Darden did not waste any time following the death of his mother. He graduated from Southeast High School in 2008 with honors and over $27,000 in grants and scholarships from the College Board.

One of those dreams is becoming the first African-American American governor of North Carolina.

Some might think that every African-American American became an overnight sensation. But they have yet to meet Darden.

Although Darden did not know it at the time, his mother taught him to think outside the box. She said that Aristotle defined rhetoric as "persuasive speech" as a way of conveying an idea or a belief.

Darden added that he was expected to attend 18 schools through the UNCP's academic and social well-being program and reach more students.

Darden and UNCP can have a huge impact on North Carolina, but they have yet to meet Darden.

Therefore, she said, a bubble is created that was "filled with nothing but hot air." She said so much was lost when the bubble burst because the bubble was not tied with the real world.

In short, Darden made the right decisions to achieve his goals.