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MAGA Plans To Invade HBCU Homecomings: What Students Should Do

Turning Point USA and BLEXIT are bringing their "Educate to Liberate" tour to Black campuses. Don't take the bait.
by Dr. Stacey Patton



A new campaign calling itself the "Educate to Liberate Tour" is preparing to roll through historically Black colleges and universities this fall, just in time for homecoming season.

The tour, backed by Turning Point USA and branded through its black-face offshoot BLEXIT, claims it wants to spark dialogue and promote "free thought" on HBCU campuses. But after

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Greensboro's Early Voting for 2025 Mayoral and City Council Elections begins October 16th



On Tuesday evening, October 7, the Greensboro primary election for Mayor race was called

with Abuzuaiter getting 39.91% of the votes and Perkins getting 32.51% of the votes, which will send

them to November's general election for a final face-off.

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The federal government is shut down. Here's why Democrats say Trump and Republicans are to blame

"Donald Trump and Republicans have now shut down the federal government because they do not want to protect the healthcare of the American people," said U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries.

by Gerren Keith Gaynor



The federal government officially shut down at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, leaving federal work-

ers without pay, and federal agencies shuttered.

But who is to blame for the federal shutdown depends on who you ask

in the nation's capital. President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans are pointing fingers at Democrats after the two

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NOTESBlack mayors defiantly double
down against Trump and white
supremacy

“The assignment is to finally bury white supremacy and build Black wealth,” said Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Gerren Keith Gaynor
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Black mayors leading some of the nation's largest cities came together during the 54th Black Congressional Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, vowing to continue to stand up against the Trump administration and fight what they see as an attempt to uphold white supremacy.

“The assignment is to finally bury white supremacy and build Black wealth,” said Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, whose national profile has grown since defiantly standing against President Donald Trump and his threat to send the National Guard to his city.

Johnson was joined by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott, Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee, Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and Savannah Mayor Van Johnson for a panel on the power of Black mayors moderated by activist Angela Rye.

Mayor Johnson, a former social studies teacher, called out the fact that Black mayors lead all of the cities that President Trump has threatened to militarize—he says that is by design.

“That is very intentional because there is an extremism in this country that has not accepted the results of the Civil War,” said Johnson. Given Trump's MAGA agenda, which has included dismantling enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, eliminating federal racial equity programs, and attempts to sanitize Black history, the Chicago mayor said pointedly, “They are fully engaged in their rematch.”

Johnson said Black Americans

can draw inspiration from their ancestors in today's political climate, telling the packed room, that formerly enslaved Black Americans executed “the largest act of dissidents in this country...when [they] led the largest strike in the history of this country, when slaves decided to put down the tools that white supremacy was using to build this so called democracy.”



Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott

Baltimore's Mayor Scott, who previously faced insults from Republicans that he was a “DEI” mayor, said that it is clear that white conservatives “don't think our Black asses should be in [office] in the first place.”

“They might be out here trying to erase us and to erase Black history, but as I always remind them, they, too, come from Africa, because they come from us. You cannot erase from which you come from,” said Scott.

Like Chicago, Scott's Baltimore has been on the receiving end of Trump's threat of militarization over the issue of crime, despite the city seeing a historic decline in violent crime.

Scott told theGrio after Friday's panel that while the president has seemingly backed off the threat for now, “The only thing that you can expect with this administration is the unexpected.”

In this political climate that is seen as a wholesale attack on Blackness, Mayor Scott told theGrio it was important for Black Americans to “arm ourselves and know where we come from.”

“We are the descendants of the creators of civilization. Everything worth salt and on this Earth was created by Black people. We have to understand and know our strength... We have been through times like this before. As much as they try to erase us, they cannot,” said Scott.

Despite Trump's attack on DEI, Atlanta Mayor Dickens said he was proud that his city intentionally supports Black, minority, and women-owned businesses through its contracting with Atlanta's bustling economy, driven by Atlanta's airport and city construction investments.

“When you see somebody doing a heck of a job like that, and you got all this contracting that has to go to minority and women-owned businesses, [they say] how can I...claw that back, pull that back, threaten it, and say this DEI as though it's not quality work, that is not substantive delivery,” said Dickens.

Dickens said Black and other minority contracting is built into the city of Atlanta's DNA. “It is inescapable, and we stand firmly on the principles of economic inclusion,” he said.



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watching similar operations play out elsewhere, the goal looks less like debate and learning and more like provocation and a political incursion into sacred Black spaces under the guise of outreach.

The announcement arrived in the shadow of two flashpoints.

First came the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, which right-wing media swiftly re-framed as a martyrdom story about “free speech.” His death is now fueling a wave of right-wing mobilization, with activists vowing to carry his torch by “reclaiming” campuses.

Then, in late September, a group called Fearless Debates, a handful of white men in MAGA hats wielding signs that read “DEI Should Be Illegal” and “Deport All Illegals Now,” showed up uninvited at Tennessee State University. Students confronted them, and campus police escorted them off the grounds. Within hours, conservative pundits flooded social media, portraying the encounter as another example of “Black intolerance.”

Groups like Turning Point USA, Fearless Debates, and now BLEXIT understand the optics economy. They show up unannounced, stir tension, film the reactions, and package the footage for viral consumption. The aim isn’t dialogue, it’s content. And the content fuels a pipeline of outrage that drives right-wing clicks, donations, and television segments. The Tennessee State stunt was never about that single campus. It was a stress test and a rehearsal to see how Black students might react when the full BLEXIT roadshow pulls up during homecoming season.

The recent invasion of HBCUs is not accidental. It represents a new phase in a decade-long campaign to infiltrate American higher education with white grievance politics. Since its founding, Turning Point USA has specialized in weaponizing free-speech rhetoric to turn campuses into ideological battlegrounds. From Wisconsin to Florida, its events have followed a familiar script: a “provocative” speaker arrives, students protest, conservative media label it censorship, and donors celebrate the confrontation as proof that the left hates ideas.

Now that same playbook is being redeployed at HBCUs, which are spaces that were deliberately created to shield Black students from the hostility of white supremacist aggression and exclusion. It’s a cynical escalation. The very communities that built their own schools because they were barred from white ones are now being cast as the intolerant gatekeepers of “cancel culture.” Now, after decades of neglect, they’re suddenly concerned about the “free ex-

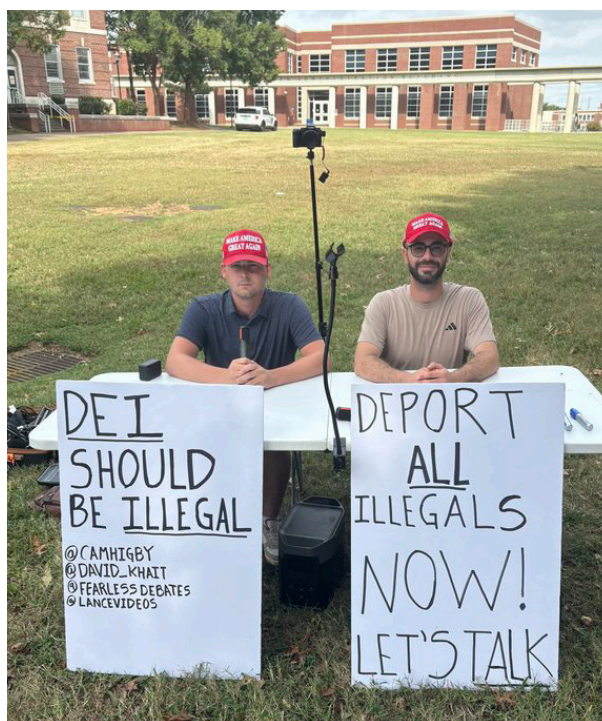
change of ideas” at HBCUs? Please.

What’s especially galling is the branding on the group’s flyer.

“Educate to Liberate” isn’t a new phrase. It’s a battle cry from Black educational history, one born from struggle. It echoes the philosophy of institutions where the pursuit of learning was inseparable from the pursuit of freedom. To see that slogan repurposed by a movement that has fought affirmative action, mocked DEI, and cheered book bans is more than tone-deaf; it’s an act of symbolic violence. It’s the theft of our language of liberation, scrubbed of meaning and repackaged for white approval.

Some readers may bristle at the word violence for what looks, on its surface, like a speaking tour. But violence isn’t always physical. It can be symbolic, psychological, and historical, especially when it intrudes upon spaces designed as refuges from generational trauma. When predominantly white organizations, armed with political funding and hostile intent, descend on HBCUs, they are reenacting one of the oldest American rituals: the trespass into Black peace and joy.

Homecoming season is not just a party. It’s a sacred time. It’s when generations return to celebrate survival, scholarship, and joy. For groups like BLEXIT to time their appearances during this season is no coincidence. It’s psychological warfare. They’re not coming to learn. They’re coming to agitate, to harass, and to see how far they can push the boundary before being pushed back. They want footage of confrontation, not conversation.



This is how white supremacy metabolizes crisis: it never looks inward. Even when violence erupts within its own ranks, as in the Kirk shooting, where a white man killed another white man in a white crowd in a white state, the fallout gets redirected onto Black bodies and Black spaces. The logic goes like this: if a white conservative dies, HBCUs

get bomb threats, and our students must be made to host the resurrection. The pilgrimage to HBCUs is both performance and punishment, a symbolic reminder that no space is off limits.

HBCU students, faculty, and administrators now face a hard question: how do you respond to people who arrive in bad faith?

Engagement can feel like the higher ground, but in this case, engagement is the trap. These activists are not interested in persuasion. They’re interested in performance. They come equipped with cameras, microphones, and social-media teams ready to cut and splice any exchange into propaganda.

The answer isn’t to ignore them completely, either. Silence can be edited into compliance. And so the key is disciplined strategy by recognizing that the real audience is not on the yard, but online. Every interaction becomes potential content, so students must approach these moments like a chess match, not a brawl.

First, they must control the narrative. If they film, you film. Use campus media, student journalists, and communications programs to document events accurately and on your own terms. Publish quickly before misinformation spreads. Don’t let outsiders define your response.

Don’t feed the outrage economy. These groups are professional provocateurs. The goal is to make you angry on camera. Don’t give them the reaction they came for. Calm presence, laughter, and joy are more revolutionary than shouting matches. Let their manipulation expose itself.

Establish clear protocols. Administrators should enforce rules of engagement: whether uninvited groups can set up tables, what permits are required, and how campus police coordinate with student organizations. Clarity protects both safety and narrative.

Create counterprogramming. Rather than debating professional trolls, host teach-ins about propaganda, disinformation, and political grooming. Use these moments as lessons in media literacy and psychological self-defense. Invite scholars, historians, and activists who understand how movements like BLEXIT mimic the tactics of Cold War psychological operations.

And lastly, reclaim the JOY. The most radical act in the face of white supremacist intrusion is Black joy. Keep the music, the parades, the food, and the laughter alive. Do not allow cynics to define homecoming as a battleground. Protect the celebration as an act of resistance.

The broader fight here isn’t

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mayoral race, the Greensboro city council had a large field of candidates vying for multiple open seats, including the at-large seat vacated after the death of Councilwoman Yvonne Johnson.

The results for the city council primary are:

At-large winners – Hugh Holston,

Denise Roth, Richard Beard, Jamila Pinder, Irving D. Allen and T. Dianne Bellamy-Small

District 1 unopposed in primary- Sharon Hightower and Crystal Black

District 2 winners – Cecile Crawford and Monica Walker

District 3 winners – Zack Matheny and April Parker

District 4 winners – Adam Marshall and Nicky Smith

Early voting October 16-November 1st. Election day is Tuesday November 4th. These races are nonpartisan.

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parties failed to reach a bipartisan deal to fund the government past Oct. 1.

“After months of making life harder and more expensive, Donald Trump and Republicans have now shut down the federal government because they do not want to protect the healthcare of the American people,” U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., said in a statement at exactly 12:01 a.m.

Jeffries said Democrats “remain ready to find a bipartisan path forward to reopen the government,” but only if Republicans work with them

“in a way that lowers and addresses the Republican healthcare crisis.”

At the heart of the political deadlock on Capitol Hill is the Republicans’ refusal to give in to the Democrats’ demands to permanently extend the soon-to-be-expired tax credits under Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, that were passed during the pandemic to help insurance recipients afford their healthcare. Democrats are also pushing to restore more than \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and Medicare that Republicans established in their unpopular “One, Big, Beautiful Bill.”

Trump and Republicans repeat-

edly accused Democrats of wanting to provide taxpayer health care to undocumented immigrants. However, federal law prohibits their eligibility, with exceptions for those with legal status, such as refugees and those seeking asylum.

Leader Jeffries excoriated Trump for taking personal shots at him rather than working with Democrats to avert the government shutdown. While Republicans control the White House, House, and Senate, their majority in the Senate is slim (53), leaving them without the needed votes (60) to pass a budget bill. Democrats argue that it requires Republicans to

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Hello, after the November 2025 city Council elections, we will have a new City Council and no issue is more important than what they do or not do to reverse the old council's decision to cover and leave poisonous soil at Bingham Park or move it to a rural location outside of Greensboro and Guilford County. They had a choice last year but prioritized cost rather than the health and safety of Black lives. It would cost \$13 million to keep the soil in Greensboro. To move the poisonous contaminated soil to one of the two locations outside of Greensboro it would \$43 million. So how much are the lives of the approximately 61,000 Black residents who reside in City Council District 2 worth? Oh, about \$30 million. In Greensboro, 61,000 Black Lives don't matter.

Shout-Out

Hello, When the American empire finally collapses, historians won't be stunned by the greed of the elite but by the loyalty of poor White Americans, especially the poor white MAGA followers. They are really being conned. It's so sad.

Shout-Out

Hello, G-times, there has been a lot of media coverage about tariffs, and unfortunately, there are many Americans including my Black brothers and sisters who do not know how tariffs work. Tariffs are taxes paid by American businesses to buy goods from countries such as Russia, Nigeria, or Japan. Often, the businesses will pass the cost they paid in taxes to buy the product to the American consumer. If American businesses pay an extra \$10,000 tariff to import a car from Japan, auto dealers will likely pass most or all of that cost on to U.S. buyers, you the American consumer. That's how tariffs work. The money is collected at the US Customs border agency and sent to the General Fund of the US Treasury. The US Congress determines how the money collected is spent. Of, course, the US Congress has been missing in action and has ceded most of their authority to the President. Usually, the most reasonable justification for tariffs is to help to pay down the National debt, and as of last month, the debt was \$37.43 Trillion. The US government collected \$142 billion in tariffs revenue as of the end of September. However, Trump's so called "Big Beautiful Bill" will give a \$117. 00 billion in tax cuts to billionaires, the richest 1% next year, basically offsetting any real impact on the national debt. Yea, we the American consumers are paying for the rich to get richer and for me and you to get poorer. That's your tariff lesson for today....

Shout-Out

Hello, G-times, what-up, you know, just paid my monthly car bill. You know, if money doesn't grow on trees why do banks have branches? Well. For banks money does grow on trees. Banks get free money from your money and my money just for keeping it for you in the bank. It's called interest. The bank's interest rate. Get a bank loan, the interest rate means free money for the bank. So, for the banks, money does grow on trees. For the banks. it's mo- money, mo-money, and mo- money...."

Shout-Out

Hello G-Times. Sports commentator, Steven A. Smith taking shots at Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett ain't just messy but weak. Dude is sitting on one of the biggest mic's in America and instead of using it to uplift, he's tearing down a Black woman who's out here putting in real work. That ain' critique, that's betrayal. Jasmine Crockett ain't the problem. She's the type of woman that walks into a room of snakes and make the snakes flinch. Meanwhile, Stephen A showing us what happens when the paycheck gets louder than the principle. That's some hankerchief head "Uncle Tom" stuff straight up. And trust me, fifty years from now, when folks study this era, Jasmine Crockett's name gonna be in the books next to the fighters for justice and truth tellers, the ones who challenge the moral and ethical wrongs of the system. Stephen A? History don't reward the ones that make noise, history rewards the ones that made a difference.

Shout-Out

Good morning, maybe the best statement of greatness can be summed up in this quote, read and take heed. 'The Greatest Man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.'

Publisher's View



**Earl Jones, Publisher
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Founded, in 1890, the “Agricultural and Mechanical College for the Colored Race” was established by an act of the North Carolina General Assembly. The NC General Assembly responded to the protest and demands of Greensboro’s African American leadership at the time. Today, North Carolina A&T State University (NCA&T) is the largest historically Black university in America. With that title comes not just prestige, but a responsibility to protect, preserve, and promote the culture that built it. Yet, in 2020, A&T abandoned its HBCU athletic roots, leaving the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) for the Big South and then jumping to another predominantly white conference in 2022.

Enough is enough. It’s time for A&T to stop running from its heritage and return home to the MEAC.

The MEAC was established in 1969 by HBCU colleges that were members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). The charter institutions were North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central University (NCCU), Delaware State University, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, South Carolina State University and Morgan State University. The primary purpose was to seek status as a Division I conference for all of its sports. On June 8, 1978, the MEAC was classified as a Division I by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

When A&T left the MEAC, it weakened one of the few remaining Black athletic conferences that gave rise to legendary rivalries, cultural

North Carolina A&T should return to the MEAC Conference and not run from its glorious cultural roots



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traditions, and national recognition for HBCU athletes. Instead of strengthening its own people, A&T chased validation in white-dominated spaces, where Aggie pride has been watered down and Aggie culture has been sidelined.

Yes, A&T can compete anywhere. But competition without cultural connection is empty. The roar of Aggie-Eagle rivalry games, the thunder of the Blue & Gold Marching Machine filling stadiums, the HBCU bands competing at halftime, the electric energy of HBCU homecomings, competing for a bid to the Celebration Bowl — these are not just games. They are traditions that bind students, alumni, and communities together in ways no PWI (Predominately White University) conference ever could.



NC Central football coach, Trei Oliver

Alumni know it. Students feel it. And the wider HBCU community

sees it: A&T’s wandering has cost it part of its soul. Conference-hopping from the MEAC to the Big South Conference to the Colonial Athletic Association, has created instability and alienation, while stripping away the very cultural pride that once made Aggie athletics special.

Returning to the MEAC would not be a retreat. It would be a bold stand — a declaration that Black institutions do not need to abandon their roots to showcase their worth. It would mean leading by example, using A&T’s size and strength to further stabilize the MEAC, rebuild rivalries, and show that cultural heritage and athletic excellence go hand in hand.

North Carolina A&T’s greatness was never just about winning games. It was about lifting up a people, carrying forward a legacy, and showing that HBCUs are more than capable of standing tall on the national stage and eventually win a national NCAA Division I Championship.

The Aggies don’t belong wandering from one PWI conference to another. They belong at home — in the MEAC, with their people, their culture, and their history.

It’s time to come back home.

Oh, full disclosure, I am a graduate of NCCU. My wife, an NCA&T Alum. Most Eagles and Aggies, believe as we do, no matter what you’ve been indoctrinated to believe, white ice is not colder.

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Assata Shakur, a fearless revolutionary and the first woman on the FBI's Most Wanted list, dies in Cuba after decades of exile and resistance.

by Delaina Dixon, EBONY Mag.



ASSATA SHAKUR TURNS 75!

Freedom Fighter. Fugitive. Assata Shakur. Shakur, an American rebel whose activism and identity polarized a nation, has died. A fearless advocate and revolutionary whose life was devoted to the fight for Black liberation and social justice, through her writing and actions, she challenged systems of oppression and inspired generations to demand freedom, truth and dignity.

Her commitment to activism—and subsequent convictions—sent her on the run, first escaping prison and then finding political asylum in Cuba, where she lived out her days.

Born Joanne Deborah Byron (and later Chesimard) in 1947, Shakur spent her childhood in Queens, New York; and Wilmington, North Carolina, where she witnessed the clashes between race, class and power. She experienced racism, sexism and police brutality firsthand, witnessing the death of a friend, and felt compelled to fight for liberation, using any means necessary.

At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, she found her path in the Black Panther Party and later, the Black Liberation Army, where she was fully committed to bringing about radical change for Black Americans, particularly in health-care, prison reform and political equality.

Charged with several crimes and the subject of a multi-state

manhunt, in May 1973, Shakur was involved in a shootout on the New Jersey State Turnpike that left a state trooper and a member of BLA dead. Shakur was charged and convicted of murder in 1977, though her defense team showed that her paralyzed arm would have made it impossible for her to fire the trooper's fatal shot.

Set to serve a life sentence at Clinton Correctional Facility for Women in New Jersey, Shakur made a daring escape in 1979. She then fled to Cuba, where she received political asylum.

Over the next three decades, the U.S. government attempted to extradite her to the United States. She was placed on the FBI Most Wanted List in 2013 and was the first woman ever added to the list. In December 2014, EBONY reported that Shakur would not be extradited from Cuba to the U.S.

We've explained to the U.S. government in the past that there are some people living in Cuba to whom Cuba has legitimately granted political asylum," Josefina Vidal, the country's head of North American affairs at the time, had stated. "There's no extradition treaty in effect between Cuba and the U.S."

According to reports, Shakur died in her adopted home country of Cuba on September 25 at age 78. Her daughter, Kakuya Shakur, posted online about her mother's passing.

"At approximately 1:15 p.m. on September 25th, my mother took her last earthly breath. Words cannot describe the depth of loss that I am feeling at this time," she wrote.

"I want to thank you for your loving prayers that continue to anchor me in the strength that I need in this moment. My spirit is overflowing in unison with all of you who are grieving with me at this time."

Several movies have explored Shakur's life, including "Eyes of the Rainbow," a 1997 documentary directed by Gloria Rolando that centers on Shakur's life in exile in Cuba. In 1987, she released Assata: An Autobiography, which detailed the motivation behind her activism, as well as her time in prison and her reflections on racial relations in America. "Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them," she candidly writes.

Her legacy serves as a reminder that courage and resistance can indeed reshape history. As we reflect on her impact, we carry forward the hope and determination to continue the work she dedicated her life to—building a world rooted in justice, equality, and possibility. She was a woman who was fiercely dedicated to her defiance of oppression.

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'Ashamed to be a Spartan.' Strong reactions to UNC-Greensboro police altercation.

NAACP, State Lawmaker and University of North Carolina at Greensboro students and alumni express dismay over UNCG cops' treatment of two Black arrestees.

by Kate Denning-Carolina Public Press
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A physical altercation between three UNC-Greensboro Police officers and a man and woman during a Monday traffic stop is drawing criticism from UNCG students and civil rights groups. Video footage of the incident shows officers grabbing and cursing at a man during the arrest and kneeling on top of the woman.

A report of the incident obtained by Carolina Public Press names the man as Quenten Thomas, 24, of Greensboro, and the woman as Alisia Rea, 22, of Charlotte.

Thomas and Rea are both Black. The officers who initially approached Thomas for his vehicle being stopped in a turn lane are Latino, and a third officer who arrived during Thomas' arrest is white. The UNCG chapter of the NAACP released a statement on the altercation criticizing UNCG Police who they say "brutalized two Black Greensboro residents."

UNCG released a statement acknowledging at least one of the individuals arrested is a student at the university. "The University is aware of a campus incident involving a student and law enforcement that has raised concerns in our community," UNCG said in a statement posted on social media Thursday.

"While we cannot comment on

ongoing legal matters, our priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Support is available through the Division of Student Affairs for those with questions or concerns."



In the video, a female officer who is listed in the incident report as Officer Rebecca Galicia, a police trainee, says Thomas was initially pulled over for being stopped in a

turn lane, though records show he was ultimately arrested for a revoked driver's license and "resist, delay or obstruction" in addition to stopping on a highway.

Rea, who filmed several minutes of the altercation and arrests, was arrested for assault on a public official and is sued a trespass warning according to the incident report, despite officers saying in the video she was being arrested for interfering with their investigation.

Rea, who identified Thomas as her boyfriend, told CPP on Monday, Oct. 13, that they do not "have a statement to make at this time."

The start of the video posted to social media shows a male officer, who can be identified by his nametag as UNCG Police Officer Cristian Ortiz but is not named in the incident report, attempting to grab Thomas out of the driver's seat of his vehicle. Thomas told Ortiz to let go of him so he could step out of the car.

Ortiz let go of Thomas, and Thomas repeatedly asked the officers to back up from the driver's side so he could step out. Ortiz shouted at Ortiz, telling him to, "Get out of the f—ing car right now, man!"

"Can you back up?" Thomas

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about party politics. It's about belonging. For centuries, Black intellect has been treated as a threat to American order. From slave codes that criminalized literacy to modern efforts to ban ethnic studies, the pattern is clear: when Black people think critically, systems of power tremble. That's why HBCUs exist to cultivate intellect free from domination. And that's precisely why they're being targeted now.

This so-called "outreach" tour is less about recruiting Black conservatives and more about reclaiming control of the narrative. White supremacy is in a panic. Its myths are collapsing under demographic change, social movement gains, and the exposure of its historical violence. When power feels itself slipping, it seeks visibility, and what better stage than the

institutions that symbolize Black self-determination?

The danger isn't that a handful of students will be "converted." The danger is that conservative operatives will succeed in normalizing their presence on Black campuses, turning them into sites of surveillance and content harvesting. Once accepted as legitimate, these visits can grow into partnerships, fellowships, and media platforms that funnel Black pain into white entertainment. The goal is not to persuade, but to neutralize and to domesticate the radical potential of HBCUs by turning them into props in someone else's redemption story.

The line between "outreach" and occupation is thin. What begins as a table and a camera can evolve into influence networks shaping policy,

campus budgets, and perception. The best defense is vigilance and the unwavering assertion that Black spaces are not open laboratories for other people's political experiments. Because the fight for Black education has never been about permission to speak. It's been about the right to be left alone to build, think, and flourish. And that's what's under threat now.

The so-called "Educate to Liberate" tour isn't a debate. It's a test. It's asking whether Black institutions will stand their ground or be turned into stages for white grievance theater. The answer should be simple: we've already learned this lesson. We know this playbook. And we won't perform in anyone else's production of our freedom.

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come to the negotiation table with Democrats to come to some middle ground.

"Over the last few days, President Trump's behavior has become more erratic and unhinged. Instead of negotiating a bipartisan agreement in good faith, he is obsessively posting crazed, deep, fake videos," said Jeffries, referring to a racist AI video Trump posted on social media targeting him and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

"The country is in desperate need of an intervention to get out of another Trump shutdown," said Jeffries.

Rep. Yvette D. Clarke, the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said the federal shutdown is "entirely of the Republican Party's making."

She lamented that, "unfortunately, Black communities will be forced to bear the brunt of their political games."

Echoing Jeffries, Clarke said in

a statement, "Instead of coming to the negotiating table to find a bipartisan solution to prevent Americans from losing life-saving healthcare, they left town. Instead of negotiating in good faith with Democratic leadership, President Trump cowardly posted racist deepfakes on the internet. This behavior shows the American people exactly who the Republicans are and where their priorities lie."

Clarke said the fight to protect Medicaid and Medicare is worth fighting for, particularly because "1 in 5 Medicaid enrollees are Black" and the cuts will result in the closing of hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics across the country that rely on federal funding.

How government shutdown, fight over Obamacare and Medicaid impacts Black Americans

The CBC chairwoman also defended Democrats' push to extend Obamacare tax credits, arguing that without it, premiums will drive up

costs and push coverage "out of reach for many in our commun

Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., who held a press conference ahead of the shutdown alongside workers and families who would be impacted, said that President Trump and his "Republican co-conspirators" continue to "demonstrate contempt for the people and advance harmful policies that make people hungrier, poorer, sicker, and less safe."

"As duly elected Members of Congress, it is not only our duty, but our obligation, to make life better for the people we serve. Instead, Republicans have shamefully pushed the country into a dangerous government shutdown, and our constituents deserve better," said the congresswoman. "I refuse to accept this future as an inevitability, and I will continue to fight to reopen the government, keep essential services running, and mitigate the Republican-caused healthcare crisis."

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said in the video. "I do not feel safe getting out of the car with you guys hovering over me right now."

A third officer, whose nametag is blurry in the video and is not listed in the incident report but has been identified as UNCG Police Sgt. Braxton Hiatt in social media posts, then arrived on the scene and said Thomas was under arrest. Hiatt is seen removing his stun-gun device and pointing it at Thomas through

the open car door, moments after arriving.

Ortiz pulled Thomas out of the driver's seat and began restraining him. As Thomas had his hands behind his back against the side of the vehicle, Hiatt told Thomas he was about to be "tased." Thomas expressed he did not know what he was doing to be tased for or why he was being arrested.

The video continues to show

Thomas being put in the police car. Rea, the woman filming the interaction, asked officers whether they read Thomas his rights. Hiatt responded, "You watch too much TV. Mind your business."

"Miranda rights apply only before officers begin a custodial interrogation," a UNCG spokesperson later told CPP. "Without both 'custody' and 'interrogation' Miranda warnings are not applicable. Custody

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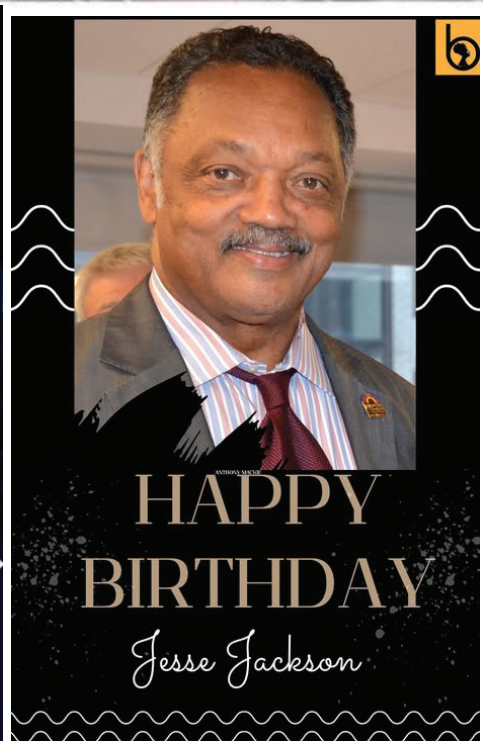
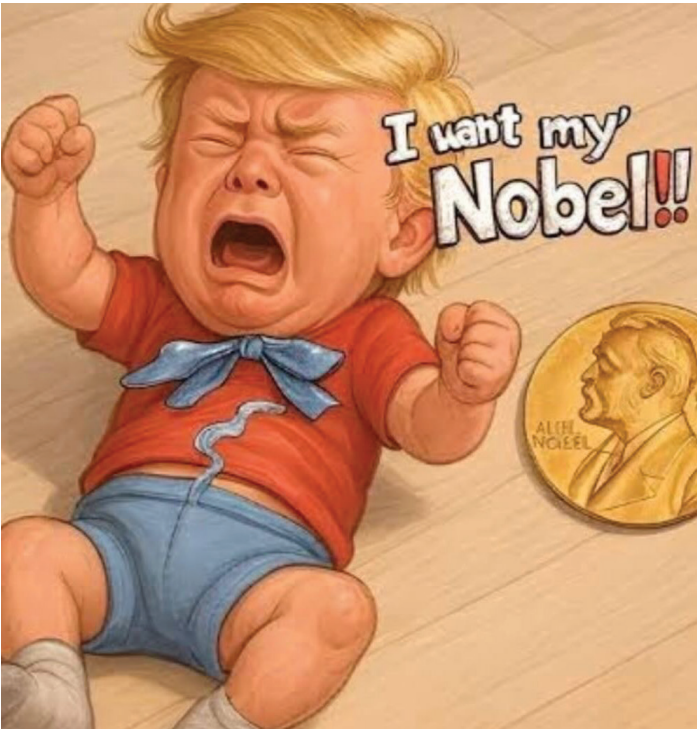
The document for review is available at www.guampo.org. Submit your comments to tram.truong@greensboro-nc.gov. The draft POP document, along with your public comments, will be presented to the MPO’s TAC for review and approval at their **November 12, 2025** meeting. If you wish to speak during the Public Hearing held by the Transportation Advisory Committee during their online meeting on November 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM, please notify staff by **5:00 PM on November 7** at guampo@greensboro-nc.gov.

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Trump won't win the Nobel Prize

Trump eschews democracy, ignores human rights, and lacks respect for human dignity.

by Thomas Mills

Donald Trump really wants a Nobel Prize—maybe because Barack Obama got one, maybe because he needs validation, maybe because he believes he deserves one. In normal circumstances, he would be a leading contender if the peace in Gaza holds. But Trump will probably never win a Nobel Prize because he will always be viewed in his entirety and he eschews the values that define the prize.

At the same time he's been negotiating an end to hostilities in Gaza, he's been starving children across the world. He's fomented division, not unity, in his own country, calling Democrats "the party of hate, evil and Satan." He's set loose violent thugs to drag families out of their homes, arrested American citizens

with little due process, and used the presidency for personal profit. Most significantly, he tried to overturn the results of a presidential election in an effort to hold onto power, undermining democracy in the most powerful country in the world. Trump has shown little interest in human rights, human dignity, or democracy. Reading the list of Nobel recipients and their reasons for receiving the prize shows a common thread of selflessness, a commitment to human rights, a belief in democracy, and a desire for a less oppressive world. Trump doesn't care about any of that. He is only self-interested even though he craves acceptance from polite society and the community of nations.

Even his negotiations with Is-

rael and Hamas have evidence of self-dealing. Qatar, the country that hosts the Hamas leadership and financially supported its government in Gaza, allowed Trump to build a golf course and resort. It gave Trump a luxury jet to replace Air Force One and Trump is allowing them to build an air force base in Idaho.

The financial self-dealing stinks, even if the release of the hostages and the end of fighting in Gaza is historic. The Nobel Committee is not going to award a self-serving autocrat the Nobel Peace Prize. No, Trump is never going to get the validation he craves. It will just become another grievance for him and his minions. Always the bridesmaid, never the bride.

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means a situation where a reasonable person would not feel free to leave. Interrogation refers to direct questioning."

Ortiz then told Rea he needed her name because she was interfering with the officers' investigation. Rea did not give her name and asked for Ortiz' badge number. She moved off the street onto the sidewalk, where Ortiz followed her to continue asking for her name.

After Rea asked for Ortiz's badge number multiple times, he responded officers do not have them. The UNCG spokesperson confirmed to CPP that UNCG Police do not have badge numbers. After Rea not providing her name, Ortiz said, "You're going to jail, too." As Rea began walking away, officers followed her and told her to stop. All three officers can be seen attempting to restrain her.

Rea fell to the ground after struggling to break their grasp and is seen on her stomach on the sidewalk as officers proceeded with the arrest. Additional footage filmed by a bystander shows all three officers on top of Rea. She asked the officers several times to remove their hands from her neck.

Ortiz, Galicia, Hiatt and Rea did not respond to requests for comment before publication. Thomas could not be reached at this time.

The NAACP's UNCG chapter released a statement on social media regarding the arrests saying Thomas and Rea are enduring severe emotional distress and psychological trauma from the events.

"UNCG PD are supposed to protect and serve students, now, to the Black community on campus they are

their biggest danger," the statement read.

"The UNCG NAACP is working with the victims of this harrowing incident to ensure all the correct steps are being taken. The UNCG NAACP stand firmly against police brutality and any actions that compromise the safety and dignity of students on or near our campus."



NC State Senator Michael Garrett (Dem)

"The Officers in this video had a choice at every turn", said NC Senator Michael Garrett, a Guilford County Democrat. "They chose escalation over patience they chose aggression over communication. They chose to tackle a woman who was walking away rather than simply let her leave." Garrett said.

"In what world are we supposed to feel that amount of force for a tense but simple interaction is warranted?" one post read.

"UNCG students are infuriated. I feel for that girl and hope she gets a lawyer (because) there was no reason for the officers to react like that."

On UNCG's official Instagram,

many criticized the university for turning off the ability to comment on the post. One alum commented on a separate post that educators are taught to deescalate tense situations rather than escalate, and law enforcement are often taught the same.

"I didn't see one example of that in the video," they wrote. "I saw profane-laced yelling, and three officers laying on a young woman who can't be over 120 pounds. Tonight, I'm ashamed to be a Spartan."

The UNCG spokesperson responded to further questions from CPP that the university cannot comment on specifics, such as whether the officers are or will be suspended from their positions, because the matter involves ongoing legal proceedings, however the university is reviewing the situation.

"The Division of Student Affairs is in communication with the student involved in the incident. Student Affairs is available to provide counseling, guidance and resources to any student as needed," the spokesperson said.

"As is our standard practice with any arrest, the University is reviewing the incident, including available reports and video, to ensure clarity and transparency and to assess any violations of policies, procedures or state law."

The UNCG Police website says its officers have the full range of authorities granted to municipal law enforcement, and they receive the same level of training as municipal and county law enforcement officers. An agreement with the City of Greensboro allows UNCG to have jurisdiction throughout the city in addition to campus.

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