

BIG CHANGES ARE COMING IN 2025



Honoring Our Visionary Society Members!

Dear {Preferred name},

As we welcome the new year, we'd like to take the time to honor our Visionary Society Members. Your vision and generosity will leave a long-lasting legacy. Your commitment to supporting our mission through careful, long-term giving is incredibly inspiring. The impact made by you will live on through future generations of students, leaders, and visionaries at Norfolk State University. Your legacy is life changing, and we thank you.

New Member Perks!

Beginning in 2025, All **current** and **new members** will now receive a complimentary welcome packet.

This packet includes:

- Official Acknowledgement Letter
- Member Certificate
- NSU Visionary Society Newsletter
- NSU Visionary Society Lapel Pin



***If your address has changed, please contact Rebecca Miller, Planned Giving Fellow by phone at (757) 823-2272 or by email at rjmiller@nsu.edu**

VISIONARY SOCIETY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Rhonda L. Allen, '83

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The Foundation is thrilled to introduce a new initiative showcasing our very own Visionary Society Members. **The Member Spotlight Series** is part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary individuals who have made a lasting investment of Norfolk State University's future - ensuring positive change and opportunities for generations of spartan students!

This month, we proudly recognize Rhonda L. Allen, class of 1983. Ms. Allen remains active in Spartan Nation, presently an NSU Visionary Society member beginning in 2017. She previously took on the role of President of the NSUAA Military Alumni Chapter Foundation, Inc (July 2018-June 2022), NSUAA Recording Secretary (July 2014 - June 2020), and was named NSU's Ms. Alumni (2015-2016).

When asked why Ms. Allen chose a planned gift, she stated "During my estate planning, I realized I needed to make a decision on how the proceeds from the sale of my home would be distributed. I decided to split the proceeds among my favorite organizations who are dear to my heart. Norfolk State University is one of those organizations. I decided that the money Norfolk State University receives from my estate would be to establish an endowed scholarship in my memory. What a lasting memory to help students to further their education since they are the future!"

- Rhonda L. Allen, '83

***If you would like to be featured in future newsletters, please contact Rebecca Miller, Planned Giving Fellow at rjmiller@nsu.edu**

NSU STUDENTS FEATURED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

NSU students, Kayla Fontenot and Laila Bazemore, were featured at the World Piano Conference in November 2024. Laila Bazemore, a sophomore Music Media major with a Piano Concentration, and Kayla Fontenot, a junior Music Education major with a Piano Concentration, gave an online poster presentation titled *POV: A Look Inside African Music and its Transition to America*. This opportunity was made possible with the support of the Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program. Dr. Susan Ha, Associate Professor of Music/Piano, mentors both students.



Celebrating Norfolk State University's 90th Anniversary

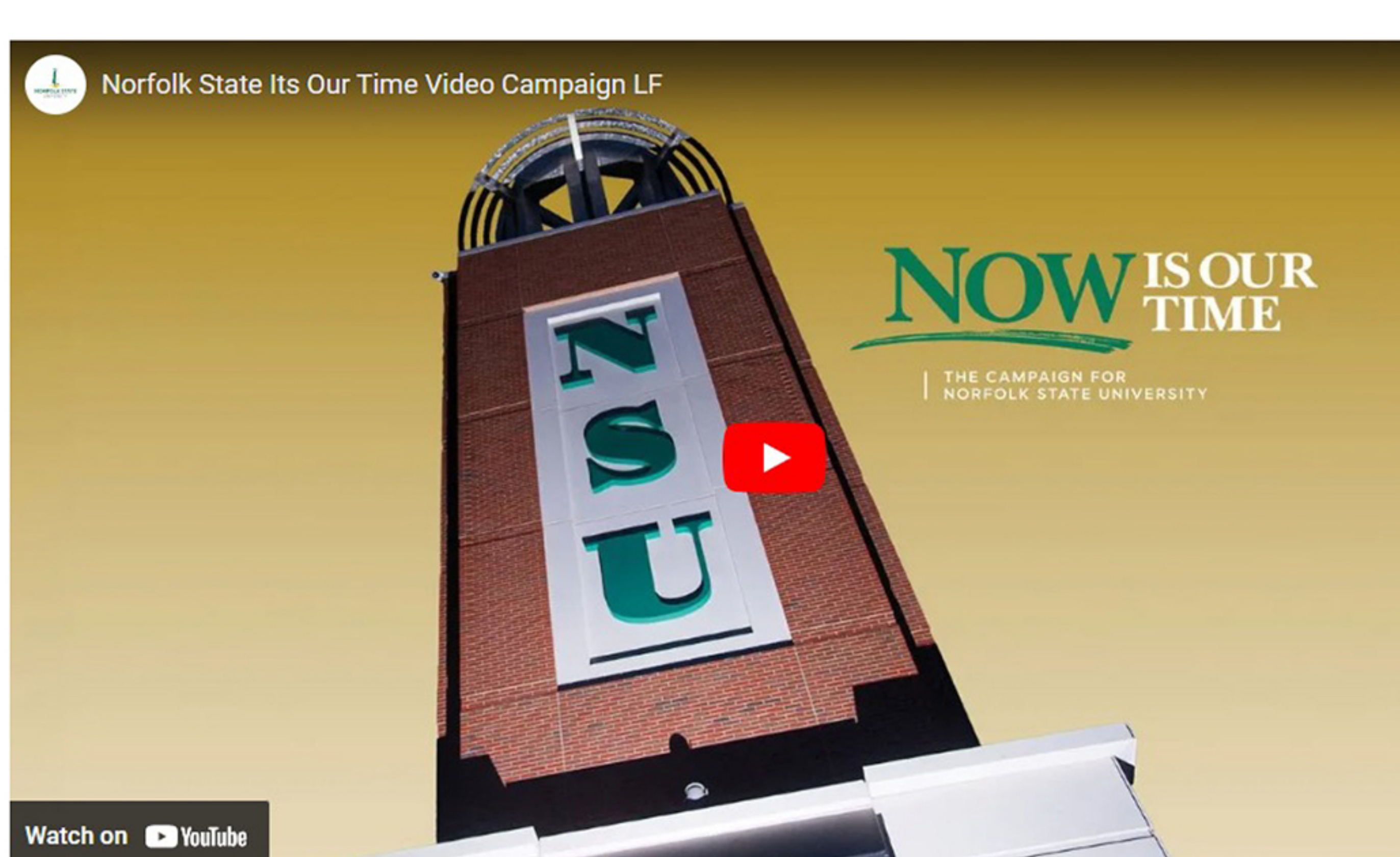


Now Is Our Time, The Campaign for Norfolk State University, marks the most ambitious fundraising campaign in our institution's history. As NSU stands stronger than ever, we're poised to strengthen our impact and establish ourselves as a leader among all universities, not just HBCUs. The comprehensive campaign has a goal of \$90 million and will culminate during the University's **90th anniversary in 2025**.

"The Now Is Our Time campaign is an investment in not only the future of our students but also for the future of Norfolk State to continue providing the very best educational opportunities for those who will enroll here for generations to come." - NSU President Javaune Adams-Gaston said at the campaign reception

To learn more, visit www.nsu.edu/now-is-our-time.

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SPARTANS ON THE CLOCK is the podcast where we celebrate Norfolk State University's rich history, impactful alumni and bright future. Hosted by Anthony Tillman and Hope Strachan, join us as we dive into inspiring stories of giving back, leadership, and what it means to embody the Spartan Spirit.

Each episode spotlights remarkable NSU alumni who have made a lasting impact in their respective fields. We've had the honor of interviewing Devon Henry, the NSU alum who played a pivotal role in taking down Confederate monuments, former NBA star Kyle O'Quinn, and former NFL player Don Carey, among others. Through candid conversations and powerful storytelling, Spartans on the Clock highlights how our alumni continue to shape industries, uplift communities, and give back to their alma mater. **Now Is Our Time!**

New episodes are available on all major podcast platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and more. So whether you're on the clock or off, tune in and stay inspired!

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