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NewBridge President Pressley Ridgill

NewBridge Bank gives \$85,600 to area schools

NewBridge Bank has given \$85,600 to Triad area high schools that participated in the bank's recent football and cheerleading jamboree. The money - which will be applied to the schools' athletic programs - represents funds raised from the annual Jamboree, plus a donation from NewBridge Bank.

More than 450 local businesses sponsored the jamboree, which attracted a crowd of 7,000 spectators. The event included a cheer competition at NewBridge Bank Park in Greensboro and football scrimmages at Rockingham County High School and West Davidson High School.

"We are thrilled to extend this gift to enhance the athletic programs of our participating high schools," said Pressley Ridgill, NewBridge Bank's President and CEO, to the crowd of school and bank officials, team members and others. "NewBridge Bank stands firmly in its commitment to schools, and we hope that this contribution will boost our already strong athletic programs."

With last week's contribution, NewBridge Bank has given over \$ 350,000 to Piedmont Triad high schools over the last 11 years. Most of this money comes from sponsorships given by members of the community.

Winston-Salem Realtors elect leaders, board members

The Winston-Salem Regional Association of Realtors elected its 2010 officers and directors at its membership meeting on Sept. 15.

George Bell, of Allen Tate, will serve as president in 2010. Penny Boyles, of Carolina Farms and Homes Real Estate, will be president-elect. Tom Johnson, of T.E. Johnson & Sons, Inc., will serve as secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the WSRAR Board of Directors were Curtis Leonard, Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate; Janel Hensley, RE/MAX Realty Consultants; and Brad Hunter and Susan Maier, Prudential Carolinas Realty. Returning board members are Kristina Farrell, Paul McGill, Richard Miller and Wendy Taylor.

Elected to the N.C. Association of Realtors Board of Directors were Julie Poplin, Allen Tate; and Phillip Rector, Mundy Realty.

Russell joins Miami firm

Constance D. Russell has joined Jones Walker as an associate in the Business and Commercial Litigation department. She is based at the law firm's Miami office.



Russell

Russell joins Jones Walker following a federal clerkship in Winston-Salem with the Honorable Catharine R. Carruthers, a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of North Carolina.

Russell is a 2007 graduate of the Vanderbilt University Law School, where she received her juris doctor degree. She earned a BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004.

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A&T's Dubose advances in public speaking program

Angela Dubose, who works in the university's treasurer's office at North Carolina A&T, recently completed the first section of the Toastmasters International communication program.

Dubose participated in the communications program that helps participants improve their speaking and leadership skills. To finish the program, participants must complete a series of rigorous assignments which provide instruction and practice in the basic techniques of public speaking.



Dubose

Toastmasters began in 1924 and has grown to become a world leader in helping people become more competent in front of audiences. Participation involves working with community people from a wide variety of professions and vocations.

Participants learn valuable tools to improve their work environment and business. The nonprofit organization now has nearly 250,000 members in more than 12,500 clubs in 106 countries.

Daniels named ED at Fulton Y

He has been affiliated with the organization for two decades

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Richard Daniels has been promoted to executive director of the Fulton Family YMCA, 385 West Hanes Mill Road. He is the branch's first African American leader.

"I'm excited to serve as a leader in our community and to impact people's lives and health in such a positive way," Daniels said.

He has served in various leadership roles within the YMCA of Northwest NC organization for the last 19 years. Even before then, he was associated with the Y. Daniels' mother worked at the Patterson Avenue YMCA, which was replaced with the Winston Lake Family Y in the 1980s.

"I attended Camp Civitan, played YBA [basketball] and was on the Patterson Avenue YMCA step team, so the YMCA has always been a significant part of my life," Daniels recalled. He became an employee of Y in 1991, when he landed an after school job at the Winston Lake branch. The experience left him inspired.

"Seeing the positive impact I was having on the children, especially as a role model to the young men, really drew me closer to the YMCA and its mission," said Daniels, who soon became a full-time employee with duties at the branch's front desk, Welcome Center and throughout the building. His varied work schedule helped Daniels learn all the ins and outs.

"I met with members and became involved with day-to-day operations at the branch and truly realized the opportunity at the YMCA," he said. "I knew that working at the YMCA was what I wanted to do. It was my calling."

Daniels' devotion and hard work led to a series of promotions at the Winston Lake Y. He became the front desk supervisor, then a membership specialist, a business manager, and then membership director after that. He was named associate executive director of the branch in 2004.

Daniels left his beloved Winston Lake in 2007, when he was promoted to associate executive director of the Central Family YMCA (now called the William G. White Jr. Family YMCA).

"I've had the opportunity to work with Richard for the last six-plus years at both the Winston Lake Family and William G. White Jr. YMCAs, and I'm impressed with the growth he has shown," said Curt Hazelbaker, president and CEO of the YMCA of Northwest NC Association. "The executive director position at the Fulton Family YMCA is a good next step for him, and I look forward to his leadership both there and throughout our Association. I'm excited for Richard and his family."

As executive director, Daniels' new

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Daniels



Laura Esleek presents the Red Shoe Award to Robert Froyssell and Donna Oldham, right.

Filling Some Big Shoes

Dell earns award for RMH service

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem Ronald McDonald House has presented Dell, Inc. with its Corporate Red Shoe Award.

The honor recognizes Dell's four-year long partnership with the Ronald McDonald House, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. This partnership includes regular "Dell Days" at the House, where Dell employees volunteer their time to clean, fold laundry, cook and do yard work. Last year, Dell employees began helping the Ronald McDonald House's Luminary Project fundraiser by sorting and assembling bags for the Christmastime endeavor.

Dell employees around the world have given their time freely to worthy community service projects. The leadership team at the Forsyth County Dell facility - Mehran Ravanpay (director of operations); Donna



The Winston-Salem Ronald McDonald House on Hawthorne Road.

Oldham (senior communications consultant); and Robert Froyssell (senior manager) direct local volunteer efforts.

Froyssell and Oldham accepted the honor last week from Laura Esleek, the president of the Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors. The Red Shoe

Award is an honor that is designed to mirror the oversized footwear worn by Ronald McDonald.

Ronald McDonald Houses around the world serve as homes away from home for families who have to travel in order for a child to receive medical care.

Two locals part of new LNC Class

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Brenda Diggs, a former Wachovia executive and head of the Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, and Bishop J.C. Hash, the esteemed pastor and CEO of St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center, were among the elite group of 45 recently selected for the 2009-2010 class of Leadership North Carolina.

The program selects citizens who are current or emerging leaders in the state as well as in their communities and organizations to participate in the program. The class meets six times over seven months in cities across the state to explore critically important issues in five key policy areas: economic development, education, environment, government and politics, and health and human services. Leadership North Carolina's



Diggs



Hash

Class XVII is comprised of top leaders from the government, business, nonprofit and education sectors.

There are more than 700 graduates of the program whose continued ties to Leadership North Carolina and one another provide them with a high level of awareness of opportunities to serve the state. In 2009, five graduates received the prestigious Presidential Service Award for their volunteer service to Leadership North Carolina.

The other Triad class members are: Dana Beeson of Jamestown, a partner at the Davenport, Martin, Joyce and Company; Ann McCabe Beamon of Greensboro, director of Development at North Carolina A&T University; Cindy Thompson of Greensboro, the CFO of the Visiting International Faculty Program; and Marci Williams of Greensboro, a senior data administration assistant at FedEx Express.

WSSU zeros in on sci-tech students with RAMS program

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State University could receive up to \$1.75 million over the next five years to help in its effort to increase the number of African Americans entering the science and technology fields.

The school is implementing its "Raising Achievement in Mathematics and Science" (RAMS) program with a \$700,000 initial grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Contingent upon the availability of funds, the NSF expects to continue support by awarding the project an additional \$1,049,900 to carry the program through the 2013 school year.

"The RAMS program is designed to increase the number of science and mathematics majors who graduate from WSSU," said Dr. Abdul K. Mohammed, chair of the chemistry department and director of the project. "It also will support our efforts to

increase the number of those students who then enter graduate programs in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) areas."

The RAMS program will also be used as a recruiting tool at area high schools and community colleges so that the university can identify an even larger pool of students interested in pursuing STEM careers.

"In addition to providing more scholarship for STEM students, the cornerstone of the program is engaging students in research on and off campus," Mohammed added. "We believe the learning, through research-approach and providing faculty research mentors, will increase the retention and graduation rates for these students."

On Monday, WSSU also announced that it received a \$3 million U.S. Department of Education grant to enhance graduate education in the STEM areas. The funding will provide \$500,000 in support for each of the next six years.



Mohammed

