Class of 2009 Pinning Ceremony

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Fayetteville State University comes from "Humble Beginnings." The university began as the Howard School in 1867 through the efforts of seven black men with \$136 and a desire to educate the children of Fayetteville, North Carolina. In 1877, the North Carolina General Assembly allotted \$2000 to create an institute to educate black teachers. Because of its success in the previous 10 years, the Howard School was chosen, and the State Colored Normal School Began.

Over the years, a legacy was built like no other. In 1933, Dr. James W. Seabrook was elected President. Six years later, the name was changed to Fayetteville State Teachers College as all high school work had been discontinued. In 1963, under the leadership of President Rudolph Jones, the curriculum and course offerings were expanded as the University underwent another name change to become Fayetteville State College. In 1969, Dr. Charles Lyons became President, and the final name change

to Fayetteville State University the rich heritage and occurred. Three years later, the University was made a constituent Institution of the University of North Student Leaders and Carolina, and Dr. Lyons title was freshmen alike took an changed to "Chancellor."

Dr. Willis McLeod, our first and achieve greatness alumnus Chancellor, was appointed in while here at this 1995. He continued to drive the University forward, implementing the "Freshmen Year Initiative." In 2003, Dr. T.J. Bryan became the 10th Chief-Executive Office of Fayetteville State University and the first African American woman to lead a UNC Institution. She has taken the University to new heights with "The Bronco Way" and "Building on Strengths."

The Student Government Association launched a Voter Empowerment campaign in 2004 that culminated with the "March on Murchison." Over 700 students, faculty, and staff marched to the poles to vote on Election Day.

The Pinning Ceremony was a welcome to the freshmen class of 2009 that introduced our incoming class to

tradition of Fayetteville University. State oath to strive for more prestigious university. Row by row, freshmen walked in front of Student Leaders and recited our school motto. Student Leaders stated "Res Non Verba," while the freshmen recited "Deeds not Words." You recited these words, and we hope you follow along with your oath!

Fayetteville State University has a rich history and many strong traditions. The legacy continues with you. Class of 2009, what will contribution be?



Student leaders pin freshman class.

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