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# 2024 STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

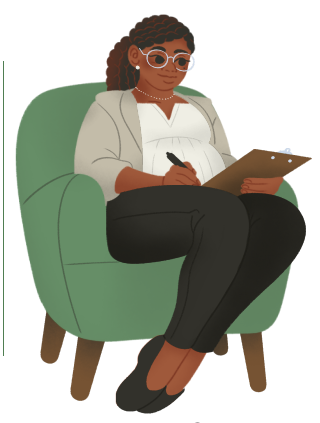
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A&T's Next Top..."



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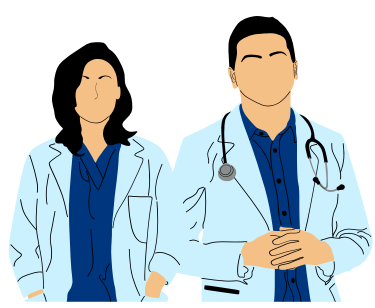
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MARCH 23, 2024  
10AM-4PM



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# WELCOME



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March 23, 2024

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

Dear Students, Guests, Faculty, and Staff,

Welcome to the 13th 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 twelve engaging and enlightening conferences focused on student success and career preparedness. In this year's conference, "You Have What It Takes To Become A&T's Next Top Professional!", N.C. A&T students and postgraduates will learn what it takes to become the 'Top Professional' in their field by engaging in interactive, hands-on activities to help them connect lessons taught in the classroom to the application of those lessons in the real-world. This in-person conference will encourage students to **NETWORK** with top professionals and current graduate and professional school students in a variety of career fields; learn what it takes to successfully matriculate through their current undergraduate or graduate curriculum; gain insight on transitioning from graduate or professional school and into the workforce. Finally, students will **LEARN SKILLS** that are important for success in the workforce by participating in workshops facilitated by award-winning professionals. Participants will leave the conference with a greater awareness of **career opportunities**, learn what they can do NOW to become **competitive**, and 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, researchers, entrepreneurs, 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 enhance or learn new skills to 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, Ph.D.*  
PPSP Director

# AGENDA

## **Time & Room      Session Title**

**9:15 - 10:00 am**

Alumni Foundation  
Event Center Lobby

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**Registration**

**9:30 - 11:15 am**

Ballroom Blue

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**Headshots**

**10:00 - 10:10 am**

Preeminent Ballroom

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**Welcome from the PPSP  
Team**

**10:15 - 11:15 am**

Preeminent Ballroom

**Opening Panel Session:  
Making it Work!  
Successful Transition  
from College to Career  
(Student Panel)**

The goal of this session is to inform, inspire, and excite participants about their career aspirations. Panelists will share their stories to help students understand the commitment, dedication, drive, and paths to successfully pursue a professional or graduate degree.

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<b>Time &amp; Room</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
11:15 - 11:25 am	<b>Stretch Break</b>
11:20 - 11:30 am Preeminent Ballroom	<b>Words of Welcome from N.C. A&amp;T State University</b>
11:30 - 12:15 am Preeminent Ballroom	<b>Concurrent Session I: Medical and Healthcare Professionals Panel &amp; Networking Session</b>  Featuring Health Professional School Representatives, Practicing Healthcare Professionals and Students
12:20 - 1:30 pm Preeminent Ballroom	<b><i>Professional Development Hands-on Activity #1</i></b>
11:30 - 12:15 am Ballroom Aggie	<b>Concurrent Session II: Dental Professionals Panel &amp; Networking Session</b>  Featuring Dental School Representatives, Dentists, Dental Professionals and Students
12:20 - 1:30 pm Preeminent Ballroom	<b><i>Professional Development Hands-on Activity #2</i></b>

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## Time & Room Session Title

11:30 - 12:15 am  
Ballroom Pride

**Concurrent Session III:  
Graduate, Veterinary, &  
Workforce Professionals  
Panel & Networking  
Session**

Featuring Graduate and  
Veterinary School  
Representatives, Professionals  
and Students

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12:20 - 1:30 pm  
Ballroom Pride

***Professional Development  
Hands-on Activity #3***

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11:30 - 12:15 am  
Ballroom Gold

**Concurrent Session IV:  
Law Professionals Panel &  
Networking Session**

Featuring Law School  
Representatives, Practicing  
Attorneys and Students

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12:20 - 1:35 pm  
Ballroom Gold

***Professional Development  
Hands-on Activity #4***

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**Transition to Networking and  
Professional Development Sessions**

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1:35 - 3:30 pm  
Preeminent  
Ballroom &  
Ballroom Blue

**Networking Lunch &  
Recruitment & Exhibitor  
Session**

Featuring Law, Veterinary, Dental,  
Graduate, and Health  
Professional Schools, Companies,  
Professionals, and Students.  
Network with members of Student  
Organizations and Professional  
Societies

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## Time & Room      Session Title

### Concurrent Professional Development Sessions

<b>12:30 - 3:30 pm</b> Ballroom Aggie	<b>Concurrent Session I: “Ace the Interview” with Smartin International</b>
<b>11:30 - 1:00 pm</b> Ballroom Blue	<b>Concurrent Session II: “Moment with a Mentor” - Mentoring opportunities with Aggie Professionals Part 1</b>
<b>1:45 - 3:30 pm</b> Ballroom Pride	<b>“Moment with a Mentor” - Mentoring opportunities with Aggie Professionals Part 2</b>
<b>12:15 - 1:15 pm</b> Ballroom Gold	<b>Concurrent Session III: “Step into Your Profession and Dress the Part!” with Opened Door Careers</b>
<b>1:30 - 3:30 pm</b> Ballroom Gold	<b>Concurrent Session IV: Resume Building with Opened Door Careers</b>
<b>3:30 - 3:55 pm</b> Preeminent Ballroom	<b>Closing Remarks, Final Evaluations &amp; Certificates PPSP Team</b>

# OPENING STUDENT PANEL SESSION: MAKING IT WORK! SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER (STUDENT PANEL)

**MODERATOR:** JUSTIN LEWIS - PRESIDENT OF MR. BIOLOGY  
**SESSION LEADER:** JORDAN SPELLER - V.P. OF MR. BIOLOGY

## **Verdant Julius**

Masters of Public Health Program - The Graduate School at UNC

## **Lauran Eastmond**

Senior Pre-Law Student - ALPS Scholar - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Colette Haynie**

Senior Biology Student - Pre-Medical - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Raven Funderburk**

Senior Biology Student - Pre-Dental - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Michael Howze**

Student Anesthesiology Assistant - Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

## **Erika Williams**

PhD Student - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Malek Mitchell**

M1 - UNC School of Medicine

## **Jeremiah Pouncy**

First year - Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

# CONCURRENT SESSION I: MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

**MODERATOR:** COLETTE HAYNIE - PRESIDENT OF MAPS  
**SESSION LEADER:** JORDAN SPELLER - PRESIDENT OF  
AGGIE TOASTMASTERS

## **Jenelle Brison**

M4 - ECU Brody School of Medicine

## **Dr. Nicole Burwell & Dr. Chileatha Wynn**

Physician Assistant Program - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Dr. Mahelia Robinson, DO**

Pathologist - Johns Hopkins

## **Femi Olatidayo**

M2 - Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

## **Dr. Kayla Mayes**

Orthopedics Resident - Yale New Haven Hospital

## **Latresa Billings, PharmD**

Clinical & Residency Coordinator, UT South Western

## **Deanna Webb**

M1 - Meharry Medical College

## **Morgan Everheart**

M4 - Meharry Medical College



# CONCURRENT SESSION II: DENTAL PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

**MODERATOR:** RAVEN FUNDERBURK - PRESIDENT OF USNDA  
**SESSION LEADER:** MICHAEL BETHUNE - V.P. OF USNDA

## **TyShawn Harris**

D1 - Howard University

## **Deomrick Harris**

D2 - Tufts University

## **Brandon James**

D1 - Detroit Mercy

## **Dr. Jazmin Cromartie**

Admissions, General - High Point University

## **Lamont Lowery**

Assistant Dean of Student Recruitment and Engagement - UNC

## **Dr. Octavia Miller**

General Dentist & Dental Influencer - ECU graduate

## **Dr. Tiffany Williams**

VCU School of Dentistry

## **Tylar Lanier**

D2 - Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

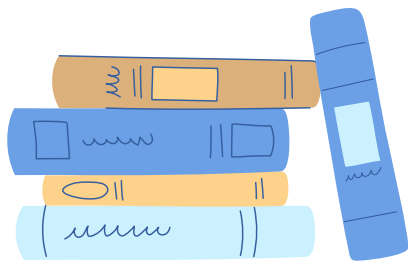
# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY 1: FROM THE TEXTBOOK TO PRACTICE - PUTTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO WORK IN THE REAL WORLD

**Vernon Williams**

Wake Health CEAL

**Ken Long**

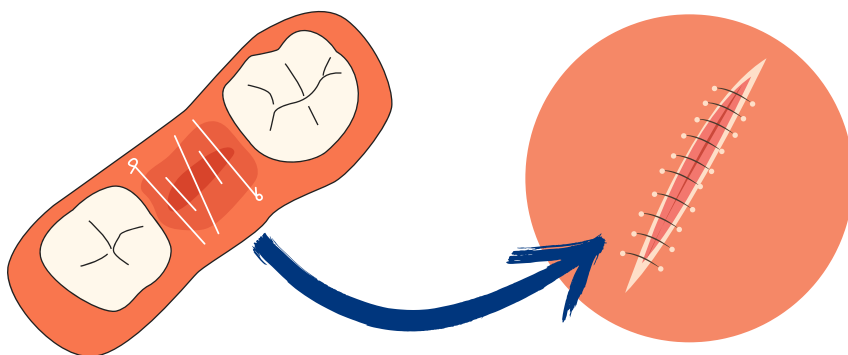
Wake Health CEAL



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY 2: DENTAL SUTURING

**UNC SNDA & Care Clinic**

Suturing & Interview Preparation



# CONCURRENT SESSION III: GRADUATE, VETERINARY, & WORKFORCE PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

**MODERATOR:** BREYANA ROBINSON - PRESIDENT OF PREVET CLUB  
**SESSION LEADER:** KAILYN SELLERS - PRESIDENT OF TRIBETA

## **Chris Tazell**

Genesys - Global Program Manager - Workforce

## **Dr. Carmen Robinson**

PhD Neuroscience Graduate

## **Dr. Samson Robinson**

DPT - Results Physiotherapy - Workforce

## **Jaylin Fennell**

Veterinarian Student - NC State University - Aggie Alumni

## **Cynthia Williams**

Instructor of Real Estate - Central Piedmont Community College

## **Demarre Conrad Richmond**

MPH, CHES, PhD in Public Health student - Morgan State University

## **Dr. Michael Cotton**

Veterinarian

## **Dr. Arwin Smallwood**

Department Chair of History & Political Science - North Carolina A&T State University

# CONCURRENT SESSION IV: LAW PROFESSIONALS PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

**MODERATOR:** SAYLAH ROGERS - PHI ALPHA DELTA PRESIDENT  
**SESSION LEADER:** TAMYAH JOHNSON - PRESIDENT OF NBSA

## **Laura Collins**

Legal Council - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Marcia Lindsey**

L4 - North Carolina Central University School of Law

## **Ellison Starnes, Esq.**

Estate Law - APLS Alumni

## **Ashley Watlington-Simms**

District Court Judge - North Carolina

## **Marc J. Williams, Esq.**

Dean of Students & Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Zaria Woodford**

L2 - Howard Law - APLS Alumni

## **Tamia Gaitwood, Esq.**

Elon Law Graduate - APLS Alumni

## **Brenton J. Boyce**

Founder & Attorney at Law Office of Brenton J Boyce PA - Elon Law Graduate

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY 3: LIVE PODCAST: "TOMORROW'S SCIENTISTS TODAY" & HOW TO DELIVER A RESEARCH POSTER

## George Babineaux

Junior Biology Student - North Carolina A&T State University

## Mya Beasley

Junior Biology Student - North Carolina A&T State University

## Dr. Farr Niere

Biology Professor - North Carolina A&T State University



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY 4: MOCK TRIAL ~ PRE-LAW

## Sarah Beamer, Esq.

Administrative Associate for PPSP - North Carolina A&T State University

## Tamyah Johnson

National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) President



# CONCURRENT SESSION I: ACE THE INTERVIEW! SMARTIN INTERNATIONAL

SESSION LEADER: DELEA WHITTAKER - SENIOR BIOLOGY  
PRE-MED STUDENT AT NC A&T

## **Sindy Martin**

Founder of Smartin International - Business Professionalism Coach

## **Cynthia W. Williams**

President of Sisters Helping in Educational Leadership and  
Development, LLC

## **BJ Houston**

Executive Treasurer of Sisters Helping in Educational Leadership and  
Development, LLC

## **April Benson**

Founder & Director of Sisters Helping in Educational  
Leadership and Development, LLC

## **Debbie Swann**

Executive Secretary of Sisters Helping in Educational Leadership and  
Development, LLC

## **Sunny Jordan**

Educational Workshop Coordinator & Agile Coach of Sisters Helping in  
Educational Leadership and Development, LLC

## **Dina Howze**

Volunteer Coordinator of Sisters Helping in Educational Leadership and  
Development, LLC

## **Anthony Johnson**

Quality Assurance Specialist

## **Darius Davis**

Professional Real Estate Property Manager

# CONCURRENT SESSION II: MOMENT WITH MENTOR

SESSION LEADERS: KEVIN MOORE - ACCELERATED PATHWAY  
TO LAW PROGRAM SCHOLAR  
JAMES TAYLOR III - EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM SCHOLAR

## **Amira Carter**

Pharmacy Student - Cambell University School of Pharmacy

## **Dr. Monica Wheeler**

General Dentist

## **Morgan Everheart**

M4 - Meharry Medical College

## **Dr. Michael Cotton**

Veterinarian & Animal Science Professor - North Carolina A&T State  
University

## **Dr. Sam Yeboah**

Cardiology Resident - UNC Medical Center - St George's School of  
Medicine Alumni

## **Asha Bethae**

Counselor - North Carolina A&T State University

## **Dr. Malik Johnson**

General Dentist

## **Jenelle Brison**

M4 - ECU Brody School of Medicine

## **Patrick Pickard**

Science Professor - Virginia Episcopal School

# CONCURRENT SESSION III: PROFESSIONAL DRESS & RESUME BUILDING

SESSION LEADERS: ERIN PRUITT - ACCELERATED PATHWAY TO LAW SCHOOL SCHOLAR  
CAMILLE PRUITT - BIOLOGY PREMEDICAL SCHOLAR

## Jeremy Johnson

Opened Door Career Services LLC - National certified resume writer





# EXHIBITORS: LAW



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**NCCU**  
School of Law

**MH**

MITCHELL | HAMLINE  
School *of* Law




**HOWARD**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**School of Law**

# EXHIBITORS: DENTISTRY

**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**  
THE PREMIER LIFE SKILLS UNIVERSITY

**WORKMAN SCHOOL  
OF DENTAL MEDICINE**



**UNC**

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**ADAMS SCHOOL  
OF DENTISTRY**




# VCU

School of Dentistry

**Tufts**  
UNIVERSITY

School of  
Dental Medicine



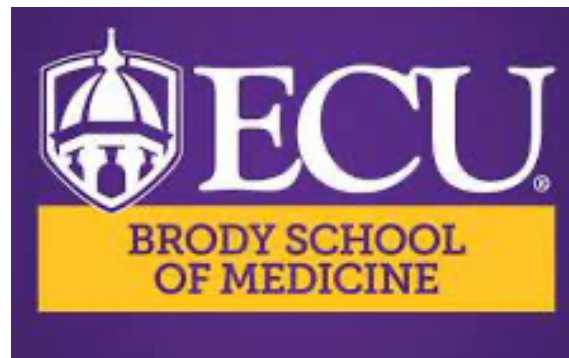
**ECU**

**SCHOOL OF  
DENTAL MEDICINE**

# EXHIBITORS: MEDICINE



**Duke University**  
School of Medicine



**UNC**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



**Wake Forest<sup>®</sup>**  
School of Medicine



**MEHARRY<sup>®</sup>**  
M E D I C A L C O L L E G E

# EXHIBITORS: MEDICINE



ROSALIND FRANKLIN  
**UNIVERSITY**  
of MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

## School of Medicine & Health Sciences

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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# EXHIBITORS: NURSING



# EXHIBITORS: PHARMACY



ESHELMAN SCHOOL  
OF PHARMACY



CAMPBELL  
UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences



1867

HOWARD  
UNIVERSITY

College of  
Pharmacy

# EXHIBITORS: GRADUATE SCHOOLS



WAKE FOREST  
UNIVERSITY

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GRADUATE SCHOOL *of*  
ARTS & SCIENCES

MICHIGAN STATE  

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UNIVERSITY



**Duke Radiology**

Duke University School of Medicine



NORTH CAROLINA  
Psychiatric  
Association

# EXHIBITORS: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Physician Assistant Studies

# EXHIBITORS: PHYSICAL THERAPY



Doctor of Physical Therapy