

FALL CONVOCATION

OCTOBER 29, 2026 | 10 A.M.

RICHARD B. HARRISON AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

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Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Presiding: James R. Martin II, Ph.D., Chancellor

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL	**UNIVERSITY BAND** Thomas G. Warner, Jr. Assistant Director of Bands
WELCOME CHANCELLOR	James R Martin II
MUSICAL SELECTION	**LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING** University Choir Travis Alexander - Conductor
GREETINGS	**W. THOMAS STANLEY, MBA '88** Chair, N.C. A&T Advisory Council on Alumni Relations and Trustee
	LOREN LONG President, N.C. A&T Student Government Association
MUSICAL SELECTION	**UNIVERSITY CHOIR**
RECOGNITION OF ATHLETES	**RAYNE WILLIAMS** President , N.C. A&T Student Athlete Advisory Committee
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	**ANDREW P. DAIRE** Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
CONVOCATION ADDRESSEE	**VICTOR SOLOMON, '22** Minister and Worship Director at Hope's House Christian Ministries
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	**CRYSTAL W. BOYCE, M.S. '07, '15** Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations
CLOSING REMARKS	**CHANCELLOR MARTIN**
MUSICAL SELECTION	**ALMA MATER** University Choir
RECESSIONAL	**UNIVERSITY BAND**

SPEAKER

VICTOR SOLOMON



Victor Solomon is a singer, performer, ordained minister, and creative visionary whose artistry is rooted in faith, leadership, and a passion for inspiring others. Originally from Chicago and raised in Peoria, Illinois, he discovered his love for music through church and school choirs, laying the foundation for his journey as an artist.

A proud 2022 graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Solomon studied business management and musical performance while embracing opportunities in leadership, service, and music. He served as an Aggie Success Leader, performed with the Gospel and University Choirs, and held the titles of Mr. 1913, Mister North Carolina A&T State University, and 17th Mister HBCU. He is also a Spring 2020 initiate of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Solomon gained national recognition in 2021 as a Top 5 finalist on Season 20 of NBC's The Voice, representing Team Legend. He continued his national television journey on Season 23 of American Idol, earning a place in the Top 20.

Now based in Los Angeles, California, Solomon serves as a minister and worship director at Hope's House Christian Ministries while pursuing his career as an independent artist. His creative goals include recording new music, launching his own record label, producing live events, and expanding into film and Broadway.

Through every stage of his journey, he remains committed to excellence, service, and using his voice to uplift and inspire.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

GLOVER FORD, JR. '88, '96

General Manager,
Ford's Landscaping, LLC



COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BRADFORD "B.J." EVANS, JR. '94

Vice President of Basketball Communications, Cleveland Cavaliers



WILLIE A. DEESE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

ALEX EUGENE MILLER '05

Director, National Solutions Providers, NVIDIA



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DAWN WILLIAMS, PH.D. '95

Deputy Provost, Howard University



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

ASHLEY COLEMAN '09, '10

Technology Development Manager, Duke Energy Emerging Technology Office



JOHN R. AND KATHY R. HAIRSTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

ORA LEA STRICKLAND, PH.D. '70

Dean and Professor Emerita, Florida International University's Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Professor Emerita, Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

KEVIN NORMAN JEFFRIES '96

Senior Explosion Safety Consultant, Fike Corporation



GRADUATE COLLEGE

KANTON T. REYNOLDS, PH.D. '97, '14

Director of Undergraduate Programs and Associate Teaching Professor, N.C. State University



HONORS COLLEGE

LAVEDA CASTERLOW MCDOWELL '04

Associate Director of Strategic Operational Performance and Outsourcing, Biogen



JOINT SCHOOL OF NANOSCIENCE AND NANOENGINEERING

RABIN POKHAREL, PH.D. '22

Senior Field Process Engineer, ASM America, Inc.



DR. VELMA R. SPEIGHT YOUNG ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD

TERRELL R. MORTON, PH.D. '11

Associate Professor, Identity and Justice in STEM Education; Faculty Director, DuSable Scholars Program; Coordinator, Human Development and Learning Program, College of Education, University of Illinois Chicago



JULIA S. BROOKS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KALEENA CLARKSON '04

Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, Morris Heights Health Center



HOWARD C. BARNHILL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

LT. COL. CHARLES M. COFFIN JR. '76 (RET.)

Sr. Acquisition and Contracting Staff Officer, Defense Information Systems Agency (Air Force); Sr. Procurement Analyst/ Contractor, Defense Logistics Agency (U. S. Government)

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