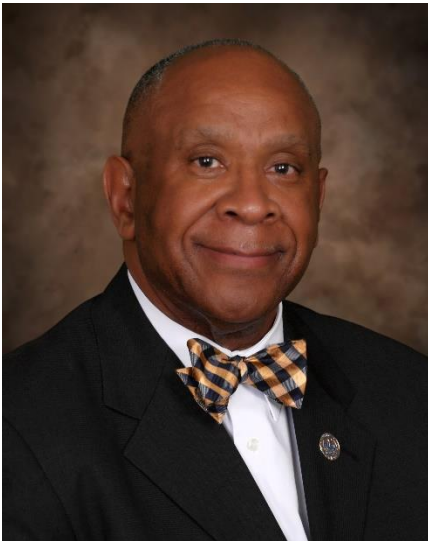




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Griffin Presidential Scholars Program Endowed Scholarship Fund Reaches \$100,000 Mark



WELDON, N.C. – Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., President Emeritus and fourth president of Halifax Community College, created the Griffin Presidential Scholars Program endowed scholarship upon retirement. On June 21, 2021, his scholarship fund reached \$100,000. The scholarship campaign kicked off with a gala honoring his retirement after over a decade of service and Halifax Community College’s 50th anniversary on January 21, 2017. After expenses, the gala raised \$33,505. On his last day as president of HCC, he presented a \$50,000 personal check during a Board of Trustees meeting to go towards the newly established Griffin Presidential Scholars Program. At the May 23, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting, the board unanimously voted to rename Building 200 to honor

Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. The resolution stated, “Dr. Griffin raised over \$83,000 as a retirement gift to Halifax Community College.” Through the years, Dr. Griffin's family and friends donated towards his scholarship fund through the HCC Foundation and birthday fundraisers on Facebook. On June 21, 2021, President Emeritus Griffin donated \$2,652 to the Griffin Presidential Scholars program, bringing the endowed scholarship fund to \$100,000.

Since the Griffin Presidential Scholars Program scholarship was established, the Halifax Community College Foundation has awarded four students with \$1,500 scholarships. The scholarship fund has distributed \$6,000 in scholarships.



From left to right are Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., President Emeritus, Allen Purser, Foundation Director, Kimberly Mack, Special Assistant to the President for Governmental, Community, and College Affairs, and Dr. Michael Elam, President.

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