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NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating the 54th Anniversary of the February One Sit-in

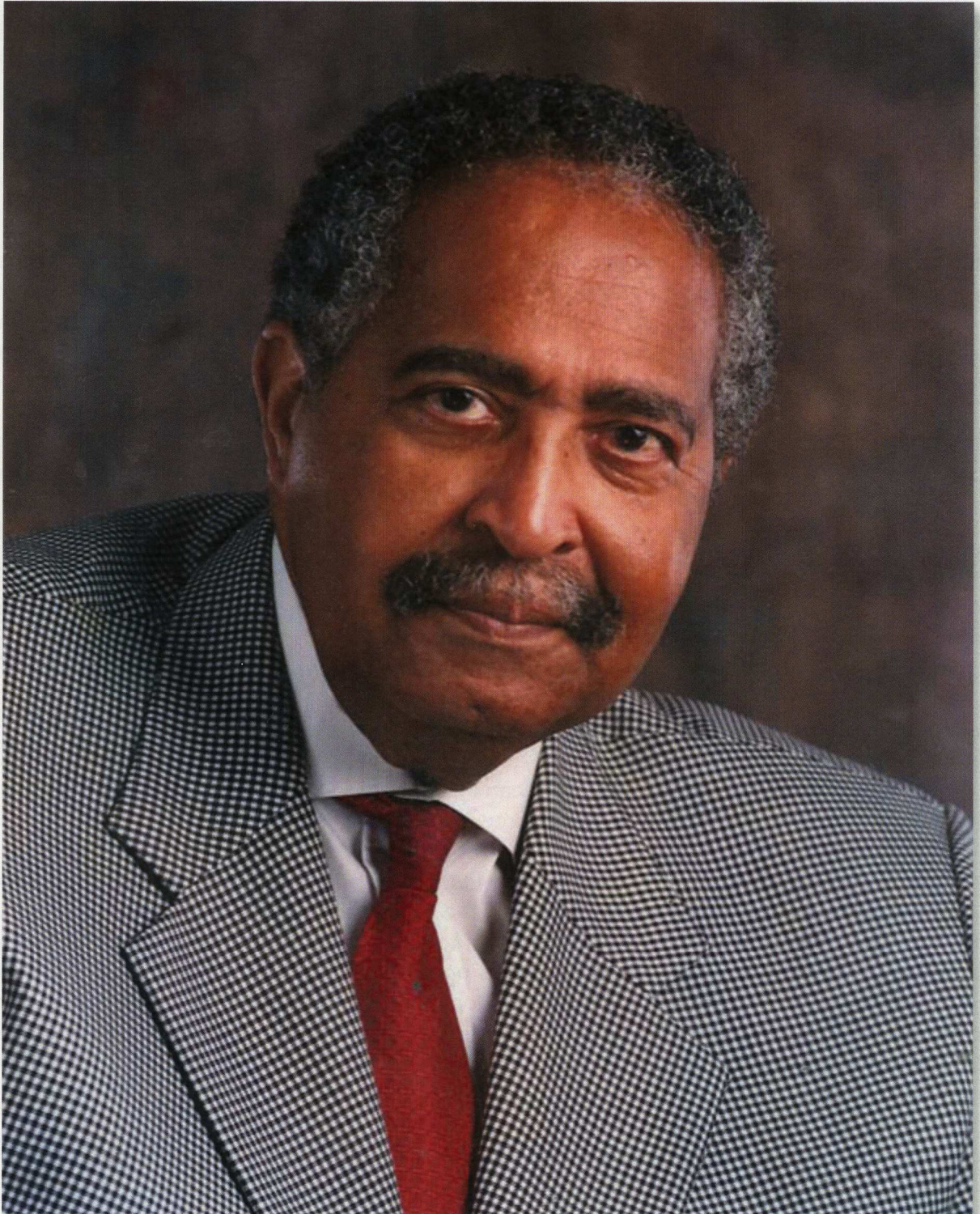
**LEGACY TO LEGACY:
THE LEGACY CONTINUES**



In Memoriam

DR. FRANKLIN EUGENE MCCAIN, SR.

January 3, 1941 – January 9, 2014



THE A&T FOUR

Dr. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.)

Jibreel Khazan (formerly Ezell A. Blair Jr.) was born in Greensboro, N.C., in 1941. He received his education from the Greensboro Public Schools. As a member of the Crown and Scepter Club and National Honor Society, Khazan received an academic scholarship to attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. During his tenure, he served as president of the Student Government Association and was an honor student.

A 1963 graduate of N.C. A&T with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology and social studies, Khazan also has studied at Howard University Law School and the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth in the field of education. He also studied voice at the New England Conservatory of Music. He has an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from A&T.

Khazan has served as a tutor/counselor for Rodman Job Corps Center, a minority history teacher at OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center) in Boston, Mass., programming coordinator for Boston area construction trades program (AFL/CIO) and skills teacher/counselor for CETA. He taught a pilot course on Afriyqaan American history for the New Bedford, Mass., public schools, and worked as program assistant for adults who are developmentally disabled.

Khazan is a Mass-Star storyteller, oracle, oral historian and lecturer.

The Late Dr. Franklin Eugene McCain Sr.

Franklin E. McCain Sr. , resided in Charlotte, N.C., and retired from the Hoechst Celanese Corporation headquarters in New York City and Charlotte, where he held a number of positions in the technical and marketing/sales divisions, progressing from development chemist to division executive.

McCain graduated from N.C. A&T with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology. Through the years he also studied and trained at North Carolina State University, Princeton University, Farr Associates, Clemson University and American Management Association (New York, N.Y.). He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from A&T.

McCain was active in his community while holding leadership positions in the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Bond Campaign for Mecklenburg County, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to name a few. He was an elder at Memorial Presbyterian Church and formerly sat on numerous boards including University of North Carolina Board of Governors, Bennett College Board of Visitors and the trustee boards at A&T and North Carolina Central University, and the boards of directors at Nivens Center for the Retarded, McC Corey YMCA, Charlotte Business League. He also was a member of the North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association.

McCain received many honors and awards during his lifetime of service. He departed this life January 9, 2014.

Dr. Joseph Alfred McNeil

Following graduation, Joseph A. McNeil served active duty in the United States Air Force as a flight navigator. Thereafter, he worked in investment banking and financial management and consulting services. In 2002, McNeil retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in Jamaica, N.Y., where he served for over 15 years and was head of the Flight Standards Division for the Eastern United States.

In February 2000, McNeil retired with the rank of major general from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, having served over 37 years with efforts including Desert Storm and Vietnam. He retired as the mobilization assistant to the chief of the Air Force Reserves. McNeil previously served as a wing commander and Numbered Air Force commander. Upon retirement, he received the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal.

McNeil graduated from N.C. A&T in 1963 with a degree in physics. He has been awarded honorary degrees from St. John's University (Jamaica, N.Y.) and A&T.

McNeil and his wife Ina have five children and nine grandchildren.

The Late Dr. David Leinail Richmond

David L. Richmond was born in Greensboro, N.C., and graduated from James B. Dudley High School. He entered North Carolina A&T State University in the fall of 1959 and majored in business administration and accounting.

After leaving N.C. A&T, Richmond became a counselor-coordinator for the CETA program in Greensboro, a position that permitted him to assist disadvantaged youth and adults.

Richmond received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree posthumously from A&T at his funeral services on December 12, 1990. He is survived by two children.

Richmond's life is celebrated in the play, "David Richmond," written in 1998 by Dr. Samuel Hay, former A&T faculty member and former executive director of the university's Paul Robeson Theatre.

HUMAN RIGHTS MEDAL

The Human Rights Medal is awarded annually by North Carolina A&T State University to recognize individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world. Designed by alumnus Charles E. Watkins, the medal features The A&T Four as they appeared as freshmen, a dove with an olive branch in its mouth, four stools and a torch, all encircled by the name of the university.

The award was established to honor individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated by then freshmen Ezell A. Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), Franklin Eugene McCain, Joseph Alfred McNeil and David Richmond Jr. Their bold move to lead a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter of the local Woolworth's "five and dime" store initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South. Honorees include the following:

- 2001 **Lewis A. Brandon**, civil rights activist
- 2002 **Vincent G. Harding**, civil rights activist; co-founder, Veterans of Hope Project; author
Rosemarie Freeney Harding, peace and reconciliation activist; co-founder,
Veterans of Hope Project; author
- 2004 **J. Kenneth Lee**, attorney and civil rights activist
- 2005 **Dr. Julius Chambers**, attorney, leader, educator and civil rights advocate
- 2007 **Dr. Alvin Blount**, physician and civil rights activist
- 2008 **Dr. George Harrison Evans**, physician and civic leader
- 2009 **Dr. Diane Nash**, civil rights and peace activist, author and educator
- 2010 **Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II**, pastor, civic leader and civil rights activist
- 2011 **Rev. Dr. Howard Chubbs**, pastor and civic leader
- 2012 **Rev. Nelson Johnson and Mrs. Joyce Johnson**, civic activists
- 2013 **Dr. Melvin L. Watt**, director, Federal Housing Finance Agency

Awards Committee

Candidates for this award are selected from nominations submitted to the University Awards Committee, which is appointed biennially and is comprised of N.C. A&T faculty and staff. The committee adheres to the criteria listed below when reviewing candidates. Following the committee's review, the chair sends recommendations to the chancellor, who announces the honoree.

Eligibility

The Human Rights Medal is presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on correcting social injustices and other humanitarian activities. Other humanitarian activities might include human welfare and social reform, acts of heroism, promotion of fellowship, dedication to technological discovery, academic advancements or contributions, diplomatic endeavors, and community contributions. Candidates for this award may be locally, nationally or internationally recognized. Nominees for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Human Rights Medal are evaluated according to the need fulfilled and actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within the community.

2014 HUMAN RIGHTS MEDAL RECIPIENT



Dr. Eva M. Clayton

United States Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton was born in Savannah, Ga., on September 16, 1934. In 1955, Clayton received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Johnson C. Smith University and her Master of Science degree in biology from North Carolina Central University in 1962. Clayton also attended law school, and she is the recipient of eight honorary doctorate degrees from various universities for her leadership and service.

As a housewife and mother in Warrenton, N.C., 1963, Clayton's journey into civil rights began. Having attended several workshops sponsored by the American Friends Service (AFSC), Clayton helped to organize a voter registration and education project. In addition to working through the AFSC, she helped to organize clergy, farmers and local citizens in her county encouraging African Americans to not only register but to vote. With encouragement from Vernon Jordan, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress. Some 30 years later, she would go on to make history in the U.S. Congress.

Continuing her work into the early 1970s, Clayton worked for several public and private ventures, including North Carolina Health Manpower Development Program at the University of North Carolina. In 1974, she co-founded and served as executive director of Soul City Foundation, a housing organization that renovated dilapidated buildings for use as homeless shelters and daycare centers.

Clayton worked on the successful gubernatorial campaign of Jim Hunt, who later appointed her as assistant secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. She served in that capacity from 1977 to 1981. In 1982, she won the election to the Warren County Board of Commissioners, which she chaired until 1990. During her tenure she was named Outstanding North Carolina County Commissioner by her fellow North Carolina Commissioners.

When U.S. Congressman Walter Jones Sr. announced his retirement in 1992, Clayton entered the Democratic primary to fill his seat. With her election win she made history as not only the first African American woman to be elected but also as the first woman to be elected to the United States Congress from the state of North Carolina. She served with distinction for 10 years as the U.S. Representative of North Carolina's 1st Congressional District. She is a past chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. In 2003, her name was put forth as a possible Democratic vice-presidential candidate.

In 2006, Clayton completed a three-year assignment with the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as assistant director general and special advisor to the director-general in Rome, Italy.

Presently, Clayton leads her consultant firm, Eva Clayton Associates International Inc., to assist institutions, organizations, businesses and communities meet their goals.

Clayton is married to attorney Theaoseus T. Clayton Sr. They have four children and six grandchildren. She is a member of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church in Henderson, N.C. The Claytons reside in Littleton, N.C.

54TH SIT-IN ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Friday, January 31, 2014

Presiding: Canisha Cierra Turner - *SGA President, North Carolina A&T State University*

6:30 a.m. SIT-IN BREAKFAST (Alumni-Foundation Event Center)

Musical Interlude North Carolina A&T State University Choir

6:50 a.m. POSTING OF THE COLORS (N.C. A&T Army and Air Force ROTC)

7 a.m. PROGRAM

Welcome Akua Matherson, *Committee Chair*

Prayer Ms. Turner

Black National Anthem (Lift Every Voice and Sing) University Choir

Greetings Isiah Guinyard, *SGA Vice President, N.C. A&T*
Patricia Miller Zollar, *Chair, N.C. A&T Board of Trustees*
Dr. Melody Pierce, *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*
Maria Allen, *SGA President, Bennett College*
Stevie Thompson, *Mister James B. Dudley High School*
Dwayne Johnson, *President, Graduate Student Council*

Recognition of Special Guests Mrs. Matherson

Presentation of the Human Rights Medal Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr., *Chancellor*

Guest Speaker / Medal Recipient Dr. Eva Clayton, *U.S. Congresswoman (D-N.C.)*

Guilford County Schools Sit-In Competition: Reading of the Winning Essay

Introduction of The A&T Four and Candle Lighting Dorian Davis,
Natasha Leak, Keshawn Miller and Elias Rainey

Remarks by The A&T Four Dr. Joseph McNeil

Retrieval of the Colors

Event Announcements and Dismissal

9 a.m. LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATH (February One Monument)

Leonora Bryant, *Committee Co-chair*
N.C. A&T Fellowship Gospel Choir, Alma Mater

9:30-10:45 a.m. A CONVERSATION WITH THE A&T FOUR (Harrison Auditorium)

Coordinated by the N.C. A&T SGA and Leonora Bryant, *Committee Co-chair*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has
been watered;
We have come, treading our path thro' the
blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Alma Mater

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., a monument indeed
Around thy base with grateful hearts behold
thy students kneel
We bless the power that gave thee birth to help
us in our need,
We'll ever strive while here on earth all loyalty
to yield.

REFRAIN

With joy, with joy, dear A. and T., thy students
turn from thee
To spread thy trophies year by year from Dare
to Cherokee.

II

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., the signet thou shalt be
Set by our great old commonwealth, proud
boaster of the free;
She'd have the record of her worth on granite
not inscribed—
Nay, let the children of her birth proclaim it by
their lives.

III

Dear A. and T., dear A. and T., henceforth our
aim shall be,
By precepts wise and deeds more sure to bless
the State through thee;
The arts of industry to wield against an idle foe.
A harvest rich from ripened field of what thy
students sow.

54TH SIT-IN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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