

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Ledonia S. Wright Cultural Center



HISTORY



Destined to contribute greatly to the advancement of her people, Ledonia Wright began to demonstrate her commitment to excellence in education in the Rockingham Public School system where she completed her education with honors. She matriculated to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. There she continued her pursuit of excellence and graduated magna cum laude. She earned a master of science degree in public health at North Carolina Central University, again graduating with honors.

While developing a career in public health, Ledonia continued her academic development. She attended seminars at Yale and Boston Universities and initiated doctoral studies in public health at the University of North Carolina. Her entire career was spent finding ways to ease human misery and raise the level of aspiration among those with whom she worked. She believed that excellence in ones chosen profession could be achieved. Ms. Wright was also the advisor to the Society of United Liberal Students (SOULS) and tried to make a difference for black students at ECU. Although she died in 1976, her efforts did not go unnoticed. In 1979, the former "Y" Hut on campus was renamed the Ledonia S. Wright Afro-American Cultural Center, and a scholarship was named in her honor. In 1995, the Cultural Center relocated to the Bloxton House near the Mendenhall Student Center.

RESOURCES/PROGRAMS

- African and African-American Art Collection
- East Carolina Alumni Art Displays
- Conference Rooms
- Meeting spaces for student organizations
- Copy Services
- Computer Lab
- Reading Room/Library
- Tutoring (Math/Chemistry)
- Permanent Art Collection
- Service/Volunteer Opportunities
- Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Native American Art collections
- Multicultural Holiday Celebrations
- Black History Month
- Diversity Dialogues
- Freshmen Roundtable
- Cultural Bus Trip to DC
- Freshmen Welcome Back Cook-Out
- End of The Year Cook-Out
- Women's History Month
- LWCC Day



LWCC EMISSARIES

The purpose of the LWCC Emissaries is to develop, plan and implement educational programs which advance the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and represent the interest of students.

The LWCC Emissaries will focus these programs around cultural competencies that enhance the respect and appreciation of a multicultural community.

The LWCC Emissaries will seek to collaborate with other student organizations, departments and community agencies through its various programs and events.

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