

A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By John Raye

It would not be an exaggeration to refer to Irene P. Hairston as Superwoman for she has indeed blazed a trail, touched so many lives, racked up so many honors, awards and accomplishments, and pioneered so many efforts on so many fronts, that you leave her presence in a state of profound awe and amazement.

More than anything else, Hairston is one amazing woman, an all-weather woman... a woman for all season. She is, as they say, a sister with no-excuses.

Hairston first cut her teeth in the education arena. Born, raised and educated in the Winston-Salem/



Irene P. Hairston

Forsyth county public school systems, Hairston earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A & T State University, respectively.

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CHARLOTTE'S REV. ALEXANDER AND DURHAM'S MACEO SLOAN WILL GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AT BLACK ISSUES SUMMIT IN WINSTON-SALEM

(Winston-Salem, NC) — The Rev. Claude R. Alexander Jr., pastor of University Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, and Maceo K. Sloan, chairman and chief executive officer of Sloan Financial Group and NCM Capital Management Group, both in Durham, will serve as keynote speakers of the 2003 State of Black North Carolina Conference in Winston-Salem in May.

Alexander was recently named one of the top 40 leaders under 40 by the Charlotte Business Journal. Known for his insightful and visionary style of oratory, Alexander said he hopes to bring a

message of unity that will inspire conference attendees to work together in order to uplift blacks, black businesses and black communities.

"This conference will be an excellent opportunity for black leaders to come together from all corners of North Carolina to not only address problems plaguing our communities, but also to begin taking action to improve these problems," Alexander said.

Alexander's 2 p.m. address on May 4th, will kick off the first State of Black North Carolina Conference, which will be for two days at the M.C. Benton Jr.

MERCEDES MILLER: EMERGING SPEAKER AND WRITER

The AC Phoenix interviewed this very talented lady:

WHO IS MERCEDES MILLER?

Mercedes (Mur sa dus) Miller is an individual passionate about using her gifts and talents to maximize her own life and impact the lives of others. Leader of International organization, young woman perpetuates peace and power, personally and professionally.

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE



Mercedes Miller

MAXIMIZING YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS?

Several years ago I developed a mission and vision statement for my life. I use them as a litmus test

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Richard L. Williams

Convention and Civic Center and the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza Hotel. Following the opening session will be several seminars that focus on faith, family and

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