



NCCU SCHOOL OF LAW CELEBRATES LEGAL EAGLE GRADUATES CLASS OF 2022



Dean Browne C. Lewis welcomes graduates during the Law School's commencement ceremony at Kings Park International Church in Durham.

NCCU School of Law celebrated the achievements of 124 Legal Eagles who earned their Juris Doctor degrees during two ceremonies on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Attorney and former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms delivered the university's commencement address during the graduate and professional ceremony held in McDougald Gymnasium on the campus of NC Central University.

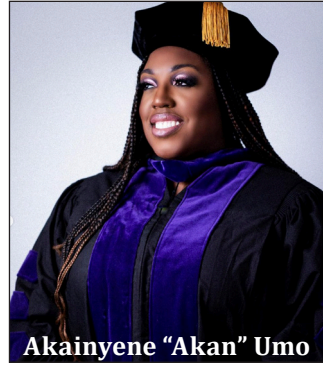
Lance Bottoms told graduates "Know that as graduates, you are joining the army of 37,000 strong worldwide of ordinary people who entered the doors of this university and left here equipped and empowered to do extraordinary things. Every experience you've had here and in life has prepared you for each and every opportunity that is yet to come."

In her remarks, honor student and 2022 Student Bar Association president Chazle' Woodley told graduates, "No matter what rooms you find yourself in or what tables you find yourself at, never forget that you belong. You belong there, and you are equipped to be there. You have the skills. You have the knowledge, and what you don't know, you can research. Now it is up to you to execute and go forth in excellence."

The law school held a second ceremony to recognize law graduates at Kings Park International Church in Durham. Dean Browne C. Lewis welcomed the Legal Eagles along with their families and friends. The Honorable Anita S. Earls, Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court delivered the commencement address. Justice Earls has served on the North Carolina Supreme Court since 2019. Prior to her judicial service, Justice Earls was a civil rights attorney with a focus on protecting the fundamental right to vote. After working at a private civil rights firm and for the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, she was the Founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. The university commencement was livestreamed for those who could not attend in person. The link is available at: <https://www.nccu.edu/139th-commencement-exercises>

CLASS OF 2022 LEGAL EAGLES IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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Akainyene "Akan" Umo

"After receiving a second chance at NCCU School of Law, I served in various leadership positions and gained many opportunities while maintaining honors. I understand my pursuit in the legal field will not be easy, but I know with my drive and determination I will be able to conquer my goal of becoming an attorney."



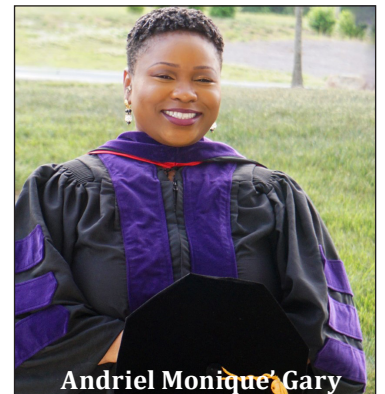
Kenny Vacharee

"Little did I know, my experience with PBAP would prove invaluable to my success in law school. I learned how to brief cases, write law school essays, navigate multiple choice questions, and network with law students and attorneys. Without NCCU School of Law and PBAP, I would not be where I am today. NCCU School of Law saw something in me no one else did."



Terris Riley

"Once I pass the little quiz in July, I will actually be a lawyer and do lawyer stuff. The only thing that gives me solace is that I know I'm an Eagle and I am well-prepared. Experience has taught me nothing in life is perfect, but NCCU School of Law and the brilliant deans, professors, and staff were perfect for me."



Andriel Monique Gary

"As I entered my 2L year, I could finally say I was getting the hang of law school. I did not feel out of place as I did before. I became a property tutor, evidence tutor, joined the NCCU law journal, and ranked second in my class. I'm grateful for the hardship I endured during this journey. It shaped my work ethic for the better and matured me in ways I never imagine."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Nest New Employees Timothy Cousins
NCCU School of Law Staff Appreciation Day - June 10
NCBA Annual Meeting - June 23-24
Bar Exam - July 26-27



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2022!

