

# 50th Anniversary of FVHS

## Moments in Time

### 50th Anniversary Moments in Time of “THE” Fuquay-Varina High School

#### August 18, 2025

In 1970, integration began in North Carolina public schools. The merger of Fuquay Consolidated High School (African-American school) and Fuquay-Varina High School (all-white school and formerly Fuquay Springs High School), resulted in an integrated Fuquay-Varina High School with their mascot being the “Bengal Tigers.” The new integrated high school was housed in the previous all-white school on Ennis Street in Fuquay-Varina (formerly the old Fuquay-Varina Middle School). In 1975, the first stand-alone campus for the integrated Fuquay-Varina High School opened at 201 Bengal Boulevard.

This year we celebrate that milestone through academic, athletic, and civic-community legacy recognitions. We will have many opportunities to communicate and celebrate the many people who made our school a GREAT school for our Community!

This week, in 1975 the opening of Wake County Schools (FV) was delayed from Aug 27 to Sept 4 because students were needed to work in the tobacco crop that year. On Sept 4 they came in for one hour and school officially opened Sept 5, 1975. This included grades 10-12 and was the first day of school at Bengal Blvd.

Fuquay-Varina High School opened the 1975 school year with...

35 classrooms

50 teaching faculty and staff members

426 students in grades 10-12

Donald Cotten was the principal of Fuquay-Varina High School and James Campbell was the Assistant Principal.

