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Scholarship created at NCSU

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RALEIGH — North Carolina State College of Management Accounting now has a diversity scholarship program.

Established by Daniel Ebarb of Knightdale, N.C., \$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding LGBT-identified undergraduate student who is enrolled in the program.

It was established in as a way to honor the memory of Ebarb's friend Orlando Ware, who was his mentor and partner.

The Orlando Ware Memorial Scholarship's guidelines state that the person who receives it must show good academic standing, have a 3.0 grade point average and must be actively pursuing a degree. It is needs based and applicants must show necessity, as well as their advocacy for or contribution toward the LGBT community at the university.

Ebarb credits Ware with being instrumental in Ebarb's life-changing experience at a time when he was completing drug rehabilitation. Ware was non-judgmental and helped champion Ebarb during those difficult days.

The university's website reported, "Among other personal values, Orlando didn't believe in judging people or holding grudges," Ebarb said. "He helped me learn that it was better to give than to receive, how to take responsibility for my faults, and how to take all the bad things and make them a positive. He also taught me to never hold back on my dreams just because they seem farfetched or unattainable," he said.

For more information, visit mgt.ncsu.edu.

Charlotte

Retreats for solace

CHARLOTTE — "Embracing Your Call," a retreat for LGBT Christians in the spirit of St. Ignatius, will be held on April 10 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 507 S. Tryon St. This event will feature prayer and end with Mass.

People of all faiths are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is free.

To register, email retreat4GL@gmail.com.

The Diocesan Ministry for Gay & Lesbian Catholics is the sponsor.

The group will also have a dinner on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Location is unavailable at press time.

South Carolina

New inclusive church to open

COLUMBIA — Are you looking for a place to worship where everyone is accepted? A new LGBT-inclusive Christian faith community will open its doors at the end of the month.

Freedom Worship Church, led by Pastor Ra'Shawn D. Flournoy, bases church fellowship on the Gospel of Jesus as stated in John 3:16. Flournoy strongly advocates and believes everyone has the right to exercise faith in and praise God.

Join Freedom Worship in their grand opening service on March 28 at 3 p.m. Services will be held at 7900 Nell St.

In addition, Freedom Worship Church is recruiting volunteers. They are looking for individuals for the following roles: ushers, greeters, prayer partners, worship leaders, teachers, worship leaders, life group leaders, singers and musicians.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Flournoy.

For more information about Freedom Worship Church and its services visit gotfreedomonline.com or call 803-712-FREE (3733).

— Deidre Newby

Triad

Time to celebrate

WINSTON-SALEM — Theta Beta Chi Fraternity's annual celebration conference weekend, "Unity & Understanding," will be held April 22-25 at Lawrence Joel Coliseum, 2825 University Pky.

The event was established to allow the community of persons of color to spend one weekend to network, as well to celebrate within a diverse and inclusive venue.

This year's focus is on the achievements and knowledge that exists within the transgender persons of color community.

In conjunction with co-sponsor Church of the Holy Spirit, the theme is "Recovering the Spirit-n-Me." Presenters are the church's Pastor Roger Hayes, Kylar W. Broadus, Esq., Min. Cameraron D. Anderson, Pastor Malcom Whate, Parker T.

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Breakfast With Scott

Two and a Half Men — with a twist! The lives of Eric (Tom Cavanagh), an ex-hockey player, and his partner Sam (Ben Shenkman) are thrown into turmoil when they are forced to take in Scott (Noah Bennett), a flamboyant 11-year-old. Scott is far from being the sports-loving boy they expected but his warm-hearted honesty is exactly what they've been missing.



I Can't Think Straight

Two cultures. Two traditions. One love. While her family busily prepares for her wedding, Tala (Lisa Ray), a spirited Christian, meets Leyla (Sheetal Sheth), a shy Muslim from London's fast-paced West End. Although they come from different worlds, the attraction is immediate, and Tala must decide whether to stay true to her culture or true to her heart.



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