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**From:** Carlester T. Crumpler [<mailto:carlester@carlestercrumpler.com>]

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**To:** SCB

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Chancellor Ballard,

As an alumnus of East Carolina University, I commend the Board of Trustees for establishing an ad hoc Naming Committee to look at renaming Aycock Residence Hall.

While Governor Charles B. Aycock made many notable contributions to public education in North Carolina, one cannot overlook his role as a white supremacist, who played a key role in many campaigns of fear and intimidation that sought to forcefully suppress the black vote and sow racial distrust.

The introduction to the 2014-2019 ECU Strategic Plan says: "East Carolina University is committed to honoring the values that have guided the progress of the university. As we look to the future, we will sharpen our focus on those that are critical to our continued growth."

A key part of ECU's future growth and success will be to continue to embrace the values of diversity and inclusion. The importance of these values is noted by the fact that it is the first bullet point under the Our Responsibilities section of the strategic plan.

If embracing the values of diversity and inclusion is more than a 'feel good' bullet point on our website, then the University has a responsibility to "look to the future and sharpen our focus" by no longer honor a figure whose actions countered those values and must rename Aycock Residence Hall after someone who we all, of the Pirate Nation, can be proud.

Sincerely,

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ECU c/o '93 and '04

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