

## **Inaugural Julius Chambers Day to Celebrate the Legacy of Civil Rights Attorney**

**Charlotte, N.C. – October 1, 2023** – The inaugural Julius Chambers Day will be held on Oct. 6, 2023, at 9 a.m., at Julius Chambers High School in Charlotte, N.C. The event will honor the life and legacy of Julius Chambers, a prominent civil rights attorney who devoted his life to fighting for justice and equality.

The day will feature special archives of Chambers' work from UNC Charlotte, showcasing his groundbreaking legal strategies and tireless efforts to advance the cause of civil rights. Randi Beem, UNC Charlotte archivist, will showcase rare documents, photographs, and artifacts that offer a glimpse into Chambers' remarkable career. Attendees will also meet Tamara Johnson, Ph.D., director of engaged scholarship and Saliseah Scales, fellow for student engagement at urbanCORE, to understand UNC Charlotte's strategy in building inroads with community-based organizations to activate civic action plans to pursue community service opportunities.

The highlight of the day will be the unveiling of a stunning mural in Chambers' honor. The mural serves as an homage to his contributions towards the civil rights movement, and as a reminder of the ongoing work that is needed to achieve true equality and justice for all. Julius Chambers Day is open to the public and will be a meaningful and inspiring tribute to one of Charlotte's most important civil rights icons. All are welcome to attend and participate in this historic day of remembrance and celebration.

Toye Watson, director of community impact for urbanCORE, UNC Charlotte's hub for engaged scholarship, who served as a coordinator in launching Julius Chambers Day in Charlotte, says the initiative aligns with the University's Strategic Plan in '*Shaping What's Next.*' Watson hopes it will "strengthen the University's connections to provide opportunities for every student, in K-12 schools, to raise awareness about the struggle for civil rights and engage in UNC Charlotte's educational excellence in strengthening and familiarizing with learning and library resources.

## **About urbanCORE**

urbanCORE is the hub of Charlotte's engaged scholarship. CORE is an acronym for Community-Oriented Research Engagement. urbanCORE mobilizes, assesses and advances efforts that connect, cooperate, and collaborate with Charlotte's interdisciplinary, urban research resources to community assets in order to co-produce transformative solutions to societal issues and challenges. For more information visit [urbanCORE](#).

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