

Forty-Second Annual

Commencement



Monday, the Fifteenth of May
Two Thousand and Six
Seven O'Clock in the Evening
Sports and Fitness Center
St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands



James Carmichael Renick, Ph.D.

Chancellor

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

James C. Renick is the ninth Chancellor and Professor of Political Science at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, appointed July 15, 1999. Prior to his current position, he was Chancellor and Professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for six and one half years. Dr. Renick is a recognized leader in the area of university/business/industry relations. Dr. Renick received his B.A. from Central State University (Ohio) in

1970, where he was inducted into the Donald K. Anthony Achievement Hall of Fame. He received his M.S.W. from Kansas University in 1972 and a Ph.D. degree in Government/Public Administration from Florida State University in 1980.

Dr. Renick has engaged the campus in a unique strategic visioning process setting a course for the university that builds on its comparative advantages as the number one producer of black engineers and technologists in the world, a first-rate business school, and a rich civil rights legacy. Recently the university announced a \$100 million capital campaign that has raised \$77 million to date. The university has currently embarked on several major capital projects, funded from \$161 million in bonds approved by the voters of North Carolina. These projects, and the \$60 million capital expansion funded by the A&T Foundation, are changing the face of the campus.

Dr. Renick is a collector and strong advocate of the arts. He has initiated several significant campus art projects.

He serves on numerous national boards and foundations including the Presidential Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, the National Council for Science and the Environment, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. Locally, he is on the board of the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina, the Greensboro Merchants Association, and he is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Renick's achievements have brought him numerous awards including the American Association for Higher Education Black Caucus' Exemplary Award for Public Service, the University of Michigan President's Medallion, Who's Who in Black America, Faculty of the Year, and the Greater Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Medal.

Dr. Renick and his wife Peggy have one child, Karinda, a graduate of her father's alma mater.

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

CANDIDATES FOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREE

Verian K. Aguilar
Sharon Venetta Esdaille

Beverly Darnel Grant-Latimer
Etta Lorraine Rahming
Bridget Lavern Todman

Jennifer Antoinette Toussaint
Delpha Williams-Rogers

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION DEGREE

Audrey Anita Bowry
Desha A. Brathwaite
Shasha Stevens Callendar
Vernon Ricardo Callwood
Ann Marie Meledia Dublin
Myrthlyn Ideta Elliott

Velma Farrell
Belinda Gail Gittens
Beverley Jennifer Hinds
Celina Deniece Morris
Myron E. Nicholls
Jerry Eugene Petersen
Sally Felix Petty

Thelma Naomi Pinney Rey
Marilyn Elsa Rita Richards
Joyce Rodriguez
Mario Lionel Turnbull
DeShawn S. Williams
Barbara B. Williams-Brown

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Tina Marie Petersen Callwood
Catherine Charles
Daryl Uchendu Edwards

Nanyamka Ayo Farrelly
Jahmed A. Mills
Debra A. Petersen-Thompson

Cindy V. Rollins
Amibka Sittig
Stephanie Thomas

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

Arlene Auguste
Claudette Alicia Georges

Monica Marie Howard
Cheryl Martin-Liburd

Elsie Viola Thomas-Trotman

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

* Julius E. Aubain
** Shana Marie Augustin
** Yakini Saidah Brandy
Latoya Labreeska Brathwaite
Alleta Nicole Bryan
Jennifer Maria Bryan
Donna Yolanda Caines
* Soundjata Tafari Carty
Chasda Dale Sonia Clendinen
Sharifa Kamaria Davis
** Duane Arlington Fraites
* Andre Francis
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* Dawn Grell
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Mekisha Shanti Homer
Okesiha Tresca Isles
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Jomo Daouda Richardson
Vernill Elkanah Roberts, Jr.
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* Shakima N. Stoutt
Ursula Victorine
** Carissa A. Webster-Lake
Edith Christiana Williams
Jo-Anne Petranella Winston

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Vanessa Tamara Abbott
Tessa Jacintha Alexander
* Althea Rosalind Adolphin
Roberta Vivian Andrew
Kamesha Toya Andrews
Rory Andrews
Ruthlyn Veronica Archibald White

Shanese Nichole Armstrong
Shane Sheldon Baptiste
* Shurn S. Baptiste
Abigail P. Batista-Michel
La'Tisha A. Benjamin
Talisa LaDonna Blyden
Nekila Raquel Boodoo

* Xana Astrid Boriel
Lorna Gloria Brandy
Shivonne Latrice Bridgewater
Elouise Shiris Brown
** Mary Augusta Burke
Jenelle C. Burley
Cheryl Callwood-Richards

*** *summa cum laude*

** *magna cum laude*

* *cum laude*

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE - continued

** Ivo A. Casimir	Daulinter Jehoshabeath Hazell	Monifa Jamila Potter
* Ta-Mine I-Sherma Challenger	Sherima Shimone Hendrickson	Alana Reid
Burt A. P. Chesterfield	** Bernicia Melovanna	Queen Ivory Jahmika Rhasba
Kaye Maureen Connor	Shanatalee Herbert	Cheryl Callwood-Richards
Peter S. D'Abreau	Claudius Hippolyte Jr.	** Albert F. Richardson
* Tija Latisha Daley	Janice Octavia Alvina Huggins	James A. Richardson
Rochelle Shamala Davis	La'Tanya Anita Huggins	** Wade Richardson
** Verda-May	Abigail Lorraine Hutchins	Monique L. Rogers
Wilhelmina Demming	* Randall Lesley Johnson	Chanel Claudina Ruan
Miniminyha Demund	* Judy Johnson-Dore	Tremaine Seales
* Danton Daryl Durand	Derek Amory Joseph	Tamika Jeaneil Scott
Chantel Necia Duruo	Jessica A.L. Lake	Chantel Denise Skelton
* Barbara Eloi	Shermaine F. Lawrence	Ryan Bruce Skinner
Jermima E. Eloi	*** Crystal LaToya Lezama	* Jesus Soler
** Windy A. Fahie	** Daryl Kirwan Pierre Louis	Kimmora Lashana Solomon
Je'Nelle Elderine Forbes	** Shanica G. Maduro	Tamela Rochelle Taylor
* Kirima Shameka Forbes	Ladee Shanna Christina Martin	Kelly Victoria Thompson-Webbe
Samantha Davina Fox	Indra R. Michel	** Sharisa Carla Joyah Tuckett
Jenifer Alicia France	Gerda Maria Morales	Michadia Estonesia Veira
** Khalila Tanisha Frett	** Kimone M.K. Moving	Geneva H. Weekes
Nanyamka Hanifah Frett	Buffy D. Myers	Angela Diane Wheatley
*** Altina M.B. Gardner	* Mayleen Bernadette Neaves	Jenel Alicia White
Susan Lucena George	* Toni Rachelle Nisbett	** Collier M. Wilkinson
*** Avalyn Fiona Goodwin	Lydia Kesegofetse Odirile	Bernadine Rosetta Williams
Desiree Monique Gumbs	* Nathan William O'Kones	Kelly Alexis Williams
Juliette P. Hanley	* Diana Glendora Palmer	* Neville Nathaniel Williams
Samantha Simone Harlow	Linnea' Ivy Parsons	Vanessa J. Williams
Alba C. Harrigan	* Fay N. Penn	Jay Wiltshire
	Wendy Lauren Pinney	

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Chasda DaleSonia Clendinen	Edna Susan Joseph	Keridon Mark Williams
Andre Francis	Hector Asa Squiabro	

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Ruthlyn Veronica Archibald White	Tamera Amina Gumbs	Kimone M.K. Moving
Nekila Raquel Boodoo	Patrice CharieAnn Halliday	Wendy Lauren Pinney
Carolyn Charles Brewley	Halvor Emanuel Hart III	Patricia E. Potter
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Kevermay Agatha Douglas	Shanatalee Herbert	Chivon Chamella Sasso
Danton Daryl Durand	Resa Yvain Jean	Petula Maria Stevens
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Khalila Tanisha Frett	Janice Teresa Melchoir	Sharisa Carla Joyah Tuckett
Ivelisse Miga Gabriel	Indra R. Michel	Geneva H. Weekes

*** *summa cum laude*

** *magna cum laude*

* *cum laude*

PROGRAM

Lonnie Hudspeth, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Business Administration
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

*PROCESSIONAL “Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)
University Concert Band
Professor Austin A. Venzen, Director

*INVOCATION Neville Williams, Class of 2006

*NATIONAL ANTHEM “Star Spangled Banner” (Key)
University Concert Band

*VIRGIN ISLANDS MARCH “Virgin Islands March” (Adams)
University Concert Band

WELCOME LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D., President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS James C. Renick, Ph.D.
Chancellor, North Carolina A&T State University

MUSICAL SELECTION “Hands United in Peace” (Rothenberg/Althouse)
University Concert Choir
Mrs. Kirsten Kienberger, Director

ADDRESS Dawn Grell, Class of 2006

REMARKS Auguste E. Rimpel, Jr., Ph.D.
Chairman, UVI Board of Trustees

..... The Honorable Lorraine L. Berry
President of the 26th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

..... The Honorable Donna M. Christensen
Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

..... The Honorable Charles W. Turnbull
Governor, United States Virgin Islands

MUSICAL SELECTION Selections from “The Sound of Music”
University Concert Band

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Al Hassan I. Musah, Ph.D., Provost

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Education Specialist Degree • Master of Arts in Education • Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration • Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Arts • Associate in Science • Associate in Arts

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Joseph B. Boschulte
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

*ALMA MATER “Alma Mater by the Sea” (LaMotta)
University Concert Band and Choir

*BENEDICTION Latoya Brathwaite, Class of 2006

*RECESSIONAL “Olympic Spirit” Arranged by James Curnow
University Concert Band

**Audience is requested to stand.*

*Every effort is made to ensure that this program is accurate;
circumstances beyond our control may have resulted in errors.*

Alma Mater By the Sea

Words and Music by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Beside the blue Caribbean calm
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
'neath sunny skies and whisp'ring palm

Proud we are to tread thy ways
Loud and true we voice our praise
Open door thy every portal
'mid sand and sea and golden days

Long the ties that will endure
Strong in heart and memory
Faithfully we'll always honor
Our Alma Mater by the sea

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
For guiding stars so brightly shown
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
How wide the bound'ries we have flown

Sing we now of bright tomorrows
Yesterday we never knew
Walking down thy halls of wisdom
The towerin' heights are all in view

Here to us on islands famed
Dear to us thy name will be
University of the Virgin Islands
Our Alma Mater by the sea.

Academic Regalia

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at graduation exercises is one of the oldest and most democratic of collegiate customs. It originated in the Middle Ages when the first universities were founded as clerical institutions. Besides distinguishing the wearers from laymen, the costume served a very practical purpose in the unheated churches and cloisters of the time. It often added grace to the individuals and impressiveness to the ceremonies in which they took part. Its chief virtue, however, was that it eliminated undemocratic differences in dress which might otherwise have marred an essentially democratic occasion.

Under the intercollegiate system adopted in 1893, the Oxford cap or "mortarboard" is worn for all degrees, but the doctor is entitled to a gold tassel and optional velvet cap. The sleeve of the master's gown is distinguished from the bachelor's by a half-moon cut at the end. The doctor's gown has faced-down fronts, and round bell sleeves with bars of

velvet. The master's degree hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's is longer than the master's. All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The bachelor's and master's degree candidates at the University of the Virgin Islands wear hoods lined with Caribbean blue and white, the school colors. The bachelor's degree hoods are trimmed with white velvet to signify liberal arts, and with golden yellow velvet to signify science. UVI master's candidate hoods are also trimmed with velvet — light blue for education, drab to represent business, and peacock blue to indicate public administration.

According to the Academic Costume Code, at most U.S. institutions the color of velvet trim indicates the following academic disciplines: agriculture/maize; economics/copper; engineering/orange; fine arts/brown; home economics/maroon; law/purple; library science/lemon; music/pink; nursing/apricot; philosophy/dark blue; physical education/sage green; public health/salmon pink; science/golden yellow; social science/cream; social work/citron; speech/silver gray.



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