Princeville North Carolina founded by freed slaves gets levee help

PRINCEVILLE (AP) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
neers is a Union encampment. After the war, these black
hundreds of freedmen founded a community even though the
dilemma of inequality. Professor William Darity Jr., the
founding Director of the Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social
Equity, has prepared a recipe for social equity. “While economic inequality is of
paramount importance, it is also vital to have a center that does systematic research on the problem,” says Darity. The recipe for social equity includes a researched definition of remedies for the
injustice of inequality that exist, targeting 5 major areas: (1) inequality associated with employment (2) income (3) wealth (4) health and (5) political participation.

Dr. Gwendolyn Wright has been at Duke for the past 18 years with varied responsibilities. Not only does she take the lead in administrative functions of the center, but she is the creative voice in the center. Wright has been with the SDSC since its inception, established in 2014 entitled the Consortium on Social Equity, but
later approved in 2015 by the Duke Board of Trustees to be renamed in honor of Samuel Dubois Cook.

Dr. Samuel Dubois Cook is a symbol and expression of the active quest for social justice and equality at Duke University. During his lifetime, Dr. Cook had a distinguished record for many things including but not limited to a political scientist, scholar, educator, author, teacher, administrator, civic and human rights activist just to name a few. Cook became the first African-American professor at Duke University and also the first to hold a regular and tenured faculty appointment at a predominantly white southern college or university.

“We try each and every day to live up to his legacy,” emphasizes Wright.

The SDSC is an interdisciplinary research center within Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke that includes scholars and faculty across Duke and diverse international groups of affiliated scholars and experts in the United States and around the world. The mission of the center is to promote equity, across all domains of human interactions through teaching, partnerships, policy and practice. The SDSC seeks to deploy innovative research and practices that promote equity, such as employment equity, health equity, and other forms of equity. The center is led by Professor William Darity Jr., the founding Director of the Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity, and Professor Gwendolyn Wright, the Creative Director of the center.

“The protection of Princeville and the preservation of its place in our nation’s history cannot be overstated,” said Democratic U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield, whose district includes Princeville. “The completion of the levee project will ensure the longevity of this historic town for current and future generations.”

Sen. McKissick resigns to take NC Utilities Commission post

RALEIGH (AP) - A veteran North Carolina legislator has resigned from the state Senate more than two months after the General Assem-
by confirmed his appointment to the Utilities Commission. Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr. of Durham tendered his Senate resigna-
tion - effective January (Jan.) 7 - to fellow Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, who had nominated McKissick for the seven-member commission back in May. The powerful panel regulates companies that offer electricity, natural gas and other services.

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cal party activists are under no obligation to choose among the three to fill the current term.

Buttigieg nets first black congressional backer

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential can-
didate Pete Buttigieg has scored an endorsement from Rep. Anthony Brown of Maryland, the first black member of Congress to throw his support to the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

Brown, 57, belongs to the Congressional Black Cau-
sus, whose membership is co-chaired aggressively by Dem-
ocratic presidential candidates, and includes a total of 54 members from Jackson to Maine.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has the most endor-
sements from members of the Congressional Black Caucus among 2020 Democratic presidential candidates - a total of nine.

Brown, a black former lieutenant governor of Maryland, is an Iraqi War veteran and vice chairman of the House

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The Recipe for Social Equity

The Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity

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While there were some speculations about the Cook Center moving to the North Carolina Life Mutual building, nothing is set in stone. “It is not final, but we are having conversations, considering different components going into the negotiation,” says Wright. “Although it is not a done deal, we are optimistic.”

One of the ongoing programs is a summer research opportunity in collaboration with Durham Public Schools (DPS) entitled the Hank and Billye Suber Aaron Young Scholars Summer Research Institute. This three-week educational enrichment program involves middle and high school students analyzing and presenting original work on the problem of inequality. The students explore curriculum related to the economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions of inequality and design remedies for addressing group-based disparities and conflicts. The program goals include enhancing writing, research, and presentation skills as well as developing the next generation of scholars engaged in the study of causes and consequences of inequality.

We have had tremendous success in how we train the next generation of scholars interested in this research,” reflects Wright. “It is important at the doctoral level and with graduate students, but it is also important to work with those at beginning stages of research interest—middle and high schools.” Wright recognizes how current research assistants now working in the Cook Center and attending college, some previous participants in the summer research institute. This program recalls to mind a commitment to transfer systematic research into socially useful practices. “The development of a center focused on inequality has been a long-term passion of my own,” says Darity. “I am thrilled to see it realized—to have developed an infrastructure and momentum that makes it possible to be engaged in making recommendations in how we can make the world better.”

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NCCU’s Blount Earns Back-To-Back MEAC Weekly Nods

NORFOLK, Va. – North Carolina Central University senior forward Jibri Blount (Pittsburgh, Pa.) has earned a weekly honor for the second consecutive week as the league announced he was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Week on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Blount averaged a double-double over the weekend against Delaware State and Maryland Eastern Shore, logging 22.5 points and 10.5 rebounds per contest. He pulled down a second consecutive double-double at DSU with 26 points and 13 rebounds, following a game of 23 points and 10 boards against Florida A&M. Over the entire season, he’s second in the MEAC in scoring with 19.3 points per game; and third with 9.1 boards per contest.

This is Blount’s second MEAC weekly award of his career, and the third for the Eagles this season.

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