



LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

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MESSAGE FROM DR. DAWN MCNAIR

Dear Blue Bear Family,

As we close out the semester, I want to thank each of you for the dedication and spirit you bring to Livingstone College. You make this campus a true community of learning and support.

To our students: finals can feel demanding, but they reflect the hard work and growth you've shown all semester. Take pride in your progress,

trust your preparation, and remember to care for yourselves. Your success is measured not only by grades but by the resilience you show along the way.

To our faculty and staff: thank you for your unwavering commitment to teaching, mentoring, and serving our students. Your work strengthens our mission every day.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and celebrate with loved ones. Wishing our entire campus community peace, joy, and a bright start to the new year.



Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Shines at Project HERS Collegiate Retreat

Before campus closed for Thanksgiving break, members of the Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. joined members from across the region at the Fall 2025 Project HERS Collegiate Retreat: LeadHER League, hosted by the Eta Tau Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.

The chapter spent the weekend participating in empowering leadership workshops, dynamic sisterhood activities, and a hands-on service project supporting the Black Period Project, a nonprofit dedicated to fighting period poverty and promoting menstrual equity for Black women, girls, and gender-expansive people.

Attendees collected essential donations including pads, tampons, wipes, sanitizer, underwear, index cards, and gloves. The retreat wrapped up with a meaningful public service initiative that showcased the chapter's dedication to scholarship, service, and sisterhood.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey Blue Bear Family,

As I reflect on this past year and my 18-month health journey, I am reminded of just how faithful and amazing God is. What I faced was one of the hardest challenges of my life, yet God carried me through. Within seven days of my transplant, my kidney function was not only restored but completely normal. That was nothing but God.

I am especially grateful for the person who chose to donate a kidney after reading my story. Their selfless decision gave me the opportunity to continue the work God has called me to do here at Livingstone.

As we move forward, I want us to remember that we serve a God who is faithful, who shows us favor, and who is truly a friend. And what a friend we have in Jesus.

Wishing each of you rest, peace, and joy as we close out the year.

Happy Holidays!

Mental Health Task Force Supports Students During Finals Week

This week, the Livingstone College Mental Health Task Force hosted a full lineup of events designed to encourage, uplift, and support students as they prepare for final exams. Led by First Lady Dr. Jacqueline Davis, each day offered a special activity to help students reset, refocus, and finish the semester strong.

This week's events included:

- Dec. 1: Kicking Up Dust
- Dec. 2: Write Your Reset
- Dec. 3: Cozy Courtside
- Dec. 4: Finals Fuel Up: Exam Jam
- Dec. 5: Feel Good Friday

These moments of community, encouragement, and calm helped create a supportive environment as students head into finals. Good luck, Blue Bears—finish strong!

Professor Teresa Moore Mitchell and Concert Choir Shine in Salisbury Symphony Performance

The Livingstone College Concert Choir joined voices with community choruses for the Salisbury Symphony's Thanksgiving weekend performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Directed by Maestro Daniel Wiley, this beloved holiday tradition brought together choirs from across the region for a powerful and moving musical experience.

Livingstone's own Teresa Moore Mitchell delivered stunning soprano solos, adding depth and brilliance to the performance. The LC Concert Choir sang alongside the Lake Norman Community Choir, showcasing the talent and dedication of our students on a regional stage.



Livingstone College Receives Donated Steinway Baby Grand Piano

The Music & Theatre Arts Department has received a beautiful Steinway baby grand piano, generously donated by Bill and Leslie Wilson of Winston-Salem. The 1922 seven-foot Steinway Model B has undergone restorative work on its key action, giving it a rich, mellifluous tone that elevates the musical experience in Varick Auditorium.

This gift represents an exciting step toward the department's long-term goal of becoming an All-Steinway School.

Those interested in supporting the Steinway Fund may visit the Livingstone College website or contact Dr. Lawrence Quinnett at lquinnett@livingstone.edu.

This prestigious opportunity will allow our student-athletes to showcase their talent, represent Livingstone on a national platform, and be part of an event that honors the history, pride, and excellence of HBCUs.

Go Blue Bears! 🐻💙

Livingstone College Women's Basketball Invited to the HBCU Hoops Invitational Tournament at Disney in Orlando, FL

The Livingstone College Women's Basketball team is headed to Orlando! The Blue Bears have been invited to compete in the inaugural HBCU Hoops Invitational, a multi-day tournament hosted at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports from December 4-7, 2025.

The HBCU Hoops Invitational is a new legacy event created exclusively for HBCU men's and women's basketball programs. More than just a tournament, it is a national stage designed to elevate HBCUs through competitive athletics, educational engagement, and cultural celebration.



3rd Annual Livingstone College Christmas Toy Drive 🎁🌟

It's that time of year, Blue Bears! Student Affairs is hosting the 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Drive to support children served by Communities In Schools of Rowan County.

How to Participate:

- Purchase 1–2 toys – something you loved as a child or a popular toy today
- Drop off your donation in Walls Center, Room 315
- Deadline: December 5, 2025

Students may submit their receipt to earn community service hours.

Let's spread joy this holiday season and make a difference in our community! 🌟🎁



Questions?

Contact Student Affairs at 704-762-4638



Livingstone College Celebrates International Education Week

Livingstone College celebrated International Education Week (IEW) from November 17–21 with a series of academic and cultural events that highlighted global learning and honored our international students. Sponsored by the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Club, Strada Education Fellows, and the International Student Association, the

week blended daytime academic sessions with engaging evening programs. IEW began with a virtual session led by William McKee, reflecting on global education and the contributions of James Aggrey and Ralph Bunche. Students also took part in a financial literacy workshop designed for international learners, followed by “Drums and Drives,” a cultural drum and dance experience led by West African instructors.

Throughout the week, students in Dr. Da'Tarvia Parrish's Honors Fundamentals of Speech course hosted a Model UN simulation featuring more than fifteen countries. The parade of flags showcased the diversity of our campus community.

Students also enjoyed global-themed activities including Passport to World Play game night and an International Feast with dishes prepared by students. “It was a chance to celebrate our diverse community and learn from one another,” shared sophomore Joel Thompson, an international student from Ghana. The celebration wrapped up with a friendly soccer tournament, honoring one of the world's most unifying sports. IEW at Livingstone College reflects our commitment to cultural exchange, global awareness, and the success of our international students.



A Miracle Times Two: LC Receives \$5 Million Dollar Donation

Livingstone College has received a remarkable \$5 million donation from an anonymous donor, arriving just days after President Anthony J. Davis successfully completed his kidney transplant surgery.

President Davis shared that within seven days of his transplant, his kidney function had fully normalized. “I am restored, renewed, and rejuvenated,” he said. The news of the gift came exactly one week after his surgery, making the moment even more significant.

Under President Davis's leadership, Livingstone continues to grow as a premier HBCU, with rising enrollment and major campus improvements. This latest donation brings the donor's total contributions to more than \$61 million, supporting the Miracle on Monroe Street initiative, which includes:

- Campus-wide solar energy investments
- Renovations to multiple residence halls
- Upgrades to Aggrey Cafeteria and the Price Administration Building
- Full restoration of the Alumni House on Caldwell Street
- An additional \$6 million in tax credits secured through Bank of America

President Davis expressed deep gratitude, stating, “I am extremely grateful for supporters like our anonymous donor who continue to invest in the upward trajectory of Livingstone College.”

This extraordinary gift strengthens the College's mission and continues to propel Livingstone forward.

LC Students Strengthen Their Civic Voice at National SLSV Summit

From Nov. 12–14, 2025, students Lazaria Burgess, Olivia Lee, Tamia Holmes, Twymon Arnold, and Jahleel Morman attended the Students Learn Students Vote Summit alongside faculty and staff involved in the College's Get Out the Vote campaign. The summit brought together student leaders, campus organizers, and civic engagement professionals from across the country to explore strategies for increasing student voter participation.

Throughout the event, students participated in workshops on voter education, media literacy, community partnerships, and the impact of misinformation in today's digital

environment. They shared that it was meaningful to hear diverse perspectives and learn strategies they can bring back to campus.

Terri Stevenson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, served as a panelist during the Closing Plenary. She spoke about Livingstone's long-standing commitment to civic engagement within the historical context of HBCUs. The moderator noted, "HBCUs have long been at the forefront of civic engagement and social change, often doing so with limited resources. The story of Livingstone College is a powerful example of that persistence, from marching to the polls to finding new ways to stay engaged when obstacles arise." Stevenson shared how the campus community continues to build on that legacy voice matters in my community. It is part of being a leader," said Lazaria Burgess.

through intentional outreach and student-centered strategies. For many attendees, the summit was both educational and empowering. "My v



Students emphasized the importance of meeting their peers where they are through accessible programming and open conversations about the voting process.



By engaging with national leaders and collaborating with LC faculty and staff, these Blue Bears returned to campus with renewed energy to support voter education and civic participation. Their involvement reflects Livingstone College's ongoing mission to prepare informed and active student citizens.

Happy Founders Day to the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.!

On December 4, 1906, the first intercollegiate Black Greek-letter fraternity was founded, marking the beginning of 119 years of leadership, scholarship, and service. Today, we join the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in celebrating this historic legacy and its continued impact on campuses and communities.

To honor the day, the chapter is collaborating with the Mental Health Task Force for "Phinals Fuel Up: Exam Jam" in the Event Center from 7–9 PM on Dec. 4, 2025.

Stay connected with their updates and events by following @gammamu77 on Instagram.





HBCU Top 20



MUSIC HIT LIST

★ NATIONAL RECORDING ARTISTS

1. Rod Wave
2. NBA Young Boy
3. Cardi B
4. Huncho
5. GloRilla

🎧 HBCU ARTISTS

11. Big Morg
12. Fatt Scrapp
13. Chocolate Drop
14. Lezzy
15. Zayterrio

🚀 EMERGING ARTISTS

6. YK Neice
7. Monaleo
8. LG Malique
9. Trap Dickey
10. Hurrican Wisdom

🎵 SAMPLED SONGS CATEGORY

16. Chris Brown
17. Big YBA
18. Hot Boy Shaq
19. Kocky Ka
20. Rylo Rodriguez



WLJZ 107.1 FM has teamed up with HBCUs across NC to launch the first-ever NC HBCU Top 20 Music Hit List! The list features national recording artists, emerging talent, and standout HBCU artists, giving students a new way to celebrate music and support rising creators.

The first Top 20 list is out now. Be on the lookout next semester to see who makes the next list and do not forget to cast your vote. Blue Bears, your voice helps shape the sound of NC.

Stay tuned and keep the music going. 🎵❤️

RESIDENCE LIFE: IMPORTANT END-OF-SEMESTER REMINDERS

As we get ready to wrap up the semester and head home for Winter Break, please review these important Residence Life reminders:

Move-Out & Hall Closing

- Check out within two hours of your last final exam.
- All residence halls close at 12 PM on Friday, December 12, 2025.
- Halls reopen January 5, 2026 for Spring move-in.
- Registration is from 9 AM-4 PM. Students arriving after 4 PM must wait until the next business day.
- All students must be validated before moving in.

If returning to the same room:

Complete the self-checkout form and return your room key to your RA/RHD. Missing keys = **\$200 fine**.

Honors Hall residents: You must relocate if your GPA no longer meets the requirement.

Before You Leave

Please make sure to:

- Remove all trash
- Clean and tidy your room
- Take all personal belongings
- Double-check for valuables
- Return your room key (duplicates not accepted)

Any damages beyond normal wear and tear will be billed to your student account.

Relocations: If you are relocating to another hall, all personal belongings must be removed by December 12. Items left behind may be discarded.

Housing Rush

- Housing Rush for 2026-2027: March 23-27, 2026
- Housing applications and fee payments open February 1, 2026

For questions, contact Maurice Roper, Office of Residence Life at 704.216.6272.

Safe travels and enjoy your break, Blue Bears! 🧡🐻🌟

Congratulations to the Fall Class of 2025!

Livingstone College will celebrate Winter Commencement on December 10, 2025, at 10 AM in Varick Auditorium, honoring graduates receiving undergraduate and master's degrees.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Michael Eric Dyson as our keynote speaker. Dr. Dyson is an award-winning author, scholar, and one of the nation's most influential public intellectuals. Known for his dynamic commentary on culture, race, and social justice, he brings a powerful and inspiring voice to this year's ceremony.

The program will also feature performances by the Gospel Choir, along with a special appearance from the Concert Choir, debuting under the direction of Dr. Carlos Brown.

We are proud of our graduates and look forward to celebrating their achievements with the entire Blue Bear community!



It's Basketball Season!

It's officially basketball season at Livingstone! Both our Men's and Women's Basketball teams are geared up for an exciting 2025–2026 schedule filled with energy, competition, and Blue Bear pride.

Show up, show out, and bring the noise as our teams hit the court all season long. Let's pack New Trent Gym, rep our colors, and cheer our Blue Bears to victory!

Stay tuned, stay loud, and as always... Who Ya Wit?! 🏀💙

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DATE	OPPONENT
NOV 14	WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
NOV 15	GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
NOV 18	SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
NOV 21	PAINE COLLEGE
NOV 22	VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG
NOV 25	ALLEN UNIVERSITY
NOV 29	VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
DEC 2	LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE
DEC 6	BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
DEC 15	BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
DEC 16	UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEC 21	LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
DEC 31	CONVERSE UNIVERSITY
JAN 5	CATAWBA COLLEGE
JAN 8	VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 10	BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 12	ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 17	CLAYTON UNIVERSITY
JAN 21	FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 24	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
JAN 27	AND ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
JAN 29	SHAW UNIVERSITY
JAN 31	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
FEB 7	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
FEB 12	FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
FEB 14	CLAYTON UNIVERSITY
FEB 18	SHAW UNIVERSITY
FEB 21	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
FEB 24-29	CAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (TBA)

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LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DATE	OPPONENT
NOV 14	CLARION UNIVERSITY
NOV 15	MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY
NOV 19	UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE
NOV 29	NEWBERRY COLLEGE
DEC 3	CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
DEC 5-7	HAMPTON UNIVERSITY (CAA Hoops Invitational)
DEC 13	VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
DEC 15	BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
DEC 18	KING STATE UNIVERSITY
DEC 20	BARTON COLLEGE
JAN 3	UNC GREENSBORO
JAN 5	LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
JAN 8	VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 10	BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 12	ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 16	AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
JAN 17	CLAYTON UNIVERSITY
JAN 19	CATAWBA COLLEGE
JAN 21	FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
JAN 24	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
JAN 29	SHAW UNIVERSITY
JAN 31	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
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Happy Holidays, Blue Bear Family! 🎉💙

This is the final edition of STONELight for the Fall semester. Thank you for keeping our campus stories shining bright all season long!

Please stay tuned to Livingstone's social media channels for any campus updates over the break.

We will share an announcement when Spring submissions for STONELight officially reopen.

If you have any feedback, questions, or concerns, feel free to reach out to Deborah Walker at dwalker@livingstone.edu.

Wishing you rest, joy, and a wonderful holiday season! ❄️🌟