

20th Annual HARAMBEE

Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon

Honoring the Legacy of Women Leaders

Saturday, February 17, 2024



The Life Enrichment Center
Wake Chapel Church
3805 Tarheel Club Road
Raleigh, NC 27604



Dr. Paulette Dillard
Keynote Speaker
President of Shaw University

Host



Karen Clark
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Honorees



**Dr. Linda R.
Jordon**



**Kimberly H.
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**Jocelyn
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Entertainment



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Greetings Friends and Supporters,



I am deeply appreciative and grateful for this year's **20th Annual Harambee Awards celebration**. The **Capital Area Section of NC of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.** proudly recognizes exceptional women who firmly commit themselves to the work of transforming, reshaping, and impacting communities. We are delighted to honor three distinguished and highly accomplished women whom we feel personify this year's theme, **"Honoring the Legacy of Women Leaders."**

The Capital Area Section of NC of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. continues to be an unmovable force devoted to the work and mission of our prestigious organization founded by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an educator extraordinaire and a phenomenal civic leader. Today, we are still standing on the shoulders of extraordinary women who left us the charge to promote opportunities and improve the quality of life for African American women, their children, families and communities.

We do this by advocating for social justice, particularly as it pertains to women's issues and being actively involved with voter registration and civic organizations. Educating our youth in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) is a priority and we work to promote economic empowerment and entrepreneurship opportunities within the community. Additionally, we partner with various organizations to promote health equity and policies that strive to decrease health disparities among black women, their families, and community at large.

To our guests, we are deeply grateful for your generous support of our signature event, which aims to raise funds to support our community initiatives and programmatic priorities. Your investment has a substantial impact that goes beyond today's celebration.

Lastly, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Harambee Committee for their assiduous planning and diligent efforts to execute such a wonderful occasion. In true Harambee fashion, each of you "pulled together" to ensure a successful awards luncheon and for that, I am extremely grateful.

In Service and Sisterhood,

Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope
President, Capital Area Section of NC of NCNW, Inc.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Founder

Shavon Arline-Bradley, MPH, M.Div.
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Greetings,

The Capital Area Section of NC of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is honored to have you join us for our 20th Annual Harambee Luncheon. The Capital Area Section of NC is based in the Raleigh and Wake County Community. We are dedicated to furthering the mission and work of our National Founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and our Former President Dr. Dorothy Height, to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities.

This year's theme, **"Honoring the Legacy of Women Leaders"**, recognizes women leaders in our community. This year's honorees are women who have and continue to epitomize the essence of community service.

The Capital Area Section of NC of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is honored to award three deserving women who are leaders in the community. In addition to the three empowered women we are honoring, we are delighted to have Dr. Paulette Dillard, President of Shaw University as our Keynote speaker.

The Capital Area Section of NC supports the community in its services to The Women's Center of Wake County, Salvation Army, Raleigh Rescue Mission, MATCH (a program that serves children with incarcerated mothers) and a host of other outreach organizations throughout the Raleigh and Wake County Area. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

It is with heartfelt appreciation, I extend special thanks to the Harambee planning committee and members of the Capital Area Section of NC of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. I thank them for their commitment and diligence to make our outreach programs and this year's awards program a success.

Sincerely,

Nicole Shields

First Vice President and Harambee Chairperson
Capital Area Section of NC of NCNW, Inc.

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Congratulations on your 20th Annual Harambee Celebration!

On behalf of the ten (10) sections represented in the North Carolina State Coalition of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., I congratulate the Capital Area Section of NC (CAS) for the exemplary ways in which you have “lead by example” in carrying forth the legacy of our Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, and the leadership of our 20th Century Visionary, Dr. Dorothy I. Height. You have done CAS proud. You have also well represented the Triangle region, extending out to our North Carolina Coalition, and to the entire National Council of Negro Women family.

Furthermore, the CAS continues to cultivate the NCNW legacy that embodies the programmatic thrusts of NCNW purposes and programs. Your ability to consistently maintain working relationships with key community and public leaders to include your area HBCUs – Shaw University and St. Augustine’s University - as you continue to cultivate leadership within CAS and our collegiate sections at our two aforementioned institutions of higher education.

For more than 25 years, I have witnessed your stellar and exemplary leadership in the Greater Raleigh community, to include one of your members becoming the first African American woman elected Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, the Honorable Cheri Beasley. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge your Guest Speaker, Dr. Paulette Dillard, President of one of the Triangle’s historic HBCU – Shaw University; and one of North Carolina’s eleven HBCU distinguished women presidents. In 2022, Dr. Dillard was honored as one of the five NC HBCU women presidents during our 2022 Bethune Height Recognition Program.

At the section level, you instituted the relevant MATCH program, an initiative serving incarcerated women and their children, intervening in intergenerational recidivism, and empowering African American families. Your MATCH program is both relevant and exemplary, and should be modeled as both an intervention and prevention initiative, deterring our youth from the criminal justice system, and “toward a more productive life” – just as Dr. Bethune left us in her Last Will and Testament.

Now, as I serve my sixth term as your State President, again, I am honored to perform my “annual ritual” of congratulating the Capital Area Section of NC as you recognize and honor Triangle women achievers at this Annual Harambee event. The leaders and members of the Capital Area Section of NC, has been, and continue to serve as a model of “GREATNESS”, and a guiding example for all of us, especially women of color.

All things Anew! Harambee!!

Queen E. Degraphenreid
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North Carolina State Coalition



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*Roy Cooper
Governor*

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Dear Friends:

As Governor of North Carolina, I am honored to welcome you to the 20th Annual Harambee Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon. I know this is an exciting and much-anticipated event for everyone.

When Mary McLeod Bethune founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935, she made the organization's mission to encourage women of color to participate in civic, political, economic and educational activities and institutions. In 1997, Christine Jones and Frances Grant founded the Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women and continued the mission set forth by Ms. Bethune.

I am truly grateful for the work you do. Much has been accomplished through the years by many dedicated individuals, but there is more to be done in the future.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RC" followed by a stylized flourish.

Roy Cooper

*Location: The State Capitol Building, Raleigh, N.C. 27602
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February 17, 2024

WELCOME

On behalf of the Raleigh City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome and extend warm greetings to the members of the Capital Area Section of North Carolina of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW). We are glad you are here!

You are gathered today for your 20th Annual Harambee Awards Luncheon celebrating the theme of “Honoring the Legacy of Women Leaders.” Your organization was founded over 80 years ago to advocate for women of African descent supporting their families and communities. Today the NCNW fulfills this purpose with community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment. For two decades your organization has worked to promote sisterhood and service to the community and in that process, you have developed strong compassionate leaders.

Your theme today represents the connections that provide opportunities for growth that exist throughout all we do. Every change made produces additional sometimes unseen changes elsewhere. This event is an opportunity to recognize just a few of the dedicated women who bring their passion and leadership to the goals of your organization. It is important to recognize their strength and the contributions they have made within your communities.

As you celebrate them, take a moment to look around and acknowledge the changes you have and can make to create better lives, communities, and futures. Raleigh celebrates your accomplishments and wishes you continued success as you continue your good work!

I congratulate and encourage all of you to continue making impacts and supporting each other.

With best wishes,

Mary-Ann Baldwin
Mayor

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Making a difference in our communities by providing opportunities and support to the following organizations, programs, and initiatives:

Health and Wellness

CAS GOAL: Focuses on five health targets that include but are not limited to Breast Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Maternal Health, Mental Health, and Affordable Health Care, as well as working closely with the *Good Health Wins*.

The Women's Center

CAS GOAL: Provide clothing, toiletries, food and serving of meals for clients of The Women's Center of Wake County. (www.wcwc.org)

Loaves and Fishes

CAS GOAL: Supports the after-school program with supplies and other initiatives as requested by the program. Our co-founder initiated this program over 24 years ago. We continue to provide services to children in their program yearly. (www.lafchildren.org)

Raleigh Rescue Mission

CAS GOAL: Provide gifts, resources, and supplies as requested by the organization. Support the mission's programs including the New Life Plan. (www.raleighrescue.org)

Shirley Sheares A.M.E. Empowerment Center

CAS GOAL: Provide gifts, food and serving of meals for clients of the Shirley Shears Men's Empowerment Center.

MATCH: Mothers and Their Children

CAS GOAL: Provide support to children of women incarcerated in Wake County. Program assistance includes visitation support, rides, and book drives. (mothersandtheirchildren.org)

Salvation Army Center

CAS GOAL: Provide encouraging support through one or two planned events on site, e.g. Mommy and Me for Mother's Day. (southernusa.salvationarmy/org/wake)

Meals on Wheels

CAS GOAL: Provide homebound and seniors with a nutritious hot meal, along with a check-in and visit in Wake County. (www.wakemow.org)

Mary McLeod Bethune (MMB) Civic Engagement & Public Policy

CAS GOAL: Informs and participates in local legislative affairs that concern women and families within the community. (www.cas-ncnw.org)

Educational Scholarship

CAS GOAL: Provide yearly financial assistance and scholarships to college students in financial need seeking higher education.

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)

National History

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is a council of national African American women's organizations and community-based sections. NCNW was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) who called together 28 national women leaders to form "an organization of organizations – a council." This "council" would represent the concerns of Black women, bring organizations together, and give Black women the opportunity to realize their goals for social justice and human rights through united, constructive action. Today the mission of NCNW is to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment. **Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley** is the current President and CEO.

Capital Area Section of North Carolina – History

"Coming Together Is A Beginning, Keeping Together Is Progress, Working Together Is Success" is the motto of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)– Capital Area Section (CAS). This motto was the motivation for the vision of founders **Christine B. Jones** and **Frances B. Grant** who, in February 1997, established CAS.

Two years later, due to the unrelenting determination and strong leadership of founding members, the Capital Area Section was established. On April 24, 1999, a candlelight charter ceremony was held at Shaw University with 68 members in attendance.

We are proud to be celebrating 27 years of community service. Throughout the years, CAS has been blessed with many talented, dedicated and committed members who strongly embrace the needs of the community and work to advance the growth of African American women. This has been accomplished through committees and programs, such as Women's Center, Loaves and Fishes, and Raleigh Rescue Mission as well as other service projects.

The Capital Area Section is honored to have sponsored the charter of Shaw University and Saint Augustine's University Collegiate Sections in Raleigh, NC.

Our Pledge

It is our pledge to make a lasting contribution to all that is finest and best in America, to cherish and enrich her heritage of freedom and progress by working for the integration of all her people regardless of race, creed or national origin, into her spiritual, social, cultural, civic and economic life and thus, aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.

Programme

Welcome..... Nicole Shields, 1st Vice President & Harambee Chair
Occasion..... Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President
Scripture..... Toshia Swinson, CAS-NCNW Member
Prayer/Blessing of the Food..... Olivia Robinson, CAS-NCNW Member

Singing of Black National Anthem – *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*
Reyna Blyss, Entertainer

CAS-NCNW History & Memorial Brenda Brewton-Peake, 2nd VP
Karena Atkinson, Cynthia Grissom, CAS-NCNW Members

Lunch

CAS-NCNW Outreach Programs.....Mariah Adams, 3rd VP
Dawn Martin, CAS-NCNW Member

Recognition of Honorees

Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette
Presented by Dayatra Matthews, CAS-NCNW Parliamentarian

Dr. Linda R. Jordon
Presented by Myra Stewart, CAS-NCNW Chaplain

Kimberly H. Winborne
Presented by Nicole Shields, CAS-NCNW 1st VP & Harambee Chair

Introduction of EntertainerZelda Casher, CAS-NCNW Member
Musical Selection Reyna Blyss, Singer
Introduction of Keynote Speaker Sigmon Zeleke, CAS-NCNW Member
Keynote Address..... Dr. Paulette Dillard, President of Shaw University
Closing Remarks Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President
Nicole Shields, 1st VP & Harambee Chair

Keynote

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

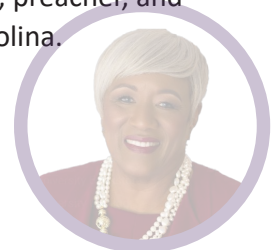


Dr. Paulette R. Dillard has a rich teaching history having taught biology for over 20 years at various institutions. Prior to her appointment as the 18th President of Shaw University, she served as Interim President and Vice President for Academic Affairs. During her tenure at Shaw University, she has served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Department Chair for Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and as an Associate Professor of Biology. She also served as Coordinator of undergraduate research infrastructure, and Co-Director of the academic enrichment programs for the National Institutes of Health National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) funded Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions (RIMI) project.

An avid researcher, Dr. Dillard and Shaw University student research interns spent six weeks in Kingston, Jamaica conducting a study examining the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Jamaican men of African descent who were diagnosed with prostate cancer. This study was of interest to her as her postdoctoral research was focused on prostate cancer and its disparate impact on men of African descent. She has also worked as a visiting researcher at the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, published her research in peer reviewed journals, and presented at national and international conferences.

Dr. Dillard has over 25 years of experience in the field of clinical diagnostic medicine. She began her career as a bench scientist, and quickly ascended to the management ranks being one of only a few women senior executives, and even fewer women of color to reach the rank of Vice President and General Manager in the 1980s. Her ascension and success led her to strive to use her position as one of the few African American women executives to inspire young people to achieve. She has served on the Board of the Nashville Center for Black Family Life, which provided after school programs for children and youth as well as workshops to teach family life skills, and on the Hospital Corporation of American Center for Nonprofit Management Board to assist non-profit agencies funded by United Way with financial management. She has also BIOGRAPHY – DR . PAULETTE DILLARD mentored various students as an Executive in Residence at Paine College, Barber Scotia College and Middle Tennessee State University.

Dr. Dillard currently serves on the Board of the Carolina Small Business Development Fund, the Dorothea Dix Conservancy and has been involved with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center and the LaunchRALEIGH initiatives since inception. She also is on the Board of the Capital City Club and serves on the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors. Dr. Dillard grew up in Mount Airy, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Barber Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina and received a Master of Science degree in biology from Tennessee State University. She went on to earn an MBA from the Jack Massey School of Business at Belmont University and a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Clark Atlanta University (CAU), Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Dillard was married to the late Reverend Moses C. Dillard, Jr., a renowned musician, preacher, and social activist. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Wilmington Street in Raleigh, North Carolina.





Honoree

Dr. Linda R. Jordon

Dr. Linda R. Jordon was recently elected as Mayor for the Town of Butner, NC where she will oversee town staff that support approximately 8,000 citizens. Dr. Jordon is the first African American and African American female to serve in this role. She has been an elected official since 2007 when the Town of Butner was incorporated. In addition, Dr. Jordon is one of three African American entrepreneurs who secured a state contract to manage and operate a local Division of Motor Vehicles License Plate Agency located in Oxford NC.

Dr. Jordon is a highly sought-after international speaker, TEDx speaker, high performance coach, trainer and author. With over 30 years of professional leadership, Dr. Jordon created LRJ Coaching & Business Solutions, LLC to help women change their mindset and live their best life. Dr. Jordon inspires clients to illuminate their potential so they can have the life they deserve by focusing on enhancing their communication skills. She helps clients transition from corporate life to being their own boss.

Dr. Jordon is also a diversity and inclusion trainer/consultant in management, leadership development & training, leadership coaching, business process improvement, diversity and inclusion, contact center development & management, organizational development and training within the U.S. and abroad.

As a high-performance coach, Dr. Jordon works with individuals and professional leaders, helping them improve their communication skills so they can reach new levels of success. Dr. Jordon conducts leadership assessments with her clients such as the Maxwell DISC, Emotional Intelligence and MBTI. Dr. Jordon is a wife, mother and breast cancer survivor. She enjoys spending time with family, cooking and planting flowers. In addition to her coaching and training business, Dr. Jordon is also a real estate investor where she purchases and remodels homes for resale and as well as rental property. With a passion and gift to help others succeed, Dr. Jordon found that developing leaders and individuals is what she loves doing most. She enjoys helping others achieve their personal and professional goals so that they can live their best life.

Dr. Jordon is co-author in 8 books: The Voice of Hope, The Power of Coaching, Business Boosts, Life Boosts, Get in the Game, Women Who Prosper, Yes You, Yes Now, and Letters To My Corporate Sisters. She recently published her 1st solo book last year: Unleash Your Inner CEO-A Country Girl's Guide To Being Your Own Boss. Here is the link to get the Kindle book: <https://a.co/d/c3AqcAk>. Dr. Jordon can be found on social media with the following links:

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Honoree

Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette

Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette is a senior associate in the Raleigh office of McGuireWoods LLP. Jocelyn is a trial lawyer, handling a broad array of matters including medical malpractice defense, product liability, toxic torts, mass torts, and fire and explosion. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, Jocelyn served for ten years in the United States Air Force. First, she served as a Diversity Recruiter for the Air Force Academy. Then, she served as an intelligence officer, briefing Air Force pilots in South Carolina and in Germany. In 2011, Jocelyn was the sole recipient of the Air Force's law school scholarship.

As a student at the University of North Carolina School of Law, she was the Vice President of the Black Law Students Association and the President of the Broun National Trial Team. After graduation, Jocelyn served as a prosecutor and general practice attorney in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, NC. After her service in the JAG Corps, Jocelyn clerked for the Honorable Barbara A. Jackson of the North Carolina Supreme Court before joining McGuireWoods.

As an active member in her community and an advocate for diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Jocelyn is a past president of the Capital City Lawyers Association, the African American Bar Association of Raleigh. She is also the former Second Vice President of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. She currently serves as the Chair of the advisory board of the Southeast Raleigh YMCA and on the council of the North Carolina Bar Association's Military and Veterans Law Section. She also was appointed to serve on the American Bar Association's Task Force on the Changing Legal Profession. Jocelyn volunteers in the community through her membership in the Junior League of Raleigh and served as its parliamentarian during the 2021-2022 League year. She is married to Harold A. Mallette, who is an architect at Gensler, and she is the proud mother to Harold Henry and Everly Elizabeth, who are hilarious and lively toddlers.

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, JD, 2014
United States Air Force Academy, BA, 2007

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: "Ones to Watch," 2021, 2022
Outstanding Recent Graduate, Carolina Law Alumni Association, 2021 "40 Under 40: Nation's Best Advocates," National Bar Association, 2020 Women in Business Award, Triangle Business Journal, 2020
Leaders in Diversity Award, Triangle Business Journal, 2020
Diversity & Inclusion Award, North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, 2019 Darlene J. Shelton Outstanding Provisional of the Year, Junior League of Raleigh, 2018
Named to Recruit Military's Top 40 Under 40 List, 2017





Honoree

Kimberly Hines Winborne

Author Kimberly Hines Winborne, Win Strategist and owner of Kimberly Winborne, LLC is a Business, Communications, and Finance Consultant; a motivated entrepreneur of more than 20 years who helps entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs access their next level and win through personal, professional, and financial development and resources. She uses this same model to support women in transition through her nonprofit, Beauty 180, Inc. Kimberly is the founder of a ministry called The Praying SheEO and two business networking groups called Visionary Networking Circle and The Collaboration Culture. She has held leadership positions in Triangle Entrepreneurial Leadership and ELounge.

Kimberly Winborne, born to win believes that entrepreneurship and education are key components of financial freedom. She is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She has a Masters of Arts in Christian Education and Masters of Arts in Christian Leadership from Shaw University Divinity School. As a speaker, she has a commitment to audiences to share the message that we are all born to win, as well as a passion to show them how. Her companies are founded to support communities, through business development, financial literacy, and education.

Kimberly is a Certified Financial Education Instructor (CFEI), with a focus on family legacy and business security. She teaches her clients how to attain financial security and overcome the debilitating cycle of debt, as well as strategies to build and sustain a solid financial foundation. She developed a program to help her clients to eliminate toxic financial habits while learning healthy ones known as The Debt Detox™, which she published as a book in 2021 and is available on Amazon.

Kimberly is the Founder of Coffee and Collaborations Media which started as a podcast that focuses on helping entrepreneurs, leaders, and organizations build revenue through effective communication, build relationships through intentional networking, and excel in collaboration skills. As the podcast continued to grow, the company then expanded into a media company that has added a television talk show called L.O.V.E & Flow TV, The Collaboration Culture Podcast, The Counterculture Show, and recently added a fresh roasted coffee distribution under the name of Coffee and Collaborations with four delicious coffees that are delivered straight to their client's door.

Kimberly is a community builder who believes that we can all attract our "tribe" instead of chasing it. She has helped to build several communities by sharing her winning strategy. Among the communities that she has helped to build, her favorite is her ministry The Praying SheE.O. This community pushed her deeper into her purpose, and she is now full steam ahead in the mission to help other business owners spread the message of Jesus Christ through their businesses.

Kimberly completed the Masters of Arts in Christian Education and Masters of Arts in Christian Leadership in December 2023 with a Senior Thesis and Final project that both focused on the necessity of educating historically disadvantaged communities on how to build and transfer generational wealth.

Kimberly sits on the Advisory Board of the LYA Program of the YMCA and A Cry For the Children, 501c3, was formerly a SCORE mentor, is a member of eWomen Network, and has served several organizations throughout the Triangle area.



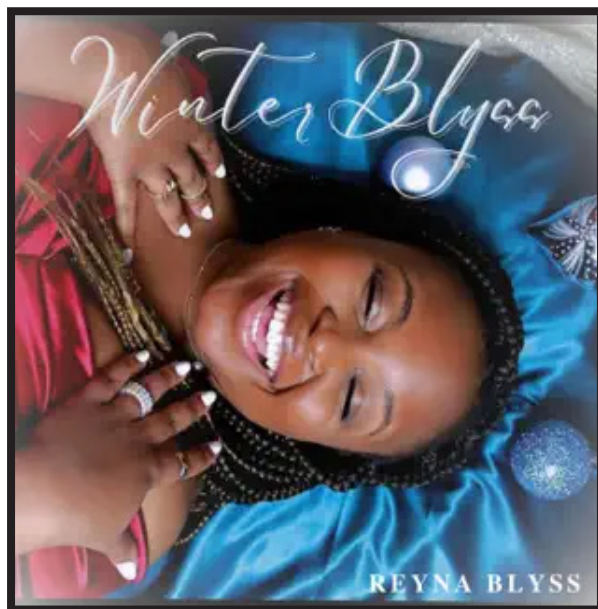
Entertainer

Reyna Blyss



Reyna Blyss is a classically trained soprano, conductor, composer, percussionist and recording artist from Durham, North Carolina. She is a recent graduate of High Point University with a degree in Vocal Performance where she studied with Dr. Scott MacLeod. During her time at HPU, Reyna composed and arranged music for twelve vocal and instrumental ensembles and was assistant conductor of University Singers and Chamber Singers under Dr. Marc Ashley Foster. She was also principal percussionist of the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble.

Reyna is now the orchestra director at Southwest High School, Music Director for High Point University's Office of Chapel & Religious Life and Minister of Music at Prince of Peace Lutheran church. She is also pursuing a master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and she is proud to have released her debut EP, "Winter Blyss" on all streaming platforms this past December.





Host

Karen Clark

Karen Clark is the Midday On-Air Personality at Foxy 107/104 and can be heard weekdays from 10 AM until 3 PM. She is a Durham native and a graduate of the School of Journalism at UNC- Chapel Hill. Previously, Karen worked in the recording industry where she promoted artists for both Columbia Records and Capitol Records. Artists she has worked with include Beyonce, Mariah Carey and Will Smith.

After years in the music industry, Karen, along with her mother, started Something Borrowed, Something Blue, a nationally-recognized wedding and event planning company based in Raleigh. Karen's events have been seen on the Style Network shows *Whose Wedding is It Anyway?* and *Married Away*. She has been a featured contributor for *InStyle Weddings*, *The Knot* and various local news programs and publications.

After several years of successful wedding planning, Karen started a family and chose to return to her first love ... radio. She enjoys interacting with her listeners, community leaders and students who desire a career in broadcasting.

Karen is specifically focused on ensuring that Black listeners in the Triangle and eastern North Carolina get the most pertinent information that affects our communities.

Karen recently married attorney Dan Blue, III. When not working, Karen enjoys cooking for her family, watching UNC basketball (she married a dook alum ... go figure,) exploring the Triangle's best restaurants and discovering area women owned businesses. In addition, Karen is a board member for The Women's Center in Raleigh. She has also been a parenting contributor for ABC11.

Congratulations to the 20th Annual Harambee Honorees

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Congratulations
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Harambee Committee

In loving memory



Arlethia
Hill



* 05.28.1936
† 11.24.2021

Though your smile is gone forever and your hand I cannot touch, I still have so many memories of the one I loved so much. Your memory is now a keepsake which with I'll never part. God has you in His keeping and I have you in my heart.

*Sadly missed, but never forgotten...
Love Your Daughter, Regina Hill*



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Membership Committee

CAS is a great organization to grow through
service and leadership.

We are dedicated to serving women and
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and tell her they are from me.

Tell her that I love and miss her,

and when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek,

and hold her for a while.

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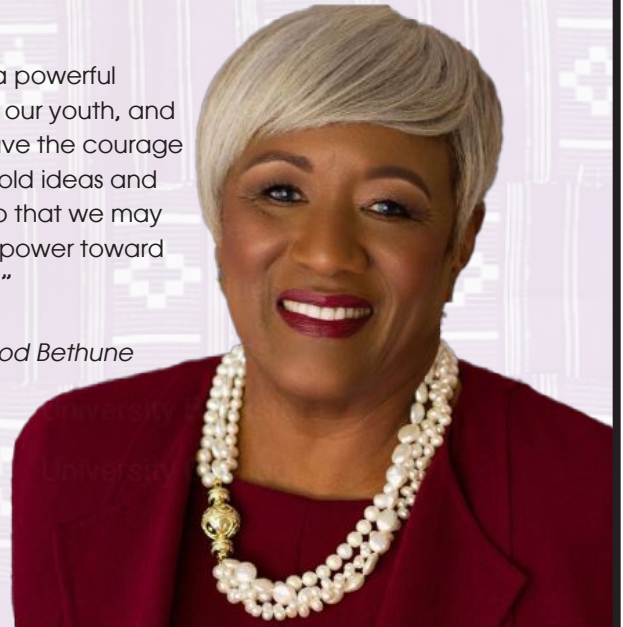
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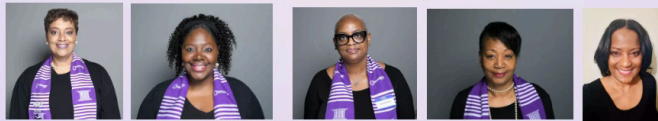
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