



# 3RD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BREAKFAST

“PROMOTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE”

November 4, 2018

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

MERIDIAN CONVENTION CENTER



# PROGRAM

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

**David Jarmon** - Aggie Gent

## WELCOME

**Lincoln Tyson** - Aggie Gent

## INVOCATION

**David Hamlette** - Aggie Gentz Chaplain

## OCCASION

**Torian R. Priestly** - President of Aggie Gentz Foundation, Inc.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Breakfast Served

Introduction of Speaker - **William Moore**, Vice President Aggie Gentz, LLC

Speaker – **Hope Rush**

## HISTORY OF AGGIE GENTZ

**Rod Wilson** – President of Aggie Gentz, LLC

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECOGNITION

Aggie Gentz

Delta Sigma Theta

NC A&T Atlanta Alumni Chapter

NC A&T Williamsburg/Peninsula Alumni Chapter

## SPECIAL AWARD

**Darrell McNeil, Sr.** - Aggie Gentz Parliamentarian

## SPONSOR RECOGNITION

**Mandell Jackson** - Vice President of Aggie Gentz Foundation, LLC

## CLOSING

**Torian R. Priestly** - President of Aggie Gentz Foundation, Inc.

# AGGIE GENTZ FOUNDATION, INC.

The Aggie Gentz Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide need-based scholarships to students attending North Carolina A&T State University.



# OUR MISSION

Aggie Gentz's mission is simple: Take care of that which has taken care of us. Our alumni base is strong, connected and capable enough to reach back and make a significant difference.

We're bringing together alumni from arguably the Aggies greatest era, 1983-1990, for a unique reunion experience that goes beyond partying and reminiscing (which we will no doubt do) and gives us an opportunity to put our money where our 'Aggie Pride' is at!

With the support of alumni and community partner, the Foundation is committed to:

- Supporting the academic success of Aggie Students
- Serving the Aggie Community through grassroots giving
- Driving Alumni participation, engagement, and support





# AGGIE GENTZ

## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Amanda Artis  
Lauryn Bethea  
Morgan Carolina  
Paige Chavis  
Akasia Collins  
Tiara Cottman  
Kenique Covington  
LoTrea Davis  
Raymond Dickey, Jr  
Kayla Dunston  
Makayla Ellis  
Kayla Fitzhugh  
Alex Fletcher  
Luther Funches  
Jonasha Green  
MiKaelah Gunter  
Kayla Jefferson  
Khairy Jenkins  
Dejanae Little  
Dextiny McCain

Aurielle McZeek-Dunlap  
Nikayla McCory  
KeAsiah McLaughlin  
Kenya Merritt  
Taylyea Morsell  
Dylan Murphy  
Mykayla Osborne  
Aaron Phillips  
Antonio Rivers  
Jade Kaylan Scales  
Gregory Stewart  
Devin Vinson  
Jaylen Wilkins  
Akilah Williams  
Latiya Williams  
Kerry Wilson

Taking a moment to salute the **Aggie Gantz Organization**. Thank you for putting your heart, time, money and other resources into this great cause you guys birthed. To b be honest I really didn't do any alumni social events during homecoming until recent years. It was because of my relationship with many of you that I've taken an interest and gotten involved. The scholarships you provide to A&T students is an honorable and worthy cause. This weekend was nothing short of AWESOME! Shoutout to your wives, significant others, family and friends for supporting you as you all lead this organization. I will see you at **#GHOE2018**. Signed, a Grateful and Proud Aggie!  
**#partywithapurpose, #aggiegantz, #aggiepride**  
- Kimberly Daniels Bracy

Nasya Daelyn was a receipt of their scholarship last year - GHOE 2017. What I loved most was how the Aggie Gantz invited the students & their families to attend a breakfast the Sunday morning after GHOE and presented each student with their scholarship ...before they even checked out of the hotel!! Everything they raised, they awarded! Not one, not two but 20+ students!! That's impact! So yes I will be present at every event...giving back to those who gave back to mine!  
- Danielle Dani Blackwell

### Donor Testimonials

## Why give?

- to support the academic success of Aggie students
- because students who aren't worried about book & supply costs are free to focus more on their studies
- because no gift is too small
- to show your **#AggiePride**

Visit [aggiegantzfoundation.org](http://aggiegantzfoundation.org) today to donate!

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# AGGIE GENTZ

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### 2016

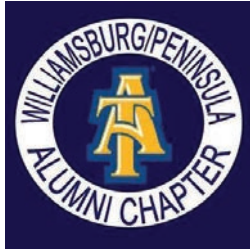
Rebecca Adams  
 Gary Allen  
 Daijah Atkins  
 Kristofer Bailey  
 Donovan Beaty  
 Savannah Belton  
 Nasya Blackwell  
 Tiyana Carter  
 Tiara Cottman  
 Kayla Curry  
 Lo'Treya Davis  
 Stevii Edwards  
 Jada Elleby  
 Brianna Fitzgerald  
 Alex Fletcher  
 Troy Freeman  
 Naomi Gilbeaux  
 James Hudgens  
 Quonnetta Jones  
 Le'Tya McAllister  
 Lauren Meltokin  
 Kennedy Miller  
 Antonio Rivers  
 Brooke Robinson  
 Jovan Sanford  
 Martesha Smith  
 Madison Walker  
 Kerry Wilson II  
 Dajona Witherspoon

### 2017

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 Brianna Fitzgerald  
 Brooke Robinson  
 Daijah Atkins  
 Dajona Witherspoon  
 Donavon Beaty  
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# SPONSORS & MAJOR DONORS





# Student Testimonials

## Stevi Edwards

My name is Stevii Edwards and I received the book scholarship my freshmen year. When I first found out that I was a recipient it made my school year a little less stressful. It really took a burden off of my shoulders because books are very expensive and most are required. From the money that I saved due to not having to buy books out of pocket, my sister and I were able to help my mother by paying bill this passing summer. I am extremely grateful and blessed to have had the opportunity with the foundation. I hope that the scholarship will help other students in their own ways and it truly meant a lot to me. Everyone was kind and motivated which just made me want to push even harder to be able to give back in the near future. Thank you again and good luck to the future students.

the stress and financial burden of trying to figure out how I was going to attend my dream college. What's most impressive is how a group of positive men from North Carolina A&T had a vision to develop a scholarship with the mindset of giving back to future Aggie students. Because of your generosity, I am able to attend one of the top HBCU's in North Carolina with the highest graduation rate in the field of engineering. Being a recipient lets me know that there are people out here who believe in me and the great work I am about to embark upon. Thank you Aggie Gentz for providing me with the opportunity to fulfill my goal of becoming a mechanical engineer."

## Luther Funches

This scholarship is important to me because in life you hardly see people that want

to give black males a chance to receive their education. This is something that I would instill in my students on the education level. It is so hard to find scholarships when you are about to run out of money from financial aid. This scholarship is important to me because I was able to receive the resources that I needed to become successful this semester. Rarely you find consistency in people who offer scholarships. My reason for saying that is because I've been a part of the bad end of a scholarship. My eyes were open when I spoke to the representative of Aggie Gentz. Not only was he consistent with what he said, but he was genuine about letting me know that people care about my success in school and in life. This is more than just a scholarship to me, this is strengthening me to become a successful black male educator. In society, where it is easy to lose sight of education as a blessing and a gift I would like for you to know that I am very thankful for this opportunity to grow, not only as a student but an individual as well. Thank you for investing

in my future and seeing the potential in me as a student of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

## Lauren Melton

As a Blue and Gold Aggie, I am beyond humbled and grateful to have been selected and granted the opportunity to receive the Aggie Gentz Scholarship for the Spring semester of 2017. This scholarship made it possible for me to purchase the books and access codes I needed for the school year, while also providing extra for supplies and other handy materials for the remainder of the school year. Thank you so much for hearing my voice out.

## Kerry D. Wilson II

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship from the Aggie Gentz Foundation. I apologize for the delayed response as my responsibilities here at school have become very overwhelming until now where I have been able to get them under control. I hope I can still

be included in the testimonies because the book scholarship has made it a lot easier on them in terms of my education.

The awarded book scholarship goes a very long way for a college student. As an out of state student at A&T my tuition and housing fees are already very high. However, that is to be expected and the real issue is coming up with the funds to pay for books needed for class. Without this book scholarship, I would not have been able to complete any assignments or work need for my classes. As a junior it was an imperative year for me in terms of academics so books were an absolute necessity. The Aggie Gentz Foundation provided me with that necessity by providing me help with purchasing these books. Now I am a senior on my last year, on time to graduate in the spring and I would not have been able to be here without your help. Thank you so much for extending this opportunity to me and I look forward to seeing it grow and reach the lives of many other students.

## Alex Fletcher

Receiving the Aggie Gentz scholarship has been a tremendous blessing for me. I am extremely grateful and honored to have been selected as a 2017-2018 recipient. The Aggie Gentz scholarship came at a time when my mother was unemployed, so it helped to reduce



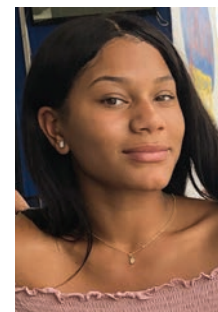
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FLETCHER



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MELTON



WILSON



**M**s. Hope Rush is a 1992 graduate of NC A&T State University where she received her B.S. degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. She was a member of the 4 – time regular season championship Women’s Basketball team from 1987-1992 under the leadership of Coach Tim Abney. Hope is an active member of the NC A&T Board of Visitors and also serves as the Vice Chair of the Aggie Athletic Foundation. Her passion for NCA&T and its standing as the preeminent HBCU is unwavering.

Hope is currently employed with Volvo Group North America as the Director of Talent Strategy for the US. She has responsibility for Strategic Recruitment,

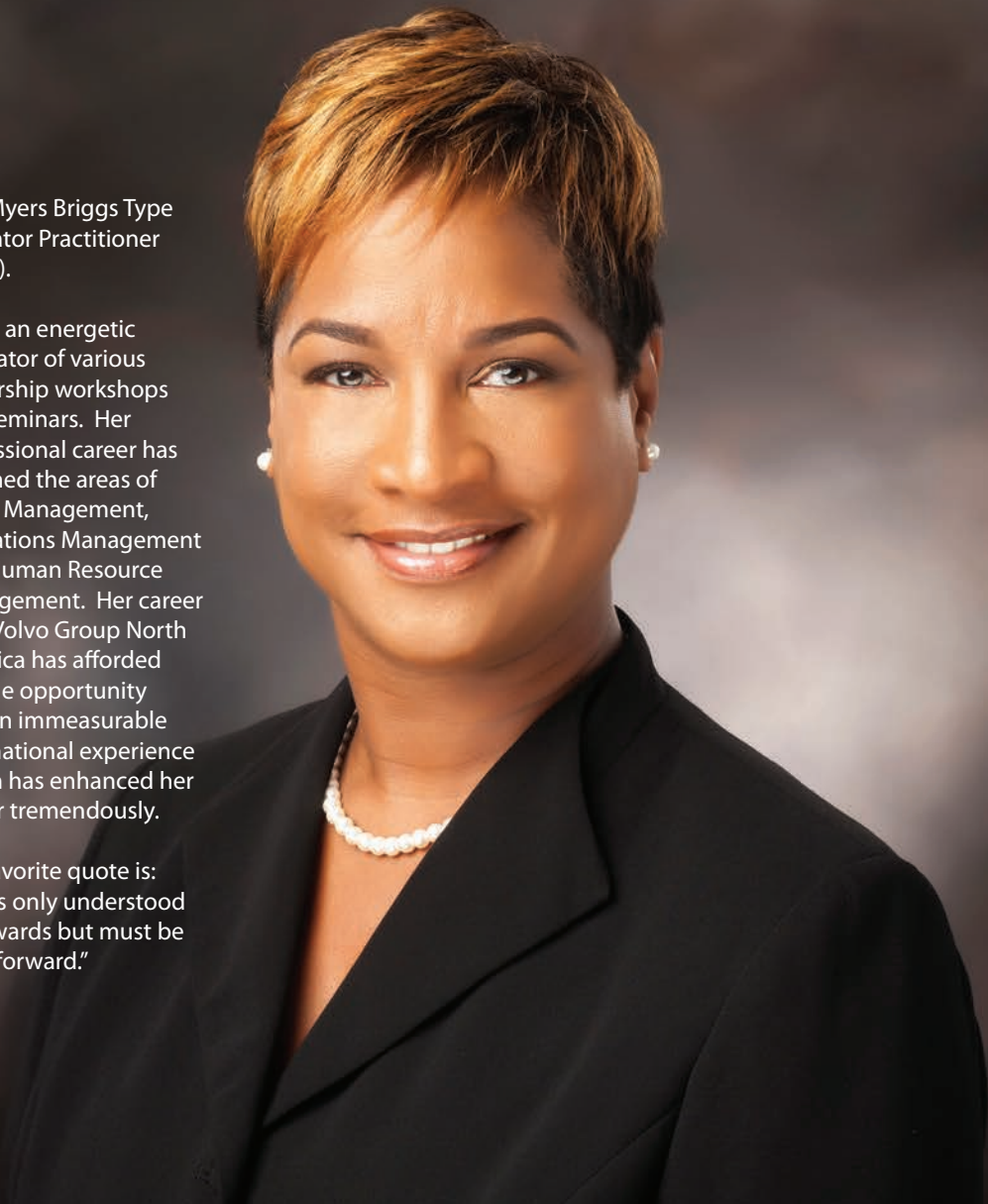
Talent, Competence, and Performance Management, Diversity & Inclusion, Employer Branding, and University Relations. In her 10 year tenure with the company she has been truly committed to the personal and professional development and well-being of all Volvo Group employees.

Hope also has a passion for people and is driven towards workshop facilitation for business leaders focused on raising self & team awareness and increasing workforce diversity. A few of her professional designations include: Global & Senior Professional in Human Resources (GPHR/SPHR), SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP), Certified Professional Coach (CPC), ELI Master Practitioner (ELI-MP),

and Myers Briggs Type Indicator Practitioner (MBTI).

She is an energetic facilitator of various leadership workshops and seminars. Her professional career has spanned the areas of Retail Management, Operations Management and Human Resource Management. Her career with Volvo Group North America has afforded her the opportunity to gain immeasurable international experience which has enhanced her career tremendously.

Her favorite quote is: “Life is only understood backwards but must be lived forward.”



## Speaker Highlight



**Rod Wilson**  
AG PRESIDENT



**Torian R. Priestly**  
AG FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



**William Moore Jr.**  
AG VICE PRESIDENT



**Mandell Jackson**  
AG FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT



**John Fitts**  
AG SECRETARY/TREASURER



**David Hamlette**  
AG Chaplain



**Pernell Briggs**  
AG FINANCIAL SECRETARY



**Darrell McNeil Sr.**  
AG PARLIAMENTARIAN



**Tony Washington**  
AG FOUNDATION RECORDING  
SECRETARY



**Chuck Barnes**  
AGGIE GENT



**David Jarmon**  
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**Walter Johnson III**  
AGGIE GENT



**Lincoln Tyson**  
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**Brian Cheek**  
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Thank you!





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**giving back matters.**

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