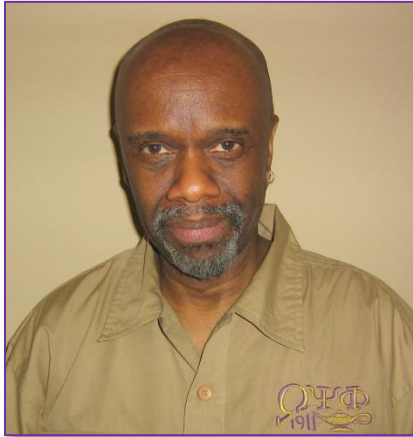


Brother Leon Pendarvis will be awarded a Doctor of Fine Arts Honorary Degree by North Carolina Central University



DURHAM, NC - Brother Leon Pendarvis will be awarded a Doctor of Fine Arts Honorary Degree by North Carolina Central University at its Spring Baccalaureate Commencement on this Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Brother Pendarvis attended NCCU from 1962-1966, and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi through Tau Psi Chapter at NCCU during the Fall semester 1963.

Brother Pendarvis is the first African-American to serve as musical director of "Saturday Night Live" and is the longest-tenured musician in the history of the show. He has contributed to more than 80 albums, working with legends including Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Roberta Flack, Diana Ross, Luther Vandross and Eric Clapton, and popular artists such as Pink and Avril Lavigne. Through his own Pinwheel Productions, a world-class recording studio, Brother Pendarvis has also produced albums by New York Voices Taj Mahal, and Jesse Roden, as well as producing hundreds of national commercials. Last year, Brother Pendarvis played at the White House during the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song celebration hosted by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

The Mighty Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi is proud to welcome home one of its many renowned Brothers for this well-deserved recognition. The Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is comprised of all graduate and undergraduate chapters in North Carolina and South Carolina.