

## NEWS

### Andrea Tantaros' speech sparks controversy

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS, CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD RESPOND TO NEGATIVITY

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What happens when a speaker's freedom of free speech violates the College's core values?

Andrea Tantaros, a regular contributor to Fox News, found out pretty quickly.

The Guilfordian obtained a video that shows the lecture in its entirety. A shocking exchange followed comments from Tantaros such as, "Muslims tend to be peaceful only if they are outnumbered."

Tantaros chided Obama's foreign policies and called Islam "a religion of hate."

These statements instigated a passionate response from junior Lyes Benarbane, a philosophy major, who vigorously opposed what he called "hate speech" by Tantaros and pulled no punches in confronting her.

"You should be patently ashamed of yourself, first and foremost, for even remotely implying the sorts of things you are ... about Islam," said Benarbane. "I'm baffled first that you were brought here, that you came into this community and spewed this hate."

"You know you shouldn't have come," said Tantaros, cutting him off. "It's a free country."

"I have dialogue with people on the right all the time. Here's the thing—" said Benarbane who was cut off again.

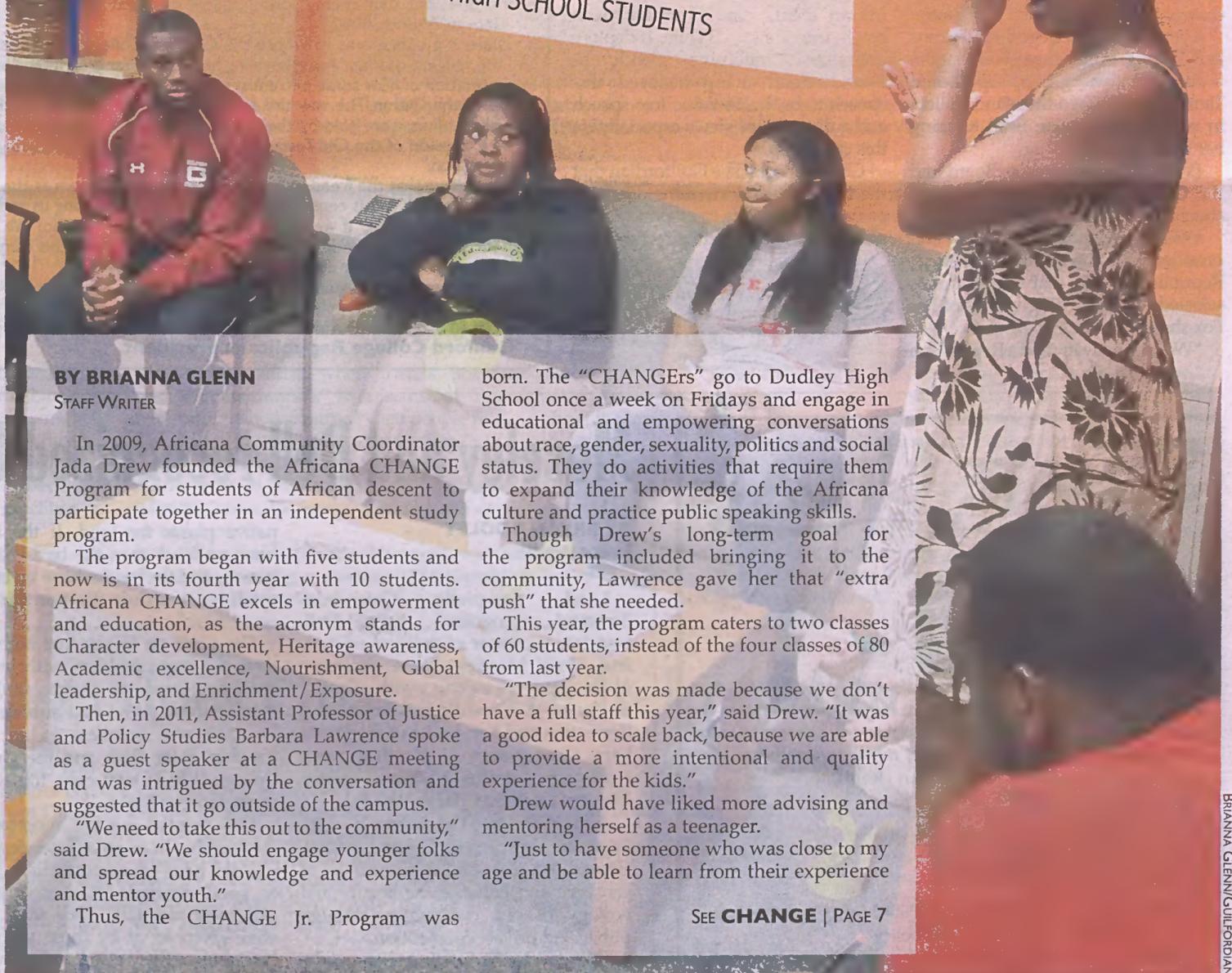
"It's a free country," said Tantaros. "Free speech. But I'm guessing you probably haven't studied the Koran. I have."

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### Flourish with CHANGE: Africana CHANGE Jr. makes an impact in the Greensboro community

CHANGE JR. PROGRAM EMPOWERS, EDUCATES AND MENTORS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



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In 2009, Africana Community Coordinator Jada Drew founded the Africana CHANGE Program for students of African descent to participate together in an independent study program.

The program began with five students and now is in its fourth year with 10 students. Africana CHANGE excels in empowerment and education, as the acronym stands for Character development, Heritage awareness, Academic excellence, Nourishment, Global leadership, and Enrichment/Exposure.

Then, in 2011, Assistant Professor of Justice and Policy Studies Barbara Lawrence spoke as a guest speaker at a CHANGE meeting and was intrigued by the conversation and suggested that it go outside of the campus.

"We need to take this out to the community," said Drew. "We should engage younger folks and spread our knowledge and experience and mentor youth."

Thus, the CHANGE Jr. Program was

born. The "CHANGERS" go to Dudley High School once a week on Fridays and engage in educational and empowering conversations about race, gender, sexuality, politics and social status. They do activities that require them to expand their knowledge of the Africana culture and practice public speaking skills.

Though Drew's long-term goal for the program included bringing it to the community, Lawrence gave her that "extra push" that she needed.

This year, the program caters to two classes of 60 students, instead of the four classes of 80 from last year.

"The decision was made because we don't have a full staff this year," said Drew. "It was a good idea to scale back, because we are able to provide a more intentional and quality experience for the kids."

Drew would have liked more advising and mentoring herself as a teenager.

"Just to have someone who was close to my age and be able to learn from their experience

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