APPENDIX A

The Table of Contents for this volume lists the seventy-three histories in alphabetical order. The following achievement markers are presented in a basic chronological order with shifts within entries to record occurrences and inspiring facts for years either before or after the major milestone.

Our First Century, Decade by Decade

1909-1919

1909       June 28. Dr. James E. Shepard, Mr. John Merritt, Mr. Charles C. Spaulding, Dr. Aaron M. Moore, Dr. Charles H. Shepard, and Mr. William G. Pearson signed the Charter for The National Religious Training School and Chautauqua For The Colored Race, Inc.

1909       June 30. The Charter for the school was filed. Dr. James E. Shepard was President, Mr. Cadd G. O’Kelly was Vice President

1910       The National Religious Training School and Chautauqua For The Colored Race, Inc, offered fourteen courses in English composition and literature as part of a general course of study designed primarily to produce ministers, teachers, and school administrators. Three faculty members taught these courses. 1938-39, the Department of English was formally organized under its first chair and founder of its graduate program. 1937: Head of the Department of English became one of the founders of the College Language Association (CLA). 1968 and 1994: The Departments of English and Modern Foreign Languages hosted the Annual National CLA Convention

1910       Summer School Lectures and Addresses initiated a tradition of conscientious attention to artistic, civic, historical, philosophical, religious, and scientific forums, and performances at the institution which has continued in the University’s Lyceum Series.

1911       The Bulletin outlined five items for music expenses and emphasized both vocal and instrumental music.

1911       The first organized sports team at The National Religious Training School and Chautauqua For The Colored Race, Inc was baseball, fielding a squad in the spring. During the University’s membership in the CIAA and MEAC, teams won 41 Conference Championships, made 21 NCAA regional appearances, won three NCAA regional titles, and earned two team national championships.

1912       Miss Pearl M. Whitted served as official recordkeeper. Today the Office of the Registrar is staffed with fourteen professionals who perform highly specialized tasks to serve the entire University and its alumni.

1915       The School was sold and repurchased.

1916       The School was rechartered as the National Training School.

1918       The class year of the first President of the Institution’s Alumni Association. His term was 1922-1927. Since then, twenty-three alumni have served twenty-five terms. February 1948: The NCC Alumni Association announced a $15,000 campaign endorsed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, United States Senators William B. Umstead and Clyde R. Hoey, and President Alfonso Elder. July 28, 1969: Articles of Incorporation were filed with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State creating the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Inc. The Association awards scholarships, recruits students, and provides resources and support to the University. 1986: The Alumni Bulletin included “Student Viewpoint” for the first time.

1920-1929

1920       A two-year Domestic Science course focusing on dressmaking was taught to female
students. 1939: The degree program in Home Economics was established. October 23, 1995: The name was officially changed to Human Sciences. The Department is one of the larger departments at the University; all first year and transfer students must enroll in Dimensions of Learning, a course designed to acclimate students to the college environment.

1923 The General Assembly appropriated funds for the purchase and maintenance of the school, making it a publicly supported institution. The name became the Durham State Normal School; the seal used in the bulletin for the renamed school is the Seal of the State of North Carolina.

1923 Library facilities began in a Home Economics Building. 1926: Miss Marjorie A. Shepard became librarian. 1929: Space was set aside in Hoey Administration Building for a library. 1937: The Library obtained its own space when the building, later named the William A. Jones Building, was constructed, funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). 1951: The James E. Shepard Memorial Library was dedicated. 2007: Shepard Library was one of ten institutions selected to participate in the second phase of the Cornell Library and HBCU Library Alliance Digital Project. 2009: The digital collection went on-line.

1923 Dr. Cadd G. O’Kelly taught Principles of Sociology. 1939: The Department of Sociology was organized. During the late1930s through the 1950s, afternoon and evening gatherings with faculty and students engaging in intellectual discourses were regular occurrences. Students were rarely late for classes and student absences were minimal. Current faculty members insist that students welcome being challenged academically and take pride in producing work of high quality.

1925 The School was renamed The North Carolina College for Negroes.

1925 circa The first recognizable security began with a single night watchman. 1968: The first Chief of Security was employed. 1990s: Services initiated by Security made the NCCU Police Department a model for the University of North Carolina System. Current crime suppression strategies of the Department include the Strike Team, Crime Abatement meetings, Students Chat-with-the-Chief sessions, and Segway patrol.

1928 - 1929 The Department of Education became one of the units of the College of Liberal Arts, offering six courses in professional education. Ten years later, the General Assembly authorized the Board of Trustees to establish graduate programs. 1952: The institution offered the first Ph.D. program at a Historically Black College or University. The motto of the school is “On Time, On Task, On Mission.”

1929 The “Lavender and Silver Class” became the four-year college class of North Carolina College for Negroes. The Hoey Administration became the first brick building on the present campus.

1930-1939

1930 - 1931 The College Bulletin named a “Department of History” for the first time, listing one history professor. The department became a part of the Division of Social Sciences, which in 1963 held five departments. 1961, October, and again in 1987: The Annual conference of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the premier professional association focused on African American studies was held at the institution. 1954-2007: Forty-nine graduates of the Department of History and Social Sciences earned doctorate degrees.

1936 Mr. Charles C. Amey became the institution’s first Business Manager. He had no staff. In 2009, the Division of Administration and Financed is staffed by over 350 employees in seven departments throughout the campus.

1938 March 28: A flier announced the production of the YELLOW SHADOW. 1939-1940: Dramatic Art courses were listed in the catalogue, separately from English courses. Zora Neal Hurston was hired to teach drama. 1940: The “Negro in the Drama” was one of twelve courses taught. 1984: The Department established FRIENDS of the North Carolina Central University THEATER. 1996: The name of the department changed from the Department of Dramatic Art to the Department of Theater. 2009 – 2010: The Department is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

1939 When the charter of The North Carolina College for Negroes was amended to allow the establishment of graduate and professional programs, the College opened the Department of Library Science. 1941: The
School of Library Science was organized. 1984: The name of the School was changed to the School of Library and Information Sciences. The School is accredited by the American Library Association.

1939 Dr. Shepard invited photojournalist Mr. Alexander “Alex” M. Rivera to organize the institution’s first news bureau, which became the Office of Public Relations. The Office is responsible for dissemination of appropriate statements, news releases, and/or stories about crises or situations concerning the University.

1939 The first director of art studies was employed. The department offers a study abroad program with the University of Science Technology in Kumasi, Ghana. With the aid of the Red Hat Corporation, the Department offers a four-year scholarship in art studies. 1973: The Department of Art established a concentration in Visual Communication.

1940-1949

1940 The Law School opened formally with five students in the first class. One hundred and eighty-five students comprise the graduating classes of 2009-2010. The school offers a Day Program and an Evening Program. Two of its programs lead to joint degrees – Jurist Doctor/Masters in Library Science and Jurist Doctor/Masters of Business Administration. The school is accredited by the North Carolina State Bar Council and the American Bar Association.

1940 Greek, Latin, and modern languages were taught from 1911 through the World War II years. The Department of Modern Foreign Languages emphasized French and German, and later Spanish. 1970: A Francophone program was established in the Department. Study abroad programs dating from the 1990s support students in more than a dozen countries. 2007: A partnership offers The Department a hybrid Spanish course for Health Care Professionals open to NCCU students in Nursing and the graduate Program in Speech Disorders.

1941 Dr. J. Neal Hughley, who came to teach social sciences, promoted religious awareness through the establishment of Religious Emphasis Week Programs and planned vespers services. He became the first campus minister. Currently the United Christian Campus Ministry sponsors Bible study and seminars to promote Christian understanding. The Minister offers confidential personal discussion and guidance.

1945 The Health Education Program was created to address disparities in health status between Black and White Americans. 2007: The name became the Department of Public Health Education. The program is the only one at an HBCU which holds approval credential awarded by the Society for Public Health Education and the American Association for Health Education (SABPAC). The Department’s Eagle Pride Blood Drive, which began in the early 1960s is a national model for campus-based blood drives. Ten students were in the first class.

1945 Summer: Ms. Mary Mills was appointed as the director of the newly created Department of Public Health Nursing. Summer 1950: The first Bachelor of Science in Public Health Nursing degrees were conferred. The Department has been fully accredited since its inception in 1948. 1980s: The baccalaureate program at NCCU was the only one in Durham. 2009: The first Accelerated Bachelor of Science in the Nursing program was admitted to the Department of Nursing. The Department has been granted permission to plan for transition from a department to a school. It anticipates the fall 2011 completion of a building designed for instruction in nursing.

1947 February 8: Mrs. Annie Day Shepard died.

October 6: Dr. James E. Shepard died, just twenty-seven days before his seventy-second birthday.

1947 October 10: Dr. Albert E. Manley, Dean, Undergraduate School; Miss Ruth G. Rush, Dean of Women; and Dr. Albert L. Turner, Dean, School of Law, became the first Interim Committee to lead the institution.

1948 January 20: Dr. Alfonso Elder became the second president of the institution.

1949 July 20: The James E. Shepard Foundation, Inc. was chartered to receive and manage donor contributions to the University. 2009: The Foundation’s endowment was $6.5 million.

1949 Student health care began with services in the Hoey Administration Building. 1950s: The Health Building was completed. Special emphasis was placed on nutrition, and personal health habits, and communicable
disease control. Currently, Student Health and Counseling Services offers a holistic approach to health education/wellness, prevention, mental health, recreation, and nutrition.

1950-1959

1950s Dr. Totton developed a Master of Science degree program in Chemistry. Twenty-two of his students earned the Ph.D. degree in Chemistry during years when the National Science Foundation showed that fewer than twenty African American earned Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry in the nation each year.

1951 The Department of Mathematics became an independent department, separate from Physics. 1957: The Department of Mathematics, with the Department of Biology and Chemistry, was the first at an HBCU to receive a National Science Foundation Grant to host a summer institute for secondary school science and mathematics teachers. More than 200 students now major in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, the name which the department acquired in 1981. 2007: The department gained its first large scale tape library for data retention and began maintaining its own five computer laboratories using a centralized server.

1960-1969

1960 Mr. Edward Wilson, Department of Art, objected to an art exhibition, asking that art students “be granted the opportunity to exhibit in a gallery.” 1972: The first University gallery was formed in a renovated space in the old cafeteria. 1977: The University broke ground for the Art Museum. “Alex Rivera: Photojournalist for Black America” is the Museum’s Spring 2010 exhibit.

1960 The Department of Residential Life, which spans almost five decades, seeks to make residence halls places in which students will live, learn, lead, and make friendships which will last a lifetime. One Director probably paid housing fees for students who could not meet published deadlines and covered the shifts of staff members who were ill.

1963 August 9: Dr. Samuel Proctor Massey became the third president of the institution.

1963 The Financial Aid Office was established to more effectively coordinate and administer aid programs. 1995: The University began receiving funds directly from the Federal Government to lend to students.

1963 The Department of Political science, with courses as early as in 1934-35, became one of the five new departments created in the Division of Social Sciences. It is home to Dan Blue endowed Chair. Parting words of the Chair to the December 2009 graduating class were: “We live in a world torn by injustice. It is not enough to strive for status, money, power, and worldly possessions. You must become drum majors for justice. You must invest your talents to make this a better world for all those who so depend on you.”

1966 Mr. William Jones, Business Manager; Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Graduate Dean; and Dr. William H. Brown, Professor of Education became the second Interim Committee to lead the institution.

1967 July 20: Dr. Albert N. Whiting became the fourth president. 1969: His title became Chancellor.

1967 The Office of Admissions became a separate unit from the Office of the Registrar. The mission is to “identify, qualify, and enroll the best, brightest, and most diverse population of talented students which North Carolina, the region, and the world offer; and to promote for our own clientele an exemplary array of programs to meet their educational and professional development interests.”

1968 The Office of Development and Public Relations, which became the Office of Institutional Advancement, was opened with a director and a secretary. 2005-2006: The Unit’s Annual Fund raised $1.6 million.

1969 North Carolina College was given university status by the State Legislature and renamed North Carolina Central University. 1972: July 1. North Carolina Central University and the other four-year colleges and universities became parts of The Consolidated University of North Carolina.
1970-1979

1972  The Department of Business became the fifth school at the University. The first class, three students, graduated in 1911 having completed courses in bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, commercial law, business correspondence, shorthand, typewriting, English grammar, and letter press copying.

1975  The University formed the Faculty Senate as a representative faculty body. Prior to that time, under the leadership of Dr. Shepard and his successors, members of the faculty had assembled monthly as a body to discuss issues and offer guidance in the operation of the institution.

1980-1989

1980  Mr. William K. Jones became Director of the Internal Audit Office, the unit which maintains independence and objectivity while assisting management in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the University. The Director is assisted by two staff members.

1983  Dr. LeRoy T. Walker became Chancellor, the fifth chief administrator of the university.

1984  June 14: the Office of Legal Affairs was opened to provide internal legal counsel to the various constituencies, and to serve as the principal liaison between the constituencies of the University and the State Office of the Attorney General.

1985  The Department of Public Administration established its master’s program which now enrolls some 190 students. The Executive or Mid-Career MPA track enrolls 40 in-service students. Classes are comprised of recent undergraduates, government employees, mid-career employees, international students, and students who have made career changes.

1985  The L. T. Walker Physical Education and Recreation Complex was completed. The building included the first and only 50 meter swimming pool in Durham, NC. 1930s: Efforts were begun to establish a department of physical education. In 1943, the first major program was established. 1951: The first graduate degrees were awarded. 1999: NCCCU hosted the International Special Olympics.

1986  July 1: Dr. Tyronza R. Richmond became the sixth chief administrator of the institution.

1987  The Budget Office was established with one employee. 2006: The name became Office of Budgets and Financial Planning. Currently, the office has seven permanent employees committed to implementing an even stronger university-wide budgeting process, using integrated information technology.

1990-1999

1990 - 1991  The Office of Student Support Services was established to support “students with disAbilities … [it] believes ALL Eagles can soar!”

1992  January 1: Dr. Donna J. Benson, Interim Chancellor, became the seventh chief administrator of the institution.

1992  Spring the Department of Criminal Justice, which had been a program in political science for twenty years, became a free-standing department. External funding for the Department exceeds $1.25 million.

1993  January 1: Attorney Julius L. Chambers became Chancellor, the eighth chief administrator, the first alumnus to hold that office.

1994  Fall: The NCCU Association of Retired Personnel was founded as a service and social organization dedicated to assisting the University and supporting its retired persons. The Association is open to all who retire from the University. Time is set aside at each of its meetings for a message from the Chancellor or his representative.

1995  August: An official cross-enrollment program agreement made North Carolina Central University and Duke University partners in an Army ROTC program.
1995 August: WNCU, 90.7 FM began broadcasting. A listener-supported public radio station, it entertains the jazz aficionado, educates the novice jazz listener, and disseminates news and information relative to the community-at-large.

1997 The Physics Department joined a five-year partnership with Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory. 1998, 1999, and 2003: The Department organized international conferences. 2005: Facilities in the Department included five research laboratories and four student laboratories.

1998 – 2007 The NCCU Trustees and the UNC Board of Governors approved ten additional Institutional Centers and Institutes.

1999 The Employee Senate was established to give non-faculty employees a voice in the governance of the University. 2007: the name was changed to the NCCU Staff Senate. Members participate in civic and community service activities and have established an NCCU Staff Senate Scholarship Fund.

1999 March: The Juvenile Justice Institute was established and funded by the General Assembly to help improve juvenile justice in North Carolina.

1999 The Internal Special Olympics were hosted at NCCU.

2000-2010

2000 The Student Accounting Department consists of five positions; its mission is to provide accurate financial information to parents, students, faculty, and staff. 2007-2008: The Office of Scholarship and Student Aid delivered over $100 million in financial aid to 7,776 students.

2001 June 1: Dr. James H. Ammons became Chancellor, the ninth chief administrator.

2002 The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management with the mission to engage the community in collaborative and innovative efforts which foster a holistic approach to student success. Titles in these offices were once Directors of Student Life for Women and for Men, and before that, Deans of Women and of Men.

2002 Student Affairs was reorganized and the Office of Student Leadership Training and Development became responsible for registration of clubs and organizations. 1932: Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Delta Sigma Theta opened the first Greek Chapters of the campus. Other early organizations include Young Women’s and Young Men’s Christian Associations, Student Council, Eureka Science Club, the Lyceum, Band, mixed chorus, and glee club. 2006: The University became the first HBCU to host a campus-based Leadership Institute. The motto of the unit is: “Every student has leadership potential.”

2004 June: The Office of Orientation and First Year Experiences was created to introduce and to integrate all new students and their families into the intellectual, cultural, and social fabric of the University. Programs include Eagle Institute, a Week of Welcome, and First and Second Steps.

2004 The Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School, the first such school in the state, opened its doors to ninety-two students. May 2008: Sixty students graduated as members of the first class.

2004 The Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technical Enterprise (BRITE) Center for Excellence was established. 2007-2008: The Center was funded at six million dollars. The program plans to recruit students from all counties in North Carolina, and to prepare them to meet the needs of biomanufacturing, pharmaceutical, and agri-biotechnology industries in the state.

2005 The Department of Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences was created when the Department of Geography and Earth Science merged with the Environmental Science Program. The Department of Geography has nurtured the development of more Black Ph.D.s in geography than any other school in the country. Five of these have returned to teach in the department.

2005 The College of Liberal Arts, was established as a part of the restructuring of the College of Arts and Sciences. It is comprised of eight departments: Art, English and Mass Communication, History, Modern

2005 February: The Center of Science, Math, and Technology Education was established. Its 25 members have been responsible for funding in excess of $12 million since its beginning. High school students in summer programs are potential recruits for NCCU.

2006 August: The College of Science and Technology became one of the three colleges established at the restructuring of the College of Arts and Sciences. Over the past three years, students in five departments – Biology; Chemistry; Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Sciences; and Physics – have participated in 140 professional development activities and have contributed over 20,000 hours of community service.

2006 The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (CBSS) created during the summer, is home to over one-third of the University’s students in nine departments – Criminal Justice, Human Sciences, Physical Education and Recreation, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Health Education, Social Work, and Sociology.

2007 Summer: Dr. Beverly W. Jones, an alumna, Provost, served as Chancellor-in-the-Interim.

2007 June: The Department of Social Work was established as a separate academic unit. August 2008: The Department admitted the inaugural class of thirty-five full-time students to its Master of Social Work degree program.

2007 August 1: Dr. Charlie Nelms became Chancellor, the tenth chief administrator of the university.

2007 A new University College was established to enhance the successful transition and experiences of the first two years for all freshmen, sophomores, and new transfer students with intentional focus on student success.

2007 August 22: The Women’s Center opened, becoming one of over 500 such centers nationwide and one of five at HBCUs. Its mission is to promote the academic, personal, and professional development of women on campus by celebrating their strengths and aspirations; fostering a safe, respectful, and equitable environment; and collaborating to mutually support the needs of the campus and community as an integrative whole.

2008 Summer: The Office of Graduate Studies, the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute, the Biomanufacturing Research Institute, the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise, the Office of Research Programs, the Office of Contracts and Grants, and the Office of Research Compliance were organized under the Division of Graduate Education and Research. The purpose of the Division is to enhance graduate education and research and to ensure coordination and interaction among all units.

2008 December: After many locations, the Human Resources Department was housed in the Hubbard-Totton Building. Before acquiring the name, The Department of Human Resources, the Office was known as the Business Office, the Comptroller’s and Personnel Office, and lastly Personnel. The motto of the unit is: “One Vision, One Mission, One Team.”

2009 June 30: A Centennial Calendar Charter Day Celebration with a reenactment of the signing of the charter.

2009 September 25: The Fall 2009 Convocation.


October 31: Homecoming

2009 December 11: The Annual Service of Remembrance with a Candlelighting Ceremony and Speaking of names in recognition of The Centennial Year.
2009  December 12: The One Hundred Fourteenth Commencement Exercises. A.M.E. Church Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, speaker.

2010  January: MLK Celebration. Alumnus and Professor of History, Freddie Parker, Ph.D., speaker.


2010  May 16: The One-Hundred Fifteenth Commencement Exercises. Tom Joyner, speaker.

2010  June 2-4: The HBCU Symposium.

2010  July 5-10: National Alumni Association Convention.

2010  July 8: The NCCU Centennial Birthday Celebration.