

BUSINESS FOCUS

Briefs

T.J. Maxx makes sizable donation to Detroit nonprofit

Jackets for Jobs, Inc. (JFJ), a Detroit-based nonprofit organization founded by Alison Vaughn in 2000, recently received \$1 million from T.J. Maxx, the nation's leading off-price retailer with 850 stores nationwide. The donation is not only an investment in JFJ's program to clothe Detroit's unemployed citizens who are seeking jobs, but also funding for an "extreme makeover" to its downtown Detroit location.

JFJ and T.J. Maxx celebrated the partnership last week with guests that included Motown recording artist KEM and LaShell Griffin (Oprah's Pop Star winner) at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Fort Street location. Rosa Park's niece, Rhea McCauley, was also in attendance and is credited for introducing T.J. Maxx to JFJ. T.J. Maxx will replenish clothes several times a year to ensure that clothing needs are met from season to season.

"The city of Detroit is among the highest in unemployment, high school drop-out, and foreclosures rates in America," states Alison Vaughn, Founder/CEO of Jackets for Jobs, Inc. "The funding and support that we have received from T.J. Maxx and the City of Detroit's Workforce Development Department will really help our program service many in need." Detroit's Workforce Development, a Michigan Works! Agency - in partnership with businesses, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies - promotes economic self-sufficiency and provides qualified workers to local employers.

Matthews named associate provost at Wake Forest

Wake Forest University has appointed Rick Matthews as associate provost for information systems, the top management position in the Information Systems department.

Matthews, who joined Wake Forest's faculty in 1979, is professor of physics and a former chair of that department. He joined the Office of the Provost in 2007 as an associate provost. This month, he was named associate provost for information systems.

Matthews received Bachelor of Science and doctoral degrees in physics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Formerly, he was a research physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory.

WXII 12 names sales manager

Dan Joerres has been appointed general sales manager of WXII 12.

Joerres has spent the last three years as local sales manager at WISN, the Hearst-Argyle ABC affiliate in Milwaukee. There, he achieved an outstanding record at WISN, rising from account executive, to new business sales manager, to national sales manager, to local sales manager, all since joining Hearst-Argyle in 1998.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the Piedmont Triad market's leader in local news," said Joerres. "I look forward to working for WXII 12 and continuing my relationship with Hearst-Argyle. It's a great company as well as one of the most innovative leaders in the industry."

WXII is the Piedmont Triad's NBC affiliate and is owned by Hearst-Argyle Television, which owns 25 television stations, and manages an additional three television and two radio stations, in geographically diverse U.S. markets.

Chairman resigns over scandal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Samsung Group Chairman Lee Kun-hee said Tuesday he was stepping down after 20 years as chief of South Korea's biggest conglomerate, quitting in the aftermath of his indictment on tax evasion and other charges last week.

The move, announced to reporters by Lee himself, was both welcomed as a possible sign of more openness at the troubled business group, but also as a cause for worry that Lee's absence may harm South Korea's economy.

The 66-year-old Lee, with about 30 Samsung executives standing nearby, apologized for "troubles to the nation" over an independent counsel investigation into the conglomerate's operations that resulted in the indictment of himself and other Samsung executives last week.

Until recent weeks, South Korean were unaccustomed to hearing much publicly from Lee, who has been described as a loner with a fascination for gadgets and how they work. During the independent counsel investigation, however, Lee spoke to reporters after undergoing hours of questioning twice in a week - and even hinted he might resign.

Lee took over the reins of Samsung two decades ago following the death of his father, the conglomerate's founder. He is one of South Korea's richest people, is widely regarded as its most influential business executive and serves on the International Olympic Committee.

Samsung Electronics Co., its flagship corporation, is a world leader in computer chips, flat-screen TVs and mobile phones. Lee is widely seen as the driving force behind its rise into a global technology force.

Paige earns esteemed credential

He has worked for the city for nearly 25 years

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Deputy City Manager Derwick Paige has received the "Credentialed Manager" designation from International City/County Management Association, which is the premier local government leadership and management organization.

Paige is one of more than 1,000 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must

have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field, and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Paige is qualified by 24 years of service in local government, including service as a police officer, a planner and development director. He is a 1998 graduate of the School of Government's Municipal Administration program and a 2006 graduate of the school's Public Executive Leadership Academy. He is also a 1989 graduate of the MPA program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Derwick Paige

Paige also serves on the United Way Board of Directors; Northwest Piedmont Community

Development Corporation Executive Board; and the Executive Committee of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Community Safety Partnership.

He previously served on the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) Local Advisory Committee; Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board; Micro-Enterprise Loan Program Board; Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership Board of Directors; Chamber of Commerce - East Area Council Board; and Chamber of Commerce-Technology Council.

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Murray's work ethic earns him A&T honor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Kenneth Murray, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, is the recipient of the university's 2007-2008 Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award.

Murray has served in his present position since 2000 and has also served as director of Title III and Opt-Ed since 2004.

In each of these positions, he has been recognized as an outstanding manager and leader, providing focused leadership and untiring effort in strengthening mission-critical programs and initiatives.

In 1986, Murray joined N.C. A&T as the first chair of the department of civil engineering. He has also served as interim dean of the College of Engineering and the School of Graduate Studies.

During the past year, Murray has led additional high-priority initiatives for the university, many of which involved collaborations with other UNC schools and the UNC system, including: planning of the Triad Listening Forum for the University of North Carolina Tomorrow Initiative, joint coordination (with UNCG) of a community meeting for the Gateway University Research Park and development of the university's Pandemic Flu Plan (with Dr. James Gooch).

He is currently co-chairing A&T's UNC Tomorrow Response Team, which is outlining ways that the university will contribute to the University of North Carolina Tomorrow Commission Report Recommendations.

As a senior A&T administrator notes, "If you give Ken a task, you can be assured of a high-quality outcome every time. He is tireless in his efforts and carries out projects in an efficient, ethical, and conscientious manner."



Murray



Program to prepare students earns kudos from Harvard

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina's Learn and Earn Initiative has been named among the top 50 programs in the 2008 Innovations in American Government Awards competition sponsored by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School.

The program was selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 applicants to represent the best in government innovation from local, county, city, tribal, state and federal levels. The top finalists will be announced in June and will compete for a \$100,000 award.

"I am proud that North Carolina is leading the way in education innovation in America by changing the way we deliver courses, making

high school more relevant and giving students a chance to earn a college degree debt-free," said Gov. Mike Easley. "Thanks to the partnerships among the General Assembly and business and education leaders across the state, Learn and Earn, Learn and Earn Online and the EARN grants are bridging the gap between high school and college to prepare all students to succeed in the global economy."

Easley's Learn and Earn Initiative includes three programs to increase the number of high school graduates who are college and work-ready. Learn and Earn early college high schools allow students to jump-start their college education. These 42 schools are located on a college or

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Longtime Crisis Control board member honored

Agency sets up endowed fund for J. Kirk Glenn

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Crisis Control Ministry celebrated its 35th anniversary with a gala on April 5.

During the event, J. Kirk Glenn Jr., a lifetime board member and long-time Crisis Control supporter, was honored for his service and dedication to the Ministry.

Margaret Elliott, Executive Director, announced that the J. Kirk Glenn Endowment Fund for the benefit of Crisis Control Ministry had been established at the Winston-Salem Foundation. Immediately afterward, Glenn's children announced that they had made the first contribution to the endowment fund in his honor.

Glenn was also roasted by presenters Jim Hanes, who related stories about Kirk's childhood, and Graham Bennett, who told about rooming with Glenn at UNC Chapel Hill and Glenn's resourcefulness in stretching a dollar for all it's worth.

Both agreed, however, that Glenn's heart



Crisis Control Photo

Winston-Salem Foundation leader Scott Wierman with J. Kirk Glenn Jr.

was at Crisis Control Ministry and that he didn't miss an opportunity to raise awareness and money for the Ministry.

Margaret Elliott unveiled a "portrait" of Glenn, which was a caricature drawn by local

artist Nat Belin, and presented it to him on behalf of the staff and board of Crisis Control.

The gala raised about \$50,000 for Crisis Control Ministry.