

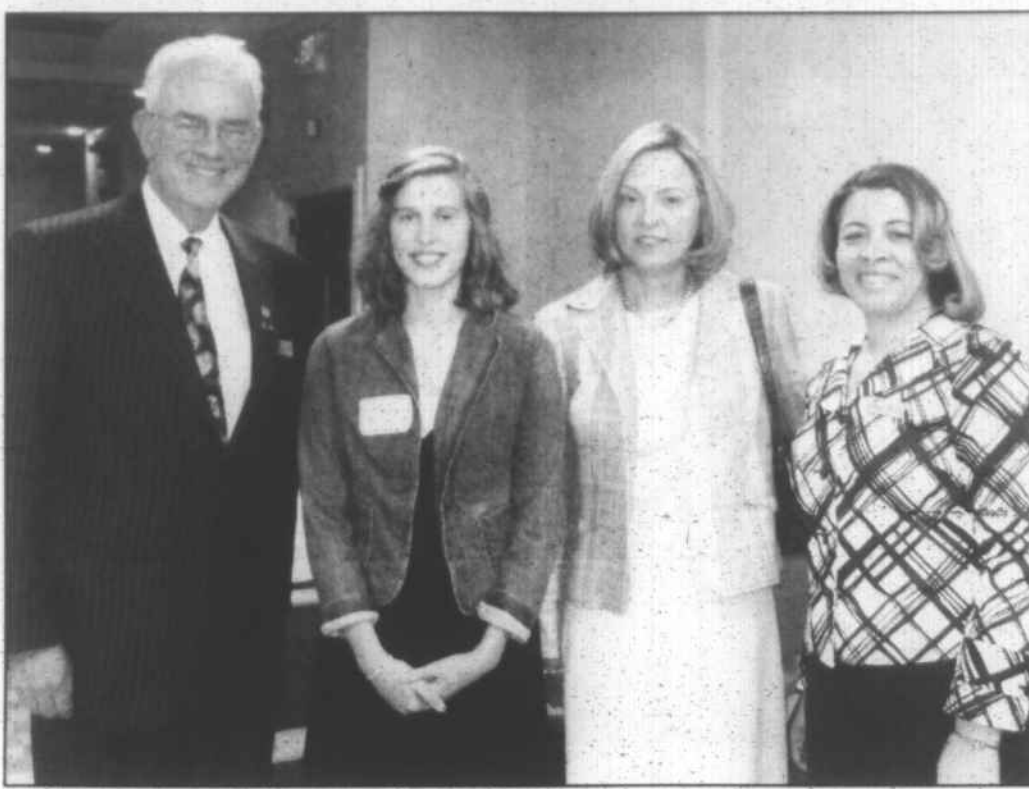
Crosby Scholars hands out honors

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The Crosby Scholars Program, which helps local middle and high school students prepare themselves academically, personally and financially for college, recently held its year-end recognition banquet.

A number of students were honored for their work in and outside of the classroom. They include Amanda Hancock of Carver High School; Carmen Caruthers of Glenn High School; and Melvin Aikens of Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy. They received special recognition for being Crosby Scholars who were ranked at the top of their classes at the end of the last semester.

One thousand dollar BBB Student of Integrity Awards, based on a student's character, leadership, and contributions to the community, went to Atkins High's Franklin Stowe; Carver's Reynita McMillan; East Forsyth's Lindsey Ballard; Glenn's Cailie Cullen; Middle College's Da'Shaun McIntyre; Mt. Tabor's London Alpete; North Forsyth's Alaina Thum; Parkland's Rashad



Superintendent Don Martin with Michael Nachman Scholarship winner Camilla Powierza, Deborah Best, Crosby Scholars board member; and Mona Lovett, executive director of the Crosby Scholars Community Partnership.

Wilkerson; Reagan's Isabel Echeverri; Reynolds' Ian Hill; West Forsyth's Nicole West; and Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy's Melvin Aikens Jr.

The \$250 Harry Scofield

Memorial Book Scholarship, named for a lifelong educator and Crosby Scholar volunteer, went to West Forsyth's Kelly Parsons, who will enroll at UNC Chapel Hill to double major

in journalism and political science.

Each year, the program honors students who rank in the top 10 percent of the senior class of Crosby Scholars based on their cumulative

weighted grade point average at the end of the first semester of their senior year.

This year's honorees were: Mt. Tabor's Shannon Taylor (going to MIT); Parkland's Sana Tariq (going to UNC Chapel Hill); Parkland's Kyle Fageol (going to UNC Chapel Hill); West's David Lung (going to Duke University); Parkland's Rashad Wilkerson (going to UNC Chapel Hill); Parkland's Ryan Thamm (going to Georgia Tech); Reynolds' Alex Greven (going to Emory University); West's Lauren Mickey (going to UNC Chapel Hill); Parkland's Victoria Cook (going to UNC Chapel Hill); and Camilla Powierza of Mt. Tabor (going to UNC Chapel Hill). Powierza also won the Michael Nachman Scholarship, which is worth \$2,000 a year for four years. The scholarship goes to the Crosby Scholar student with the highest cumulative weighted grade point average. Powierza is ranked #2 out of 403 seniors at Mt. Tabor. She scored a perfect 800 SAT math score and a nearly perfect SAT writing score.



Dr. Lee David Legette

Legette wins teaching honors

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Dr. Lee David Legette is the recipient of Winston-Salem State University's 2008 - 2009 Wachovia Excellence in Teaching Award and the Cedric S. Rodney Distinguished Service Award. Both awards were presented to Dr. Legette during the Annual Faculty Awards Luncheon on Monday, May 11.

The Wachovia Excellence in Teaching Award is one of the highest teaching awards that the university bestows upon its faculty. The Cedric S. Rodney Distinguished Service Award, named for a longtime, respected member of the school's faculty, is given to an individual who has performed superior service to the university, the profession, and/or the wider community as evidenced by activities which extend beyond normal expectations, unique contributions, or long-standing leadership and impact on the university and beyond.

Legette is a professor of music in the Department of Fine Arts. He teaches saxophone and music education methods courses and conducts a university jazz ensemble. Additionally, he leads several small ensembles that he founded, including the Ramsax Quartet and the Reminiscence Jazz Combo. He also chairs the WSSU Lyceum Cultural Events Series.

Dr. Legette holds B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in instrumental music education from Fayetteville State University, the University of Iowa and the Florida State University, respectively. He received further study at the Eastman School of Music. Prior to joining the faculty at WSSU in 1990, he taught and directed bands at Fayetteville State and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

He has over 26 years of teaching experience and five years' experience in administrative affairs. Dr. Legette is active locally and regionally as a performer and clinician. Currently, he is principal alto saxophonist with the Piedmont Wind Symphony, and has been one of its featured soloists. Additionally, he has performed with many well known recording and stage personalities such as Joe Henderson, Red Skelton, Jackie Harry, Javon Jackson, Cab Calloway, Rufus Thomas, Red Rodney, the Temptations, Freddie Hubbard, Ira Sullivan, John Faddis, Louie Bellison, Robert Trowers, Pharoah Sanders, Clarence Carter, Freda Payne, Stanley Turrentine, Ernie Watts, McCoy Tyner, Arturo Sandoval, Nicholas Payton, Paul Anka, Antonio Hart, Dianne Schuur, Ronnie Milsap, Three Dog Night, Dionne Warwick and Al Jarreau.

He was a finalist in the ASCAP Competition for Young Composers and has had arrangements performed and recorded by the Eastman Studio Jazz Orchestra. He is a member of the North Carolina Music Educator Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, the Intercollegiate Music Association, Inc and the American Educational Research Association.

He is the son of Hattie Lee Legette and the late Leroy Legette of Marion, S.C.



The crowd gathered at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church reads the litany.

CHANGE gets new commitments from city leaders

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More than 700 representatives from dozens of member congregations were on hand at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church on Sunday, May 3, for CHANGE's Spring Delegates' Assembly.

CHANGE is a nonpartisan, multi-racial, multi-faith and multi-institutional organization that develops community campaigns that engage residents in grass-roots efforts to better their community.

At the assembly, CHANGE clergy and lay leaders reported on recent community campaigns that CHANGE has undertaken related to health and education.

"We have currently been focused on developing preventative and proactive strategies to protect our children and their households from lead poisoning," said the Rev. Kelly Carpenter, co-chair of the CHANGE Strategy Team. "We also want to ensure a fair and rehabilitation-focused disciplinary system in our schools, and an open, non-partisan process to elect the best school board members for our children, whether they are Democrat, Republican or Independent."

CHANGE obtained the following commitments from community leaders related to these concerns during the assembly:

School Superintendent Dr. Don Martin committed to move forward with reforming Griffith Academy and updating the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' disciplinary procedures.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines



The crowd sings "We Shall Overcome."

agreed to work with CHANGE in applying for a HUD grant to remove lead poisoning from homes, as well as meet with our Economic Development Action Team within 60 days.

N.C. State House Representatives Earline Parmon and Larry Womble updated the assembly regarding the bill to make local school board elections non-partisan, and reiterated their commitment to continue shepherding the

bill through the state legislature.

In addition, CHANGE announced the results of its recent round of community House Meetings held within its member congregations and organizations, providing input toward the development of its community campaign agenda for the coming months and years. Dozens of House Meeting discussions were held throughout the community in March and April, involv-

ing hundreds of local residents, and CHANGE reported that it will move forward with the creation of a new Economic Development Action Team in response to the current economic crisis, and will adapt Education and Healthcare Action Teams, which have engaged in recent successful community campaigns in order to address new issues identified in these areas by the House Meeting process.