



# ACCEPTING THE CALL

*ECSU Alumni: Calling on you to support*

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

**3:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

***Convention Registration*** | Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel | 2nd Floor

Registrants will check in to receive the official convention materials.

**4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

***Annual Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting***

**Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel | Admiral Room**

**5:00 PM**

***Dinner*** | Restaurant of Choice

General registrants will use this time to enjoy a restaurant of choice.

**6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

***Sunset Thursday*** | Festival Park | 16 Crawford St. Portsmouth

Open event that will provide registrants an opportunity to relax while listening to the band Better by Tuesday. Bring your chair.

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

***Meet & Greet*** | Thyme on the River | 1 High St. Portsmouth

Registrant can gather at restaurant to meet other alumna

## FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

***Breakfast*** | Restaurant of Choice

**7:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

***Convention Registration*** | Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel | 2nd Floor

Registrants will check in to receive convention materials

**8:00 AM**

***CALL TO ORDER***

**Johnetta Vaughan '96, Presider**

### SESSION I

**Portsmouth Ballroom V**

**8:05 AM**

***Invocation | Vikingspiration***

**Arlinda M. Halfacre '91, President, Elizabeth City Area Alumni Chapter**

### **Welcome**

The Honorable Michael A. Moore, Sheriff, Portsmouth, VA  
The Honorable Shannon Glover, Mayor, Portsmouth, VA  
L. Louise Lucas, Senate of Virginia, Portsmouth, VA

### **Greeting**

James W. Cherry II '96, President, ECSU National Alumni Association, Inc.  
Barbaina Houston Black '80, Chair, ECSU NAA Board of Directors

### **Roll Call**

Courtney Jordan '05, Corresponding Secretary

### **Approval of 2023 Convention Minutes**

Melvin Norman '77, Recording Secretary

**8:35 AM - 9:20 AM**

### **Icebreaker – “Viking Bingo”**

**Getting to know your fellow Vikings and learn who's accepting the call**

Angela Quattlebaum '85  
Portsmouth Alumni Chapter

**BREAK 10 MINUTES**

*\*Light Snacks Provided*

### **SESSION II**

**Portsmouth Ballroom V**

**9:30 AM – 10:25 AM**

### **Panel Discussion**

***ECSU Alumni: Accepting The Call and Representing The University Well***

*Moderator Darnley Archer*

**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

***ECSU Alumni: Breathing New Life into the “little shack” next to  
Viking Tower: How You Can Help Preserve the History of the ECSU  
Rosenwald Practice School Building***

*Melissa N. Stuckey, Ph.D.*

*Associate Professor*

*Director of Public History*

*Department of History*

*University of South Carolina*



## **BREAK 10 MINUTES**

**11:10 AM - 11:45 AM**

### ***Introduction of Speaker***

Melvin Anderson, '98

### ***Keynote Speaker***

### ***Accepting The Call***

*Vikings You Have Been Selected To Support Your Alma Mata*

Dr. Shon Barnes, '97

Chief of Police Madison Police Department

Madison, WI

**11:45 AM - 12:25 PM**

### ***LUNCH | Viking Vendor Exploration***

Vikings will dine together, while having an opportunity to explore & shop the various vendors.

## **SESSION III**

### **Portsmouth Ballroom V**

**12:30 PM - 2:00 PM**

### ***Panel Discussion***

***Alumni Giving: Accepting The Call in giving and Accepting The Call to Carry on The Legacy***

*Moderator:* Dr. Sandra Copeland '71

*Panelist:* Dr. Edward Newsome, Jr. '73 (William T. Bowser, Sr.)

Dr. Stephanie D. B. Johnson '74 (Portsmouth)

Retired Navy Captain Anthony "Tony" Swain '82 (Washington, DC Metro)

Lakiana Alexander ECSU Psychology Major (Portsmouth, VA)

NaKyla Lewis-Clarke ECSU Music Education Major (Suffolk, VA)

Alisa Chandler ECSU Music Education Major (Suffolk, VA)

## **BREAK 15 MINUTES**

***\*Light Snacks Provided***

## **SESSION IV**

### **Portsmouth Ballroom V**

**2:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### ***ECSU National Alumni Association, Inc. - Annual Meeting***

This session is the NAA's annual spring/summer business meeting where the general body will get year-to-date committee reports (homecoming, membership, fundraising, etc.). The attendees will also review and approve with majority affirmation of any actions recommended by the NAA board of directors. (*Meeting agenda will be distributed separately*)

**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

***Dinner*** (On your Own), Rest, and Relaxation

**5:00 PM**

***Viking Varsity Club Meeting***

**Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel | Admiral Room**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

***Comedy Show*** | Portsmouth Ballroom V

Host Chapter Mixer and Fundraiser

Lione Harris, Big Brown, Just Sonja

Cash Bar, DJ, & Lite Hors d'oeuvres

**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

***Social Hour*** | Hallway/Outdoor Terrace

**10:00 PM - 1:00 AM**

***Blue & White Affair*** | Portsmouth Ballroom V

Host Chapter Mixer and Fundraiser

Cash Bar, DJ

## **SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**

***Breakfast*** | Restaurant of Choice

**7:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

***Registration***

Late registrants will check in to receive convention materials.

### **SESSION V**

**Portsmouth Ballroom V**

**8:00 AM - 8:05 AM**

***Invocation***

Grover Eure '67

**8:05 AM - 8:10 AM**

***Roll Call***

Courtney Jordan '05

**8:15 AM - 8:20 AM**

***Introduction of the Interim Chancellor***

Dr. Kevin J. Wade '02,

*Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & University Advancement*

## STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

**8:20 AM – 8:45 AM**

Dr. Kevin J. Wade '02,  
Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & University Advancement

**8:50 AM – 9:15 AM**

Mr. James M. DuBose, Jr., *Director of Athletics*

### BREAK 15 MINUTES

**9:30 AM – 10:15 AM**

#### *A Conversation with Leadership*

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Interim Chancellor  
Moderated by James W. Cherry, II, NAA President

### CLOSING SESSION

**10:30 AM**

#### *Closing Remarks: Where Do We Go from Here?*

James W. Cherry, II

#### *The Alma Mater*

**11:30 AM**

**LUNCH | DEPARTURE**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**54TH ANNUAL NAA CONVENTION**  
**JULY 12-14, 2025**

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