



Scholarship winner Freddie Alford with Michelle Ward.

Photos by Todd Luck

## THE WARD WAY

Scholarship goes to teen that shows qualities similar to those of late photographer

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For many years, Howard Ward was a part of the Winston Lake Family YMCA Black Achievers Gala. The pictures that he took at the annual event have chronicled the young men and women who have received thousands of dollars in college scholarship money through the program.

Ward passed away in January at the age of 84, and was missed greatly at this year's Gala in May. Though he couldn't be there in the flesh, snapping away with his camera, he was definitely there in name and spirit.

The Black Achievers presented the Howard Ward Leadership Scholarship to Freddie Alford, who earned it for his leadership and involvement at the YMCA and the community. Those qualities exemplified Ward, according to Spencer McCall, Winston Lake YMCA teen program director.

"(Ward) was well received and well known across the state," said McCall. "He was involved in many different organizations, from fraternities, to the Masons, to education groups ... he was very well rounded. I think this scholarship chooses a student who is a leader, but also very well rounded."

Ward's involvement with the Y went way beyond taking pictures. He served on many Y boards. A teacher for more than 30 years, Ward spent his retirement as one of the city's most beloved freelance photographers. But when it came to the Y, his camera skills were always free of charge.

Ward's family took notice

of his dedication to the Winston Lake Y when he passed away. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Y. McCall decided to use the donated money to help start the scholarship. McCall wanted this scholarship to be different from other Black Achiever scholarships, which require recipients to go on to college. The recipient of the \$500 Ward scholarship can be college-bound, but it's not a requirement.

Alford, a senior at Mt. Tabor High School, will graduate Saturday and plans to enlist in the Air Force when he turns 18.

"I feel honored to be able to get a scholarship, that someone thinks enough of me as a person and as a leader to give me such a prestigious scholarship named after a ... generous and giving person who was always there for Black Achievers," said Alford.

Alford has served as the president of the Black Achievers for the last year. In that position, he's sat in on Y board meetings, organized trips and developed fundraising concepts. He's been in Black Achievers, an academic achievement and career development program for middle and high school students, for three years. He said the program has helped him when it comes to interacting with others and speaking in public.

The scholarship was presented to Alford by Howard Ward's daughter, Michelle. She said the family was "elated" when they heard about the scholarship. Michelle Ward, who is a photographer in her own right, knows that the honor would've put a big grin on her father's face.

"Daddy loved people," said Michelle Ward. "He loved people, he loved being in all kinds of organizations, and talking to all kinds of

people. He was motivator, he loved to motivate people and bring the best out of kids."

## News Clips

### RibFest will feature Digital Underground, Vanilla Ice, more

The annual Texas Pete Twin City RibFest is moving to the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds this year. The June 11-14 event will feature 11 nationally recognized rib teams selling their barbecue and vying for awards. A slate of musical acts including H a l Ketchum, Digital Underground, Vanilla Ice and the Craig Woolard Band are also scheduled to perform.

Allen McDavid of AKA Entertainment & Media, the event's producer, says "Nowhere else in this area can you see the quality of entertainment we have for a mere \$6 admission fee."

He added that while he is excited about the prospects, the larger venue presents he regrets having to leave downtown.

"It's [Downtown] been good to me and the folks with the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership were supportive from the very beginning. I hope I can bring another festival downtown in the future but the RibFest belongs



Vanilla Ice

at the Fairgrounds and the folks there have been very easy to work with."

### Tournament to benefit SCAN

The Winston-Salem Regional Association of Realtors (WSRAR) and the Winston-Salem Mortgage Lenders Association (WSMLA) will present the 19th Annual Shugart Enterprises Tee Off Against Child Abuse golf tournament on Thursday, June 18 at Tanglewood Park.

All proceeds benefit SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now); a local non-profit organization, dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Through this tournament, WSRAR has raised more than \$365,000 for SCAN over the past 18 years.

For more information about the tournament, including sponsorship opportunities and Golf Ball Drop tickets, contact Heather Miller at 336-768-5560 or go to [www.teeoffagainstchildabuse.com](http://www.teeoffagainstchildabuse.com).

### Habitat seeks summer volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County is seeking groups and individuals to volunteer on construction sites this summer. Volunteers must be ages 16 and up and no construction experience is necessary. Non-construction volunteer opportunities are also available.

Volunteers are particularly needed in the summer, when many of Habitat's "regular" volunteers are on vacation, said Sherry Flynn, Volunteer Services Director of Habitat Forsyth.

"Most people who have volunteered to build on a Habitat home have found the

experience to be very enriching. It's a great way to learn new skills, meet new friends and give back to the community, all at the same time," she said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for church groups as well as high school and college students who are home for the summer and have extra time they could devote to community service."

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Flynn at 336-765-8854, ext. 105 or [s he e r ry.flynn@habitatforsyth.org](mailto:sheerflynn@habitatforsyth.org).

### Wells new chair-elect of United Way

R. Michel Wells Sr., a partner with the law firm Wells, Jenkins, Lucas & Jenkins, was recently elected as the secretary and chairman-elect of the United Way of Forsyth County. He was also recently honored as one of the most influential leaders in the Triad by the Triad Business Journal.

### Goodwill opens donation center in Mocksville

Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina opened an attended donation center (ADC) in Mocksville Marketplace Shopping Center next to the Food Lion. Goodwill accepts donations of gently used clothing and household items that can be sold in its retail stores to underwrite workforce development programs.

The Mocksville ADC is open seven days a week, Monday - Saturday from 8 am to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. During these hours of operation, an attendant is present to assist with donations and to provide a donation receipt, if desired.

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Howard Ward II and Michelle Ward hold a frame with two images of their father, Howard Ward.