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Willie Gary has been hailed as one of the nation's most successful attorneys.

## Multi-millionaire attorney Gary will keynote May gala

### Shaw University alum went from rags to riches

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Famed attorney Willie E. Gary, who has won many multimillion dollar judgments for his clients, will keynote the May 10 YMCA Black Achievers 10th Annual Awards Gala.

Named one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans" by Ebony and one of the Top "50 attorneys in the U.S." by Forbes Magazine, Gary has a rags to riches tale that has inspired many.

One of 11 children, he was born in poor, Eastman, Ga. and raised in migrant farming communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. Gary's work ethic and determination eventually led him to Shaw University in Raleigh. He attended the school on a football scholarship, and earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration. He then went to nearby North Carolina Central University, where he earned a juris doctorate in 1974.

With the help of his childhood sweetheart and now wife, Gloria, Gary, who will turn 60 later this year, was admitted to the Florida Bar and opened his own law firm. Over the years, Gary's practice has grown into the thriving national partnership known as Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando, P.L.. It consists of 37 attorneys, a team of paralegals, a professional staff of 120, including six nurses, two full-time investigators, an administrator, a certified public accountant, a public relations director, a general coun-

sel, human resources director and a full administrative staff.

Gary's firm has won more than 150 cases valued in excess of \$1 million each. He is known for representing little-known clients against major corporations. Gary's success has made him a multimillionaire and given him mansions, a private jet and a lot full of fancy cars. He has been unselfish with his immense wealth.

In 1991, Gary donated \$10.1 million to his alma mater - Shaw. He has also donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to dozens of Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the country.

In 1994, he and Gloria formed The Gary Foundation, which provides scholarships, direction and other resources to young people, so they can realize their dreams of achieving a higher education.

The 10th Annual Awards Gala is an event to recognize the achievements of outstanding high school seniors who participated in the Black Achievers Program, a career exploration and academic enhancement program. The program serves more than 145 middle and high school students during the school year.

Black Achievers helps students in grades eight through twelve to bridge the path from secondary to post secondary education by involving African Americans from business, industry, government, and nonprofit organizations as mentors and role models.

Individuals who have been nominated by their companies

for their contributions to the workplace will also be honored at the gala. They will provide support for the Black Achievers Program through committee service and youth work during 2007-2008 school year.

Individual tickets are \$40 and tables of eight are \$320. Tickets for children under 12 are \$25. Tax deductible proceeds from the gala will be used for the continued growth of the Black Achievers Program and for scholarships for program participants.

For more information, call Lisa Lide, program director at the Winston Lake Family YMCA at 336-724-9205 ext. 226, or drop by the Winston Lake Family YMCA and purchase tickets at the Welcome Center.

## News Clips

### Great Winston-Salem Cleanup is April 28

The annual Great Winston-Salem Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help clean up local roadways, parks and schools. All supplies are provided as well as lunch.

The Great Winston-Salem Cleanup is organized by Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful and is part of the national Great American Cleanup organized by Keep America Beautiful.

This year's Great Winston-Salem Cleanup is sponsored by Waste Management, the Winston-Salem Journal, Signs Now, Lowes Foods, Kripsy Kreme, and Pepsi Bottling Ventures.

To sign up or for more information, go to [www.kwsb.cityofws.org](http://www.kwsb.cityofws.org) or call Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful at 727-8013.

### Jones honored for poster

Marvin Q. Jones Jr., a junior applied mathematics major at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, won \$500 for having the most outstanding poster presentation at the Georgia Institute of Technology Graduate Technical Symposium 2007 - Merging Multiculturalism and Multidisciplinary Research held March 15-17 in Atlanta.

Jones' presentation was titled "An Investigation in Astrophysical Gas Dynamics: Analyzing Two-Wave Interaction in Ideal Magnetohydrodynamics Using Numerical Analysis and Simulation."

In addition to winning this award, he won the outstanding poster presentation at the 2005 and 2006 A&T McNair symposium and received a certificate of excellence for his oral presentation at the university's 2007 McNair symposium.



Jones

### Anderson High Class of 1970 looking for graduates

The last class to graduate from Anderson Senior High School (today known as Winston-Salem State University's Albert H. Anderson Conference Center) is looking for members of the Class of 1970 to plan for a big reunion.

Reunion organizers are calling on all members of the Class of 1970 to send, call, or e-mail their contact information by June 1. Follow-up information about the reunion will be provided to all those who respond by the deadline. The planning committee is urging each member of the class who may be in contact with former classmates who live outside of Winston-Salem to encourage them to send in their information.

All contact information (name, street address, home phone, cell phone, e-mail addresses etc.) should be forwarded to AHS Class of 1970 at 210 Melody Lane,

Winston-Salem, N.C., 27105, or e-mail to [cdavis55@triad.rr.com](mailto:cdavis55@triad.rr.com)

### Salem Senior Art Show starts May 4

The Salem College Department of Art will present its annual Senior Thesis Art Exhibit, on display May 4-26 in the Salem Fine Arts Center. A reception for the artists will be held Friday, May 4 from 6 - 8 p.m.

This exhibit features the culminating projects of Salem College's senior studio art and interior design majors. Both the exhibit and artists' reception are free and open to the public.

For more information visit [www.salem.edu](http://www.salem.edu) or call 336 721-2636.

### 50 new state troopers graduate

Fifty new Troopers were graduated on April 19 from the 119th Basic School of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. They were sworn in during ceremonies at the North Carolina State Fair Grounds.

"I welcome our newest Troopers to the Highway Patrol family," said Colonel W. Fletcher Clay, Patrol Commander. "I am confident these Troopers are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead on North Carolina's highways."

Bryan E. Beatty, secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety of which the Highway Patrol is a division, added, "We are proud to welcome the 119th Basic School graduates as members of one of the nation's finest law enforcement organizations. They have joined a proud agency that has been making our highways safer since 1929."

## Moviegoers panel will smell the coffee

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Moviegoers will screen and discuss "Black Gold: Wake Up and Smell The Coffee" on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

After oil, coffee is the most traded commodity in the world with \$80 billion in retail sales. But for every \$3 cup of coffee, a farmer receives only 3 cents. Most of the money goes to middlemen, especially the four giant conglomerates which control the coffee market. "Black Gold" asks us to wake up and smell the coffee. It follows Tadesse Meskela as he tries to secure a living wage for the 70,000 Ethiopian coffee farmers he represents.



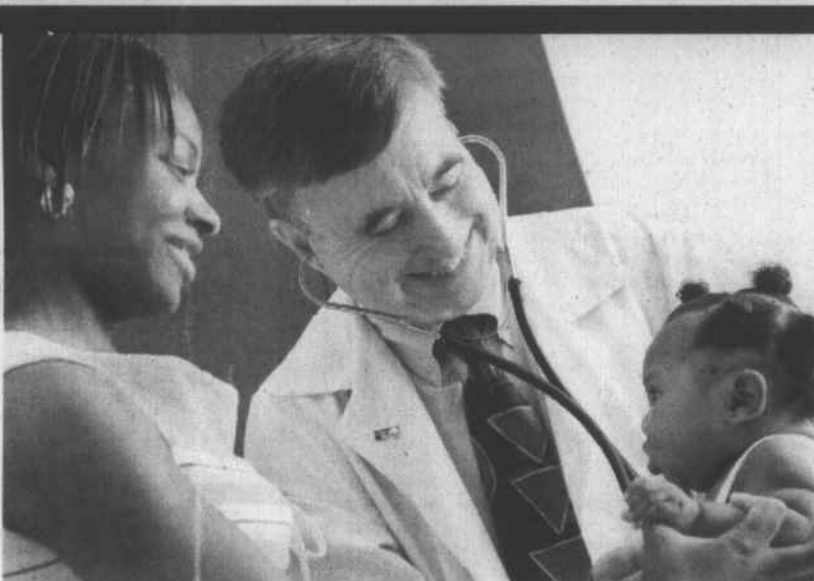
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The panelists will include Elizabeth Motsinger, a Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board member; Donald MacThompson, an associate professor of political science at Winston-Salem State University; and Fleming A. El-Amin, a Moviegoers board member who will moderate.

This event will be at Grace Presbyterian Church (USA), 3901 Carver School Road. There is no charge for admission but donations are appreciated.

Reservations are advised at [TheMoviegoers@aol.com](mailto:TheMoviegoers@aol.com) or 661-0339.

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## LITTLE HEARTS REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE

CHILDREN BORN WITH HEART DEFECTS CAN LIVE LONG, HAPPY LIVES thanks to our pediatric cardiologists at Brenner Children's Hospital. These specialists are the only doctors in the area with training in both pediatrics and cardiology—so you know that your child is receiving the best care possible.

Five pediatric cardiologists and one pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon offer the latest treatments and diagnostics to help children recover quickly without lengthy hospital stays. Our pediatric experts also have perfected heart surgeries that allow children to avoid painful scars. These same experts can diagnose heart problems before babies are born, allowing time to plan for immediate care upon delivery.

In addition, our specialists can also treat children with irregular heart beats, hypertension, heart defects, blockages and more.

If you think your child has a serious heart problem, talk to your child's doctors and ask them to call the pediatric specialists at Brenner Children's.

For more information about our pediatric cardiologists, visit our website at [brennerchildrens.org/pedscardio/](http://brennerchildrens.org/pedscardio/). And whatever your insurance, chances are we take it.

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