

# NCCentral UNIVERSITY

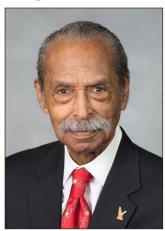
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## ALUMNUS H. M. "MICKEY" MICHAUX RECEIVES STATE'S HIGHEST PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

North Carolina Central University Law alumnus the Honorable H.M. "Mickey" Michaux Jr. '64 received the state's highest civilian honor Tuesday, November 15, 2022. The North Carolina Awards, were presented to six distinguished North Carolinians by Governor Roy Cooper at the North Carolina Museum of Art. The award was created by the General Assembly in 1961 to recognize significant contributions to the state and nation in the fields of fine arts. literature, public service and science.



H.M. "Mickey" Michaux Jr.

The Durham native now 92, remembers seeing segregated water fountains at the downtown United Department Store and not understanding the meaning behind the signs.

Michaux graduated high school from Palmer Memorial Institute, a boarding school for Black students that operated near Greensboro from 1902 to 1970. Following in the footsteps of his father, Henry Michaux Sr., he attended NCCU playing on the school's first tennis team in 1948. He received a bachelor's degree in 1952 and his law degree in 1964.

Part of a prominent Durham business family, Henry McKinley "Mickey" Michaux Jr. became the longest-serving member of the North Carolina General Assembly after short stints as a federal and state prosecutor.

For nearly four decades, he has been part of important legislation that includes bills supporting healthcare, voting rights, economic development, and historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), such as his alma mater, NCCU, where the university's education building is named in his honor.

He served in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1973-77 and later from 1983-2019. In 2020, at age 89, he was appointed to temporarily fill a seat in the N.C. Senate. Michaux was instrumental in preparing multiple state budgets as senior House Appropriations Committee chair and held numerous leadership positions in the House. Michaux was appointed in 1977 to serve as a U.S. attorney, becoming the first African American to serve in that role in the South since Reconstruction.

### **CONGRATULATIONS 2022 LAW GRADUATES**



Kendall Alligood Jordan Anderson Tyler Chavonne Caison Clemmons Kayla Fagan Mary Hardee Whitley Lyons Tierra Norris Brianna Randolph Tyra Slade

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT Legal Leaves

Legal Leaves is the law school's first plant and garden club. Its mission is to promote the growth of indoor plants, herbs, even fruits and vegetables to increase the holistic health and wellness among students.

Founder and President, Shannah West decided to establish Legal Leaves when she observed the various methods used by students to cope with the stressors of law school. "Although some modern approaches including energy drinks can increase



Shannah West

energy and non- prescriptions medications may help with focus. But long term use of these products can lead to health issues," said West.

Legal Leaves provides a platform for students to connect with others to teach, learn, grow, and encourage the use of healthy plant-based alternatives.

### **Upcoming Events**

**December 7:** Last Day of Classes for all Students

**December 10:** Fall 2022 Commencement 2 p.m.

**December 12:** Faculty/Staff Holiday Social 12-2 p.m.

December 23, 26 & 27 : Christmas Observance

December 29 & 30: Winter Break

January 2: New Year's Day Observance

January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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### **CLINIC CORNER - Juvenile Law Clinic**

The NCCU Juvenile Law Clinic was established in recognition of the large number of Durham County Youth who need quality legal representation and other services. The Juvenile Clinic provides three services including legal representation in delinquency hearings, legal representation for youth in Durham Public Schools suspension hearings and referrals to community resources.



Director & Supervising Attorney of the Iuvenile Law Clinic

It has been a busy and productive semester in the Clinic. Each student enrolled in the Juvenile Clinic has upheld our motto of "Truth and Service" through their representation of juveniles. So far this semester, the Clinic Students have represented 23 clients for first appearances, Probable Cause Hearings, Adjudications, Dispositions and Motions for Review. The students have also engaged in client communication, discovery review and extensive discovery review.

Students were also able to meet and interact with all seven Durham County District Court Judges. Students networked with many area attorneys who shared practice tips and encouragement for our future lawyers.



In preparation for the Holidays, the Juvenile Clinic law students participated in an outreach opportunity with the Broad Street Juvenile Detention Center where several of our clients are currently housed. The Clinic law students provided an early holiday meal for the juveniles and staff of the Detention Center and also donated board games. This was a rewarding experience for the staff, juveniles and our Juvenile Clinic law students.

# LAW STUDENTS RAISE \$800 FOR BREAST CANCER



During the Legal Eagle Battle of the Classes (Law Bowl), the 2L Council raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month through the Making Strides Against Breast Initiative. Making Strides is an affiliate of the American Cancer Society and has united communities for more than two decades.

Because of amazing people just like our students who have donated to this cause, Making Strides continues to improve the lives of breast cancer patients and their families every day. Together, NCCU School of Law students, faculty, and staff donated a total of \$800.00 to Making Strides of the Triangle.

#### **Greek Founders Day Spotlight**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. - November 17, 1911 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. - December 4, 1906

#### **LEGAL DESIGN DERBY**

## NCCU Law, Duke Law, Elon Law, Campbell Law and Wake Forest Law

Six teams participated in the 2022 Legal Design Derby

from NCCU,
Duke, Elon,
Campbell and
Wake Forest
law schools.
Students used
human-centered
design principles
to develop
and refine a
prototype that
answered the



question, "How might students and law schools prepare for future paradigms of legal service delivery?"

Faculty members Jeff Ward and Kelli Raker from Duke Law and Reina Haque from Wake Forest Law schools served as facilitators. Guidance was provided by practicing attorneys and trained design thinking leaders Professor Diane Littlejohn, NCCU Law student Hillary Teoyotl and Sharma Vemuri from Lexis Nexis.

# THE ULTIMATE HOMECOMING FISH FRY November 5, 2022





























