

The Installation of  
**Nancy J. Cable, Ph.D.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Chancellor**  
of the University of North Carolina at Asheville

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 23**

**ALL DAY** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** Undergraduate Research Day featuring original research across all academic departments by UNC Asheville students and faculty.

**Thursday, April 25**

**9:00–10:30 A.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** Liberal Arts and Sciences' Vital Role for the Future of our Democracy, led by **Jon Peede, Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, President of AAC&U and Dr. Lawrence T. Potter, Chief Academic Officer and Provost at the University of the District of Columbia.**

**11:00–NOON** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** Naming ceremony for the VY<sup>Ꭰ</sup>ODA (TO KI YA SDI) room, in honor of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and its lasting partnership with UNC Asheville, Highsmith Student Union, Room 238.

**Celebrate UNC Asheville! Key Issue Roundtables — *Highsmith Student Union, Blue Ridge Room***

**2:30 P.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** An Essential Right: Health and Wellness Trends & Research, led by **Dr. Rita Charon, Founder of Narrative Medicine; Dr. William Roper, Interim President, UNC System; and Dr. Jeff Heck, MAHEC.**

**4:00 P.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** Inclusive Excellence and Equity: The Power of Partnerships, led by **Ms. Debra Campbell, City Manager, City of Asheville; Ms. Kimberlee Archie, Equity & Inclusion Manager, City of Asheville; Dr. Darin Waters, Associate Professor of History and Executive Director of Community Engagement, UNC Asheville; Dr. Agya Boakye-Boaten, Chair and Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Director of Interdisciplinary, International, & Africana Studies Programs, UNC Asheville; and Dr. Lawrence T. Potter, chief academic officer and provost at the University of the District of Columbia.**

**7:00 P.M.** **Keynote Address by Bryan Stevenson, Attorney, Activist, best-selling Author of *Just Mercy*, and Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative and its National Memorial to Honor Victims of Lynching,** with support from The David and Lin Brown Visionary Lecture Series and The Van Winkle Law Firm Public Policy Lectures. A reception will precede the event at 5:30 p.m. at the Kimmel Arena in the Wilma M. Sherrill Center.

**8:30 P.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** The University's Lookout Observatory open for community viewing.

**Friday, April 26**

**Celebrate UNC Asheville! Key Issue Roundtables — *Sherrill Center, Ingles Mountain View Room***

**9:00 A.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** The American Dream: Interfaith Leadership in a Religious Democracy, led by **Dr. Eboo Patel, Author, Founder and President, Interfaith Youth Core, and Rhodes Scholar whose most recent text is *Interfaith Leaders*.**

**10:30 A.M.** **Celebrate UNC Asheville!** The Melting of the Arctic Permafrost: Climate Implications, led by **Dr. Robert Max Holmes, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole.**

**3:00 P.M.** **The Installation of Chancellor Nancy J. Cable,** UNC Asheville Quadrangle with an Installation Address by **Dr. John J. DeGioia, President of Georgetown University.**

**4:15 P.M.** **Celebration Reception,** UNC Asheville Curry Courtyard.

## SPECIAL GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

- **Ms. Kimberlee Archie** is Asheville's first-ever Equity and Inclusion Manager, working with internal and external Asheville partners, nonprofits, the public and stakeholders to establish the use of an equity lens in all City programs and policies.
- **Dr. Agya Boakye-Boaten**, Chair and Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Director of Interdisciplinary, International, & Africana Studies Programs at UNC Asheville, teaches interdisciplinary courses and researches alternative education for street children, how to build intellectual and creative capacities of students using alternative education strategies, and the use of education to promote democracy.
- **Ms. Debra Campbell**, Asheville's City Manager, has more than 30 years of experience in urban planning, transit planning and neighborhood revitalization, and is Asheville first African American City Manager and the first woman to hold the position on a permanent basis.
- **Dr. Rita Charon** is a general internist and literary scholar at Columbia University who originated the field of narrative medicine.
- **Dr. John J. DeGioia** is deeply engaged in addressing broader issues in education. He currently serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Council on Education (ACE), and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forum for the Future of Higher Education. He is a founder of the Academy for Higher Education Leadership and has served 18 years as President of Georgetown University.
- **Dr. Jeff Heck** is a professor of family medicine with UNC-Chapel Hill and associate dean for the Asheville campus of the UNC School of Medicine, which he founded in 2008. He also leads the MAHEC in Asheville as president and CEO.
- **Dr. Robert Max Holmes**, an earth system scientist who studies rivers and their watersheds and how climate change and other disturbances are impacting the cycles of water and chemicals in the environment, is the founder and director of the Arctic Great Rivers Observatory, the Global Rivers Observatory, and the Cape Cod Rivers Observatory. He is a leading expert and senior scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Research Institute.
- **Dr. Lynn Pasquerella**, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, has held a number of academic leadership positions, including president of Mount Holyoke College, and has written extensively on medical ethics, metaphysics, public policy, and the philosophy of law.
- **Dr. Eboo Patel**, founder of the Interfaith Youth Core is an author, speaker, educator, and interfaith leader dedicated to the idea that religious understanding should be a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.
- **Mr. Jon Peede**, Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has served as publisher of the *Virginia Quarterly Review* (VQR) at the University of Virginia and as director of the NEA Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience program, among many other roles.
- **Dr. Lawrence T. Potter**, Chief Academic Officer and Provost at the University of the District of Columbia.
- **Dr. William Roper**, interim president of the UNC System, has a long career in health care leadership, including senior vice president of Prudential Health Care and director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- **Dr. Darin Waters**, an Associate Professor of History and Executive Director of Community Engagement at UNC Asheville, specializes in the history of race relations in both the United States and Latin America. Locally, he leads the annual African Americans in Western North Carolina and Southern Appalachia Conference and is co-host of *The Waters and Harvey Show*, a weekly radio program that airs on WCQS, the local NPR/Public radio station in Asheville.