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2024 STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

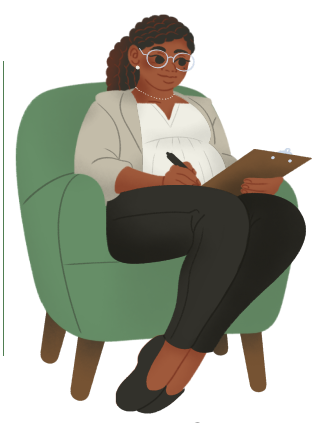
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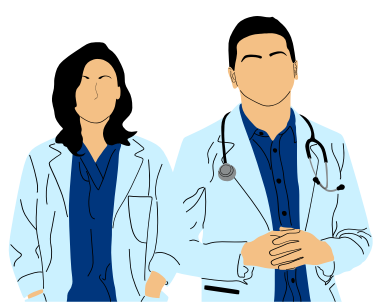
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March 23, 2024

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

Registration

9:30 - 11:15 am

Ballroom Blue

Headshots

10:00 - 10:10 am

Preeminent Ballroom

**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.

AGENDA

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

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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

12:20 - 1:30 pm
Ballroom Pride

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

11:30 - 12:15 am
Ballroom Gold

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

Featuring Law School
Representatives, Practicing
Attorneys and Students

12:20 - 1:35 pm
Ballroom Gold

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

**Transition to Networking and
Professional Development Sessions**

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

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

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 - PRESIDENT OF MAPS
SESSION LEADER: JORDAN SPELLER - PRESIDENT OF
VAGGIE 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

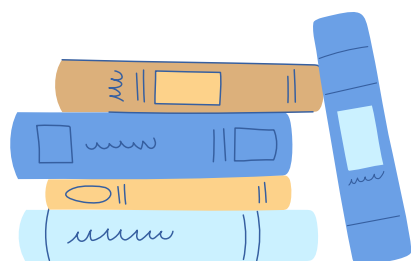
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY 1: FROM THE TEXTBOOK TO PRACTICE - PUTTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO WORK IN THE REAL WORLD

Vernon Williams

Wake Health CEAL

Ken Long

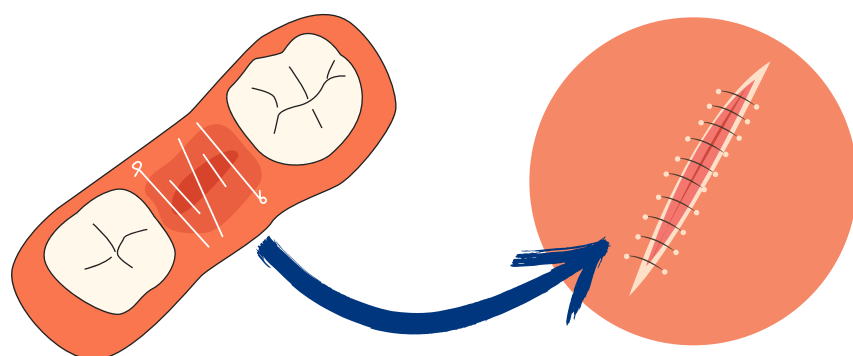
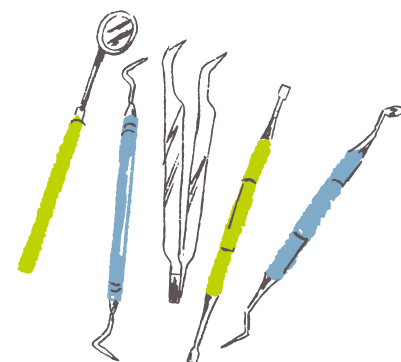
Wake Health CEAL



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 SELLARS - 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 PRE
SESSION LEADER: TAMYA 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 Nier

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

Tamaya 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

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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

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M4 - ECU Brody School of Medicine

Patrick Pickard

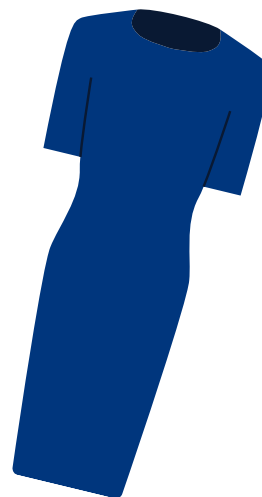
Science Professor - Virginia Episcopal School

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



NCCU
School of Law

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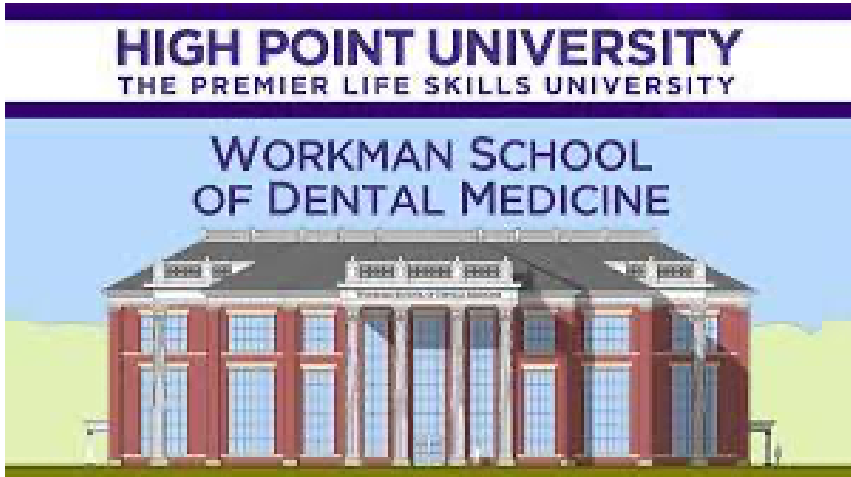
MITCHELL | HAMLINE
School *of* Law



HOWARD
UNIVERSITY

School of Law

EXHIBITORS: DENTISTRY



VCU

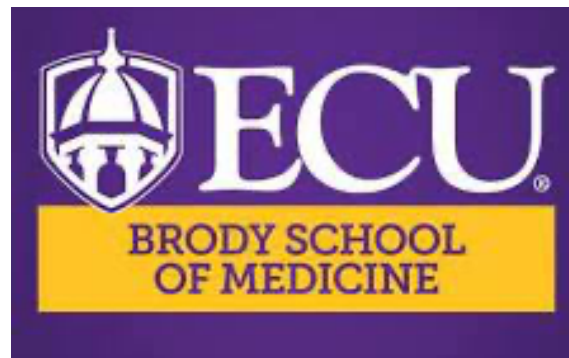
School of Dentistry



EXHIBITORS: MEDICINE



Duke University
School of Medicine



UNC
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Wake Forest[®]
School of Medicine



MEHARRY[®]
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

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

EXHIBITORS: NURSING



EXHIBITORS: PHARMACY



UNC

ESHELMAN SCHOOL
OF PHARMACY



CAMPBELL
UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences



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UNIVERSITY

College of
Pharmacy

EXHIBITORS: GRADUATE SCHOOLS



WAKE FOREST
UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL *of*
ARTS & SCIENCES

MICHIGAN STATE

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