

Upcoming Elections

By Danika Ray, Contributing Writer

The time has once again come for the North Carolina General Elections set to take place in less than two months on Nov. 8th. The importance of general elections is that they typically determine the positions of most members of North Carolina political bodies, who are responsible for making decisions on legislation, policies and other government tasks for North Carolina. These general elections involve all levels of political standing and have at least two candidates running for each position.

The two highlights of this upcoming general election are the elections for State Supreme Court Justice and State Appellate Court

Justice. This year's State Supreme Court elections will determine the 3rd and 5th seats. These seats are important because the officials in these positions will be responsible for fixing any problems that occur with the inferior state courts. These inferior state courts are simply lower courts that have specified jurisdictions. Lucy Inman is the Democratic candidate for the 3rd seat, while Richard D. Dietz is the Republican candidate. Trey Allen is the Republican candidate for the 5th seat and Samuel "Sam" J. Ervin IV is the Democratic candidate. The State Appellate Court Justice positions need to be filled for the 9th and 11th seats. These seats are signifi-

cant because they aid in evaluating appeals of lower court decisions. For the 9th seat, Brad A. Salmon is the Democratic candidate and Donna Stroud is the Republican candidate. Lastly, for the 11th seat, Darren Jackson is the Democratic candidate and Michael J. Standing is the Republican candidate.

Aside from the highlights, the upcoming elections also have positions open for candidates for the U.S. Senate, which include Cheri Beasley (Democrat), Shannon W. Bray (Libertarian), Ted Budd (Republican), and Matthew P. Hoh (Green). The elected senators will be responsible for writing legislation and approving presidential appointments as well

as ratifying foreign treaties. Other notable elections are the U.S. Representatives for Districts 1-14, State Senators for the 50 districts, State representative elections, General State Trial Court Judge and lastly the Inferior State Trial Court Judge positions.

For more information about races and candidates, visit Ballot Ready. For more information about voter registration, visit the NC State Board of Elections website.



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New Clubs on the Block

By Kayla Dunn, Contributing Writer

With the world opening back up and everything returning back to in-person sessions, Meredith College's clubs and organizations are making a comeback and a lot of fun events are planned for this semester.

Queer Space, the LG-BTQIA+ club previously known as Spectrum, is planning a lot of things for this semester. Liz Sharpe, the Vice President of Queer Space, explained that the name was changed because the word Spectrum can also be used

for the Autism Program and some people were confusing the two organizations. The organization also feel that the name Queer Space "better reflect[s] what our club represents and stands for." This club meets the first Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in room 162 of the Science and Math Building.

If you like to dance then this next club is perfect for you! The Meredith College Dance Crew (MCDC) is a "hip-hop-based, jazz funk, strength, stamina and stability dance organization" according

to Taniya Harris, the president of the club. The club has rehearsals once a week in the Fall and Spring semester on Wednesdays at 7-8 p.m. in room 31 of Weatherspoon. MCDC's mission is to give Meredith students the opportunity to perform at women's basketball halftime games and in the fall and spring dance concerts.

The Iris Ambassadors are one of two student groups that, along with the Meredith Hues Organization, volunteer with Admissions. The organization changed its

name from the White Iris Circle to the Iris Ambassadors this past semester. Grace Suggs, the Admissions advisor for the organization, said "the name change from White Iris Circle to Iris Ambassadors resulted from a review committee... examination of the organization's processes and procedures in an effort to ensure inclusivity as well as to improve awareness of the group among students."

Read the full article on our website.

Local Events for Hispanic Heritage Month

By Gabriella LeBron, Contributing Writer

Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month. This annual celebration aims to recognize and appreciate Hispanic history, culture and achievements in the United States. Celebrations and performances will take place all around the country this month. Here's how you can take part in the celebration here in Raleigh.

"Virtual Slow Art Appreciation" at the NC Museum of Art- Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

"Slow art" is the practice of slowing down your art observation in order to come to a deeper understanding of the meaning behind the work. This free virtual event, hosted by the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA), will teach attendees the practice of slow art as they discover a piece of artwork from the museum's "Ancient America" collection. To register and find more information, visit the NCMA website.

"Noche Latina" with the North Carolina Football Club Oct. 1 at 5 p.m.

The North Carolina Football Club will honor its Latino players on Oct. 1st, prior to their match with Union Omaha. The celebrations will begin at 5 p.m. with live band performances with the match following at 7 p.m. The free event will begin at 5 p.m. at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary. Tickets to the game can be purchased for only \$15.

Book Talk with Marilyn Marrero-Oct. 8, 3:15 p.m. at Leesville Community Library Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m. at Cary Regional Library

Marilyn Marrero is the author of *Just Like Mima's: The Heart Behind the Cuban Recipes We All Love*. In addition to 50 authentic Cuban recipes, *Just Like Mima's* also reflects on the life of Marrero's grandmother "Mima." Marrero's book is a heartfelt reflection on hardships, family, hard work and big dreams.

"Dance in the Library" at North Regional Library-Oct. 8 at 2:30 p.m. (Venezuelan Dance Group of NC) and Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. (Takiri Folclor Latino Group)

The Venezuelan Dance Group of North Carolina will present a performance in the North Regional Library of Raleigh. The group is a nonprofit community with members from all over Central and South America. Takiri Folclor Latino Group has African, European and Indigenous influences. Their purpose is to show Latin American culture through dance. On the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month, they will have a performance in the North Regional Library of Raleigh.

Latin Dance Class at the West Regional Library-Oct. 9, 2 p.m.

This free dance class is taught by the founder of Mambo Dinamico Dance Company, Betto Herrera. The class will cover dances from many different coun-

tries including Cuba, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. The class caters for both singles and couples.

Ofrenda Workshop at the Diamante Arts and Cultural Center-Oct. 15, 1 p.m.

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