



January 19, 2021

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Rhett Brown, President, Wingate University

Luther Moore introduced Rhett Brown, the 10th president of Wingate University. Rhett is the first graduate of Wingate University to hold the office of president at the school. He graduated from Wingate College in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in English and in 2001 with a master's of business administration. He has since

completed the work for his Doctor of Education (EdD) at the University of Alabama. Prior to his appointment as President, Rhett held numerous positions at Wingate since starting his career there upon graduation. Much like many of its current students, Rhett is a first-generation college graduate, a former recipient of a Pell grant and a firm believer in the merits of secondary education for all qualified individuals.

Founded in 1896 by the Baptists in Union and Chesterfield counties, the Wingate School educated local students from first grade through high school. In keeping with the changing times, over the next 100+ years, the Wingate School has evolved into Wingate University, now offering 35 undergraduate majors as well as six master's and four doctoral programs. With over 3,600 students, Wingate is a leader in health care education in Western North Carolina and a model NCAA Division II institution.

Rhett shared some statistics that illustrate the economic value of a college degree and also shared instances where the cost of borrowing that many families incur is well worth the price of rising tuition. He suggests to student and their parents that a good rule of thumb for incurring student debt is to borrow no more than what you would earn in your first year working in your chosen field after graduation.

Wingate's goal is to provide an exceptional student experience at an affordable price, and provide life changing opportunities through education and learning that will enhance our communities and benefit the public good. In so doing, it is

yet another jewel in the crown of our region's educational resources.

Wingate University has established itself as a leading North Carolina university today, and will proudly answer to either of its different pronunciations ("Winget" or "Wingait") as long as it is positively rendered!

Written by: Suzanne Bledsoe

*A recording of the program is available here:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/OEFsaOfC32NZ2H9aUYMWm4EhQ9Lz0xxHn9n9t5yC7OwNlqb_536qwBsu8W6kJX8.eoFBNuEbUMhNu2PF?startTime=1611078381000

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*This link will only be available for one month from the recording date.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming speakers.

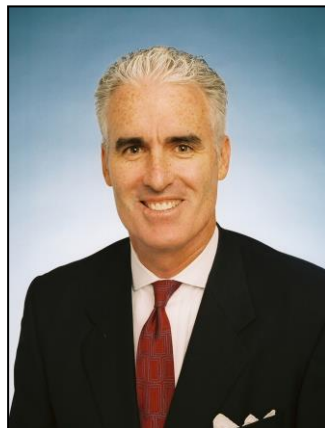
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Dr. Sharon L. Gaber

Chancellor
UNC Charlotte

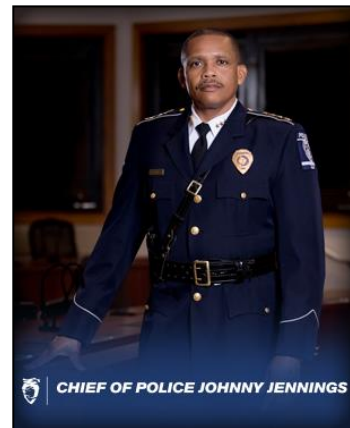
February 2



Matt Doherty

Basketball Commentator

February 9



Chief Johnny Jennings

Chief of Police
City of Charlotte

February 16 – Excellence in Leadership Award

February 23 – Clay Grubb, CEO, Grubb Properties

The Club is always looking for new, interesting speakers. Please forward ideas to Elly Clary at ellison.clary@att.net

CLUB NEWS

To help us stay connected, report updates for this newsletter to Christine Cipriano at christine@charlotterotary.org

NC MedAssist: Out of an abundance of caution and in accordance with guidance from the county, the Mobile Free Pharmacy event will be rescheduled to July.



News came late yesterday that [Erskine Harkey](#) passed away Monday evening. Erskine joined the Rotary Club of Charlotte in 1984 while serving as a senior vice president of Belk Store Services, Inc. where his responsibilities were in the areas of finance and bank relations. At that time, Erskine was also the chairman of the Mecklenburg County Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority which was a trustee of N.C. Nature Conservancy as well as a director of Community College and International Ministry of Charlotte, Inc. Although he had to resign in 2019 due to health issues, Erskine was a lifelong member of our club. Details will follow as soon as they are available.

Please keep his wife, Betty, and their family in your prayers.



Erskine, “furthest most corner in Eastern Europe,” Sept., 1998

Volunteers needed at Weekly Meetings: Volunteers are needed for two weekly programs: “Health, Happiness and History” and the “Pledge of Allegiance.” *Please reach out to Christine at christine@charlotterotary.org if you would like to participate.*

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259
 01/19/2021 226
 Net Increase -33 Recent resignations: T.J. McCullough

Meeting Attendance, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021: 73 members participated in the Zoom meeting. We welcomed three guests this week: Laura Little, Susan Moore and Kathleen Evans

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 28 – Bert Voswinkel
 Feb. 1 – Chuck Dahlgren
 Feb. 1 – Andy Ross

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 2 – Ann and Don Carmichael

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

25 years, Feb. 1 – John Lassiter
 17 years, Jan. 27 – Will Barnhardt
 4 years, Jan. 31 – Chad Lloyd
 4 years, Jan. 31 – Mike Wollinger
 3 years, Jan. 30 – Mike DeAmicis

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WEEKLY MESSAGES

By Rotarians for Rotarians



WEEK 3

HOW DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GET STARTED?

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri to more than \$4.4 billion dollars in total contributions. The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500.00 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to "do good in the world" in the name of Rotary.

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.