



**Virginia State University Alumni Association
Greater Triangle Area (NC) Chapter**

WINTER 2026

NEWSLETTER



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24-26 Chapter President

Mr. Dennis Snead, c/o '80
Editor in Chief

Greetings Trojan Nation:

As we embark upon a new year and the final quarter of this administration, I wish to thank each of you who have supported Vision 2026, our chapter agenda and the other projects set forth over this biennium.

In addition to cementing our legacy and providing support for future generations of Trojans through the establishment of our endowment fund at the university, we have a plethora of accomplishments for which we can be proud which include: presenting the largest cohort of scholarship recipients in the history of the chapter, having two consecutive VSUAA Alumnus of the Year recipients, continuing our reign as our of state chapter of the year and largest out of state chapter, having several chapter members serving on national committees and boards, raising record resources for FY 25, expediting two pageants which raised over thirteen thousand dollars for our students, continued our Battle of the Decade campaign which has raised over five thousand dollars since its inception, recognized our fifty (50) year alumni and seventy plus years of age associate chapter members as Golden Trojans, facilitated two Spirit of Troy Award ceremonies, expedited a successful ten year anniversary celebration, maintained Mega chapter status over the course of the term, recommended bylaws changes which resulted in a transparent comprehensive protocol for the VSUAA nominations and elections process, made record donations to breast cancer patients in Raleigh and Henderson, expanded the number of Christmas donations for our senior and homebound Meals on Wheels recipients, represented the university a variety of college fairs throughout the region, supported various activities of our sister alumni chapters and national organization, facilitated two pre-alumni care package campaigns, hosted watch parties and our members have partnered with several community organizations to provide service, supports and assistance to underserved members of our community. GTAC, we have not only raised the bar, but we have set the standard for association chapters across the nation.

As we enter this final quarter, we are on target to retain our crown as largest out of state chapter, have several highly qualified candidates nominated to earn national awards, will assist over a dozen students finance their college education for the 26/27 academic year, facilitate a founders day ceremony hosted by one of our Golden Trojans, expedite a scholarship raffle with items made and donated by Ms. Vivian Lewis, recognize cabinet and chapter members who have contributed to the success of the administration and close the year with an officer installation and summer social to reflect upon our accomplishments and plan for an even GREATER term with a new administration.

In closing, I wish to thank you again for believing in and supporting the vision which has guided us over these two years. Without your commitment to our students, our university, and our chapter, none of this would have been possible. As we sprint to the close of this biennial term, always remember that we are GTAC, Simply The Best, because of YOU!

Thanks again GTAC, Onward and Upward from here!!

Dr. Michael T Williams, Ed.D c/o '94
24-26 Chapter President

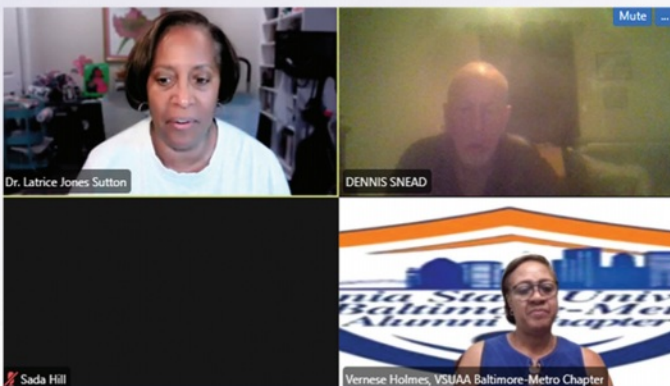




11/29/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Dennis Snead, Jeanette Hill, and Cicily Marsh had the joy of celebrating the 85th birthday of our dear GTAC-NC Member, Harriett Gilchrist. It was a beautiful moment of fellowship, love, and appreciation just like she also brings to our GTAC (NC) family.



2/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Member LyAsia Monroe served as a volunteer for the VSU Fall 2025 Commencement.



10/1/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Dennis Snead attended the VSUAA Nominating Committee Meeting.



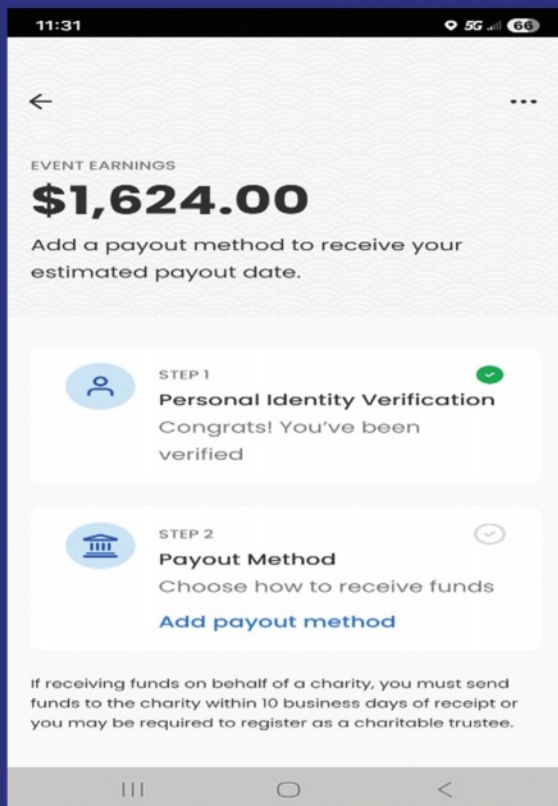
10/4/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Wanda Hill and her husband, Sid, attended the VSU/JCSU Football Game.



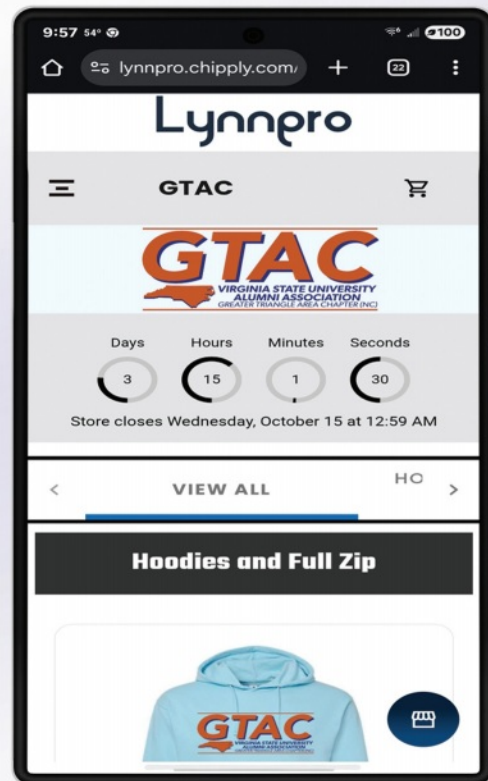
10/5/2025- GTAC (NC) held a Zoom Reveal for our 2025-2026 sixteen scholarship recipients and their guests as a means to officially announce them to the members of the chapter and vice- versa.



10/6/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Jacqueline Haskins attended the Henrico County Public Schools Band Showcase to support the VSU Trojan Explosion Band as they performed in a guest exhibition.



9/29/2025-10/3/2025- GTAC (NC) conducted a DoubleGood Popcorn Fundraiser in which we raised a total of \$1,824 in profits. Of the \$1,824, \$1624 was generated from the popcorn sales and \$200 from member donations.



10/1/2025- 10/10/2025- GTAC (NC), in conjunction with our membership committee's branding initiative, conducted a paraphernalia store. We will receive 25% of all sales.



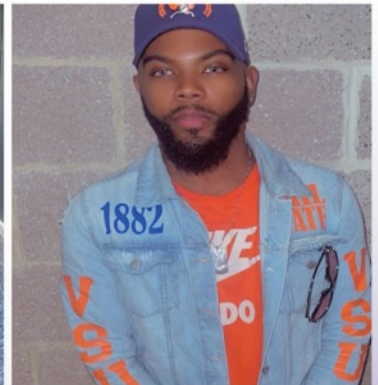
North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Program



10/8/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Nyesha Robinson was certified as a Trainer for the North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Program.



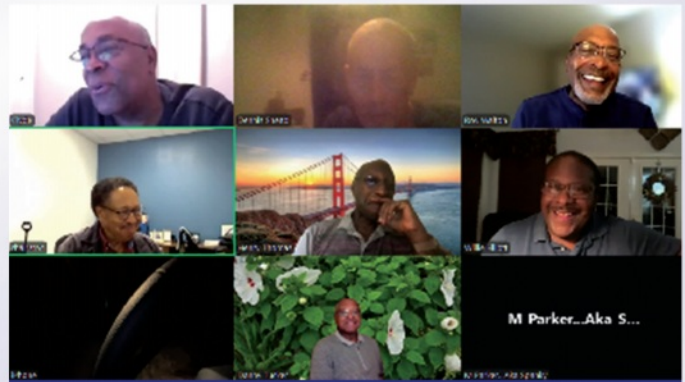
10/13-2025- GTAC (NC) Member Chiquita Moore continued her volunteer service at Urban Ministries by making lunchtime sandwiches for the homeless and those in need.



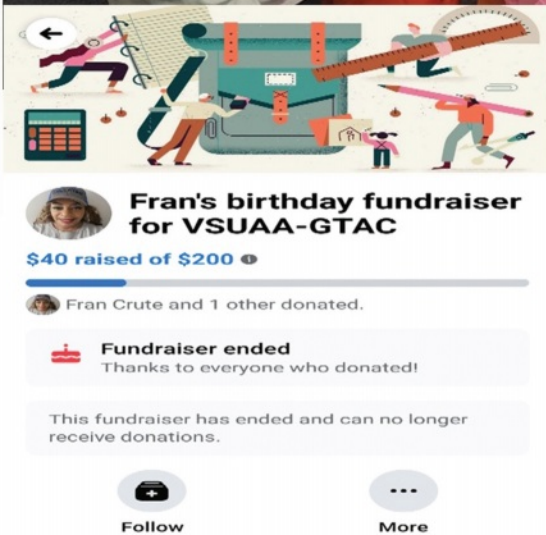
10/18/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Mathew Britt, Cornellius Whitehead, Cicily Marsh, Sherman Faison, and Dennis Sneed attended the VSU/ESCU Football Game.



10/18/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Matthew Britt attended the Roland Martin Podcast.



10/19/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Ronald Hairston, Willie Elliott, Jr., and Dennis Shead attend an Old School Zeta Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity Meet-Up on Zoom.



October 2025- GTAC (NC) Member Fran Crute set up a Facebook Birthday Celebration Fundraiser that raised \$40 for the chapter's scholarship fund.

10/31/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Nyesha Robinson, Sybil Ingram, Cicily Marsh, and Gloria Boone delivered 50 care packages to the staff of Maria Parham Cancer Center, Henderson, NC. for patients, who are undergoing Chemotherapy treatments, as Part I of the chapter's Breast Cancer Awareness Month Project.



10/24/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Willie Elliott, Dennis Snead, Deborah Hall Ebron, Henry Thomas, and Rose Townsend Thomas joined other Old School Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity Brothers and Tau Beta Sigma Band Sorority Sisters at the Trojan Explosion Homecoming Alumni Meet & Greet. All participated in the band between 1972 and 1980.



10-25-2025-Adminst the numerous homecoming activities on campus, GTAC (NC) Members Danny Adams and Dennis Snead gathered for the annual Class of 1980 Homecoming Group Picture that Dennis organized.



10/18/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Cornelliuss Whitehead and Dennis Snead attended the Donor/Scholar Meet & Greet Brunch sponsored by the Trojan Explosion Band Boosters.



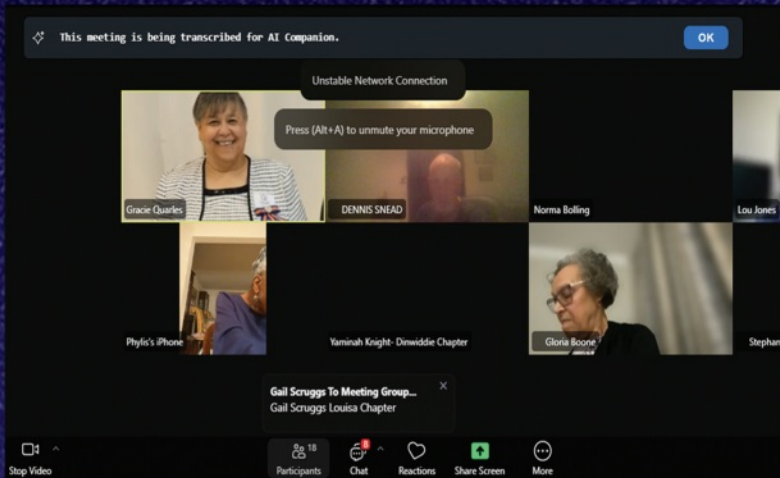
10/25/2025- GTAC (NC) Members, our sixteen 2025-2026 Scholarship Recipients and their families gathered during homecoming for the presentation of scholarships and checks of \$1000 each. Two of the recipients are shown receiving theirs on Friday because they had a basketball team practice on Saturday.



10/25/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Cicily Marsh (2025-2026 VSU Alumna of the Year, rode in her rented Corvette in the VSU Homecoming Parade. Also, riding in separate Corvettes were the chapter's Mr. GTAC (NC), Brandon Farmer and Little Mr. GTAC (NC), Joshua Hawkins.



0/25/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Gayle Rowell, continuing her homecoming tradition, presented care packages to the students who reside in the dormitory room that she stayed in while matriculating at VSU.



11/5/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Dennis Snead (Trainer)), Fran Crute, Gloria Boone, Harriett GilChrist, Sybil Ingram, Lakisha Vann- Hooks, and Vivian Lewis attended the VSUAA Awards Submission Training- Part I.



Rhonda's birthday fundraiser for VSUAA-GTAC

\$52 raised of \$200



You and Rhonda Holley-Shanks donated.

You donated \$26.01. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser.

November 2025- GTAC (NC) Member Rhonda Holley- Shanks set up a Facebook Birthday Celebration Fundraiser that raised \$52 for the chapter's scholarship fund.



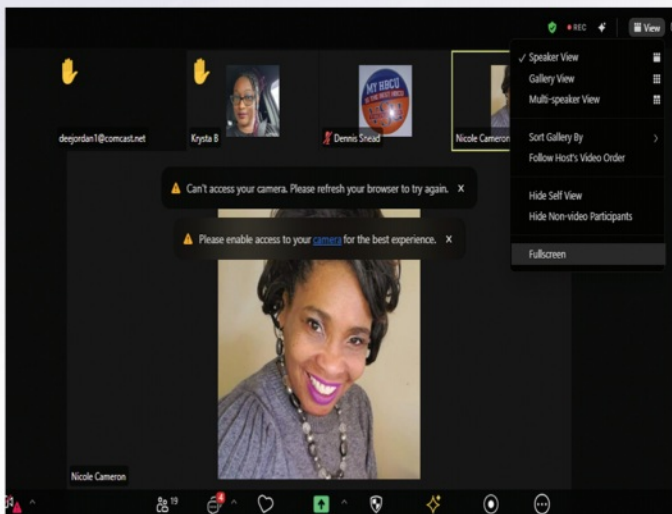
11/7/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Jeanette Hill and Cicily Marsh delivered 50 care packages to the staff of Duke Women's Cancer Care, Raleigh, NC, for patients who are undergoing Chemotherapy treatments, as Part II of the chapter's Breast Cancer Month Project.



Homecoming 2025- GTAC (NC) Members Rhonda Holley- Shanks and Dr. McChelle Blunt entertained at their RV tailgate spots.



10/24/2025- GTAC(NC) Members Gayle Rowell, Nyesha Robinson, LyAsia Monroe, and Dennis Snead took shifts with other VSUAA chapter members in the recruitment campaign for ALL chapters on the VSU Bookstore Patio.



11/10/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Dennis Snead attended the VSUAA Membership Task Force Meeting in his dual role as VSUAA Membership Co- Chair and GTAC (NC) Membership Chair.

10/25/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Dr. MeChelle Blunt rode the Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority float with her line sisters in observance of their line's 45th Line Anniversary

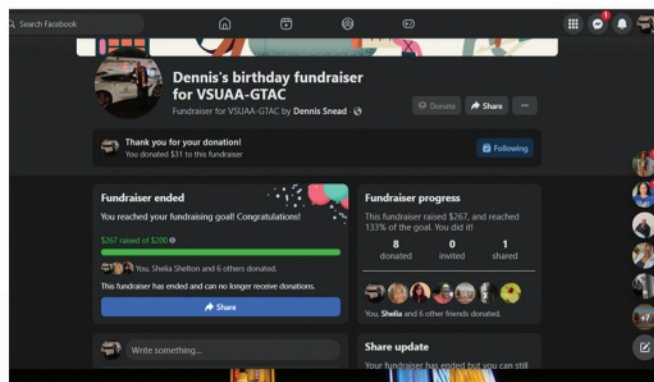


November 8 & 9, 2025- GTAC (NC) Members Vivian Lewis, Rhonda Holley-Shanks, Cicily Marsh, and Jeanette Hill sold coupons at the Belk store as part of the chapter's Belk Charity Fundraiser. Jeanette is not pictured.





11/11/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Cicily Marsh helped plan and host another community awareness seminar entitled "MOVE YOUR CAREER PATH FORWARD CAREER SERVICES."



November 2025- GTAC(NC) Member Dennis Snead set up a Facebook Birthday Celebration Fundraiser that raised \$267 for the chapter's scholarship fund.



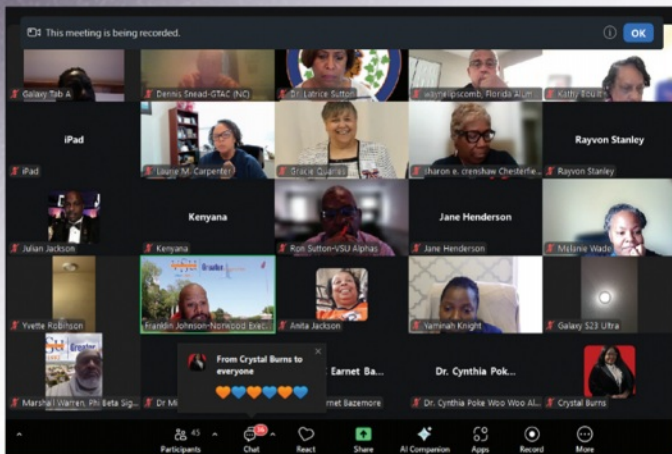
11/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Bequitta Johnson and Dennis Snead represented VSU Admissions at the East Wake High School College Fair, Wendell NC.



11/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Bequitta Johnson, on behalf of GTAC (NC), presented a VSU Pennant to Kimberli Jackson, AVID Teacher at East Wake High School, Wendell, NC, to post. #40



11/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Bequitta Johnson, on behalf of GTAC (NC), presented a VSU Pennant to Veronica Williams, AVID Elective Teacher at Zebulon Middle School, Zebulon, NC, to post. #39



11/15/2025- GTAC (NC) Chapter President Dr. Michael Williams along with Members Cicily Marsh, Sharda' Holmes, Dennis Snead, LyAsia Monroe, Gayle Rowell, Fran Crute, Orlando Conner, Dr. Taylor Whitehead, Faye Watkins, and Vivian Lewis attended the VSUAA Quarterly Board Meeting.



10/24/2025- Shown are some of the numerous GTAC (NC) Members who attended the VSU Homecoming Day Party.



0/25/2025- Shown are some of the numerous GTAC (NC) Members who attended the President's Tailgate during Homecoming.



10/24/2025- Shown are some of the numerous GTAC (NC) Members who attended Harlem Nights on the Hill during Homecoming.





10/25/2025- Shown are some of the numerous GTAC (NC) Members who attended the VSU Homecoming Football Game.



11/15/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Matthew Britt attended the VSU/East Stroudsburg Men's Basketball Game.



11/3/2025- GTAC(NC) Member Chiquita Hicks-Moore, who serves as Co-Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee of the Durham Center for Senior Life, met with the Director and Staff again to listen and plan for the ongoing needs of Durham Seniors.



11/21/ 2025 Answering the quick call, GTAC Member Venisha Bowler donated food items (rice, potatoes, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce) to the Food Pantry recently started by Greater Outreach Services, Inc. Greater Outreach Services, based in Durham, is owned and operated by GTAC Member Nyesha Robinson. Accepting the food donation on behalf of Greater Outreach Services was GTAC Member Sybil Ingram and staff member of Greater Outreach Services, Inc.



11/21/2025- GTAC (NC) Member LyAsia Monroe, in the season of giving, donated 255 pounds of food to Second Harvest Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte, NC, making an impact for 51 families. During her donation presentation, she expressed how VSU and GTAC (NC) inspired her to give back.

11/21/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Jacqueline McElroy volunteered at the Person County Senior Center at the receptionist desk and the Nutritional site. The Center provides in house services, fitness, nutrition, educational, and social outlets.





11/22/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Jacqueline McElroy supported the preparation and distribution of food boxes to the Pine Grove Church Family and the community in Creedmoor, North Carolina.



11/27/2025- GTAC(NC) Members Sherman Faison, Cicily Marsh, Wanda Hill, Jeanette Hill, Crystal Jones, Venisha Bowler, Tonya Owens, and Dennis Snead helped prepare the Community Dinner that GTAC (NC) sponsored in partnership with Baptist Church, Kenbridge, VA.

11/27/2025- After the Community Dinner that GTAC (NC) sponsored with Friendship Baptist Church, GTAC (NC) Members Venisha Bowler, Tonya Owens, Sherman Faison, and Dennis Snead, along with some Friendship Baptist members, delivered fifty meals to The Village, Victoria, Va., a residential apartment complex for senior citizens and disabled.



11/27/2025- After the Community Dinner that GTAC (NC) sponsored with Friendship Baptist Church, GTAC (NC) Members Dennis Snead , Tonya Owens, Venisha Bowler, and Sherman Faison, along with some Friendship Baptist members, delivered thirty meals to The Village, Victoria, Va., an apartment complex for low- income persons. Sherman is not pictured.



11/27/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Rayvon Wheeler helped his church, Elon First Baptist Church in Burlington, NC., prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal and give other household items to the surrounding area.

12/09/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Cicily Marsh planned and facilitated another meaningful Community Information Series in partnership with Baskerville Funeral Home, LLC, featuring the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Re-Entry Services. The session provided valuable information and resources to support formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals, focusing on successful reintegration through services such as transitional planning, expungement support, housing assistance, employment support, and community referrals.

Baskerville Funeral Home, LLC
Community Information Series
Presents

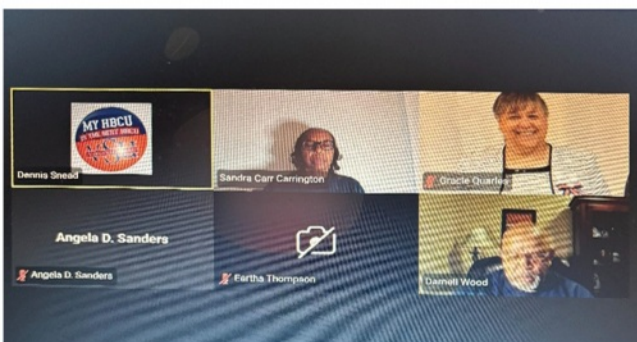
**Kerr-Tar Regional Council
of
Governments Re-Entry Services**

Presenter: Sharon Thomas
Regional Reentry Program Manager
December 9, 2025; 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Baskerville Funeral Home Chapel
104 S. Chestnut Street
Henderson, North Carolina 27536
252-430-6824

The Kerr-Tar WDB Reentry Team supports formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals by connecting them with the resources needed for long-term success. Through collaboration with community partners, we reduce barriers, support reintegration, lower recidivism, and promote safer, stronger communities. Our team provides individualized case management, connects individuals and families to essential services, and coordinates a network of agencies dedicated to successful reentry.

Available Services

- ✓ Reentry Transitional Planning
- ✓ Expungement & Reentry Support
- ✓ Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- ✓ Housing Assistance; Transportation
- ✓ Employment Support
- ✓ Referrals & Connections to Community



12/10/2025- GTAC (NC) Member and Class of 1980 Co-Coordinator Dennis Snead attended the VSU Class of 1980-Road to Golden Anniversary Meeting.



11/28/2025-GTAC (NC) Chapter Member, Vivian Lewis, her husband and grandson prepared sandwiches during the Thanksgiving holidays at the Durham Urban Ministries for those in need.



12/12/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Percell Anderson, along with members of the Elevation Baptist Church Senior Ministry shared Christmas joy and giving with the residents at the HELEN WRIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER In Raleigh NC.

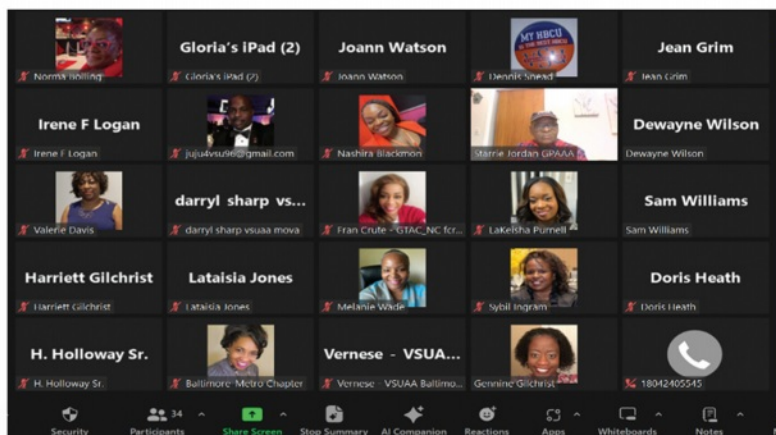


12/13/2025- GTAC (NC) was represented by Members Rhonda Holley- Shanks, along with husband, Ronnie Shanks, Cicily Marsh, Jeanette Hill, Dennis Snead, and Tonya Fullerwinder, along with her daughter, Rachel Martin at VSUAA- Dinwiddie Chapter's Inaugural Winter Scholarship Sneaker Gala.



12/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Tonya Fullerwinder and her daughter, Rachel Martin, attended the VSU Fall 2025 Commencement.

12/13/2025- GTAC (NC) Member Sybil Ingram served as a volunteer for the VSU Fall 2025 Commencement.



12/17/2025- GTAC (NC) Members Vivian Lewis, Cicily Marsh, Harriett Gilchrist, Sybil Ingram, Fran Crute, LyAsia Monroe, Gloria Boone, Harold Holloway, and Dennis Snead attended the VSUAA Awards Training for Electronic Submissions.



WAKE COUNTY Board of Elections

Greetings, Nyesha!

We are pleased to announce that based on recommendations from the Republican and Democratic Parties of Wake County, the Wake County Board of Elections has appointed you to serve as a **Judge** in precinct **19-21** for the **2025-2027** appointment term. For more information about the duties of a **Judge** as well as a breakdown of pay rates, please visit the following link: [WakePrecinctOfficials - Duties and Pay Rates](#).

At the end of your appointment term, you may be recommended for reappointment as outlined in North Carolina General Statute §163-41(a). Thank you for your patriotic service to your county and to your fellow voters. You play a critical and important role in preserving the integrity of the elections process. We hope you will find this service opportunity to be personally rewarding.

If you are not able to serve, please let the Staffing Team know as soon as possible. You may contact the Staffing Team at elections@wake.gov if you have any questions. Thank you again for serving in this capacity.

Thank you for everything you do!

Best Regards,

Congratulations to GTAC (NC) Member Nyesha Robinson on her appointment as a judge for the Wake County Board of Elections

12/20/2025- GTAC (NC) held its 2nd Annual Mr. and Miss GTAC (NC) Pageant as an effort to raise funds for scholarships and to showcase youth and adults. The 2025-2026 Royal Court along with past royal court members and the GTAC (NC) Chapter Vice-President are pictured (L to R): Joshua Hawkins- Little Mr. GTAC (NC) 2024-2025; Kierstin Carter- Jackson) Miss GTAC (NC) 1st Runner-up 2025-2026; Ava Thorpe- Little Miss GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Imani Jones- Miss Pre- Teen GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Diamond Harper- Junior Miss GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Cicily Marsh- GTAC (NC) Vice-President; Madison Macon- Miss GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Gayle Rowell- Ms. GTAC (NC) Alumna 2025-2026; Nygel Hawkins- Little Mr. GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Carlton Herbin- Mr. GTAC (NC) 2025-2026; Brandon Farmer- Mr. GTAC (NC) 2024-2025.





12/20/2025- GTAC (NC) held its Holiday Social after the GTAC (NC) Pageant. Pictured are (L-R) are Jacqueline McElroy, Faye Watkins, LyAsia Monroe, Sherman Faison, Yvette Neal, Cicily Marsh, Dennis Snead, Gayle Rowell, Rhonda Holley- Shanks, and Fran Crute. Attendees who not in the picture are Charles Craig, Keaven Russell, Phoebe Russell, Candy Parker, Vivian Lewis, Chiquita Moore, Crystal Jones, Tonya Fullerwinder, Ed Busch, Kamelah Ribeiro, Theodora Crawley, Rokkell Jones, Steven Jones, and Jeanette Hill.



PACK THE PANTRY

PRE ALUMNI CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION AND TROJAN FOODBANK

Donation to Trojan Food Pantry and Care Packages to
North Carolina Pre Alumni Students

FRIDAY

FEB 20, 2026

12:30-1:30 PM

FOSTER HALL LOBBY



All alumni are invited to support our students

Sign up for the items you will share with our students.
Care packages will be given to students who register
and food items will be donated to the food pantry

Select Your donation Here or Scan QR code to visit the site
<https://forms.gle/XEXGqNtUcmRPA6Wn7>

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THE GREATER TRIANGLE AREA CHAPTER (NC) CHAPTER

is conducting a raffle to support our
26/27 Scholarship Initiative.

We are inviting all Trojans and friends to purchase
tickets to help us support our scholars.

THE RAFFLE FEATURES

1ST PRIZE- QUILTED VSU TAPESTRY

(Suitable for display or a throw)

2ND PRIZE- CROCHETED SWEATER

(Can be worn by L or XL)

All made by GTAC (NC) Member Vivian Lewis

Tickets are available for purchase as follows:

One for \$5

Three for \$10

Six for \$20

The drawing will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, during
VSU Alumni Weekend, after the VSUAA Awards Program

You DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

Please purchase raffle tickets using the link provided and denote
RAFFLE with your payment- <https://forms.gle/TjKL5TMf9mv7ijUR6>



Contact **CICILY MARSH** for more information, if needed, at cmarshgtac@gmail.com



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