

126 years

FOUNDER'S DAY
CONVOCATION

One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Anniversary



NINE FORTY-FIVE A.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER NINETEENTH
TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



Schedule of Events



H. Douglas Covington Residence Hall

- 8:45 A.M.....WREATH-PLACING CEREMONY
STATUE OF THE FOUNDER, DR. SIMON GREEN ATKINS
PEDESTRIAN MALL (FRONT OF O'KELLY LIBRARY)
- 9:45 A.M.....FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION
KENNETH R. WILLIAMS AUDITORIUM
- 11:45 A.M.....DEDICATION
H. DOUGLAS COVINGTON RESIDENCE HALL
- 1:00 P.M.....FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON (INVITATION ONLY)
DONALD JULIAN REAVES STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER
- 2:00 P.M.....MINI PARADE/PEP RALLY/VENDOR FAIR
CAMPUS

Our History

Winston-Salem State University

Winston-Salem State University was founded as the Slater Industrial Academy on September 28, 1892. It began in a one-room frame structure with 25 pupils and one teacher. In 1895, the school was recognized by the State of North Carolina, and in 1899, it was chartered by the state as Slater Industrial and State Normal School.

In 1925, the General Assembly of North Carolina recognized the school's curriculum above high school, changed its name to Winston-Salem Teachers College, and empowered it under authority of the State Board of Education to confer appropriate degrees. Winston-Salem Teachers College thus became the first black institution in the nation to grant degrees for teaching the elementary grades.

The Nursing School was established in 1953, awarding graduates the degree of Bachelor of Science. The North Carolina General Assembly of 1963 authorized changing the name from Winston-Salem Teachers College to Winston-Salem State College.

A statute designating Winston-Salem State College as Winston-Salem State University received legislative approval in 1969, and in 1972, Winston-Salem State University became one of the

16 constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina, subject to the control of a Board of Governors.

Since its founding in 1892, Winston-Salem State University has grown from a one-room frame structure to more than 30 buildings located on a picturesque 110-acre campus overlooking the woodlands of Salem Lake in the heart of Winston-Salem.

The university is now number one in the UNC system for North Carolina job placement for graduates and number one in the UNC system for the average salary for Triad-area graduates. It has been named a Social Mobility Innovator, ranking among the top 20 in the country for three consecutive years. In 2016, *The Wall Street Journal* ranked WSSU the No. 1 HBCU in North Carolina and the No. 2 public HBCU in the nation, and *U.S. News and World Report* recently named the university among the Best Universities in the South and the Top Public Universities.

With a faculty-to-student ratio of 16:1, the university enrolls approximately 5,000 students and offers more than 39 bachelor's programs, 7 master's programs, two professional doctoral programs, and two certificate programs.

Simon Green Atkins, our founder, served as president of the institution from 1892-1904 and 1913-1934. The following presidents and chancellors have succeeded him:

PRESIDENTS

Cadd Grant O'Kelly, 1904-1910
Francis Marion Kennedy, 1910-1913
Francis L. Atkins, 1934-1961
Kenneth R. Williams, 1961-1972

CHANCELLORS

Kenneth R. Williams, 1972-1977
H. Douglas Covington, 1977-1984
* Haywood L. Wilson, Jr., 1984-1985
Cleon F. Thompson, Jr., 1985-1995
Alvin J. Schexnider, 1996-1999
Harold L. Martin, Sr., 2000-2006
* Michelle Howard-Vital, 2006-2007
Donald Julian Reaves, 2007-2014
Elwood L. Robinson, 2015-present

* Denotes Interim Chancellor

Our Founder

Simon Green Atkins

Respected educator, civic and religious leader, publisher and visionary, Dr. Simon Green Atkins founded Winston-Salem State University as Slater Industrial Academy on September 28, 1892.

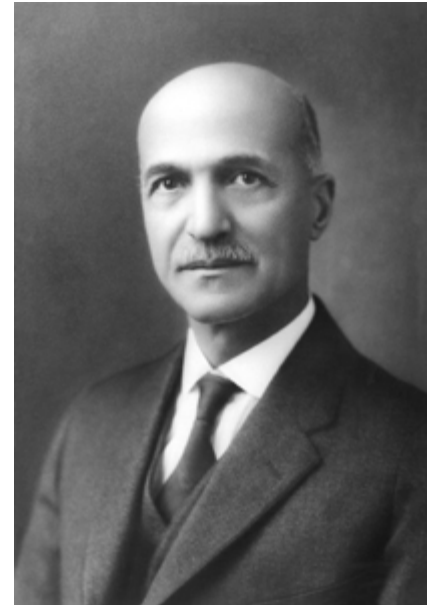
Born in Haywood, Chatham County, to Allen and Eliza Atkins, Dr. Atkins attended public schools and in 1880, entered St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute, graduating with distinction in 1884. Upon graduation he was invited by President J. C. Price to join the faculty of Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC, where he served for six years.

In 1889, he married Oleona Pegram, an English teacher at Scotia Seminary – and later at Slater Academy where she labored side-by-side with her husband in the development and growth of the institution. In 1890, Dr. and Mrs. Atkins moved to Winston where he became principal of the Depot Street School, the largest public school for blacks in the state.

Dr. Atkins believed that good housing conditions and home ownership were important to successful educational programs. With this idea in mind, in 1891, he suggested the development for blacks of a neglected section of the city which became known as Columbian Heights, and Dr. Atkins and his family became the first residents. Many other families followed, and by 1892 there were enough families for the establishment of the school. Chartered in 1892, Slater Industrial Academy opened its doors in 1893 with 25 pupils and one teacher in a building which stood on what is now U.S. 52 and Stadium Drive.

After five years as principal, Dr. Atkins resigned from the Depot Street School to devote himself full-time to Slater. Under his leadership the institution grew to a plant consisting of 10 buildings, with more than 300 students. Dr. Atkins' role in developing opportunities in higher education for blacks, especially in light of conditions which handicapped his efforts, is underscored by an editorial appearing in the June 2, 1934, edition of the *Winston-Salem Journal*. It read in part:

“In consequence of a vision translated into the work of his mind and hand, Slater Industrial and State Normal School was launched. Handicapped by lack of resources, the institution grew in size and influence... and its usefulness became so evident that it became a State institution during the administration of Governor Glenn.”



Dr. Simon Green Atkins served as president of the institution from 1892 to 1904 and again from 1913 until his retirement in 1934. During his life Dr. Atkins' influence extended to the community and to the church. In 1905, he helped found Forsyth Savings and Trust Company, the first bank for blacks in the city; he was also instrumental in starting the YMCA. Dr. Atkins served as an officer of the A.M.E. Zion Church for 20 years, as secretary of education for 16 years and as secretary of church extension for four years. He also edited *Southland* magazine which dealt with critical issues and took a strong stand on race relations, and he co-edited the *Progressive Educator*, published by the North Carolina Teachers Association, which he helped found in 1881.

As Winston-Salem State University pays tribute to its founder, it can be said that Dr. Simon Green Atkins is not simply an important name in the history of the university—a legend from the past—he is also a man for all times because his philosophy pervades the university's current work and future aspirations.

Our Speaker

Dr. Siobahn C. Day '05

DR. SIOBAHN C. DAY '05
Lecturer in Computer Science
University of North Carolina at Greensboro



Dr. Siobahn C. Day received the Ph.D. in computer science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T) in 2018, focusing her research on author attribution, privacy, security, and social computing. The first African American female Ph.D. graduate in computer science from NC A&T, Dr. Day earned the bachelor's degree at Winston-Salem State University in 2005, where she was mentored by Dr. Elva Jones, chair of the Computer Science Department and the first female to receive a Ph.D. in Engineering and Computer Science from North Carolina State University. She obtained the master's degree from the School of Library Science at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in 2009.

In 2018, Dr. Day joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) as a lecturer in computer science. Prior to joining UNCG, she served as an adjunct faculty at Elon University, at ITT Technical Institute, and at NCCU. She has also held positions as business and technology applications analyst and technician at NCCU, as ATM servicing operations analyst with the State Employees Credit Union, and as a financial services representative with SunTrust Bank in Raleigh.

She is a member of professional organizations, including the Association of Computing Machinery, the Society of Women Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society, the National Society of Black Engineers, and Project Management Institute.

While enrolled at NC A&T, she was a Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow, a prestigious award offered to qualified Ph.D. students enrolled in STEM disciplines, through a program designed to increase the number of native Black Americans earning a Ph.D. degree in STEM disciplines. She also received recognition as Outstanding Graduate Researcher and Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Student Teacher and was awarded a number of travel grants to attend national conferences from the Society of Women Engineers, the Women in Cyber Security Conference, and the National Society for Blacks in Computing. She has been recognized among younger alumni, the 40 Under 40, at both WSSU and NCCU, and as Miss UPE by Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society, Gamma Chapter.

Recently featured in the *NSBE Magazine*, the *New of Orange County*, *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, and *WXII 12 News*, Dr. Day is an advocate for increasing the number of women and minorities in computer science. One her advocacy role, she says:

The number of women in computer sciences is very low and it is tough to be a woman in a male-dominated field. You have to have a level of dedication and determination because it can feel unwelcoming. But it gives me an opportunity to help change how people see women and African Americans in this field.

In April 2015, Dr. Day created the Dreams Creatives Group, offering unique web and graphic design solutions. She also serves as a volunteer for FIRST North Carolina, Girl Scouts of America, and Black Girls Code, an organization that empowers girls of color ages 7 to 17 to become innovators in STEM fields, leaders in their communities, and builders of their own futures.



Founder's Day Convocation

Presiding, Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson, Ph.D.
Friday, October 19, 2018 – 9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE <i>TU ES PETRA</i>	DR. GREGORY THOMPSON
HENRI MULET	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC UNIVERSITY ORGANIST
*PRESENTATION OF COLORS	COLOR GUARD, ARMY ROTC UNIT
<i>THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER</i>	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
FRANCES SCOTT KEY/ARR. STEVE SMITH	UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE DR. MICHAEL MAGRUDER, DIRECTOR
*PROCESSIONAL – <i>FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL</i>	UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE
ELLIS MELTON	
WELCOME.....	CHANCELLOR ROBINSON
INVOCATION	THE REVEREND ROBERT BARR, M.ED.
	ASSOCIATE PASTOR AGAPE FAITH CHURCH CLEMMONS, NORTH CAROLINA
SELECTION – <i>FREEDOM</i>	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR & ALUMNI CHOIR
STACEY V. GIBBS/VALERIE HARRIS	MAESTRA D'WALLA SIMMONS-BURKE, CONDUCTOR DR. MYRON BROWN, PIANIST
	DANIEL J. SMITH, BARITONE '13
GREETINGS:	
CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.....	THE HONORABLE ALLEN JOINES, MAYOR
WSSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES	DR. WILLIAM U. HARRIS '58, CHAIR
WSSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	MR. VICTOR BRUINTON '82, PRESIDENT
WSSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.....	MR. WILLIAM GIBSON '20, PRESIDENT
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	CHANCELLOR ROBINSON
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	DR. SIOBAHN C. DAY '05
	LECTURER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
SELECTION – <i>COULDN'T HEAR NOBODY PRAY</i>	UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNI CHOIRS
JOHN WESLEY WORK, JR./ARR. STEPHEN HAYES	
	NIA LEWIS, MEZZO SOPRANO '19
CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY	CHANCELLOR ROBINSON
	MR. BRUINTON MR. GIBSON

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THE SIMON GREEN ATKINS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD CHANCELLOR ROBINSON
CURTIS RICHARDSON '76 AND EARLINE M. RICHARDSON '71

ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARDS CHANCELLOR ROBINSON

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

ARTS	THOMAS R. BEARD, JR. '98
SCIENCE	TRACY F. WHITE, PH.D. '00
BUSINESS	MICHEAL A. TRAMBER, MBA '14
EDUCATION	ASHANTI N. HOLLEY, ED.D. '02

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

NURSING	CLINTON J. KENON, JR., DNP '09
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	JEFFREY LUCAS, PH.D. '09

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS.....CLASS OF 1968
MS. ANNETTA RUSSELL PAYNE
MR. LEWIS TURNER, JR.
MR. ARTHUR PHILLIPS

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MR. VICTOR BRUINTON

ALMA MATER – “AS WE GO FORTH”.....THE UNIVERSITY CHOIRS
UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE
AUDIENCE

WORDS AND MUSIC BY NOAH F. RYDER (CHRISTMAS 1938)
ARR. D'WALLA SIMMONS-BURKE

AS WE GO FORTH FROM OLD STATE U.
A SONG OF LOVE WE SING TO THEE,
IN PRAISES TO THE MEMORY
OF DAYS AT STATE UNIVERSITY.

AS WE GO FORTH FROM OLD STATE U.,
GOOD LEADERS WE WILL ALWAYS BE,
AND STAND FOR ALL HUMANITY
AS YOU HAVE TAUGHT US, STATE UNIVERSITY.

THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS BRING THEE FAME
THROUGH KNOWLEDGE WHICH WE HERE HAVE GAINED,
EXULTINGLY WE RAISE THY NAME,
OH, WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY.

IN ALL WE DO WE SHALL PROCLAIM
TO ALL THE WORLD THY ENDURING FAME,
AS WE GO FORTH WE PRAISE THY NAME,
OH, WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY.

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FORM, NOAH F. RYDER (1938)
TRANSCRIPTION 2004, WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

BENEDICTION REVEREND BARR

*RETIRING OF COLORS..... COLOR GUARD, ARMY ROTC UNIT

*RECESSIONAL – FANFARE AND RECESSIONAL UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE
ELLIS MELTON

POSTLUDE DR. THOMPSON

*AUDIENCE REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED

Simon Green Atkins Distinguished Alumni Award
CURTIS RICHARDSON '76 AND EARLINE M. RICHARDSON '71

Entrepreneurs

Curtis L. and Earline Moore Richardson are lifetime supporters of Winston-Salem State University. Both are graduates, Curtis graduating in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education, and Earline in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in business education. Having begun their careers in business and industry, they each now own their own businesses. Curtis is owner and president of Richardson Safety Equipment, established in 1985; and Earline owns and operates Earline's Interiors, Furniture Sales & Design, a business she began in 2003 after having owned and operated High Point Furniture Sales.

Known for their business acumen, community involvement, and philanthropy, the Richardsons have actualized the university motto: "Enter to learn, Depart to Serve." and distinguished themselves in their service and giving to the institution. They were the first donors to name a space, the Curtis and Earline Richardson Hospitality Room, in the Bowman Gray Field House. They have led a number of fundraising campaigns for athletics, including one for player helmets, and spearheaded a fundraising concert featuring Whitley Phipps, with all proceeds going to the university scholarship fund. Often, they have hosted fundraising events in their home. In addition to their giving, they actively participate in university governance, having served on the WSSU Alumni Board (Curtis and Earline), on the Board of Trustees (Earline), and on the Foundation Board (Curtis).



The Richardsons are also active in community and professional organizations. Curtis has served on the High Point Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of Archdale. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of High Point; the NAACP; the National Guardsmen Association; the Carolina Minority Supplier Development Council; the Triad Minority Supplier Development Council; and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Earline has also served on the High Point Chamber of Commerce. She serves or has served on the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, the BB&T Advisory Board, the High Point Housing Authority (commissioner), just to name a few. Currently, she is a member of the North Carolina Retail Association, the Links Incorporated, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She has been honored by Women Empowering Women (2009), as a WSSU Unsung Hero (2009) and as a member of the National Alumni Hall of Distinction (2008). She has also received the Alpha Kappa Alpha Award for Entrepreneurial Endeavor and the McDonald Rhythms of Triumph award. Both Curtis and Earline are members of the prestigious Heritage Society.

The Richardsons are the parents of two children, Kenneth Washington and Sharde Bridges, and have two granddaughters, Caylen and Corney Bridges. They reside in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Alumni Achiever Award

The annual Alumni Achiever Award honorees are selected on the basis of career achievement and community service.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION



THOMAS BEARD – A 1998 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, Thomas Beard is a lyric-dramatic baritone who enjoys a national and international reputation. In 2003 he became the only African-American male singer to be chosen personally by Maestro Placido Domingo to be part of the Washington National Opera's Placido Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, working directly under the Maestro's tutelage. As a member of The Washington National Opera, he performed over 90 times, including in its tour of Japan. He has appeared in productions of Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Händel's *Messiah*, Verdi's *Missa da Requiem*, Fauré's *Requiem*, Dett's the *Ordering of Moses*, Pergolesi's *Magnificat*, and Dubois' *The Seven Last Words of Christ*.

Mr. Beard made his operatic début as the Bonze in the Municipal Opera Company of Baltimore's production of *Madam Butterfly*. He appeared with the Pittsburgh Opera Theatre in the world premiere of the Jazzopera *Just Above My Head*, and debuted with the International Opera of Rome as Colline (*La Boheme*), as Corporal Morrell in *Carmen Jones* at the Kennedy Center in 2002, and in the title role of Verdi's *Rigoletto* in 2005. Mr. Beard has also performed in Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Spain, and Germany. Between 2011 and 2015, he appeared as guest soloist on CNN and FOX; performed at a Patriot Day Celebration with the VA Medical Chorale & Symphony Orchestra; and debuted with Queen Anne's Choral Society in Brahms's *Requiem*, with The Easton Choral Society in the *Seven Last Words of Christ*, with the Riverbend Opera as Gerard in Giordano's *Andrea Chenier*, and with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra in *Porgy & Bess*.

Mr. Beard has performed for numerous dignitaries, including senators, governors, and ambassadors in concerts across the country. He was invited to perform as special guest soloist at the White House by former First Lady Laura Bush, and in 2005, performed at the funeral services for Rosa Parks, mother of the Civil Rights Movement.



TRACY F. WHITE, Ph.D. – Dr. Tracy F. White graduated *summa cum laude* from Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 2000. She obtained the master's degree in mathematics from Wake Forest University in 2002 and the Ph.D. degree in mathematics education from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 2016. In 2017, she joined the WSSU faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. White has taught at the secondary, undergraduate, and graduate levels. She taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for eleven years, as an adjunct at WSSU for eight years, and as an adjunct at NSCU, Meredith College, and William Peace University. She has also worked with a number of mathematics/science programs designed to strengthen the abilities of middle-grade and high school students, including the North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NCMSEN), the NASA Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy, and the Math & Science Academy of Excellence.

Dr. White is a member of a number of professional organizations. She serves on the UNC System Math Pathways Taskforce, as chair of the Alignment Subcommittee. She is an excellent teacher who has an exceptional ability to build a rapport with students. She sees each student as a unique individual who brings valuable experiences to the classroom.

Alumni Achiever Award



ASHANTI HOLLEY graduated with the bachelor's degree in special education from Winston-Salem State University in 2002. She received the master's degree in educational leadership and a master's degree in counseling from Wilmington University and the doctorate in educational leadership from Rowan University. Currently, she serves as principal of Perth Amboy High School in New Jersey and as adjunct professor at Concordia University.

Dr. Holley keeps abreast of the changing trends in education through professional development. She has earned the following certifications: Human Resources Director, Supervisor, School Administrator, and Special Education. She is currently working towards State Certification as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). She also holds membership in civic and professional organizations, including the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA); the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD); the Willingboro and Burlington County Democratic Committees; and the NAACP. She volunteers at the Burlington County Animal Shelter, with Citizens Advisory Committee for State Senator Troy Singleton, and with Poised Elegant and Responsible Ladies (PEARLS). An active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, she participates in the Delta Gems, offering weekly mentoring and tutoring to middle-school youth.

Dr. Holley also co-founded Students With Ambitious Goals (SWAG), a non-profit organization that provides cultural, social and educational opportunities to teens, grades nine through twelve, including an annual college tour to HBCUs. She participates in the Christmas Toy giveaways for more than 350 Willingboro elementary school children, and providing food for hundreds of local and county residents during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and monetary support for free pre-first-day-of school hair-cuts to community youth.



MICHAEL TRAMBER – As vice president of operations at Miracles In Sight, Michael Tramber is responsible for developing long-term strategies, creating lean and efficient operational processes, improving customer relationships, and monitoring the successes of each operational department. He began his career in the organ, tissue and eye donation industry more than 20 years ago as a recovery technician, where his skills and attention to detail helped him routinely win the coveted Technician of the Month award. His calm demeanor, excellent interpersonal skills and industry knowledge make him an outstanding and successful leader. He later moved to Carolina Donor Services as tissue recovery manager where he led the department to win the Golden Quill and Golden Scalpel Awards for minimal errors in both documentation and surgical technique. Mr. Tramber joined Miracles In Sight in 2006, where he has used his skills to instituted many process and procedural

improvements and to lead the company to become one of the top eye banks in the world. He is an active member of the Eye Bank Association of America, where he sits on the Board of Directors and serves on numerous committees.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Tramber enlisted in the United States Army as a laboratory technician and completed a diploma in surgical technology. He received the Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration from Mt. Olive College and the Master of Business Administration from Winston-Salem State University.

Alumni Achiever Award

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES



CLIFTON JAMIL KENON, JR. received the BSN from Winston-Salem State University in 2009, the MSN from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and the DSN from Chatham University in Pittsburgh. He also completed post-doctoral study at the University of Tennessee. Currently, he is senior diversity and inclusion officer and health scientist for reproductive health at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). At USAID Dr. Kenon has received numerous awards, including international awards for his work with health experts on reproductive health and technological innovation. Before joining USAID, he worked for the Indian Health Service as regional director of maternal child health where he was credited with restructuring maternal child health care delivery across four states and on 12 American Indian Reservations. For his work, he received five national awards in one year for outstanding leadership as well as accolades from the Surgeon

General of The United States and presidential cabinet members. He was the youngest individual ever to receive these awards and the first nurse ever to receive the Indian Health Service's top national honor. He was also invited by former First Lady Michelle Obama to speak at the White House.

Dr. Kenon holds membership on numerous boards and advisory committees, including the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners where he is the senior executive board member. He is a long-term adjunct faculty member at WSSU, the president of the Nurse Alumni Organization, and a member of the Division of Nursing Advisory Board. Inducted into the WSSU 40 Under 40, he has also received the Nurse Alumni Trailblazer Award. He has lectured on six of the seven continents and published widely in academic journals and governmental publications. Called a "powerhouse" by Kathleen Sebelius, former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and "a force to be reckoned with" by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Advocacy, Dr. Kenon has committed his life to eliminating racism, oppression, and marginalization, while promoting breastfeeding and optimal maternal child health as a key public health priority for nurses.



DR. JEFFERY LUCAS is an occupational therapist who has a passion for serving geriatric patients in skilled nursing facilities in Franklin, Wake, and Wilson Counties. Throughout his career, Dr. Lucas has worked in home health, community health, and acute care settings, inspiring his patients to set realistic and achievable goals for improved health outcomes and educating them and their families on the appropriate occupational therapy method to meet their needs. Dr. Lucas is also dedicated to his *alma mater* and preparing future generations of occupational therapists. He has served as an adjunct faculty member; and in 2016, he and his wife Alexis, an alumna of WSSU, established the Lucas Scholarship Program for student interested in occupational therapy.

Dr. Lucas holds the bachelor's degree in recreational therapy from East Carolina University and the bachelor's degree in psychology from North Carolina Wesleyan College. In 2009, he received the master's degree in occupational therapy from WSSU; and in 2016 completed the Ph.D. in organizational leadership at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. His research interests include Burnout in Rehab Leaders at Skilled Nursing Facilities. Dr. Lucas is a member of several professional organizations, including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, the National Society of Allied Health, the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Psi Chi National Honors Society in Psychology, and the WSSU National Alumni Association. He volunteers his services to the Karolina Diamonds AAU Basketball Team, the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Friendship Baptist Church Toy and Food Drive.



Wreath-Placing Ceremony

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 8:45 A.M.
Pedestrian Mall – Statue of the Founder

PRESIDING, CHANCELLOR ELWOOD L. ROBINSON, PH.D.

WELCOME.....CHANCELLOR ROBINSON

LITANY OF COMMEMORATION.....DR. ELINOR ATKINS SMITH
GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE FOUNDER

DR. SMITH: DR. SIMON GREEN ATKINS, THE ESTEEMED FOUNDER OF SLATER INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INTELLECTUAL GROWTH OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHEN ACCESS TO EDUCATION WAS LIMITED.

RESPONSE: TO THIS WORTHY MISSION, WE REDEDICATE OUR STRENGTH.

DR. SMITH: DR. ATKINS, A PRE-EMINENT SCHOLAR AND MAN OF VISION, SAW THAT WELL-TRAINED TEACHERS ARE IMPORTANT IN BUILDING AN EDUCATED AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENRY IN A VITAL DEMOCRACY.

RESPONSE: TO THIS WORTHY VISION, WE REDEDICATE OUR ENERGIES.

DR. SMITH: DR. ATKINS, A DEDICATED RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC LEADER, DESIGNED PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE MORAL, SPIRITUAL, AND SOCIAL GROWTH AMONG STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RESPONSE: TO THIS WORTHY GOAL, WE REDEDICATE OUR EFFORTS.

DR. SMITH: DR. ATKINS, A DARING INNOVATOR, ESTABLISHED A TRADITION FROM WHICH CAME THE FIRST BLACK INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY TO GRANT DEGREES FOR TEACHING IN THE ELEMENTARY GRADES.

ALL: TO THIS PIONEERING SPIRIT, WE PLEDGE OUR COURAGE, OUR RESOURCES, AND OUR MINDS.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION.....ASSEMBLY

SELECTION – *THE LORD’S PRAYER*DANIEL J. SMITH, BARITONE, ’13

PLACING OF WREATH ARMY ROTC UNIT
WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

CLOSING REMARKSCHANCELLOR ROBINSON

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2018-2019

The Convocations Committee coordinates Founder's Day Convocation, Commencement activities, and other convocations and special events designated by the Chancellor.

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Thank you Mrs. Cheryl J. Byrd for serving as the sign-language interpreter for the 2018 Founder's Day Convocation.



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