

Applications sought for free youth science program

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The Science and Technology Enrichment Program (STEP) at North Carolina A&T State University is currently accepting applications. The free, six-week nonresidential program will be held June 15-July 24, 2009. It runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program is designed for rising high school juniors and seniors, 16-18 years-old, interested in majoring in chemistry or a related field at the college level. The student must have completed (by the end of current year) one year of chemistry and algebra 2 with a grade of "B" or better, a SAT score of 800 or better (ACT score of 3 or better), G.P.A. of 3.0 (unweighted) or better in science and math courses. The application deadline is Feb. 14.

The program introduces college level science courses that will help prepare the next generation of scientists and scholars through an intensive "minds-on" and "hands-on" experience. Subjects include analytical chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, biotechnology and scientific writing.

Lunch for the participants will be provided at the college cafeteria. A limited stipend will also be provided. One hundred percent attendance is required to receive the stipend. The STEP program also hires two high school science and/or technology teachers per summer and they serve as mentors for the students.

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Excellence in Education winners Wilma Clark, Ronald Hauser, Regenia Huntley, Shirley Mathis, Rodney Ellis Sr., Carol Montague Davis, Dr. Kenneth Simington, Kimberly Wesley, Judith Whitmire-Bryant and President Valeria Clark Edwards.



Young Educator honorees Jeremy Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Jimeka Johnson and Adreian Meriweather.



Distinguished Educator honorees Regina H. Elcock, Gwendolyn Greene, Vera C. Hillian, Betty A. Jeffers, Marie Matthews, Fran B. Oates, Willie Richardson and Marjorie Wallace.

Beta Lambda Chapter honors local educators and others

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The Beta Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. held its 7th Annual Excellence in Education Vital Issues Breakfast late last year at the Hawthorne Inn. The theme was, "Young, Gifted, and Black: Promoting the Destiny of African American Males."

The event included an Educator's Proclamation from the office of Mayor Allen Joines, which was read by Norma Corley and a musical tribute by Parkland High School student Queyshawna Hall. Judge Denise Hartsfield resoundingly delivered the keynote address to support the



Classified Educators honorees Gloria Mackin, Gloria Robinson, Ben Mickens, Leslie O'Neal Jr. and Earnest Squire Jr.

plight of our African American males.

Several educators from the Winston-Salem Forsyth

County School System were honored during the breakfast in the categories of "Young Educators" (those with five



Special honorees Judge Denise Hartsfield and Rev. Sir Walter Mack Jr.

years or less experience); "Excellence in Education" (for

educators actively engaged in the teaching field); and "Distinguished Educators" (retired educators).

This year the group included "Classified Educators" which includes teacher assistants, bus drivers, secretaries and custodians.

The Rev. Sir Walter Mack received the Chapter's local Citation Award for his support of education. Hartsfield received the Chapter's nomination for the Sorority's Eastern Regional Award.

President Valeria Clark Edwards gave special thanks to Patsy Squire and Doris Herrell, along with their committee members, for staging the event.

Wake students to take part in Obama debates

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Marie-Odile Hobioka, a senior philosophy major from Merrimack, N.H., and Rohit Nath, a senior economics major from Phoenix, Ariz., are the two Wake Forest University students that will join students from five other universities to debate the priorities of the Obama administration at a Smithsonian Institution event tied to the presidential inauguration.

The debates will take place in Washington on Jan 19 at the National Museum of Natural History's Baird Auditorium.

The Inaugural Debate Series is presented by the National Museum of African American History and Culture in cooperation with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Debate Consortium, with support from the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Top collegiate debaters will debate key issues facing the new administration. Wake Forest students will meet students from Michigan State University to debate energy and climate change.

The debates mark the formal launch of the Debate Consortium, an initiative to help historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) develop the capacity to field high quality debate on crucial public policy issues. Two of the schools participating in the Jan. 19 event, Voorhees College and Fayetteville State University, are historically black institutions that have made a commitment to revive debate on their campuses. Other teams participating in the debate series include the University of Mary Washington and the University of Southern California.

"We're thrilled and proud to be a part of the activities surrounding this historic inauguration, especially since we have the opportunity to lend Wake Forest's debate tradition to the efforts to revive the tradition of debate at HBCUs," said Ross Smith, director of debate at Wake Forest. "Outreach and promotion of debate in the public sphere is an important part of our mission."

Wake Forest University won the National Debate Championship in 2008.

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