“When I return to campus now, I’m amazed by the diversity that UNCG exemplifies. It’s heartwarming and humbling to think that we may have played a role in providing opportunity for students today.”

— JoAnne Smart Drane ’60, one of the first two African American students to attend and graduate from Woman’s College, now UNCG.

In celebration of Black History Month, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro honors JoAnne Smart Drane, the late Bettye Ann Tillman and the many Spartans who helped pave the way for students, faculty and staff of all races, cultures and nationalities to have the opportunity to pursue excellence at UNCG.