

**BENNETT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
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Senate “Majority Whip” to be Speaker for College’s Charter Day Celebration

Bennett College for Women will observe the 120th anniversary of its chartering as a four-year institution by the State of North Carolina on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 pm in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. Bennett received its chartering from the State in 1889. The Charter Day Convocation is open to the public.

Senator Katie G. Dorsett, a retired educator from Greensboro and Majority Whip in the North Carolina Senate, will be the speaker for this annual event. Senator Dorsett has used the influence and respect she’s earned during her impressive career to better the lives of women, minorities, and low-income communities in North Carolina. Sen. Dorsett has used her position as co-chair of the Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology committee to ensure that more North Carolina working families can find and afford quality housing. She has worked to secure more money for the Housing Trust Fund, which finances the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing, and she has helped laid-off workers avoid foreclosure by protecting funding for the Home Protection Pilot Program.



Improving the health and well-being of North Carolina’s women has been an important focus for Sen. Dorsett. This year, she sponsored and advocated for a law that will provide parents with information about the new cervical cancer vaccine. In 2005, she helped to secure a significant pay raise for the lowest-paid state employees, most of whom are women. Sen. Dorsett also demonstrated her leadership by successfully shepherding the passage of a resolution in which the state government apologized for the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot. Before joining the state Senate in 2002, Sen. Dorsett served as secretary for the State Department of Administration and was the first African-American woman to hold a state cabinet post in North Carolina.

Bennett College for Women, located in Greensboro, NC, was founded in 1873 as a coeducational institution and in 1926 was reorganized as a college for women. A small, private, historically Black liberal arts, United Methodist Church-related institution, Bennett offers women an education conducive to excellence in scholarly pursuits; preparation for leadership roles in the workplace, society, and the world; and life-long learning in a technologically advanced, complex global society.

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