

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

**Teen Open House at Y this evening**

The Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Rd., will be hosting an open house on this evening (Aug. 14) from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Y's Teen Room. There will be hot dogs and performances by the Jazzy Jumpers, Boss Drummers and Y Movements. The event is an excellent time for teens to visit the YMCA to learn about its wealth of programs.

### Forsyth Academy Open House

Forsyth Academy, 5426 Shattalon Dr., will have an Open House Monday, Aug. 18 as part of its 10 year anniversary celebration. The event will include a hot dog supper, free family portraits and gift card drawings. This will be a floating event from 4 - 8 p.m. in the gym. The school starts back on Aug. 20.

### Big Four tickets for sale

Tickets for this year's Big Four Dance will go on sale Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carl H. Russell Recreation Center on Carver School Road. The dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Benton Convention Center. Tickets are \$25 each. Personal checks will not be accepted.

This year's Big Four Celebration, hosted by the Atkins High School Alumni Association, will feature activities Oct. 23-26. The Big Four Celebration is a reunion of alumni and friends of the cities' four historically black high schools - Anderson, Atkins, Carver and Paisley. For additional information or ticket sales, contact Sheila Astrop at 336-744-1228.

### Support group for women with murdered loved ones

Broken Hearts, Better Days, a new support group for women 18 and older who have experienced the murder of a loved one, will hold meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month starting Aug. 26. Meetings will be from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Green Street Methodist Church, 639 South Green St. Broken Hearts, Better Days is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, or institution. Members of any faith, or no faith, are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Paula at 336-749-4691 or go to [www.vigilsforhealing.org](http://www.vigilsforhealing.org).

### School supply collection

The Downtown Winston-Salem Farmers' Market will host a Back-to-School Supply collection effort on Tuesday, Aug. 12, Thursday, Aug. 14, Tuesday, Aug. 19 and Thursday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day. Supplies can be dropped off at the Market, which is between Cherry and Sixth streets. School supplies collected will be donated to the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools to assist students in need. For more information, call 724-2474.



Rep. Womble presents the Work Ethic Award to Bretina Peck.



Mayor Joines presents Keenan McMahan with an award.

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## JOB WELL DONE

Teens complete summer jobs program

BY TODD LUCK  
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Several Carver High School students were honored for work well done last week as their summer jobs program came to an end.

Eleven students were assigned to summer jobs through an experimental YWCA program called STRIDES. The program aims to prevent students from dropping out of high school, and includes tutoring and self improvement activities. This summer, the STRIDES teens were placed at local businesses and agencies for eight-week paid.

Saturday at the Glade Street YWCA, the teens celebrated the end of their work experiences at a luncheon. STRIDES Coordinator Michael Hall said he was pleased with the community's involvement in the program. The Goler Community Development Corp., Grace Healthcare and The Children's Home were among those that took on an intern. Centenary United Methodist Church allowed STRIDES to use its facility for the tutoring component of the program.

"It just doesn't take that motivation from the home, it takes motivation from within our own personal communities," said Hall.

Dana Suggs attended the luncheon to sing the praises of the intern that worked at her Trade Street boutique, Body & Soul, which she owns and operates with her husband, Michael.

Suggs said she had become jaded towards the work ethic of young people, until the disciplined and conscientious Brain Thompson changed her perspective. Suggs said STRIDES taught her lessons as well.

"It's not just for you guys, it's also for us, to keep us in check, to keep us fresh," she said.



Kenny Uqdah speaks.

"We need to work along with you and to be there for you because you're not alone."

The interns had positive things to say about their experiences as well. Keenan McMahan, who hopes to pursue a career in counseling, interned at the Children's Home. He said his job required doing a lot of research and wisely managing his time.

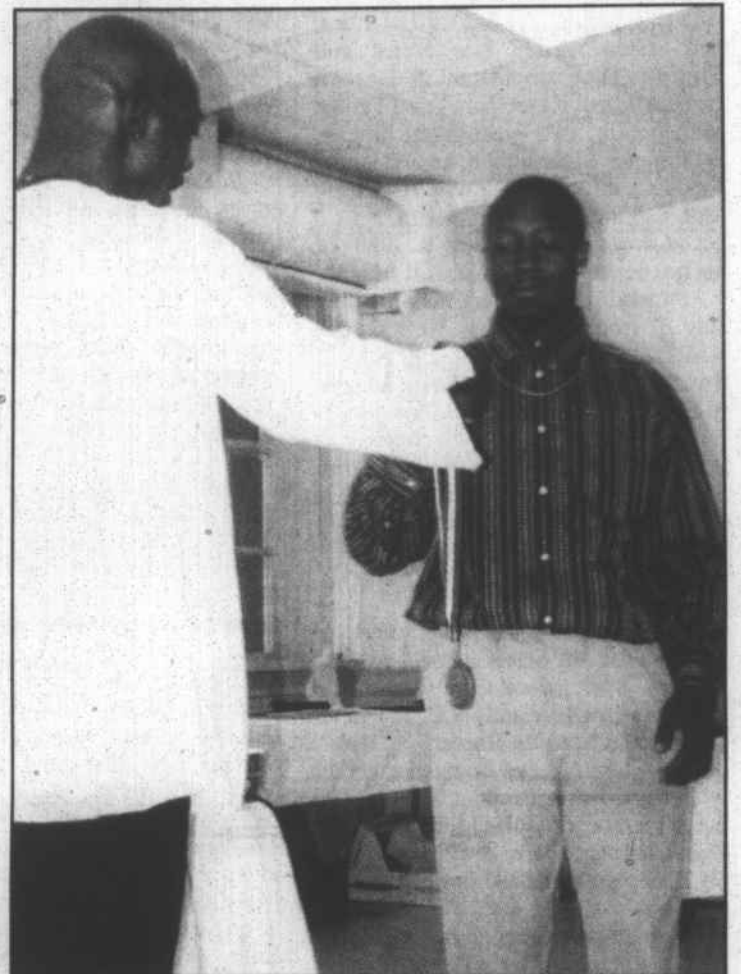
"It just gave me a big experience. It was challenging," said McMahan.

Kenny Uqdah interned at the YWCA, working with the agency's youth program. He said that it was a big responsibility that taught him how to communicate with young people.

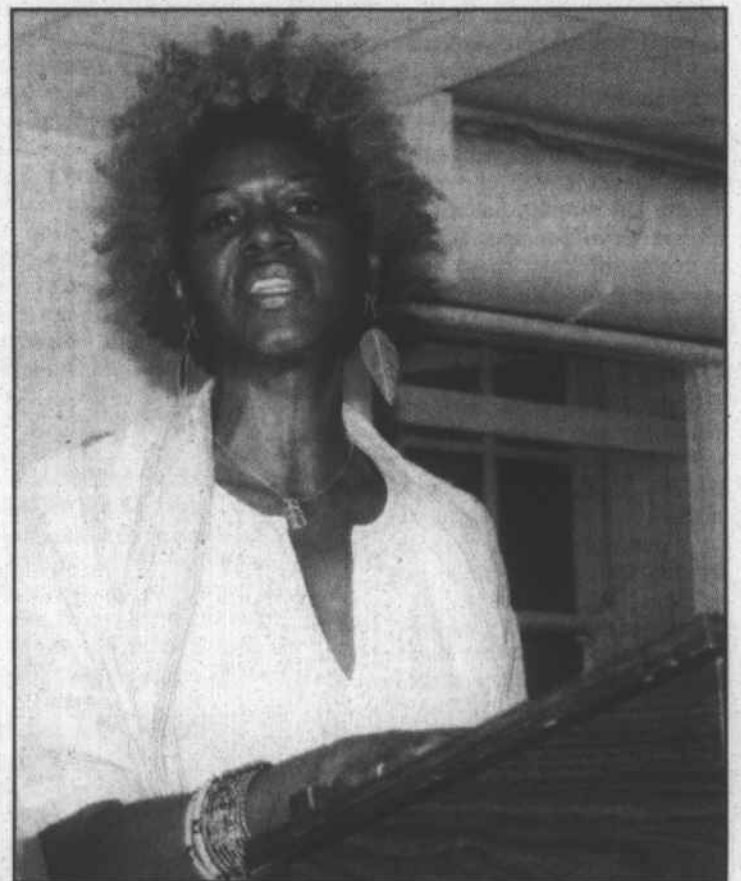
"This STRIDES program is a big success in helping me be a responsible person and a leader to other youth," said Uqdah.

N.C. Representative Larry Womble and Mayor Allen Joines attended the luncheon and urged the teens to keep in mind all the things they've learned this summer. Both local leaders told the teens that it took the guidance of others to get them where they are today.

STRIDES is a collaboration of YWCA, the city-county school system and Exchange/SCAN. It's funded by a grant from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Currently, plans are in the works to have STRIDES again next year in at least one high school in Winston-Salem.



Chris Douglas receives the Team Player medal.



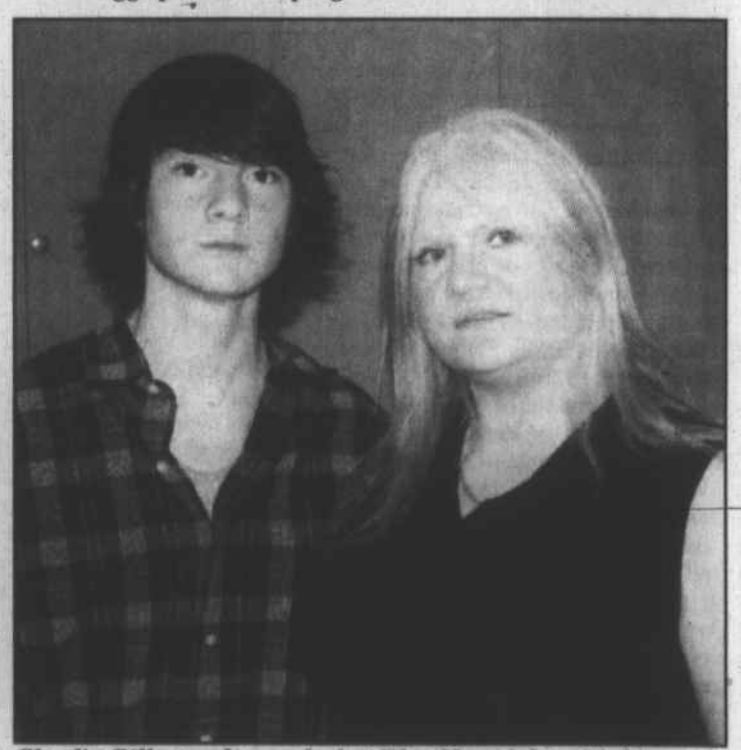
Dana Suggs praises the program.



Tilden Wilson accepts his award.



Mayor Joines presents an award to Kadeem Young-Kelly.



Charlie Gilbert, who worked at The Chronicle, with his mother, Nancy McGee.