with hotel accommodations for the trip.”

Your support does make a difference in the academic experience of our law students! Click on the following links to learn about other ways alumni support has benefited students.

- NCCU Law Wins Pro Bono Award
- NCCU School of Law Students Awarded 2011 Environmental Protection Agency Fellowships
- President Obama’s Jobs Council Meets at NCCU School of Law
- NCCU Law and UNC Wilmington Maritime Law Program
- 2011 Fall semester schedule, Aug. 22 to Dec. 9
ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

The Greensboro Alumni Reception was held Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the Grandover Resort & Conference Center in Greensboro, N.C. The event was hosted by Charles Blackmon ’88, Angela Newell Gray ’94, Hon. William K. Pete Hunter ’76, Joel Oakley ’86, and Joseph A. Williams ’76. After dinner, Dean Raymond C. Pierce conducted a brief PowerPoint presentation that highlighted new and enhanced School of Law programs and other information important to the alumni in attendance.

The Atlanta Alumni Reception was held April 15, 2011, in the home of Melaniiece Bardley McKnight ’03, in Atlanta Ga. Bardley McKnight was joined by Keisha Wright-Hill ’02, Shayla Galloway ’04, Misty Oaks ’08, A’Sheka L. Penn ’03, and Simone Hylton ’08 in hosting this event. Click here for more information.

The New Bern Alumni Reception was held Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Flame Restaurant in New Bern, N.C. The event was hosted by John Harmon ’65, W. David McFadyen ’79, Scott Thomas ’92, Robert Raynor, Jr. ’81 and the Hon. James E. Martine ’75.

The Raleigh Alumni Reception was held Thursday, April 27, 2011, at the Governor’s Mansion in Raleigh, N.C. The event was hosted by Leonard Jernigan ’76, Victor Boone ’75, and A. Root Edmonson ’76. Click here for more information.

The Charlotte Alumni Reception was held Thursday, May 26, 2011, at the Harvey B. Gantt Center in Charlotte, N.C. The event was hosted by Bartina Edwards ’04, Tracey Hewitt ’04, Alandrea Anderson ’04, Grazell Howard ’87, Tanisha Johnson ’07, Curtis Osborne ’98, Grady Jessup ’86. Click here for more information.

The Sanford Alumni Reception was held Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at Café 121 in Sanford, N.C. The event was hosted by William T. Wilson ’76. Click here for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for the upcoming Evening Program 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. Details about this event are coming soon. If you would like to serve on the 30th Anniversary Committee, please contact Delores James at dajames@nccu.edu or 919-530-7450.
A. Root Edmonson ’76 received the 2011 President’s Award from the National Organization of Bar Counsel “in recognition of lifetime achievement in the field of lawyer regulation and service to the National Organization of Bar Counsel.” Edmonson is a Deputy Counselor with the N.C. State Bar, Counsel to the Client Security Fund, and an adjunct professor teaching Professional Responsibility in the Evening Program at the law school.

Rickey McCurry ’84 has been named Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terra Haute, Ind. He will set strategies for fundraising and alumni affairs that support Rose-Hulman’s long-range educational objectives. He will also serve as a member of the president’s administrative cabinet.

Barry K. Shuster ’99 has been appointed to a yearlong internship on the UNC Hospitals Ethics Committee, beginning September 1, 2011. Shuster is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Clinical Bioethics at Union Graduate College/Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is editor and counsel with Kansas City, Mo.-based Specialized Publications Company, and is an adjunct instructor of law and ethics at NCCU School of Business and East Carolina University College of Human Ecology.

Carmela D. Jackson ’00 has joined the law firm of Abadin Cook in Miami, specializing in civil, real estate, and commercial litigation. She is co-chair of the Ethics Subcommittee of the American Bar Association Litigation Section’s Commercial and Business Litigation Committee, a member of the Dade County Bar Association, and a member of the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association.

Craige Sanders ’00 was named Spectacular Magazine’s (Durham, N.C.) 2011 Man of the Year in the category of Business and Economics. Sanders is a real estate staff lawyer and associate at K&L Gates in the company’s Research Triangle Park office. He focuses his practice on land use planning and development.

Timothy E. Wipperman ’05 was appointed by N.C. Governor Beverly Perdue as Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. The agency advocates for veterans and their families by offering assistance through a network of district and county offices.

Dedria L. Harper ’08 joined the Charlotte, N.C., office of the labor and employment practice of Nexsen Pruet, LLC. Prior to joining Nexsen Pruet, Harper was an associate with K&L Gates. Her practice will focus on advising and counseling HR managers on day-to-day employment issues as well as handling litigation matters involving state and federal employment laws.

Misty Oaks ’08 is hosting a morning internet radio program on legal matters and other topics entitled The Misty Oaks Experience, in Atlanta, Ga. Oaks can be heard every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon EST on www.sensationstationnetwork.com.

Ashley M. Brown ’10 has been appointed to a four-year magistrate position in Jasper County, S.C.
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