

Schools hand out their MLK Awards

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Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services at Wake Forest University, and Wake Forest senior Trayonna Floyd received the WFU/WSSU MLK Building the Dream Award Jan. 19 at Wake Forest.

The award recognizes one professor/administrator and one student from each of the two universities for their efforts to promote racial diversity and harmony. Recipients are nominated by faculty, staff and students at their respective universities and are selected by a committee of faculty, staff and student representatives from each school.

This year's recipients from Winston-Salem State University were Larry Little, associate professor of political science, and senior Ronald C. Williams.

Holmes joined Wake Forest in 1987. In the award presentation, he was recognized for his long-time, behind-the-scenes efforts as an advocate for diversity and multiculturalism in every office in the Division of Student Life. He was also recognized for establishing Wake Forest's Mission of Good Hope service trip at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa. During the trip, students travel to Kayamandi Township to conduct a computer literacy program for local citizens.

The trip was the first international service trip established at Stellenbosch University and is the only Wake Forest international service-learning program that includes participants from another university. Holmes created a partnership with WSSU in which students from both universities participate in the trip.

Floyd, a senior from Gastonia, is a sociology major with a minor in women's and gender studies at Wake Forest. A dean's list student, she was honored not only for her leadership in both campus and community activities, but also for her strong faith and family values.

As a president's aide in the Office of the President, Floyd works as an ambassador at major university events and a liaison between the student body and the university's president and board of trustees.

She was recognized for numerous other activities, including representing the state of North Carolina in an annual program for The Children's Defense Fund; co-leading a Wake Forest Alternative Spring Break service trip to Stephens, Ark., where she and 14 other students mentored and encouraged local high school students to apply to college;



Floyd



Little



Holmes

working as a research assistant at the Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice; and working with the Twin-City Leadership Committee to promote leadership, community involvement and collegiate unity among three local universities.

An aspiring lawyer, Floyd also interned at The Children's Law Center of Winston-Salem where she served as Guardian Ad Litem for children in domestic violence and high conflict custody cases. During her internship, she wrote a grant for \$20,000, which was awarded to the agency.

WSSU Professor Larry Little is known throughout the city, state and nation for his work as an activist and freedom fighter. A former member of the Winston-Salem City Council, Little has been fighting for the rights of blacks and the disfranchised for decades.

In the 1970s, he helped make the city's Black Panther Party one of the most progressive and innovative in the

nation. In the 1980s, he began a two decade long fight to free Darryl Hunt, a black man convicted of a murder that he did not commit. Hunt was freed just five years ago and credits Little for never giving up on him.

No information about WSSU senior Williams was available to The Chronicle at press time.

Each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the WFU/WSSU MLK Committee honors the "Building the Dream" recipients at a dinner and co-sponsors and alternates hosting a keynote event featuring a well-known guest speaker. This year's dinner was held at Wake Forest and the keynote event was held at WSSU. The keynote speaker was actress and political activist Ruby Dee.

Energetic step show to benefit youth foundation

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To many, this is a year of hope, so in that spirit, the ScottCares Foundation is sponsoring an event that will give college students a platform to express their admiration and pay homage to a past, or present, leader through the art of stepping.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to embracing the arts, while teaching and promoting computer literacy and technology.

On Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., the Foundation will host its 2nd Annual step show, "Leaders of Tomorrow Stomp the Yard," in Salem College's Hanes Auditorium. The show will feature various Greek and non-Greek organizations from local colleges and universities exhibiting honor to their chosen leader of the past, or of today, through step routines.



Abdul-Salaam

that they are a leader in their own right," said Scott Abdulsalaam, president and founder of the ScottCares Foundation, and member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated. "But for one to be a great leader, one must follow such footsteps. With that said, we are allowing these young minds to go off, and create something brilliant that will not only inspire those who come out to this show, but will inspire them to be great, if not greater, than the leaders they will pay homage to."

The show is co-sponsored by Salem College's Black Americans Demonstrating Unity (BADU).

The winning group - the one that best exemplifies the show's theme - will walk (or stomp) away with a trophy and a cash prize.

"When young men and women become members of Greek organizations, it proves

Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the door (which will open at 6:30), at www.scottcaresnc.org or by calling 336-766-4111.

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