



2023 Student Professional Development Conference

*"Aggies Reconnecting and Redefining Unity and
Professionalism in the Professional World"*

*"Brought to you by the
N.C. A&T Pre-Professional Scholars Program"*

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**North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State
University
Student Center**



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Welcome from the N.C. A&T Pre-Professional Scholars Program Director and PPSP Team

Dear Students, Guests, Faculty, and Staff,

Welcome to the 12th Annual Pre-Professional Scholars Program (PPSP) Student Professional Development Conference! We are pleased that you are joining us for this informative and impactful event. Herein we will take a moment to tell you a little about the Student Professional Development Conference, the PPSP, and how you can take part in various activities that will help you as you pursue your career goals.

The PPSP has hosted eleven engaging and enlightening conferences focused on student success and career preparedness. This year's conference "**Reconnecting: Redefining Unity and Professionalism in the Professional World**" is designed to provide unique opportunities for N.C. A&T students and post-graduates to come together to "**RECONNECT**" and reimagine life in the classroom and the workforce in our semi-post-COVID world; learn about recent advances in the fields of **diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging** and how students may experience DEI&B in the classroom and workforce; be introduced to Imposter Syndrome and learn how to combat it with a Growth Mindset, and enjoy a full day of **networking** with successful alumni, professionals, graduate school and professional school students! Participants will leave the conference with a greater awareness of **career opportunities**, learn what they can do NOW to become **competitive**, and will gain valuable information to help them reach their career goals.

We implore you to interact with representatives from outstanding institutions and professional organizations who will share information on programs and opportunities that will make you a more competitive candidate for professional and graduate school programs and the workforce. Moreover, panelists and exhibitors representing numerous universities and organizations including prominent health care providers, lawyers, dentists, veterinary professionals, and researchers along with current professional and graduate school students are excited to share their career journeys and provide advice on how **you can reach your career goals!** Finally, students will learn new skills to help successfully navigate career paths while developing strong working relationships with diverse groups in this dynamic and diverse world in which we live.

Once again, welcome! We hope you enjoy this unique experience, make meaningful and long-lasting connections, and use the information presented here to navigate your future career path.

Sincerely,
Catherine D. White, PhD.
PPSP Director

AGENDA

Location: Deese Ballroom

10:45 AM - 10:55 AM

WELCOME & CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
PRE-PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**STUDENT PANEL SESSION -
MAKING IT WORK! SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM
COLLEGE TO CAREER**

PANELISTS WILL SHARE THEIR STORIES TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND DRIVE REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY PURSUE A PROFESSIONAL OR GRADUATE DEGREE.

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

STRETCH BREAK

12:15 PM - 12:25 PM

WORDS OF WELCOME FROM N.C. A&T STATE UNIVERSITY
DR. ARWIN SMALLWOOD

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**~KEYNOTE PANEL SESSION~
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING
IN THE CLASSROOM AND WORKFORCE**

JOIN EXPERT PANELISTS AS THEY DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING ON STUDENT SUCCESS AND EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AFTERMATH OF COVID.

AGENDA

Location: Desse Ballroom

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM

STRETCH BREAK

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM

**NETWORKING LUNCH, RECRUITMENT & EXHIBITOR
SESSION:**

FEATURING LAW, VETERINARY, DENTAL, GRADUATE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS, COMPANIES, AND PROFESSIONALS FROM ALL AREAS. NETWORK WITH SPEAKERS AND VISIT RECRUITERS AND EXHIBITORS TO LEARN ABOUT PROFESSIONAL & GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, HOW TO BECOME A COMPETITIVE CANDIDATE, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ON N.C. A&T'S CAMPUS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AND GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

STRETCH BREAK

AGENDA

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**CONCURRENT SESSION (I):
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING
SESSION**

FEATURING HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOL
REPRESENTATIVES, PRACTICING HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

ROOM 205 (DEESE BALLROOM)

**CONCURRENT SESSION (II):
DENTAL PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING
SESSION**

FEATURING DENTAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES,
DENTISTS, DENTAL PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS
DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

ROOM 385

**CONCURRENT SESSION (III):
GRADUATE AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS PANEL
& NETWORKING SESSION**

FEATURING GRADUATE & VETERINARY SCHOOL
REPRESENTATIVES, PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS
GRADUATE AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS

ROOM 232

**CONCURRENT SESSION (IV):
LAW PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION**

FEATURING LAW SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES,
PRACTICING ATTORNEYS AND STUDENTS

ROOM 342

4:30 PM - 4:40 PM

COOKIE & STRETCH BREAK

AGENDA

4:40 PM - 5:40 PM

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP I.

"COMBATING IMPOSTER SYNDROME & THRIVING WITH A GROWTH MINDSET".

IN THIS SESSION STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY IF THEY HAVE ADOPTED MORE OF A FIXED OR GROWTH MINDSET AND ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS AROUND RACIAL AND GENDER STEREOTYPES. THIS WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE STEREOTYPE THREAT, WHICH IN TURN WILL PROMOTE A STRONGER GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE.

ROOM 385

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP II.

"HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL IN SCHOOL & THE WORKPLACE!"

IS IT YOUR CLOTHES, HOW YOU SPEAK, WEAR YOUR HAIR, OR HOW YOU COMMUNICATE IDEAS? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PROFESSIONAL? HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO BE PROFESSIONAL IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE JOB? IN THIS SESSION STUDENTS WILL LEARN FROM ADMINISTRATORS, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND PROFESSIONALS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL IN SCHOOL AND IN THE WORKFORCE.

ROOM 205 (DEESE BALLROOM)

5:50 PM - 6:00 PM

REFLECTIONS, GIVE AWAYS & CLOSING REMARKS

Student Panel Session-

Making It Work! Successful Transition from College to Career

Correggio Peagler Jr.

Medical Student M1

George Washington University School of Medicine

Mikala Richmond

Doctor of Physical Therapy Student 2nd Year

High Point University

Ahjalah Sutton

Nursing Student

Northeastern University-Charlotte

Jeremiah Pouncy

Major: Animal Science; Minor: Chemistry

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Destinee Harris

Major: Biology Minor: Chemistry

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Demetrius Booker

Master's of Biomedical Science

Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Morgan Everheart

Medical Student M3

Meharry Medical College

Zaria Woodford

Law Student L1

Howard University School of Law

Keynote Panel Session-

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in the Classroom and Workforce

Kimberly Gatling

Partner and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer
Foxs Rothschild

Dr. Brent Lewis

Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
James Madison University

Dr. Del Ruff

Executive Diversity and Inclusion Officer
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

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Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Sushrusha Arjyal, M.D.

NC Psychiatric Association Member

Ashley Addison

PharmD Student
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy



Concurrent Session (I)

Health Professionals Panel & Networking Session

Ashanti Williams

Doctor Physical Therapy Student 2nd Year
Winston- Salem State University

Jessica Harper, PA-C, MSPAS

NCCPA Certified Physician Assistant
Houston, Texas

Dr. Tiffany Morris

Associate Professor of Nursing and Inaugural Department Chair of the
Department of Nursing
Elon University Department of Nursing

Tatihahna Belton

Student Pharmacist
Mercer University College of Pharmacy

Dr. Mahalia T. Robinson

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine PGY-1

Dr. Kenya Windley, M.D.

Child Psychiatrist
NC Psychiatric Association

Deanna Webb

Clinical Research Coordinator
Meharry Medical College

Dr. Michael Fitch, M.D, PhD

Emergency Medicine
Atrium Health



Concurrent Session (II)

Dental Professionals Panel & Networking Session

Dr. Jazmin Cromartie

Director of Student Admissions and Engagement & Assistant Professor,
Workman School of Dental Medicine
High Point University Workman School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Tamerah Marable

Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Malik Johnson

General Dentist

Eric J. Sadler, DDS & Associates, in Winston-Salem, NC

Dr. Tariq Jah

General Dentist

Evergreen Dental Co.

Na'Kita Fordham

Dental Student D1

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

Dr. Jordan Brunson

General Dentist

MINT Dentistry

Dr. Tiffany Williams

Director of Student Recruitment, Office of Admissions
Interim Program Director, Pediatric Dental Residency
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Concurrent Session (III)

Graduate and Veterinary Professionals Panel & Networking Session



Dr. Andrea Apple-Gentry

Coordinator of Veterinary Education and Clinical Associate Veterinarian
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Mia Gowdy

Master's of Biomedical Sciences
Duke University

Dr. Tamisha Vaughan PhD, MBA

Associate Director, Alliances
Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals

Dr. Jada Spratling

Veterinarian
Banfield Pet Hospital

Dr. Samson Robinson

Doctor of Physical therapy
MaxMotion Physical Therapy

Dr. Koran Harris, PhD

Field Application Scientist
Tecan



Concurrent Session (IV)

Law Professionals Panel & Networking Session

Kendrick Green

Law Student L2

North Carolina Central University School of Law

James Whitaker

Law Student L2

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Brian Russ

Senior Associate

Nelson Mullins

Derrick Rowe PhD, JD

Patent Attorney | Counsel For Life Science Companies

Counsel at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Sharon Gaskin

Associate Dean Of Admissions And Financial Assistance

North Carolina Central University School of Law

TaLeakca Yates

Law Student

Howard University School of law

Concurrent Workshop I

"Combating Imposter Syndrome & Thriving with a Growth Mindset"



Dr. C. Dinitra White

Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology and Microbiology

Pre-Professional Scholars Program Director and Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Checo Rorie

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum in Toxicology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Chair of the Biology Department at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Dr. Cailisha Petty

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Teaching with a Concentration in Teacher Education and Development

Master of Arts in Teaching Program Coordinator and an Assistant Teaching Professor

Dr. Angela White

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction with a Concentration in Educational Psychology

Dean of University College and Student Success at Johnson C. Smith University

Concurrent Workshop II

"How to be a Successful Professional in School & the Workplace!"

Katina Richmond

Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development
Carolina Biological Supply Company

Dr. Paula Borden

Co-Director, Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs (CHEOP)
Co-Director, NC Health Careers Access Program (NC-HCAP)
Principal Investigator for TRiO Programs
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Lamont Lowery

Assistant Dean for Recruitment and Engagement
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Jalan Ward

Entrepreneur
The Proud Black Brand

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Doctorate of Pharmacy | Candidate 2024
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Dr. Akeadra Bell

General Dentist
Beaver Creek Commons Dental

Cynthia Williams

Lead Instructor of Real Estate Education Program, CCE,
James R. Worrell, Sr. Financial Services Institute
Central Piedmont Community College

Exhibitors: Law



NCCU
School of Law

MH

MITCHELL | HAMLINE
School *of* Law



HOWARD
UNIVERSITY | **School of Law**

Exhibitors: Physician Assistant



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

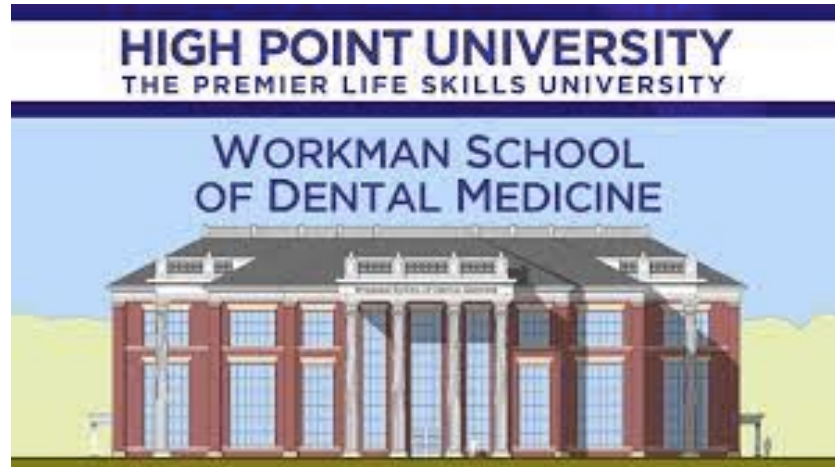


SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Allied Health Sciences

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Exhibitors: Dentistry



Exhibitors: Medicine



Duke University
School of Medicine



SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE



Wake Forest
School of Medicine



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MEDICAL COLLEGE



NORTH CAROLINA
Psychiatric
Association



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OF MEDICINE



Duke Radiology

Duke University School of Medicine

Exhibitors: Nursing



Exhibitors: Physical Therapy



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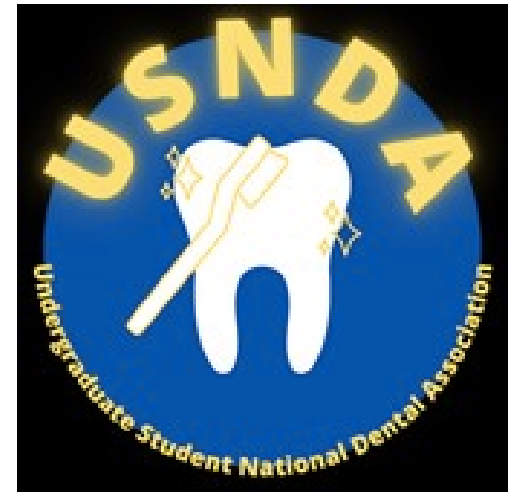
Department of Physical Therapy

Exhibitors: Pharmacy



College of Pharmacy

Exhibitors: Student Organizations



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