Bursar Commemoration Schedule

Thursday, May 3rd

10:00 am  Check-In | Norris University Center
Start the festivities with goodies. Registered attendees pick up your souvenir program and name tag, commemorative memorabilia, special orders swag bag and more.

11:00 am  Campus Walking & Riding Tour | TBA
Remember “The Shack”….A lot has changed in the past 50 years. Recall old favorites and explore the University’s new and updated spaces on a specially designed tour highlighting the presence of African-Americans on campus.

12:00 pm  Welcome Luncheon | Norris University Center
Registered participants reconnect and get energized for the day ahead over a complimentary lunch.

1:00 pm  COMMEMORATION SHOWCASE | Norris University Center, Auditorium
Living the Legacy - From Protest to Progress Symposium
Hear from those who lived it - a student participant and a negotiator from the Bursar’s Office Takeover, John Bracey and Kathryn Ogletree along with the current NUBAA president Jeffrey Sterling and NU president Morton Schapiro through a discussion of the requests and outcomes of the 1968 Agreement.

2:30 pm  Processional - “Let’s All Go to The Rock” | Steps Off at Main Library Patio
Calling all Black: student organizations, fraternities, sororities, athletes, band members, national alumni clubs and others. Get attired in your group colors/gear and show your purple pride in a procession through The Arch and locations significant to the Black student and alumni experience on campus.

3:00 pm  Bursar’s Vigil | Office of Treasury Operations (Bursar’s Office)
Journey to the cornerstone of the movement – the Bursar’s Office. Take a moment to read a newly installed plaque describing a seminal event in NU Black history.

3:15 pm  Rebecca Crown Ceremony | Rebecca Crown Pavilion
Join in a multi-media broadcast event at the center of NU administration to celebrate the efforts and resolution of The Takeover.

3.45 pm  Black House Groundbreaking | The Black House
Witness University officials and alumni break ground on a 21st-century and beyond transformation to The Black House. Be sure to go inside for a surprise peak of what’s to come.

4:00 pm  Unveiling of 50th Anniversary Commemorative | The Black House
Get your spot and watch in anticipation as a permanent memorial recognizing the courageous participants of The Takeover is revealed.
6:00 pm  Reception to Honor Black Athletes | Welsh-Ryan Arena, Wildcat Café
All are encouraged to gather with notable athletic alumni and the Athletic Department to highlight the contributions and accomplishments of NU black athletes.

FRIDAY, May 4th

9:00 am  Musical Tribute | Alice Millar Chapel
Black alumni that have toured and played with musical greats and have distinguished themselves in their field will showcase their talent along with highly regarding student groups.

9:30 am  Theatrical Performance | Alice Millar Chapel
Feel the raw emotion of the The Bursar’s Takeover as retold by current students. Produced by the Department of African-American Studies.

10:15 am  Voices and Visions: The Evolution of The Black Experience at Northwestern University | Alice Millar Chapel
Hear first-hand and ask questions from the actual organizers, leaders and participants of the The Takeover as well as those that continue to carry the torch.

12:00 pm  NUBAA 50 Luncheon | Norris University Center, Louis Room
Gather for a lunch to recognize the faculty, staff, NU organizational leaders and community friends that have shaped and supported NUBAA over the past 50 years.

2:30 pm  Depart to Summit Hotel | Orrington Hotel
Board transportation to the Swissotel Chicago.

*NUBAA reserves the right to make schedule adjustments.