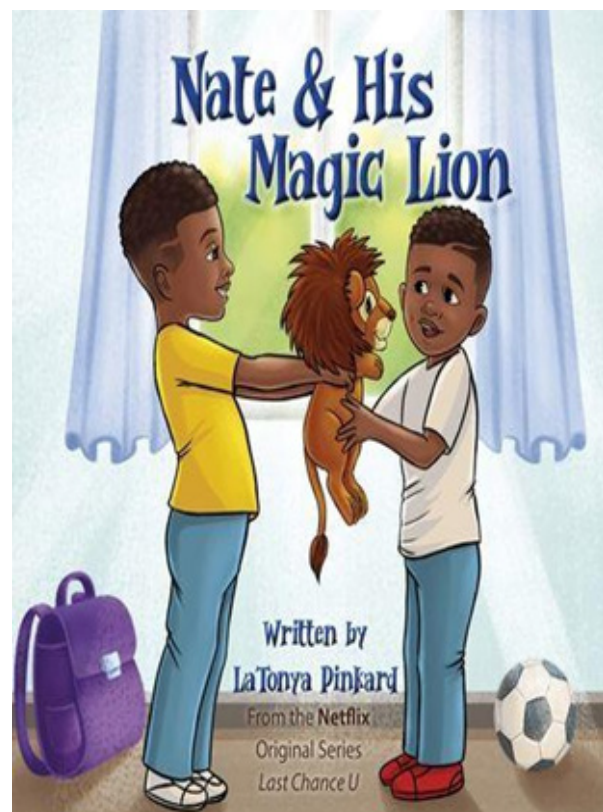


## NEWS/EDITORIAL

*Pinkard, cont'd.*

Featured on the Netflix Emmy® winning series, “Last Chance U,” LaTonya Pinkard is from Chattanooga, Tennessee. She later moved to Atlanta, Georgia and has always known she wanted to be in a position to serve others. She developed a love and passion for education, specifically in English, and made the decision while attending Georgia State University to focus on higher education as her career path. Continuing her education at Troy University, she earned her master’s degree in post-secondary education with a concentration in English.

As a writer, she has always had a love for children’s books. When she was younger, her mother would take her to the public library for story time, and she’d check out as many books as she could. She knew at some point she wanted to bring her own children’s book story to life and bring joy, imagination, and hope to another child. She is currently an English professor, as well as the owner of Mahaba Yoga.

*A&T Four, cont'd.*

of Frank McCain (Class of 1987), son of Franklin McCain. Frank McCain convinced her to attempt this year’s celebration in person after 2021’s celebration was scaled back due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“The part of all this that brings me the most joy is when the families tell me that I did a good job,” Murphy said. “We’re honoring their parents, their fathers. I always ask at the end for suggestions from them for next year. I’ll usually call Frank and ask what we should do this year. I really at first considered having it virtually, but Frank said to me, ‘Well, Dawn, why would we do that when we do everything else in person?’”

This year, A&T will honor the four in person on campus in Deese Ballroom. The invitation-only event will be livestreamed. McNeil and his family will attend and hope to see Khazan virtually. Family members of McCain and Richmond will attend also.

“It’s our history,” Murphy said. “These were 19-year-olds and we want our students to see the type of impact they can have. These students made the decision to sit at a lunch counter and did not know what was going to happen. I think it’s important to recognize their dedication, commitment and sacrifice. They could have been expelled from school. These men were fearless and we will continue to honor them every year.”

The families of the four have stressed how important it is for their descendants to attend N.C. A&T. Many were classmates with A&T with McCain’s grandson, Franklin “Mac” McCain III, who graduated recently. He now is a cornerback for the Philadelphia Eagles after signing as a free agent with the Denver Broncos in 2021.

This year’s gathering will begin with a breakfast, program and video presentation. Current student government association (SGA) president Verdant Julius will welcome the attendees and those tuning in virtually.

This year’s gathering will include chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr.’s presentation of the Human Rights Medal, a video of the A&T Four and a keynote address by North Carolina Supreme Court associate justice Anita Earls. Afterward, guests will lay a memorial wreath at the monument.

*Critical Race Theory Explained and Opposed By Black Americans*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Critical Race Theory (CRT) is “a bad idea for America [and] especially hurtful for black Americans,” said members of the Project 21 black leadership network, who have released a new primer that both defines CRT and offers unifying alternatives.

The primer, entitled “What Critical Race Theory Means for Black America,” is unique in that it offers insight into what black Americans think about the issue, why they oppose CRT and what they believe would better unite Americans and promote prosperity in black communities.

“Critical Race Theory is like cancer, metastasizing over the American cultural landscape,” said Project 21 Co-Chairman Stacy Washington. “The remedy is eradication through a focus on true black history. Black Americans have made rich historical contributions beyond slavery and the peacefully-executed Civil Rights Movement. True black history connects us to our past and each other, while CRT only divides us and leaves destruction in its wake.”

“What Critical Race Theory Means for Black America” - the first in Project 21’s “What It Means for Black America” series - offers a concise and authoritative overview of the spread of CRT:

- How CRT was developed by the left and what it is meant to do
- How CRT has been injected into American culture to reshape society
- How corporate America and the American bureaucracy and military are promoting CRT
- How the Biden Administration is helping implement the CRT agenda
- How some Americans are pushing back against CRT’s “woke” programming

“Project 21’s study of Critical Race Theory provides an expansive look into the toxicity of the race-centered indoctrination that has permeated American schools, corporations, federal agencies and even the military,” said Project 21 member Stone Washington. “It dissects CRT’s many lies - exposing its hideous

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