In case you haven’t heard, alumni giving participation is on the rise at the School of Law. So far, 220 alums out of 3118 have already made a financial contribution this fiscal year, which began on July 1 and will conclude on June 30, 2008. Thanks to each and every one of you who have contributed.

Our goal for alumni participation this year, set by the Board of Visitors Development Committee, is 14% participation by June 30, 2008 and 20% participation by June 30 of 2009. This means that we need for at least 216 more alums to contribute in order to make our 14% goal this year for a total of 436 alumni gifts. In fiscal year 2008/2009 we will need for 623 alums to contribute to reach the 20% goal. Alumni support is essential to leveraging funding from foundations and corporations and, most importantly, providing financial support for current students in the form of scholarships, stipends for competition travel, and many other critical educational requirements. Your participation is essential. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

It is important that we increase the alumni giving participation and strengthen the School of Law’s private fundraising results to demonstrate that our alums are significant investors in the next generation of Legal Eagle professionals. We make it easy to give:

- Click [here](#) to give on-line
- Mail your contribution to:
  NCCU School of Law
  Development Office
  640 Nelson Street
  Durham, NC 27707
- Questions? Call Sharon Alston at 919-530-5386.
2008 Bar Prep Award Recipients
Mr. Derek N. Gray ‘07 and Ms. Brenda Rivera Sanchez ‘07, who graduated this past December, each received the Annual Bar-Prep award, on Friday February 29th, in the Janice Mills Conference Room. Dean Raymond C. Pierce congratulated Mr. Gray and Ms. Sanchez as Tonya Ford ‘99, President of the Alumni Association, presented the checks to the recipients. The School of Law Alumni Association established this award to help defray the cost of taking the North Carolina Bar Exam for those needing assistance.

Click here for Alums in the News
Let us know your news so we can add it to the newsletter. You can send your information to mthomas@nccu.edu.

Law Week Activities
Law Week is right around the corner; that means there are lots of alumni events and activities:
- Friday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. Law Review CLE - “Prosecutorial Discretion: Authority and Accountability”. For further details and to register, contact Sharon Alston at: sdalston@nccu.edu or call 919-530-5386.
- Friday, April 4th at 4:30 p.m. - The Alumni Association Annual Meeting will be held in the Janice Mills Conference Room. The meeting is open to all alumni. If you are planning to attend please contact Sharon Alston at: sdalston@nccu.edu or call 919-530-5386.
- Saturday, April 5th - Golf Outing; tee time is 10:00 a.m. To register or for further information, please contact Delores James at djames@nccu.edu or call 919-530-7450.
- Saturday, April 5th - Law Week Banquet. The reception starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The keynote speaker is Congressman G.K. Butterfield ‘74. Tickets cost $50.00. Deadline to buy tickets is Wednesday, March 24, 2008. Click here to print out the registration form.
Dean Raymond Pierce has been very busy visiting with alumni at Aquila fundraising events at the Law School and beyond. To date there have been four Aquila Fundraising events for the 2007–2008 academic year. The first one was held December 13th in Lumberton N.C., hosted by Arnold Locklear ‘73. Our second Aquila fundraiser was an evening affair held in January at the Law School for Raleigh-Durham alums. It was hosted by Natasha Adams ‘01, John Constantinou ‘80, William Dudley ‘76, and Ruffin Poole ‘98. The third Aquila fundraiser was a luncheon held in Richmond, VA. It was hosted by Tonnie Villines ‘88. The fourth Aquila fundraiser was held in the lovely home of Senator and Mrs. Leroy Johnson ‘57 in Atlanta, GA. Planning is underway for a Raleigh fundraiser on April 23rd. Leonard Jernigan ‘76 and Root Edmonson ‘76 are organizing this event. In addition, a New Bern, N.C. Aquila fundraiser is scheduled for April 24th hosted by John Harmon ‘76. Contact Delores James if you would like to host an Aquila fundraising event in your area. Email djames@nccu.edu or call 919-530-7450.

Upcoming Aquila Fundraisers:
- Raleigh: April 23rd, 6-9 p.m.
- New Bern: N.C. April 24th, 6-9 p.m.
Invitations will be mailed to Raleigh area and New Bern area alumni, April 2nd.

*Aquila, a magnificent eagle, earned his place in the sky for being extremely loyal.
LAW SCHOOL NEWS:
NCCU School of Law rated the Best Value Law School by preLaw magazine click [here] to read more.

Alumni Association - Purpose and Goal:
The purpose and goal of the Alumni Association are to promote and enhance a vibrant and robust relationship between the Law School and its alumni.

Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors:

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The Board of Visitors acts in the capacity of an advisory board for the purpose of helping to guide and strengthen the future growth and development of Law School.

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