



Honoree **Natasha Nimmons** of the Winston-Salem Foundation poses with her father, **Tony Nimmons** (from left), and **James Gore** and **Scott Wierman**, who also work at the foundation.

# Jaycees salute professionals at first-ever young leaders banquet

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The Winston-Salem Jaycees are celebrating 75 years of service to the community this year. Founded in 1929 at the Robert E. Lee Hotel by a group of young men who promoted community service, the organization focuses on leadership development for those aged 21 to 39.

In this same spirit of leadership, the Jaycees honored 13 young leaders aged 21 to 39 and three emerging leaders aged 17-18 at the first Outstanding Young Leaders Awards Banquet Monday night. More than 200 supporters attended the affair held at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center.

The purpose of the gathering was to honor those making a difference in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community through their chosen career, community service or volunteerism. Friends, colleagues and family members made nominations for the awards.

The honorees were Wanda Allen-Abraham, director of human relations, city of Winston-Salem; Lou Baldwin Jr., president, Baldwin Companies; Brent Campbell, reporter, bureau chief at Fox 8 WGHP; April Canter, teacher of academically gifted children, Ward Elementary School; Brian Cole, event manager, Winston-Salem Events; Joe Curran, chef and owner, 1703 Restaurant; Andrea Kurtz, managing attorney, Legal Aid Society; Lori Mercer, private banker, BB&T; Natasha Nimmons, program officer, Winston-Salem Foundation; Gary Robinson, executive director, KidCommerce USA; Samir Shah, Ph.D. candidate in biomedical engineering at Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Jeff Smith, founder of SCN Triad Event Communications, which publishes Smitty's Community Notes; Anessa Warehime, work force development manager at Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; Jennifer Eller, senior at Ledford High



Mayor **Allen Joines** gives **Shannon Davis** her award.

School; Ashley Hart, senior at Mount Tabor High School; and Shannon Davis, senior at Parkland high school.

According to Renee Boyd of the Jaycees, the banquet offered a new twist on a historical event that has taken place for the last 73 years.

"In 1931, the Winston-Salem Jaycees began recognizing leadership in our community when the chapter started the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet. Former mayors, community leaders, police officers, and educators are included among the lengthy list of DSA award recipients over the past 73 years," said Boyd. "This year, in an attempt to continue promoting the work of our community's young professional generation, the Winston-Salem Jaycees stretched our minds and broadened the banquet to be more

community-inclusive."

Mayor Allen Joines assisted Angie Ferree, president of the Winston-Salem Jaycees, in presenting the awards to the honorees. Joines congratulated the efforts of the Jaycees to nurture local young professionals.

"Most of you know how committed I am to involving young people in the life of Winston-Salem. I have the dubious honor of announcing that our community is losing a segment of the population ages 18-34 to other cities. I am working with the Chamber of Commerce to get these people involved in the community," said Joines. "We did a survey and have found that it is difficult to figure out how to get them involved. So I am so grateful for Jeff Smith's efforts and those of the Jaycees who are recognizing young leaders."

Natasha Nimmons, 26, was

nominated by her colleague James Gore from the Winston-Salem Foundation. Nimmons researches issues that affect young professionals and has become an advocate for the young professional movement in the local area. She has developed a training module for the foundation's new employees and co-facilitates yearly leadership retreats for UNC-G students. She is also involved in the black philanthropy initiative and the Piedmont Triad Amateur Ballroom Dance Association, among other activities.

Nimmons is a 2000 graduate of N.C. A&T State University, having earned a degree in public relations/print journalism. She received her master of public affairs in 2002 from UNC-Greensboro. She was very glad to receive the Jaycee award.

"I was excited. It is good to be recognized by the Jaycees, such a historical and established organization," Nimmons said.

Jeff Smith was nominated by Lou Baldwin Jr., who was also an honoree. Smith and Baldwin have known each other since high school at Forsyth Country Day when they were in the Key Club together. Smith will turn 40 on April 2 and Baldwin will turn 40 on April 1.

"We both made it by the skin of our teeth," said Smith. "I was very honored to get the award. I have been a part of the young professional effort in an attempt to retain them in the community. I (tried) to get organizations to connect with the young professionals since 1997-98. Last year, I ended the effort, I'm getting older. It was nice to win this award because it helps to bring closure to another chapter in my life."

"There are a lot of other people working to get young people engaged in this community," said Smith. "Volunteerism along with a daytime job can eat into your personal time, but this award is a testament thanking all of the honorees for all of their efforts in keeping this community moving."

# Wanna-be art collectors sought for Diggs show

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If you have ever been interested in owning your own art collection, a scheduled luncheon and auction of African and African-American art at Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery on April 3 at 10 a.m. is a great place to start, while at the same time benefiting one of the region's leading galleries dedicated to African and African-American art.



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Diggs Gallery is launching its second annual African and African-American Art Auction and Benefit Luncheon. The auction will feature fine quality Ashanti, Songye, Senoufo, Mende and Baule works, as well as works by Jacob Lawrence, Richard Mayhew, Sam Gilliam, Robert Colescott, Vernetta Honeywood, David Driskell, Augie N'Kele and many more.

The benefit will begin at 10 a.m. with seminars on collecting African and African-American art by Charles Jones African Art from Wilmington, and NBA star and art collector Darrell Walker. Walker is the 2004-2005 national ambassador for Diggs Gallery. He is a former NBA player and former head coach of the Toronto Raptors and Washington Wizards.

Walker is a well-known art collector and humanitarian. His personal collection includes works by Sam Gilliam, Beauford Delaney, Norman Lewis, Mildred Thompson, William T. Williams, Frank Bowling and Kevin Cole.

The auction will be chaired by well-known members of the Winston-Salem community Denise Hartsfield and Lisa Menefee. Lunch will be served at noon, and the auction

will commence at 1 p.m. Works can be viewed at [www.wssu.edu/diggs](http://www.wssu.edu/diggs) and online bidding will be available at [www.isada.org](http://www.isada.org) beginning March 31.

"The benefit is the first in a series of programs that will allow art lovers to become owners of art that will appreciate in value, while simultaneously supporting WSSU's Diggs Gallery," said Belinda Tate, director of the gallery. "The generosity of our community has enabled Diggs Gallery to achieve tremendous success resulting in a 30 percent increase in attendance this year. Proceeds from this benefit auction are critical to the gallery continuing to host high quality exhibitions and programs for over 5,500 young learners in our community."

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