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2015 Class*

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SPECIAL *Thank You* TO OUR
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SEAN BELLAMY

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FORTY UNDER 40 GALA PROGRAM

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WELCOME

Anthony Jones '07

MISTRESS AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Valonda Calloway '94 & Mo Wright '01

GREETINGS

*Elwood L. Robinson, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Winston-Salem State University*

*Patti Sanders-Smith '76
Vice President, National Alumni Association*

INVOCATION

Bonita McNeil '92

DINNER

HONOREE SELECTION

Thomas Beard '98

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015
40 UNDER 40 HONOREES

Valonda Calloway '94 & Mo Wright '01

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

*Siobahn C. Day '05
Bonita C. McNeil '82*

PATRON RECOGNITION

*Michelle M. Cook
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement &
Executive Director of the Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Inc.*

CLOSING REMARKS

*Mr. Gregory Hairston '83
Director, Alumni Relations*

ALMA MATER

ELWOOD L. ROBINSON, Ph.D.



CHANCELLOR

Greetings:

As the new Chancellor for Winston-Salem State University, I am excited to be part of this celebration of forty outstanding alumni who make up the 2015 class of “40 Under 40” honorees. This distinguished group represents some of the brightest and best graduates of WSSU, all of whom have made exceptional contributions to their professional fields and to their communities.

The “40 Under 40” cohort for 2015 includes a diverse mix of PhDs, MDs, MBAs, ministers, educators, performers, professors and professionals. One thing that they share in common is their deep dedication to service. So, we have come together to celebrate military veterans, school administrators, medical researchers, healthcare providers and business people who generously share their time, talent and treasure to make the world a better place.

Our awardees have acted when they have seen a need within their communities or a gap in services for underserved populations. They have filled those gaps by founding academies, conducting groundbreaking research and creating programs to provide assistance, counsel and hope.

I know you will join me in congratulating the entire 2015 class of “40 Under 40” honorees. They all serve as inspiration by truly living out the Winston-Salem State University motto of “Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve.”

Elwood L. Robinson

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Greetings 40 under 40 Honorees,

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings and congratulations on behalf of the National Alumni Association. You are joining an elite group of Winston-Salem State University graduates. As seasoned alum I am excited and hopeful to see the next generation of alums ready to take on leadership roles in their respective careers, in their communities and in the National Alumni Association. You are the epitome of our mantra “Enter to Learn and Depart to serve”.

With this honor comes responsibility. It is your responsibility to serve as a role model for the current students and other young alumni who will follow in your footsteps. It is your responsibility to be an ambassador for Winston-Salem State University. It is your responsibility to tell your story. Historically Black Colleges and Universities are under attack. Many are even questioning their relevance and the products they produce. Recognition like the one you are receiving tonight is in itself a testimony to the great works our Historically Black College and Universities in general and Winston-Salem State University in particular are doing.

If Winston-Salem State University is going to thrive we need you! Your National Alumni Association needs your ideas, your talents, your energy, your commitment and, yes, your money. To those whom much is given much is required. Receiving this award gives you a reason to recommit to a place you called home for the best years of your lives.

Again, I say congratulations to each of you and I challenge you to continue to show that Ram Pride, All Day, Everyday!

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Sanders-Smith".

Patti Sanders-Smith, Ed.D.
WSSUNAA National President



April 10, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 WSSU 40 Under 40 Awards Gala. Tonight we gather to spotlight and honor young alumni excellence. Our honorees represent some of our institutions best and brightest and serve as constant reminders of the depth and breadth of our alumni endeavors. We congratulate each of you and thank you for your presence here this evening.

Your Young Alumni Council (YAC) continues to work in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations to engage our generation of alums in new and exciting ways to support WSSU. As you reflect on the vast accomplishments of tonight's honorees, let their example be reminders of why we must step up and support our beloved 'SU in new ways. I am calling on each of us to renew our commitment to support our alma mater through your time, talents, and financial investment.

We also thank all of you who are joining us to celebrate tonight's momentous occasion. To all those who have served as patrons to our honorees, we say a collective THANK YOU. Your investment means we can continue to provide access and support to some of the nations most promising students to matriculate at WSSU.

We say a special thanks to the following members of the YAC Special Events committee, 40 Under 40 Selection Committee and our event volunteers for your efforts in planning and support of this year's Gala. Your efforts truly exemplify our motto "*Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.*"

Sean Bellamy
Gregory Hairston
Marcus Johnson
Anthony Jones

Kamille Jones
Kamilah Merritt
Jonathan Murray

Deidra Phyll
Haven Powell
Robert Stephens

Finally, YAC is grateful for the support of the Office of Alumni Relations, WSSU National Alumni Association, RAMA Consulting, and our event patrons for your investment into tonight's event and the success of WSSU. We are humbled by your efforts and generosity.

In RAM Service,

Mo Wright, '01
YAC Special Events Chair

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JEFFREY ALSTON | CLASS OF 1997

Mr. Alston is the Assistant Director of Employer Relations at the State University of New York College at Brockport. In his current role he focuses on evaluating, managing, and expanding the network of employers that recruit students for internships and full-time employment. He co-founded Alpha Academy through the Beta Nu Lambda Foundation, Inc. Alpha Academy is a ten-month mentoring program for young men in grades 6-11 that offers educational, social and cultural activities to assist them in becoming leaders in their communities.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management from WSSU and his MBA from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

At WSSU he served all four years in student government and was the Student Government Association Vice President during his senior year. His student leadership experiences challenged him to think critically, listen carefully, and take strategic approaches to solving problems.

He is honored to be chosen as a 40 Under 40 recipient because of his enduring love for his alma mater and the fact that the university motto of "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve" is entrenched in his DNA.



THOMAS BEARD | CLASS OF 1998

Mr. Beard earned his BS from Winston-Salem State University where he began his formal vocal studies with D'Walla Simmons-Burke. He is a highly-esteemed opera singer who, in 2003, became the first, and only, African-American male singer to be personally chosen by Maestro & Famous Tenor Placido Domingo to be a part of Washington National Opera's Placido Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program. He performed at the funeral of Rosa Parks at the legendary Metropolitan A.M.E. in Washington, DC in 2004.

He has performed for numerous dignitaries, including senators, governors and ambassadors at embassies and concert halls across the country. Former First Lady Laura Bush invited him to sing as a special guest soloist at an invitation-only event at the White House. Mr. Beard shares his musical gifts by giving free masters classes at colleges across the country, including WSSU. He performs for patients in nursing and rehabilitation centers, hospice, and VA hospitals. He is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



MR. IVEY LEE BROWN, JR. | CLASS OF 2011

Mr. Brown is the Associate University Attorney for Winston-Salem State University, where he earned his MBA in 2011. Previous to that he attended Craven Community College to earn an AA and went on to double major in Communications and English from East Carolina University. From there, he went to law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, he participated in various organizations and was recognized as the most memorable 3L by the Black Law Students Association. He also managed to intern for the North Carolina General Assembly throughout his law school career.

Immediately after law school and passing the NC Bar, Mr. Brown was hired at WSSU. He recently obtained his MBA from WSSU and he is now pursuing his doctorate in higher education administration with the goal of addressing issues of access to higher education for rural citizens living in poverty.



SHAMAREE BROWN. SR. | CLASS OF 2004

As Director of Student-Athlete Programs for the Atlantic Coast Conference, Mr. Brown has the opportunity to help college student-athletes translate lessons learned through athletic competition—leadership, teamwork, and discipline, perseverance—into becoming responsible and productive citizen.

He facilitates leadership development workshops for high schools and colleges across the nation and assists institutions in curriculum development for various programming topics. Additionally, as a member of the NCAA Life Skills Action Team he helps provide guidance to administrators who work with collegiate student-athletes.

In 2013 *Diverse Education Magazine* named Mr. Brown as an “Athletic Innovator” for his outstanding work with student-athletes. He has served as a Cub Scout master and leader of a boys youth group (Alpha Omega Ministry) in his church and currently serves on the Campaign Cabinet for the United Way of Greater Greensboro.



KENNETTE JANNORA BURGESS | CLASS OF 2009

Ms. Burgess, a native of Bermuda, earned her BS in Sport Management from Winston-Salem State University where she graduated *summa cum laude*. She also has her MBA from High Point University.

She currently is an International Product Manager for Market America where she manages health and nutrition products in Australia, Europe and Canada. She is also the Marketing Director and Board Vice Chair for Empowered Girls of North Carolina, a nonprofit empowering girls in the community.

She is a founding member and on the Alumni Board of WSSU’s Campus Life Marketing Committee which is involved in executing annual Homecoming festivities along with other events like the “7th Annual Red & Black Family Benefit” which serves needy families with holiday food, Christmas gifts, and the fellowship of our campus.

She has been named to *Who’s Who among Students in American Colleges & Universities*, received an award for Best Mobile Application in Bermuda, and was named Bermuda Football (Soccer) Association Legend Award. She also served as the Bermuda Representative for the United Nations Award Ceremony for “Global Peace & Tolerance” in 2002.



YOLANDA BYNUM | CLASS OF 2006

Ms. Bynum graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her bachelor’s degree in Psychology with a minor in Elementary Education. She also holds a Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Change (MSL) with a specialization in International Management from Pfeiffer University. She is certified in Nonprofit Management by the Office of Continuing Studies at Duke University.

Ms. Bynum is also the author of *Ten Things Every Teacher Should Know* and is preparing for the release of her second book in 2015. As a result of her professional training and over 15 years of experience, she provides consultation and trainings regularly for executives, youth, professionals, youth serving agencies, and individuals.

Ms. Bynum is the Learning and Development Specialist for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library where she oversees staff development and training, as well as provides support for organizational development initiatives. She also volunteers with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Firm Foundations Youth and Family Outreach, On Q Performing Arts, Inc., and The Village Center for Learning and Transformation, LLC.



DEONA DONIELLE CURETON | CLASS OF 2006

Ms. Cureton is the Director for the Office of Student Conduct at Winston-Salem State University and is also a Ph.D. student. She graduated from WSSU with her bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in English. She received her MA in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Tech and is currently enrolled in Walden University to pursue her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy with a concentration in Law and Public Policy.

Ms. Cureton cheered for three years with the WSSU Powerhouse of Red and White Cheerleading Squad, became a proud initiate of the spring 2004 Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a member of their winning step team. She also was the Vice-President of the Pre-Law Society, member of the Political Science Club, member of Mozik Modeling Troupe, Chair of the Student Conduct Council, and Attorney General for the 2005-2006 WSSU Student Government Association.

In the midst of career and continuing her doctorate program, she volunteers with the Forsyth Humane Society, advises multiple student organizations on campus, and actively participates in numerous community endeavors.



LAMONICA MOORE-CUTHBERTSON | CLASS OF 2008

Ms. Cuthbertson graduated *cum laude* from Winston-Salem State University with her BS degrees in Economics and Business Administration. In May 2012 she opened Different by Design Salon in Charlotte, NC. As a salon owner, she manages the day to day operations of the salon, from marketing to sales, to accounting, leading fourteen employees, and styling hair. Only God keeps her sane and smiling.

As an undergraduate she was the North Carolina Youth and College Division President of the NAACP, Vice-President for the Society of Human Resource Management, WSSU Leadership Elite for Business Scholars, member of the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) club, and a University of North Carolina Campus Scholar.

She strongly believes to whom much is given, much is expected, therefore she has devoted nine years of service to Girl Scouts of America, Services to CMS Turning Point Academy Community Workshops, and Trick or Treat for Teachers, an annual event to honor educators at Different by Design Hair Salon.



BOBBY "BJ" LEE DANIELS, JR. | CLASS OF 2001

Minister Daniels earned his BA in Communications through Applied Science (Radio/TV/PR) at Winston-Salem State University. After graduating he relocated to Washington, DC to work in the Corporation Communications Department of Black Entertainment Television (BET). He holds a Master of Arts in Human Services (Marriage and Family Therapy) at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Currently he is the Executive Administrator to the Senior Pastor at Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church in Washington, DC. He has been a member of Greater Mt. Calvary since March of 2001 where he has served on the Sanctuary Choir, Singles Ministry, and Outreach Ministry.

Minister Daniels matriculated through Calvary Bible Institute and was licensed for the work of ministry in May 2004. He was privileged to deliver his first public sermon in Coimbatore, India. Since then, he has been blessed to preach and lead workshops at various ministries. A man of many talents, he is also a singer, songwriter, and graphic arts designer.



HEATHER JASMINE DAVIS | CLASS OF 2004

Ms. Davis serves as the Director of Student Activities and Engagement at Winston-Salem State University where she plays an integral role in the co-curricular development of WSSU students. Prior to working at WSSU she was in corporate management with Ford Motor Company and Enterprise, and Logistics with Penske.

She holds BS *summa cum laude* in Business Administration and a MBA *magna cum laude*, in Management from WSSU. Ms. Davis volunteers with the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Samaritan Ministries, Forsyth County Schools, Habitat for Humanity, the Ronald McDonald House and a host of initiatives with her beloved sorority Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She volunteers as an Assistant Coach for the WSSU Softball team. In 2014 Heather was inducted into the WSSU Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in leadership and athletics, an honor that is preceded with that of Heather being named the NCAA Woman of the Year for North Carolina in 2004.



SIOBAHN CAROLINE DAY | CLASS OF 2005

Ms. Day received her BS in Computer Science from Winston-Salem State University and went on to earn her master's degree in Information Science from North Carolina Central University.

She has worked at North Carolina Central University for the past six years. In 2013 she was promoted to the position of Banner Finance Technical Lead. She is responsible for providing system analysis and maintenance to existing and newly designed Banner applications, tracing problems and issues through the system in order to ensure problem resolution and continued availability of administrative systems by various university constituents.

She is a life member of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association, member of the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the American Society for Information Science and Technology, Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina Central University National Alumni Association, and Women for Success-Triangle.



ARRICA NICOLE MOSELEY DUBOSE | CLASS OF 2002

Mr. Brown is the Associate University Attorney for Winston-Salem State University, where he earned his MBA in 2011. Previous to that he attended Craven Community College to earn an AA and went on to double major in Communications and English from East Carolina University. From there, he went to law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, he participated in various organizations and was recognized as the most memorable 3L by the Black Law Students Association. He also managed to intern for the North Carolina General Assembly throughout his law school career.

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AMANDA EURE | CLASS OF 2010

Ms. Eure is employed by the Department of Navy as an Operations Research Analyst at Naval Station Norfolk. She attended Winston-Salem State University as a Chancellor's Scholar and graduated magna cum laude with her degree in Mathematics. She studied abroad in Ghana, South Africa, and the Dominican Republic and participated in summer research programs at NCA&T State, University of Colorado-Boulder, Clark Atlanta University, and University of Wyoming. She co-authored two publications in math and physics.

After graduation, she volunteered as a secondary mathematics teacher in Guyana and then enrolled at NCA&T to pursue a master's degree in Applied Mathematics. She is now pursuing her MBA through the Fayetteville State online program.

In February 2014, Ms. Eure was named an "HBCU All-Star" by The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This prestigious honor was bestowed on her based on her accomplishments in academics, leadership and civic engagement.



VENUS ALEXANDRIA FERGUSON | CLASS OF 2002

Ms. Ferguson graduated from Winston-Salem State University in 2002 and is pursuing her MBA and a master's degree in Divinity. She is the Branding and Marketing Manager for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District. She has served as the communications officer for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, the nation's oldest and largest African-American life insurance company. In addition, she is a motivational speaker, a freelance journalist, and founder of "Keep Rising! Empowerment Summit for Girls" that focuses on financial literacy, mental health and communication skills.

Ms. Ferguson has volunteered for several organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., African-American Leadership Initiative at the Triangle United Way, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and Salvation Army in Durham, Leadership Durham, Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte Association of Black Journalists, Police Activities League and Rowan Helping Ministries.



CHRISTA FLOOD | CLASS OF 1996

Dr. Flood is the Director of School-Based Partnerships and Relationships for Teach for America in Charlotte, NC. She is an accomplished North Carolina administrator, staff development coordinator, and an active community volunteer.

Her passion for quality education for all children resonates in her work. She is deeply committed to her mission of ensuring that students are put on path towards educational equity. She has recruited some 300 students from the Charlotte area to attend WSSU over the last fifteen years and more are on their way. While at WSSU she learned life skills, work ethics, professionalism, collaboration, and most importantly effective leadership skills which have contributed to the person she has become at the age of 40.

When you meet Dr. Flood in any capacity, you will meet an energetic, charismatic, humorous, and motivating woman who will make sure that you leave without something that you did not expect to gain.



STEVEN J. GAITHER | CLASS OF 2009

Mr. Gaither has spent nearly a decade as a sports journalist. He got his start as sports editor for *The News Argus*, WSSU's student newspaper. In 2007, he was named editor-in-chief. He was also chosen as the Stephen A. Smith Student Journalist of the year.

While at WSSU he interned at *The Winston-Salem Journal* and was President of the WSSU Association of Black Journalists. In 2008, he was selected to the Associated Press Sports Editor's Sports Journalism Institute. He was one of ten minority journalists from around the country selected to receive instruction at the Poynter Institute.

Since graduation he has worked as freelance journalist, being published on sites such as ESPNW, Slam Online, and *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. In 2012 he started HBCU Gameday, a media outlet dedicated to the coverage of HBCU sports culture. Since then, HBCU Gameday has become a nationally recognized brand and a leader in covering sports across the HBCU and college sports landscape.



VICTOR GEORGE | CLASS OF 2008

Mr. George is an Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Professional for Grifols, a multi-national pharmaceutical company. His experience of studying abroad in Beijing, China with a full scholarship from WSSU imbued him with the skills to work with international clients.

As an undergraduate he was the Community Service Chairman for Black Men for Change, where he organized several programs the mentorship program at Petree Elementary School. In order for the students to start thinking about going to college at an early age and specifically going to WSSU, he coordinated an annual event that brought the students to visit WSSU. It was the first time that most of the students visited a college campus.

During his time at Hamline University School of Law, he worked as a law clerk at several organizations that provided legal services to low income individuals such as Legal Aid and Central Minnesota Legal Services. Additionally, he worked at the Civil Rights Department of Minneapolis where he investigated claims of discrimination. Prior to law school, he worked as an Operational Director at a healthcare agency Safehaven Family Services that provided mental health services to low income individuals.



KEISHA GIBSON | CLASS OF 1997

Dr. Gibson received her BS in Biology from Winston-Salem State University and earned her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of NC at Chapel Hill. Her specialty is Pediatric Nephrology, but she also earned her Master's degree of Public Health in Epidemiology. She is also full-time faculty member in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension at the UNC Chapel Hill.

As an undergraduate she was a Chancellor's Scholar, involved in student government and a member of the elite WSSU cheerleading squad.

Dr. Gibson's clinical focus is on the care of children, adolescents, and young adults with kidney disease. She also completes research in lupus and FSGS and is currently an investigator for five ongoing clinical trials. Dr. Gibson's passion is to not only improve the lives of patients affected by kidney disease through clinical excellence and research, but to also mentor and help young people realize their aspirations.

As the co-chair for the Health and Wellness Ministry at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham she organizes community health fairs to help teach teenagers and adults about making good diet and health decisions. She is a volunteer physician for Victory Junction Camp which caters to children with special needs.



WILLIETTA GIBSON | CLASS OF 2002

Dr. Gibson is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Bennett College where she teaches biology, biotechnology, comparative vertebrate anatomy, zoology and human biology courses. She received her BS degree in Molecular Biology from Winston-Salem State University and Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Her research interests include breast cancer, health disparities amongst African-American women, and undergraduate STEM education. She is passionate about teaching, helping others to learn, mentoring and increasing the number of underrepresented minorities entering into STEM graduate programs.

She is the Campus Liaison for the Association of American Colleges and Universities Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future project whose aim is to help institutions develop projects that will bring transformational change to undergraduate STEM education at HBCUs.

Dr. Gibson has conducted workshops for the WSSU Girls Empowered in Math and Sciences Summer Program and presented a lecture to students in the Summer Undergraduate for Research Experiences Program. She is a member of Young Adult Ministry at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham and Assistant Secretary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. of the Beta Nu Zeta Chapter in Greensboro.



JENINE GILES | CLASS OF 2005

Dr. Giles is an owner and partner of Main Street Family Dentistry in Holly Springs, North Carolina. After graduating from Winston-Salem State University with her BS in Biology with a minor in Chemistry she went on to pursue her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, which she earned in 2008.

She and a partner established Main Street Family Dentistry in 2010 and were awarded Best Dentists in Holly Springs for two consecutive years. As practice owners she and her partner host free dental clinics for local community members and provide treatment for those who cannot afford dental insurance. She also volunteers with the NC Mission of Mercy and Wake Smiles, two clinics that provide free dental care to those in need. She volunteers with the Battered Women's Shelter and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Dr. Giles is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is involved in activities with the American Dental Association and North Carolina Dental Society.



ASHLEIGH TAYLOR HARGRAVE | CLASS OF 2007

Ms. Hargrave earned her BA in Mass Communication from Winston-Salem State University, and later received a Master of Business Administration and Healthcare Administration from Pfeiffer University in 2012.

She currently serves as Program Director for Novant Health's Diabetes and Women's Health Service lines. Whether serving at local health fairs or interacting with other health care systems to collaborate for resources for the community, she enjoys engaging with people from diverse backgrounds and is always focused on finding ways to help improve the quality of life in the community.

She volunteers at her church, in the local school system, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way. She served as the marketing specialist for the opening of the Maya Angelou Women's Center at Forsyth Medical Center and inaugural Maya Angelou International Women's Conference where they honored Dr. Angelou's life and work by creating a center tailored to meet the unique health needs of women.



VICTOR ISLER | CLASS OF 2001

Mr. Isler earned his BA in Sociology with a concentration of Social Welfare from Winston-Salem State University. He earned his MSW from the Joint Masters of Social Work Program from NCA&T and UNCG. He also earned a Master's of Health Administration from Pfeiffer University.

During his time at WSSU he served as Vice President for the Campus Activity Board and the Student Government Association and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. These experiences developed his character, self-esteem, and leadership skills.

He is the Family and Children's Services Division Director for Forsyth County Department of Social Services and has served the Triad and Triangle communities in meeting the needs of at-risk youth and their families. He practices as both a licensed clinical social worker and local county government administrator for Social Services. These roles have allowed him to be a change agent with our youth one on one and by building governmental systems of care and policies to meet their specific needs.



JARED KEATON | CLASS OF 1999

Mr. Keaton graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his BS in Business Administration. He was a Dean's List student while serving as the Captain of the Rams Football team and as a 2nd Team All-CIAA offensive tackle in the early- and mid-1990s.

As Assistant Executive Director of the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte, he is responsible for ensuring that children from low-income families are as prepared to enter the school system as their more advantaged peers. His leadership of the county's Head Start program, as well as his involvement with numerous other children's educational programs, means thousands of kids will have the opportunity for a better start in life—ensuring that their future and ours is brighter and more hopeful.

He was a member of the United Way of the Central Carolina's "Leading the Way" class of 2005. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Smart Start of Mecklenburg County, the Children & Family Services Center, Mecklenburg County NC Pre-K Committee, the Children's Alliance of Charlotte, and the North Carolina Head Start Association. He's a Community Agency Representative for Boy Scouts of America and the Mayor's Mentoring Alliance.



JONATHAN LINDSAY | CLASS OF 1996

Mr. Lindsay graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a major in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics. He earned an MBA with a concentration in Information Technology Management from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

He currently serves as a Technical Account Manager in Microsoft Corporation's Premier Services Support Division where he is responsible for customer growth and retention for a \$1 million+ portfolio of customers in New England. Jonathan volunteers with the Blacks at Microsoft Employee Resource Group as well as the Citizen Schools apprenticeship program.

Before joining Microsoft, he spent eight years as a Senior Project Manager at Wells Fargo Bank where he earned a Six Sigma Black Belt and was responsible for Six Sigma Quality training and certification for the bank's Operations Division.

He is the President of the Beta Nu Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., where he is also the Executive Director of the Alpha Academy, a mentoring and education program for males in grade 6-11. He volunteers with the March of Dimes and is a tutor and volunteer reader for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.



ROBERT MACKEY III | CLASS OF 2005

Mr. Mackey is the founder and President of the Lydia Smith Sickle Cell Foundation, which is named in honor of his mother. The foundation, located in Chicago, raises awareness, provides education, and financially assists families affected by sickle cell.

The foundation helps those in need through the Lydia Smith Patient Assistance Fund currently in use at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System in Chicago and in place at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, and Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. These partnerships exemplify the great work the foundation deploys across the country. The UI Hospital is the leading organization in the diagnosis, care, and the treatment of sickle cell.

During his time at WSSU, he was a student-athlete. He was an All-American Linebacker and Captain of the WSSU Rams football team. While captain, the team competed in three CIAA Championship games and won two ('99, '00). That experience provided him with the passion, discipline, work ethic, persistence, sacrifice, teamwork to succeed in his field today. Both on and off the field WSSU always felt like a family to him.



JANIA MASSEY | CLASS OF 2004

Jania Massey graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Psychology. She went on to earn her Masters in Healthcare Administration from University of Phoenix.

She worked in the healthcare field but always knew she would start her own business in fashion and nonprofit community.

Ms. Massey and fellow WSSU alumnae Deidra Young established "Ethan and Zoey"—the online destination for fashionable people—in 2009. They have worked for Macy's, TJ Maxx and Marshalls and recently became fashion editors for a Charlotte based magazine called *The Spread Magazine*.

In 2014 she decided to make her volunteer group, Philanthropy Circle 365, into an official nonprofit 501c (3) organization. She has had the opportunity and honor to raise money for different charities by using her skills of event planning and marketing. Her very first event was a kickball tournament that raised money for Miracle League, a baseball league for special needs children. She is still growing as a philanthropist and business owner with a plethora of ideas and visions. She is excited to see what the future holds.



SHANIKA MCCLAIN QUEEMAN | CLASS OF 2000

Ms. McClain-Queeman is an occupational therapist and the owner of Specialized Therapy Solutions, LLC. She graduated from Winston-Salem State University in 2000 with a BS in Therapeutic Recreation. After working as a recreation therapist she returned to WSSU and graduated with honors from the Occupational Therapy program.

She has focuses in the areas of neurological disorders and developmental skill enhancements and works in inpatient, outpatient, and school settings. She works for three metro Atlanta health care programs including the Cobb County School District, North Fulton Hospital and the Shepherd Center. Her work allows her to educate patients and their families on techniques to assist them in becoming more independent.

In 2014 she started a private practice Specialized Therapy Solutions, LLC where she is able to provide health care services for both adults and children within the home environment, with an emphasis on delivering specialized services to her clients that promote the ultimate level of independence while also educating their family members.

She is involved in community services and events throughout the Metro Atlanta area and is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



ROXANNE H. MCIVER | CLASS OF 1996

Ms. McIver is Senior Community Planning and Development (CPO) Representative for the US Department of HUD, in the Atlanta Office. She manages a series of community development grant programs throughout the Atlanta metro area and rural communities in Georgia.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University, an MA in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and has completed the Executive Education Program in Housing and Community Development at the University of Maryland. She is also a US Army veteran.

While at WSSU she was a cheerleader, Silky Smooth Flag Girl, Scarlett Lace Dancer, ART Dancer and a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She learned to manage her priorities and align herself with her purpose in life.

In 2010 she was recognized by the Secretary of HUD for outstanding achievement in the roll-out of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. She has also represented the Atlanta CPD Division as the Metro Atlanta Combined Federal Campaign volunteer from 2012 to present.



CARLTON ERIC NETTLES | CLASS OF 2006

Mr. Nettles graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in management. He went on to obtain his MBA in Human Resource Management from Strayer University.

He works in the Washington, DC Public School as a Human Resource Analyst. He started his career at Aon Consulting and then branched out into the financial industry working for American Express Card Services. He moved through multiple departments, settling in the Employee Labor Relations Department, as an HR Administrator, processing severances, EEO claims and assisting employees with job placement service after separation.

While attending WSSU he was the Student Government Association Class Treasurer during his junior year and then Class President for the Class of 2006. He was also Ram Ambassadors President.

He has stayed active in the WSSU National Alumni Association serving as Mr. Alumni 2011/2012. He is currently the WSSU NAA Treasurer and participates on the Young Alumni Council where he encourages young and recent alums to remain active and give back to WSSU.



CANDRICE OLIVER | CLASS OF 2008

Mrs. Oliver is Brand Manager for Donna Karan and DKNY Legwear at HanesBrands, Inc. She earned her MBA with a dual concentration in Marketing and Entrepreneurship and a Certificate of Inclusive Leadership from the Wake Forest University School of Business in 2014.

As an undergraduate she interned for two summers through the INROADS program with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a Professional Healthcare Representative. After graduating from WSSU, she had the opportunity to continue her career with the world's largest research based pharmaceutical company and manage a \$12.4MM primary care and specialty product portfolio including some of the largest brands in the world—Viagra, Lipitor and Celebrex.

At Wake Forest University she was a Forte Fellow, an honor bestowed upon a woman who demonstrates a commitment to women and girls via personal mentorship or community involvement. She currently serves as a Junior Achievement volunteer teaching 1st graders entrepreneurship and principles of finance. She volunteers with the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce Senior Academy Mentoring Program, and is a member of the Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals and the United Way Young Leaders of Forsyth County. She is also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



LEAH RAMSEUR WADE | CLASS OF 1996

Mrs. Wade is a lead school psychologist with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. After graduating from Winston-Salem State University with her degree in psychology, she earned her MA and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Psychology from Appalachian State University. She continued her graduate studies at Lenoir-Rhyne University, where she earned an MA in school counseling.

Her work focuses on the social emotional learning of students. Her scope of practice includes psychoeducational assessments of students as well as providing school-based mental health in the form of individual or small group counseling, and creating individual or group behavior intervention plans. She offers parent education training at schools, in the community, or individual sessions through Parent Clinic sponsored by School Psychological Services. Furthermore, Mrs. Wade has been on school-wide teams, and selected for departmental and district-wide committees to enhance the educational outcome for all students, especially those with disabilities.

Mrs. Wade has volunteered with Hands on Charlotte, Onyx Optimist Club of Charlotte, and the Salvation Army Center of Hope Shelter for Women and Children. Lastly, Mrs. Wade is a proud member of the Concord Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she is the Founders Day Co-Chair.



JOSEPH REID | CLASS OF 2008

Mr. Reid is an educator who believes that it is his responsibility to help students develop holistically. He developed a peer-to-peer mentoring program targeted at assisting students manage the transition from high school to college successfully.

He is an active member in his professional community and has helped introduce highly qualified African-American candidates into the profession and in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Accounting. This allows students in the classrooms to see minorities in academic positions and subsequently creates diversity in the corporate workplace.

His time at WSSU prepared him for the challenges and obstacles he sees daily as an educator. The dedicated faculty nurtured him personally and professionally and taught him the value of consistent and dedicated hard work. He was an active member Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. while managing his academic and personal responsibilities. Those experiences have allowed him to be a more effective leader and facilitator in the classroom because he can easily relate to his students. This relatedness allows him to serve his students and colleagues with better clarity and conviction as he is able to understand both the professor and student perspectives, identify issues and offer solutions.



DENISE A. SMITH | CLASS OF 2001

Ms. Smith earned her BA in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations and Advertising from Winston-Salem State University.

She is the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Hilton Garden Inn Winton-Salem/Hanes Mall as well as the Hilton Garden Inn in Odessa, Texas where her primary responsibilities include generating revenue through establishing and maintaining all corporate accounts, creating of all advertising and press media, and representing the hotel brand at national conferences and community events. Ms. Smith serves on the Advisory Board of the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, is a member of the Forsyth County Tourism Alliance, and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was awarded the 2014 Black Achievers in Business and Industry award by JDL Castle, Inc. for her business ethics, community involvement and overall leadership qualities.

She is a dedicated member of Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. In September 2011 she was named Queen Uplift and in February, was crowned Ms. Mardi Gras 2012 by the Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. She set a chapter record by raising the most money for scholarships by any Queen the in the history of the Ms. Mardi Gras pageant. Denise is also the recipient of the 2013 Black Achievers in Business and Industry Award. She has also been honored with the 2013 Hilton Garden Inn Director of Sales of the Year Success Award and the 2014 Hilton Garden Inn Director of Sales of the Year Merit Award.



KASSEEM SMITH | CLASS OF 2007

Mr. Smith earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from Winston-Salem State University. He lives in Washington, DC and is the Communications Coordinator at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, with responsibility for communicating with various stakeholders, creating signage, event planning and managing the Metro Information Person program. Prior to joining WMATA, he worked at The Art Institute of Washington, where he was Assistant Director of Admissions.

Mr. Smith was involved in planning the Silver Line Grand Opening Ceremony, with an attendance of 32,200 people. He managed logistics, vendor relations, and public outreach to let the public know about the changes that would be coming. He was also responsible for the elected officials that were in attendance at the event.

As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kasseem has served as President, Associate of Editor of the *Sphinx* and Director of Educational Activities. He developed seminars and workshops for the students. Through the Alpha Academy and Alpha Beautillion programs he was able to help mentor high school students and help seniors prepare for college and raise scholarship money.



KHRYSTAL L. SMITH | CLASS OF 2001

Dr. Smith is the Director of Student Life at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC. She oversees eleven areas including Campus Programs, Civic Engagement & Volunteerism, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Multicultural Programs, and Non-Traditional Student Services.

She has been named "Freshman Advocate" by the Student Success Center, "Staff Member of the Year" by the Division of Student Affairs, and a member of "Doc's List" by the university's Student Government Association. She has served as a featured speaker for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), in addition to presenting at national and regional conferences on the topics of risk management, student organizations, and fraternity and sorority life.

A 2001 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, Dr. Smith received her MA in Communication from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services from the University of Georgia.

Dr. Smith remains active in her community as a member of the Epsilon Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a supporter of the American Heart Association. She is a member of the WSSU National Alumni Association.



LAKEITH STEVENSON | CLASS OF 2003

Mr. Stevenson is a 2003 Winston-Salem State University graduate and the current Director of Food Services for the Aramark Corporation at WSSU. Mr. Stevenson was a member of the 2000 WSSU CIAA Championship Football team, which won a 31-28 victory over the Virginia Union University Panthers.

Upon graduation Mr. Stevenson began his career with Aramark, serving in positions across the state. He was named Food Service Director for his *alma mater* in 2010 and manages the operation of all dining services on campus. His unwavering passion and commitment for WSSU make him a responsive and dedicated manager. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to ensure that all students, faculty and staff enjoy the ultimate dining experience on campus.

Mr. Stevenson is heavily invested the community, serving as a board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He has been honored with the Unsung Hero Award from the WSSU Student Government Association and has also won the Helping Hands Award from the Mayor's Council for Person with Disabilities of Winston-Salem.



JAMIE TINDAL | CLASS OF 2010

Ms. Tindal is a Volunteer Coordinator at Central Regional Hospital in Durham. Her entire career has focused on volunteerism and spans working at local elementary schools, Hands On of Northwest North Carolina and the YWCA.

She completed a year of service with AmeriCorps VISTA in South Carolina where she created a volunteer management system, developed marketing resources and recruited over 70 volunteers who contributed to more than 300 volunteer hours for The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgetown County. She returned to the Triad to work for Habitat for Humanity Greater Greensboro as the Volunteer Services Coordinator.

Within recent months, Jamie relocated to Durham, NC to work at Central Regional Hospital as the Volunteer Services Coordinator. Central Regional Hospital is an acute psychiatric facility providing psychiatric care to children, adolescents, adults and the elderly. Her primary focus is working the undergraduate student volunteer program which helps them gain experience by working with staff in the implementation of prescribed treatment programs for patients.



TELENA WEEKS | CLASS OF 2004

Ms. Weeks graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her BS in Occupational Therapy with a minor in Psychology. Upon graduation, she initiated her career as an occupational therapist in the Acute Care Setting at Forsyth Medical Center.

She is currently employed with Gentiva Healthcare where she assists patients in regaining skills necessary for independent living in their home environment. She is the area preceptor for new employees and she has been recognized in the Clinical Ladder Program for exhibiting the highest level of Clinical Excellence in the Field of Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Weeks has been a fieldwork instructor for WSSU students as well as students in Occupational Therapy Programs across the nation. She was initiated into the Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 2002 and she remains an active member of the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter.

She is a Girl Scout Leader for the Brownie Troop of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and a Member of the Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals. She has a vibrant and energetic personality and her outlook on life is "Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live."



SHANTÉ WILLIAMS | CLASS OF 2005

Dr. Williams is the Director of Business Development for Medcomp Inc., where she is responsible for global merger, acquisition, and partnership operations. She earned her BS in Chemistry for Winston-Salem State University, followed by a Doctorate in Integrated Biomedical Science focused in Neuro-Oncology, Pharmacology, and Biomedical Engineering from The Ohio State University, and then an MBA from Queens University of Charlotte.

While at WSSU, she became a Ronald McNair Scholar, Thurgood Marshall Scholar, and a member of the Chancellor's Leadership Institute.

In 2005, she helped launch the Community Outreach Program in Science (COPS) in Columbus, Ohio. This program created a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program for a local charter school that had no structured science curriculum. The COPS program introduced middle-school children to college-level concepts in applied science. This program helped boost standardized test scores and several students from the inaugural class pursued STEM majors in college.

She served as a Health Education and Policy Advocate for the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Ohio, working with cancer patients, their families, and state legislators to improve the quality of life for those suffering with ovarian cancer.



RALPH WILSON | CLASS OF 2004

Mr. Wilson graduate from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in Computer Science with a minor in Math.

While at WSSU State he worked in computer labs offering technical support to students. He worked a summer internship at the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, MD. He also became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through the Mighty Mu Epsilon chapter at WSSU.

He began his professional career at H&R Block. In 2007, he began working for Carolinas Healthcare System (CHS) as a technical analyst. He received his MBA from Strayer University in 2009 and immediately began looking for leadership opportunities within the company. Currently, he is an administrator with responsibilities over six Outpatient Surgery centers throughout Charlotte-Mecklenburg market, 85+ employees, 13 direct reports and numerous physician relationships.

Mr. Wilson serves as the Youth Director for his church, Kingdom Harvest Bibleway Church in Charlotte, NC, working with youth ages 2-25. He plans youth services, revivals, outreach events, and road trips. He is an active member of the Men's Diversity Network for Carolinas Healthcare System and participated in the Charlotte Leadership Forum.

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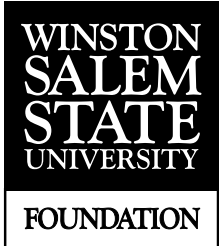

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