

## Jalynn Jones

By Barron Jamel Green

Ms. Jalynn A. Jones, a freshman at Fayetteville State University, is no ordinary student. She describes herself as a mentor, entrepreneur, and consultant. A typical day in Ms. Jones life includes her participation in any one, or frequently more than one, of seven extracurricular activities and maintenance of a 3.5 grade point average.

Ms. Jones was recently named one of five freshmen leaders of the year amongst the 105 HBCUs throughout the country by HBCU Buzz.

The HBCU Buzz is a multi-media company, which provides news and information to HBCUs. The Buzz Foundation, the non-profit affiliate of the HBCU Buzz helps to increase academic opportunities for minority students.

Ms. Jones is a pre-nursing major with a minor in healthcare management. She was averaging a total of 16 credit hours this past year and she didn't stop there.

Ms. Jones is involved with The Voice school newspaper. She is the president and a debater for the FSU debate team. She is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, as well as the president of the Joyner Hall Association, a National Council of Negro Woman member, a volunteer coordinator for freshman executive board, and a senator for the Student Government Association. She is also a member of the Chancellor's list.

Although this may seem like a lot of activities, Jones explains that "students need to raise the bar" and that other students need to "follow suit".

"Ms. Jones is a dynamic student and a great leader," said FSU Communications Professor William Thomas. "... She is also a driven individual who strives to make those around her achieve at the same level of greatness she aspires to herself." Mr. Thomas, who is also the debate coach, said the FSU Debate Team is better off with Ms. Jones on the team. "And, I believe that her teammates feel the same way, which is probably why she was recently elected team president for the 2012-2013 season," Thomas added.

With so many activities going on simultaneously, Ms. Jones somehow finds a way to juggle them all without missing a beat. "I love everything equally" said Ms. Jones.

Although Jones has a long road ahead, she plans to attend graduate school to become a geriatric nurse. Her ambitions also includes becoming a world renowned motivational speaker in hopes of breaching the gap between the elderly and the young while remaining indiscriminate to age.



Courtesy of Dennis McNair  
Jalynn Jones

## Brian Mayers

By Elvira Washington

Some people may know him as the guy who drives around Fayetteville State University in the rusty old blue truck filled with a bunch of junk. Others may know him as the man to call when you need to move furniture into or out of your campus office. Still, others may know him as an actor in any of the several plays he performed in at FSU or in the community theater, or perhaps as a playwright, or possibly just that really nice fellow around campus who is always smiling.

Mr. Brian Mayers, a 2011 Fayetteville State graduate who majored in speech and theater, and now works for FSU's Controller's office as the surplus property coordinator, is all of the above and more. He is a person who exemplifies the adage that hard work pays off. But, before anything, Mr. Mayers is a caring person who wants to improve the lives of others.

"I love to help people!", said Mr. Mayers. "Reaching down and pulling the next person up. Helping them get from where I once was and get them where they should and want to be."

Mr. Mayers has not just been a student at the university. He started

working at FSU as a housekeeper. He is now the surplus property coordinator. He collects old furniture and equipment from various departments and offices at the university and drives them to one of three warehouses. Mr. Mayers then inventories the unwanted materials and then sells them through a bidding system on a state website. Thus, the blue truck filled with junk.

Mr. Mayers said he sometimes found it challenging to work full-time, take care of his home and go to school.

"Always finish what you start," is the motto Mr. Mayers says he lives by.

Mr. Mayers is very passionate about theater. He has performed in several plays including Othello, performed at FSU earlier this semester.

Mayers is also a playwright. He has written more than five plays, including a one man show titled "The Cycle." It is a story about how to break the cycle of unprivileged young men living in the ghettos of America. He recently performed it for the young men incarcerated in northern New Jersey at a state prison.



Voice Photos by Jennifer Lucas and Jarred Harris  
Left: Brian Mayers on stage as Jacob in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; Right: At his office in Central Warehouse

One of Mr. Mayers' goals is to come back to FSU as a professor in the theater department. He is currently working on his Masters of Fine Arts.

When asked, what is a piece of advice that he would tell students?

"Hard work pays off. If you put in the work you have no choice but to succeed," Mr. Mayers said. "My challenge is different from the next person," he added. "No matter how hard the struggle may be it is always good to see the positive outcome. It's amazing what a smile can hide."

## The Face of Intramurals Basketball

By DeSean Lawson

If it wasn't for Christina Lockamy, assistant director of intramurals sports at Fayetteville State University, intramurals basketball would be a complete failure.

Lockamy doesn't want to take all the credit for the success of intramurals basketball over the last 11 years, although she has put a lot of her time and effort into making sure FSU students have something positive and fun to do with their free time.

"I am very pleased with the success and turnout of intramurals during this season and over the past 11 years," Lockamy said, and added that she has seen a lot of improvement in the amount of people who participate.

Since 2001, when intramurals basketball first became a full-time department here at FSU the overall success of intramurals basketball has been taken very seriously by the students, faculty and staff.

A humble Lockamy doesn't take all of the credit for the program. She praises Tim Heath, Director of intramurals sports, for his role in the program. She said Heath has made sure that FSU intramurals basketball is entertaining, competitive and its players demonstrate good sportsmanship.

The men's intramurals basketball season, which came to an end on March 26, saw the No. 1 seed from the blue division team Young & Old defeat the No. 1 seed from the white division team Dream chasers 50-44 to win the 2012 intramurals championship.

The women's intramurals basketball season came to an end on March 12 with the No. 1 seed Team Elite defeating the No. 2 seed Team Showtime 52-51 to win the women's 2012 intramurals championship.

When addressing the success of intramural

female basketball Lockamy said, there are a lot of talented female athletes at FSU who should try intramurals.

"I would just like to see more female students and female faculty members involved and see more females of different nationalities participating," Lockamy said.

For information about intramurals basketball or any intramural sports contact Christina Lockamy or Tim Heath at [cslockamy01@uncfsu.edu](mailto:cslockamy01@uncfsu.edu) and [theath@uncfsu.edu](mailto:theath@uncfsu.edu)



Voice Photo by DeSean Lawson  
Assistant Director of Intramural Sports  
Christina Lockamy

## A Promising Future

By DeSean Lawson

The Lady Broncos tennis team season came to an end on April 19 when they were defeated by the Winston-Salem State Rams 5-0 in the CIAA Championships in Saint Petersburg, Virginia.

Although the Lady Broncos ended the season with a disappointing 7-13 overall record, they finished with a respectable 7-9 conference record.

Another promising thing to take away from the Lady Broncos 2012 season is the fact that their

top-seeded player, also the 2011 CIAA Rookie of the Year, finished 2012 as one of the league's elite players once again. Sophomore Varice Love was named to her second straight All-CIAA team.

The Lady Broncos qualified for the CIAA Tournament as the 7th seed. Fayetteville State was hampered by having two matches forfeited.

The Lady Broncos future looks very promising with Love only being a sophomore, and the five other players all being freshmen or a sophomore. Next year everyone should come out and support your Lady Broncos as they strive for a successful season. Go Broncos!!!



Courtesy of FSUBroncos.com  
FSU All-CIAA team player  
Varice Love

## A Disappointing Season

By DeSean Lawson

The Lady Broncos softball team's season came to an end on April 19 when they were defeated by the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls 11-6 in the CIAA Championships at the Saint Petersburg Sportsplex in Virginia.

Fayetteville State (10-37) led 5-1 after four innings and was in front 5-2 entering the top of the sixth inning. But the Golden Bulls (17-26) had three straight hits to open the sixth inning. The third hit was a two-run double by Ashton Byrd to bring Johnson C. Smith within one, 5-4, setting up the rally.

Then Tenesha Simmons belted a three-run triple to end the Golden Bulls seven-run sixth inning. Samantha Smith and Alexandra Buckley each had three hits for Johnson C. Smith, which totaled 15 hits.

Elizabeth McElveen went 2-for-4 with two RBI's.

Sophomore Jessica Randolph and freshmen Sencerae Locklear each had three hits and two RBI's lead the Lady Broncos.

Although the Lady Broncos had a disappointing 2012 campaign, the future looks bright because the Broncos have their entire 17-woman roster coming back next season.

The Lady Broncos also had a winning conference (9-7) and road (5-3) record. Next year will be a much better year for the Lady Broncos. You heard it here first, The Lady Broncos will be a team to be reckoned with next year. Go Broncos!!!



Voice Photo by DeSean Lawson  
Lady Broncos softball team gathers together to show off their "Mama Who" breast cancer awareness T-shirts.