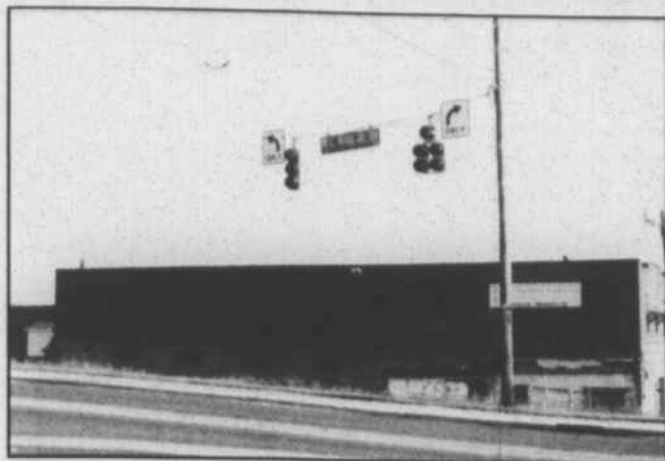


Community input sought on MLK extension plan



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City transportation planners will hold a drop-in session on Tuesday, June 22 to display options for improving existing roads as an alternative to building an extension of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive west to Reynolda Road.

The session will be held from 4-7 p.m. in the Pine Room of the YWCA, 1201 Glade St. The information will be available for review for 30 days after the meeting, online at www.DOT.CityofWS.org, and at the city DOT offices, 100 E. First St., Suite 307.

Written comments on the alternatives will be accepted through July 23. Send comments to Greg Errett, City of Winston-Salem DOT, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. Citizens may also fax comments to 748-3370 or submit them by e-mail to grege@cityofws.org.

Carter

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during last Friday's commencement ceremony in the school's gymnasium.

An audience filled with friends, family members and Carter Vocational teachers and staffers cheered loudly for each graduate as Principal Donna Horton handed out certificates.

"These kids overcame a lot. They never gave up," Horton said. "They weren't dealt the luckiest hand from the get go, but they did it anyway."

Graduate Roderick Phelps, 22, was enrolled in a traditional high school for just two weeks when his parents, Kenneth and Brenda Phelps, decided to pull him out and enroll him at Carter.

Brenda Phelps said he was "just sitting there" at the tradition school. She said at Carter, he was with his peers, constantly interacting with them and the staff.

"It was like being in high school, instead of just being in a classroom," said Brenda Phelps, who added that the school provided them with a wealth of community resources to help her find needed resources for her son.

Like other Carter students, Roderick Phelps was matched with local companies to work simple jobs for eight to 10 hours a week. Phelps plans to continue working now that he's graduated, but he isn't sure where yet.

Graduate Michelle "Mimi" Waldrep, 22, worked at a public library for her work experience. She will continue her vocational and life skills



Joyce Carter with graduate Richard Jamal Gray Jr. and Carter case manager Tasha Hayes.

training at The Enrichment Center, where she is already enrolled. She said she greatly enjoyed her time at Carter.

"We have a lot of fun doing different things," said Waldrep, who received the C. Douglas Carter Award during the graduation for excellent academics, behavior and citizenship.

Twenty-two-year-old Nga Tran also received several awards during the ceremony, including an academic award for having the highest GPA. For her work experience, she worked at Winston-Salem State University. Her duties included spotting cars without the proper parking permits for the campus police. She said she hopes that she can get a permanent job at WSSU or somewhere else doing similar work.

"That's the best job, I want to be in security," said Tran with a big smile.

The ceremony's speaker was Joyce Carter, the daughter of the school's namesake and a former teacher at the vocational school. Her late father was Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School's assistant superintendent for special instruction and served on a presidential commission on special needs education that led to the creation of new laws and regulations that benefited special needs students.

Carter praised the school's staff, saying that special education can be both frustrating and rewarding. She told each of the students to get up every morning and say, "Yes, I can."

"If you have learned anything here ... it's that you can," she added.

Last week's graduation was the last that will be held in Carter's current building on South Main Street. The school will move to the campus of



Horton



Nga Tran

Kennedy Learning Center in the fall and become known simply as Carter High School. Horton said it will give her students access to a newer, more handicap accessible building. It will also give them more exposure to typically developed students since the campus will also house Kennedy Career Technical Education High School and the new Career Center.

One thing that won't change is the staff's devotion to the students, said Horton.

"This is the richest school in the system. The richest school in the county," said Horton. "When you come here, the students and the staff give back, this is where you come to get your bucket filled up."



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Grant

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an alternative to fossil fuels, to building an electric car from the ground up, the accomplishments of the Toyota TAPESTRY recipients are truly inspiring," said Michael Rouse, Toyota's vice president of philanthropy and community affairs. "Toyota is honored to

be celebrating two decades of recognizing excellent teachers and the thousands of students who have formed passionate connections with science through the TAPESTRY program."

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and administered by the NSTA, Toyota TAPESTRY grant is the largest annual K-12 science teacher grant program in the

United States. Award-winning projects are selected from three critical areas for today's youth: environmental science; physical science; and science applications that promote literacy, for which Brady won her grant.

Over the past 20 years, Toyota has awarded more than \$9.2 million in grants to more than 1,147 teams of teachers and tens of thousands of students.

Hairston

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As Chief of Staff, she will also oversee university policies and other special projects as they arise and serve on various internal and external committees and boards. She succeeds Sharlene O'Neil, who is pursuing other career options after receiving



Brady

her master's degree in May.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the staff at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro," says Hairston. "UNCG has made great strides under the leadership of Dr. Linda Brady and other colleagues at UNCG, and I look forward to the opportunity to bring my skills and enthusiasm for higher education to help further the image of UNCG as a strong learner-centered

public research university."

Hairston graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in history. She earned her law degree at Wake as well. She is a member of the bar in North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia. She has served as the secretary of the Texas Health Resources Denton Hospital Board of Trustees and on the United Way of Denton Board of Trustees. She has also been a member of the Wake Forest University Alumni Council.


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