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Morial to speak to grads Urban League prez, May 16

By MARK SCOTT
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

Marc H. Morial, the president and executive officer of the National Urban League will deliver N.C. Central University's commencement address.

Morial is a New Orleans native and is the son of political figure Ernest Morial. He attended the University of Pennsylvania for undergraduate studies and a JD from Georgetown.

He has been involved for several years in public service. During the 1990s, Morial was a state senator in Louisiana, and mayor of New Orleans.

Since 2002, he has been the head of the National Urban League while continuing to work in the community.

As president of The National Urban League, Morial says he is committed to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream.

Morial also writes a weekly column titled "To Be Equal," which is syndicated to more than 400 newspapers in the U.S.

In an April 1 column, Morial paid tribute to historian John Hope Franklin, who died March 25.

"John Hope Franklin was a once-in-a-lifetime gift to America, and indeed, to our world," Morial wrote, citing Franklin's work with Thurgood Marshall on the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case.

In a more recent column, Morial lauded President Obama's emergence as a world leader.

NCCU's 113th commencement exercises will take place 9 a.m. on May 16 at O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium.

Black males struggle at HBCUs

National six-year graduation rate at 29 percent

By CARLTON KOONCE
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

Recent studies concerning black student graduation rates have alarms ringing across the education sector.

In 83 federally designated four-year historically

black colleges and universities, only 37 percent of students receive a degree within six years, according to a recent Associated Press study.

This is in comparison to a national overall six-year college graduation rate of 56 percent.

Another alarming statis-

tic: only 29 percent of black males at HBCUs complete a bachelor's degree within six years.

This statistic raises questions about the viability of HBCUs in America today.

The most recent data at the University of North Carolina's Web site reports that the graduation rate in

2007 for all N.C. Central University students — males and females — was 49 percent.

Females at NCCU graduated at a rate of 56 percent in six years, while males graduated at a rate of 34 percent.

At N.C. A&T, an HBCU in Greensboro, the overall six-

year graduation rate in 2007 was 48 percent, with a male graduation rate similar to NCCU's, at 35 percent.

Elizabeth City State University, which has made an effort to identify struggling students, has a six-year male graduation rate

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Federal judge Allyson K. Duncan, U.S. Chief Justice John H. Roberts and former N.C. Chief Justice Henry E. Frye look on as they preside over the moot court competition inside the mock courtroom at the NCCU School of Law.

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A Supreme test at NCCU

By GEOFFREY COOPER / ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After more than six weeks of case studying, critiques and planning, Dominique Williams was finally ready for his day in court.

As the third-year student at N.C. Central University School of Law argued his case before a panel of renowned judges, the butterflies and

teeth-clenching questions did not faze him. He knew to stay relaxed and keep his ground.

Williams, along with five other finalists, participated in the final round of a moot court competition. During the arguments, issues were raised regarding the application and evaluation of the Sell factors that have not yet been addressed by the Supreme Court.

Presiding over the competition was U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

This marked the first time in the school's 69-year history that a U.S.

Arrington to restore his ability to stand trial for threatening a federal judge.

The case noted *Sell v. United States*, in which the U.S. government could obtain a court order to use anti-psychotic medication against a defendant's will in order to make the defendant able to stand trial.

The facts have to meet a four-part test.

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EPA: fossil fuel harmful

By RENEE SCHOOF
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Capping years of work by U.S. government scientists, the Environmental Protection Agency on Friday declared that the heating of Earth's climate from fossil fuel use threatens human health and the environment.

The decision paves the way for the EPA to order the nation's first mandatory reductions of global warming emissions.

Congress is working on legislation that also would require emissions reductions. President Barack Obama and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said they would prefer using a new law, rather than EPA rules, to make the reductions and spur renewable energy.

The EPA's announcement on Friday, however, serves notice that if Congress doesn't take action, the EPA will.

The EPA had no choice but to make a declaration on whether the science is clear that global warming poses risks.

The Supreme Court in 2007 ruled that greenhouse gas emissions were pollutants under the Clean Air Act and ordered the EPA to determine whether they harmed health and welfare or whether the science was too uncertain to make a judgment.

The EPA's response on

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Symposium honors women

Achievements in liberal arts celebrated at NCCU

By DENIQUE PROUT
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

She was an outspoken, thoughtful and loving civil rights worker with an enchanting smile.

Her dedication as a teacher and civil rights activist is well known.

Joycelyn D. McKissick, who died in 2005, will be honored by her youngest sister, Charmaine McKissick-Melton, at the College of Liberal Arts' Annual Symposium.

This year's event, taking place at the University Theater April 27-29, will focus on "Women's Contributions to the Humanities."

Professors will give presentations on the roles of women in language, music and other aspects of the humanities.

The symposium is being celebrated with a series of prints on the front windows of the Farrison-Newton Communication Building.

The prints, crafted by art

students, depict well-known women throughout history, including Angela Davis, Maya Angelou, Mother Teresa, Virginia Woolf, Toni Morrison and others.

Marco Polo Hernández Cuevas, associate professor in Modern Foreign Languages, organized the symposium series.

Claudia Becker, a German professor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, will talk about German poets and their experiences living in

the United States.

"Those voices are important because they capture a side of the American dream that has either not been expressed or listened to," Becker said.

Spanish professor Reine Turcato will speak about how women can find their voices in a male-dominated society.

"It is through the use of language that women use in their writing that one can

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Graduate student Danielle Richmond below image of Maya Angelou

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