Bree Newsome is a filmmaker, singer, songwriter and community organizer who made headlines when she climbed a flagpole and removed a confederate flag flying at the state capitol in Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from New York University with a B.F.A. in Film & Television.

James Ian Tyson attended Warren Wilson College, and completed his B.S. in Environmental Science. On June 27th, 2015, James was arrested alongside Bree Newsome after they removed the confederate flag from the South Carolina state capitol grounds.

Melissa Harris-Perry is Executive Director of the Pro Humanitate Institute, Director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center, and Presidential Endowed Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University.

Katon Dawson was first elected Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party in 2002, was unanimously re-elected twice, and served on the Republican National Committee from 2002-2009. He is President of Dawson Public Affairs, a consulting, public policy, political campaign and corporate issues firm.

Alicia Garza is an organizer, writer, and freedom dreamer living and working in Oakland, CA. She is the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and the co-creator of #BlackLivesMatter, a national organizing project focused on combatting anti-Black state sanctioned violence.

The brothers of the Tau chapter of Kappa Alpha Order at Wake Forest University cordially invite the community to attend a panel discussion and student-led dialogue.

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