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The Official Newsletter of Barber-Scotia College



November 26, 2025

Dear Barber-Scotia College Family,

What an extraordinary season it has been on our beloved campus. As we reflect on the blessings of this fall semester, my heart is full of gratitude for each of you who continue to lift Barber-Scotia College with your presence, your pride, and your unwavering support.

This year's Homecoming was one for the history books. Sabers from across the generations spanning decades of tradition, triumph, and transformation returned home to Concord. The joy was unmistakable as alumni embraced classmates, reconnected with faculty, and celebrated the renewed spirit of *BSC Rising*. Together, we raised over \$60,000, a powerful testament to what happens when the Barber-Scotia community comes together with purpose and pride. Your generosity continues to propel our mission forward and strengthen the foundation for future generations of Sabers.



Beyond Homecoming, this fall has also marked an important period of growth and momentum for the College. We have expanded our workforce development partnerships, creating new pathways for students and community members to gain in-demand skills and secure life-changing career opportunities. These partnerships reflect our commitment to being not just an institution of higher learning, but a vital contributor to economic mobility and regional opportunity.

At the same time, excitement is building as we launch our Saber Basketball Season for both men and women. Our athletes, coaches, and staff are working tirelessly to reignite the proud athletic tradition that has always been part of the Barber-Scotia story. We hope you will join us courtside this season as we cheer on our Sabers and celebrate this new chapter of athletics excellence.

As Thanksgiving approaches and our students prepare for final exams and the close of the fall semester, we are reminded of how much we must be thankful for. Your continued support, your prayers, your gifts, your encouragement help us create a nurturing environment where our students can learn, grow, and rise to their fullest potential.

Finally, we pause to honor and remember Dr. Joel Nwagbaraocha, the 11th President of Barber-Scotia College, who recently passed away. Dr. Nwagbaraocha served our College with dignity, devotion, and a deep belief in the promise of Barber-Scotia. We are grateful for his leadership and for the legacy he leaves behind. May we continue to build on the foundation he helped strengthen.

Thank you for your steadfast belief in Barber-Scotia College. Because of you, our legacy lives on and our future shines brightly.

With appreciation and Saber Pride,

Chris V. Rey  
President, Barber-Scotia College

November 26, 2025

Office of Alumni Relations

Dear Barber-Scotia College Alumni:

As we reflect on the resounding success of our 2025 Homecoming, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude—especially for our cherished alumni. This Thanksgiving season, we are reminded of how deeply we appreciate the unwavering support, generosity, and spirit that our alumni bring to Barber-Scotia College.



This year's festivities were a testament to the enduring bonds that unite us. Welcoming our newest Sabers during the Fall Convocation and sharing in the joy of the pinning ceremony was made even more special by the presence and encouragement of our alumni. The vibrant tailgate, the laughter under the tents, and the warmth of alumni fellowship all reflected the legacy you have built and continue to nurture.

Our class reunions were filled with joyful reunions and new memories, reminding us that the strength of our Saber spirit is rooted in the connections we share across generations. Your engagement, mentorship, and example inspire our students and reinforce the values that define Barber-Scotia College.

Thank you to every alumnus who participated, volunteered, and contributed to making Homecoming 2025 truly unforgettable. Your dedication is the foundation upon which we are RISING to the moment, repositioning Barber-Scotia College for its re-birth in the Concord community and beyond. As we celebrate this season of gratitude, let us remain steadfast in our support and philanthropy, ensuring that our legacy continues to flourish for those who follow in our footsteps.

With hearts full of thankfulness, we look ahead to the winter season, carrying forward the unity, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose that Homecoming and our alumni have inspired. As the year draws to a close, may we continue to support our alma mater and embody the resilience and unbreakable Saber spirit that defines us all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving and a wonderful winter season—and to the continued RISE of Barber-Scotia College.

Warm Regards and Saber Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AK', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Director of Alumni Relations

Barber-Scotia College

## Homecoming 2025

# A Vibrant Celebration

Alumni, students, faculty, and friends returned to campus to reconnect and honor the school's rich legacy. The highly anticipated pinning ceremony signified a passing of the torch from alumni to our new Sabers. Attendees enjoyed music, delicious local food, and opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about the college's future and ongoing initiatives.

Barber-Scotia College's Homecoming 2025 not only strengthened bonds among those connected to our institution but also inspired new hope and enthusiasm for what lies ahead.

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*Thank You*

**RETURNING ALUMNI  
AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING**

**\$60,000**

**DURING HOMECOMING!!**

# Upcoming Events

HBCU Hoops Invitational at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

**December 5 – 7, 2025**

The Invitational is more than a non-conference basketball tournament. It's a celebration of legacy—and a powerful platform to create equal access to academic support, mentorship, career preparation and scholarships.

Join the movement:

- ❖ Rep Barber-Scotia College - Gift a ticket to a student, alum, or family
- ❖ Be an Advocate and underwrite youth groups (ages 10–18)
- ❖ Give & Be Recognized - All donors are honored on our Virtual Donor Wall at the Invitational

**Tickets - [tickets.hbcuhoops.org](https://tickets.hbcuhoops.org)**



## Partnerships

Barber-Scotia College and FERGO Global Holding Inc., have entered a strategic apparel partnership. The partnership marks a bold new chapter for both institutions, one rooted in shared values of heritage, innovation, and empowerment.

Through this exclusive agreement, FERGO Apparel will serve as the sole master licensee for Barber-Scotia College, overseeing the design, production, and marketing of all official apparel and merchandise. The collaboration is set to elevate the Barber-Scotia brand experience through a modernized, high-quality product line that reflects both the college's rich legacy and its future-focused vision.

McDonald Ferguson, CEO of FERGO Global Holding Inc., called the agreement “a defining moment for both institutions. As a Black-owned business, we are deeply honored to partner with Barber-Scotia College, an institution whose legacy continues to inspire generations,” said Ferguson. “Together, we’re designing more than apparel; we’re crafting a symbol of empowerment, unity, and pride for our community. This collaboration reminds us that progress begins when legacy and innovation walk hand in hand.”

Barber-Scotia College President Chris V. Rey, JD echoed that sentiment, noting that “the partnership reflects the very essence of what the college stands for. This partnership with FERGO Apparel is far more than a licensing agreement, it is a celebration of heritage, pride, and Black excellence,” said President Rey. “FERGO understands who we are and what we represent. Together, we’re amplifying the Barber-Scotia legacy while investing in the growth of a Black-owned enterprise. This is unity. This is progress. And this is exactly the type of collaboration that defines the next chapter of our story.”

FERGO's creative team will produce a full range of custom designs spanning men's and women's apparel, on-field athletic gear, and accessories, all unified under a cohesive, elevated brand identity. A newly launched online team store, available at [barberscotiaonlinestore.com](https://barberscotiaonlinestore.com) and [sabersonlinestore.com](https://sabersonlinestore.com), will provide students, alumni, and supporters with an easy, dynamic way to connect with the Barber-Scotia story through fashion.

# Partnerships

Barber-Scotia College (BSC) and RHC Workforce Solutions LLC today announced the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a new partnership focused on advancing workforce development, career technical education, and apprenticeship programs. The collaboration underscores the College's commitment to student success and community revitalization while leveraging RHC Workforce Solutions' expertise in training, career readiness, and professional consulting.

Under the MOU, RHC Workforce Solutions will design and deliver apprenticeship and career technical education (CTE) programs hosted at Barber-Scotia College. The partnership will create experiential learning opportunities, workforce development events, and pathways to certifications and industry-recognized credentials. Barber-Scotia College will recruit and enroll eligible students, while also providing onboarding, orientation, and institutional support.

“This partnership represents another bold step forward in Barber-Scotia College's mission to educate the world and impact our community,” said Chris V. Rey, President of Barber-Scotia College. “By aligning with RHC Workforce Solutions, we are equipping our students and community members with the skills, credentials, and apprenticeships that lead directly to sustainable careers. This collaboration also strengthens our role as the hometown college committed to workforce innovation and community development.”

“We are excited to join forces with Barber-Scotia College in advancing workforce solutions that directly connect students to employers and high-demand industries,” said Christina Jarrett, President of RHC Workforce Solutions. “Our joint efforts will not only prepare students with technical and professional skills but also enhance economic opportunities for the entire region. Together, we can empower learners to thrive and communities to grow.”

## Partnership Highlights:

- ❖ **Apprenticeship & CTE Programs:** RHC Workforce Solutions will provide training, instructional materials, and industry-recognized certifications.
- ❖ **Student Recruitment & Support:** Barber-Scotia College will manage enrollment, onboarding, and program compliance.
- ❖ **Events & Experiential Learning:** Jointly hosted educational conferences, workforce events, and community campaigns.
- ❖ **Evaluation & Assessments:** Regular program reviews to ensure relevance and quality for students and employers.
- ❖ **City & Community Partnerships:** Collaboration with local governments and employers to strengthen regional economic development.
- ❖ **Academic Exchange Program:** Opportunities for students to study at partner institutions internationally.

- ❖ Global Collaboration Projects: Initiatives that allow students from different countries to work together on practical projects.

Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, with offices in the U.S., Kenya, and Ghana, RHC Workforce Solutions LLC specializes in career technical education, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs. Partnering with educational institutions and employers, RHC delivers scalable training, certifications, and job placement services that prepare learners for high-demand industries.



RHC's team includes licensed general contractors, MEP professionals, skilled trades instructors, sustainability facilitators, mental health counselors, vocational rehabilitation specialists, and adjunct professors. Programs integrate OSHA 30 safety certification, job readiness training, peer coaching, and credentials such as NCCER, MSSC, WPCSOCC, NABCEP, and EPA, ensuring hands-on, career-focused training aligned with real-world needs.

# Alumni Engagement

## Charleston Alumni Chapter Scotia Day 2025

Celebrating Legacy and Leadership in Charleston, SC

On November 15, 2025, the Charleston Alumni Chapter of the National Alumni Association of Barber-Scotia College hosted a spirited Scotia Day celebration in Charleston, South Carolina. Alumni and friends gathered to honor the rich heritage of Barber-Scotia College, reconnect with one another, and reaffirm their commitment to the college's enduring legacy. The event featured an inspiring keynote address from President Chris V. Rey, whose words encouraged alumni to embrace our legacy as we re-imagine and position our alma mater for its future in the Concord community. The day was filled with camaraderie and pride, making Scotia Day 2025 a memorable occasion for all attendees.



# ALUMNI ATHLETIC COMMITTEE



## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. ACTIVE MEMBER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2. BSC ATHLETE FOR 2 YEARS
3. BSC GRADUATE
4. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE/INFLUENCER
5. PHILANTHROPIC IN AIDING THE CURRENT ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDS
6. ABILITY TO ACTIVELY AID IN ENHANCING AND EXPANDING THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



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# MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



**OCT 23RD THURSDAY**

SOUTHERN CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN  
CONCORD, NC

**OCT 28TH TUESDAY**

MORRIS COLLEGE  
SUMTER, SC

**OCT 31ST FRIDAY**

CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE  
CONCORD, NC

**NOV 12TH WEDNESDAY**

CLINTON COLLEGE  
ROCK HILL, SC

**NOV 13TH THURSDAY**

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY  
BUIES CREEK, NC

**NOV 20TH THURSDAY**

SOUTH GEORGIA INSTITUTE  
CONCORD, NC

**NOV 22ND SATURDAY**

TENNESSEE VALLEY CHRISTIAN  
CONCORD, NC

**DEC 4TH THURSDAY**

DISNEY HBCU TOURNAMENT  
ORLANDO, FL

**DEC 5TH FRIDAY**

DISNEY HBCU TOURNAMENT  
ORLANDO, FL

**DEC 6TH SATURDAY**

DISNEY HBCU TOURNAMENT  
ORLANDO, FL

**DEC 7TH SUNDAY**

DISNEY HBCU TOURNAMENT  
ORLANDO, FL

**DEC 13TH SATURDAY**

HOSANA BIBLE COLLEGE  
CONCORD, NC

**DEC 17TH WEDNESDAY**

CLINTON COLLEGE  
CONCORD, NC

**DEC 21ST SUNDAY**

APPRENTICE SCHOOL  
CONCORD, NC

**JAN 7TH WEDNESDAY**

PAINE COLLEGE  
AUGUSTA, GA

**JAN 13TH THURSDAY**

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN  
COLUMBIA, SC

**JAN 17TH SATURDAY**

APPRENTICE SCHOOL  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

**JAN 18TH SUNDAY**

APPRENTICE SCHOOL  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

**JAN 19TH MONDAY**

MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN  
ELIZABETH CITY, NC

**JAN 21ST WEDNESDAY**

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN  
CONCORD, NC

**JAN 23RD FRIDAY**

GULF POD CLASSIC  
MILTON, FL

**JAN 24TH SATURDAY**

GULF POD CLASSIC  
MILTON, FL

**JAN 25TH SUNDAY**

GULF POD CLASSIC  
MILTON, FL

**JAN 30TH FRIDAY**

NORTH POD CLASSIC  
CONCORD, NC

**JAN 31ST SATURDAY**

NORTH POD CLASSIC  
CONCORD, NC

**FEB 1ST SUNDAY**

NORTH POD CLASSIC  
CONCORD, NC

**FEB 3RD THURSDAY**

HOSANA BIBLE COLLEGE  
DURHAM, NC

**FEB 10TH TUESDAY**

CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE  
CONCORD, NC

**FEB 15TH SUNDAY**

MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN  
CONCORD, NC

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# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



12:00 PM	<b>OCT 18TH</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	DENMARK TECH CHARLESTON, SC
6:00 PM	<b>OCT 29TH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	MORRIS COLLEGE CONCORD, NC
5:00 PM	<b>NOV 12TH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	CLINTON COLLEGE ROCK HILL, SC
2:00 PM	<b>NOV 15TH</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	SAVANNAH STATE SAVANNAH, GA
5:00 PM	<b>NOV 20TH</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	SOUTH GEORGIA INSTITUTE CONCORD, NC
TBA	<b>NOV 22ND</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	SOUTH FLORIDA TECH CONCORD, NC
TBA	<b>DEC 6TH</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	MORRIS COLLEGE SUMTER, SC
6:00 PM	<b>DEC 12TH</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	MILLENNIA ATLANTIC CONCORD, NC
5:00 PM	<b>DEC 17TH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	CLINTON COLLEGE CONCORD, NC
1:00 PM	<b>DEC 21ST</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	APPRENTICE SCHOOL CONCORD, NC
TBA	<b>JAN 8TH</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	MID-ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY CONCORD, NC

TBA	<b>JAN 10TH</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL COLUMBIA, SC
TBA	<b>JAN 17TH</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	APPRENTICE SCHOOL NEWPORT NEWS, VA
TBA	<b>JAN 18TH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	APPRENTICE SCHOOL NEWPORT NEWS, VA
5:00 PM	<b>JAN 21ST</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CONCORD, NC
2:00 PM	<b>JAN 25TH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	TRINITY UNIVERSITY CONCORD, NC
TBA	<b>JAN 27th</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	ELIZABETH CITY STATE ELIZABETH CITY, NC
TBA	<b>JAN 28TH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	MID-ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY ELIZABETH CITY, NC
TBA	<b>JAN 31ST</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	TRINITY UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, DC
2:00 PM	<b>FEB 8TH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	LOUISBURG COLLEGE CONCORD, NC
2:00 PM	<b>FEB 15TH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	LOUISBURG COLLEGE CONCORD, NC
TBA	<b>FEB 19TH-22ND</b>		NSAC TOURNAMENT NEWPORT NEWS, VA

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# Announcements



## TOWNHALL MEETING



**2 DECEMBER 2025**  
TUESDAY



Start From  
**7:30 pm**

Alumni and Supporters  
Join Us for a  
Special Announcement!

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**Led by CHRIS V. REY, J.D.**

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# GIVING TUESDAY



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**Giving  
Tuesday  
2025**

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CAMPAIGN FOR  
BARBER-SCOTIA

**DEC. 2**

**MARK YOUR CALENDER**  
for the Global Day Of Giving!

**BARBER-SCOTIA COLLEGE GIVING TUESDAY**

## In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of

**DR. JOEL NWAGBARAOCHA**

**11<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF BARBER-SCOTIA COLLEGE 1990-1994**

*"As we mourn this tremendous loss, we also give thanks for a life that touched so many. We honor his devotion to education, his love of service, and the profound way he helped shape the Barber-Scotia we know today. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, and we pray that they find comfort in knowing how greatly he was admired and how warmly he will be remembered."*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Board of Trustees  
President Chris V. Rey, J.D.*

## CONNECT WITH US!

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