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The Old North State Medical Society is among the groups and organizations that will be paying tribute to the next president, Barack Obama.

# Medical society has gift for Obama

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DURHAM — The nation's oldest association of black physicians is ringing in the new.

On Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, The Old North State Medical Society will present America's first African American president, Barack Obama, with a commemorative book full of greetings and congratulations from North Carolina admirers and well-wishers who cannot travel to Washington D.C. to attend but want to be there in spirit to mark this moment-in-history.

According to Old North State Medical Society (ONSMS) Executive



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Director Thea Monet, the "Commemorative Book of Wishes" will include photographs, congratulatory statements of support, and personal well-wishes from individuals, sororities, fraternities, churches and other organizations who want to honor Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, their families, and the historic inauguration. Photographs in the book will include those taken of President-elect Obama's visits to North Carolina. Monet said they are taking names of well-wishers to be inscribed in the commemorative book through Jan. 7.

"President-elect Barack Obama has rekindled the hope and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He fosters a climate of inclusion that affirms that even the least of us has a voice," said Monet. "The Commemorative Book of

Wishes' represents an expression of that voice."

Monet said signers of the book will receive an official certificate that will be historic, something to be shown to children and to their children. Signature forms and commemorative books are available for purchase online at the organization's website, ONSMS.org. Tax deductible donations and proceeds from the sale of the book and signature inclusions will be used to help the nonprofit organization fund projects that help address health disparities that affect the state's communities. She said funds will also be used to host forums to discuss how ONSMS can participate in furthering the cause of health care reform.

ONSMS is also hosting a VIP Inaugural Celebration and Parade on Inauguration Day in Raleigh. The day's events will include a viewing party and swearing-in ceremony, a VIP Inaugural Lunch, and a parade to held at 2 p.m.

Founded in 1886, Old North State Medical Society is the nation's oldest association of black physicians representing the interests of 2,200 African American physicians in North Carolina. As a 501-(c) (3) nonprofit organization, it has spent the last 122 years working to improve health outcomes for African Americans and other people of color and those of lowest wealth.

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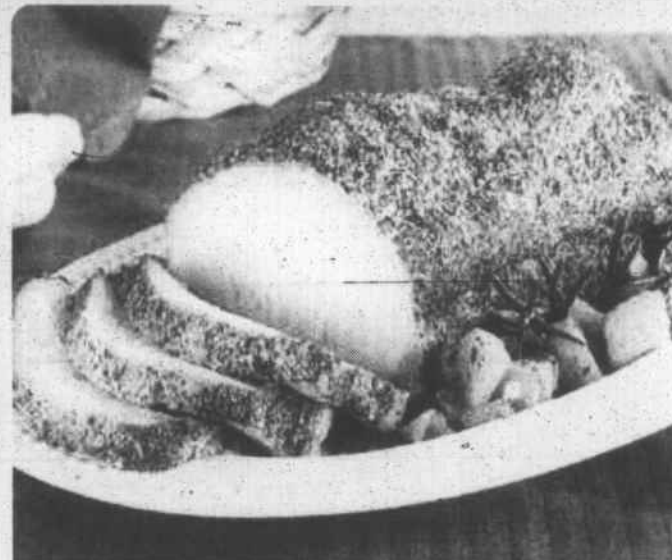


N.C. A&T State University Chancellor Stanley F. Battle, (left) A&T School of Education Dean Dr. Ceola Ross Baber and Guilford County Schools Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green take a moment to pose for the camera at a reception held recently in the new superintendent's honor. The event took place in the university's new School of Education building. Members of N.C. A&T Board of Trustees, administrators and invited guests welcomed Green to Guilford County and the A&T community.

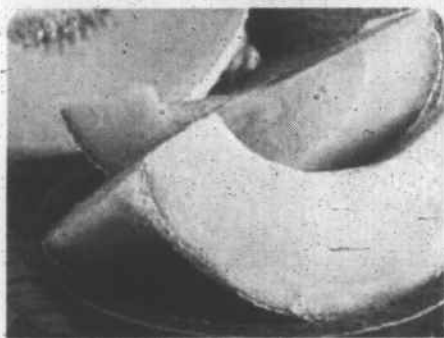
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