

CAREERS

Briefs

PART awarded NCDOT funding

As part of the N.C. Department of Transportation's ongoing commitment to improving public transportation in North Carolina, the N.C. Board of Transportation awarded \$134,051 to the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation at its recent meeting in Raleigh.

The funding will go towards reimbursing PART for operating the "Mountaineer Express," a popular intercity bus route along U.S. 421 from Greensboro to Boone. PART was originally scheduled to operate the route until June 30, with Coach America taking over operation of the route in November. To prevent any interruption in service, PART agreed to continue operating the route until November. These funds will cover eligible expenses and match \$21,101 in local funds, totaling \$155,152.

Intercity bus services are fixed-route, scheduled routes that provide long-distance transportation between North Carolina cities, as well as connections to the national intercity bus system. Ridership on the "Mountaineer Express" exceeded 14,000 in 2010.

Hagan meets with local business owners

U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan (D-NC) hosted a business roundtable with Greensboro businesses last week to listen to their concerns about the economy and discuss ways to work together to create jobs. Hagan, a member of the Senate Banking and Small Business committees, is focused on encouraging the availability of capital to businesses, which will, in turn, help create jobs.

Roundtable participants included David Powell, president/CEO of the Piedmont Triad Regional Partnership; Sam Funchess, executive director of the Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship; Lynn Douthett, NC district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Rick Eaglin, president of Anco-Eaglin; Roland Johnson, CEO of Piedmont Pharmaceuticals; Greg Bowers, president of Advvero Technologies; Karl Robinson, president of R&R Transportation; Chris Lester, co-owner of Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing Co.; and Pam Whitaker, president of Key Resources.

Tennille named VP at Excalibur

Mary Craig Tennille has been named vice president of Excalibur Advancement Services, the Winston-Salem-based firm that provides strategic communication and development solutions for educational institutions and non-profit organizations.

For the past two years, Tennille has been director of major donors and professional giving at The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, where she was responsible for cultivating major gifts and overseeing annual workplace campaigns throughout the community. Additionally, Tennille served as the liaison to The Renaissance Society, The Arts Council's top donor membership group and The Arts Council's National Advisory Council.

She played a key role in The Arts Council's Comprehensive Campaign for the Arts, a three-year, \$27.7 million capital campaign aimed at transforming Winston-Salem into a "City of Arts and Innovation" through facility upgrades and program endowment. Prior to joining The Arts Council, Tennille was development and information systems manager at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco from March 2003 through June 2008.

WSSU faculty members participate in teaching conference

Nearly 50 Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) faculty members participated in the annual Lilly Conference that focuses on college and university teaching with one group from the university winning second place in the conference poster session.

Kimya Nance, Mickey McCullough and Teresa Tyson from WSSU's Division of Nursing and Carol Wilson from Family Services, Inc. placed second with their work on a mini walk-a-thon with Family Services Head Start as part of a multi-specialty nursing service learning project.

This year's event, held recently in Greensboro, focused on evidence-based learning and teaching.

WSSU was also recognized for having the greatest number of participants at the conference and received a free membership to Teaching, Learning and Technology to further support the university's commitment to distinctive and innovative educational practices.

"I was so pleased to be affiliated with such a stellar group of scholars," said Dr. Denise Pearson, assistant provost for faculty affairs at WSSU. "I was also impressed with the quality of the three-day conference and its support of the connection between our research and our mission of providing a quality education."



Dr. Pearson

Noted professor to keynote symposium at WSSU

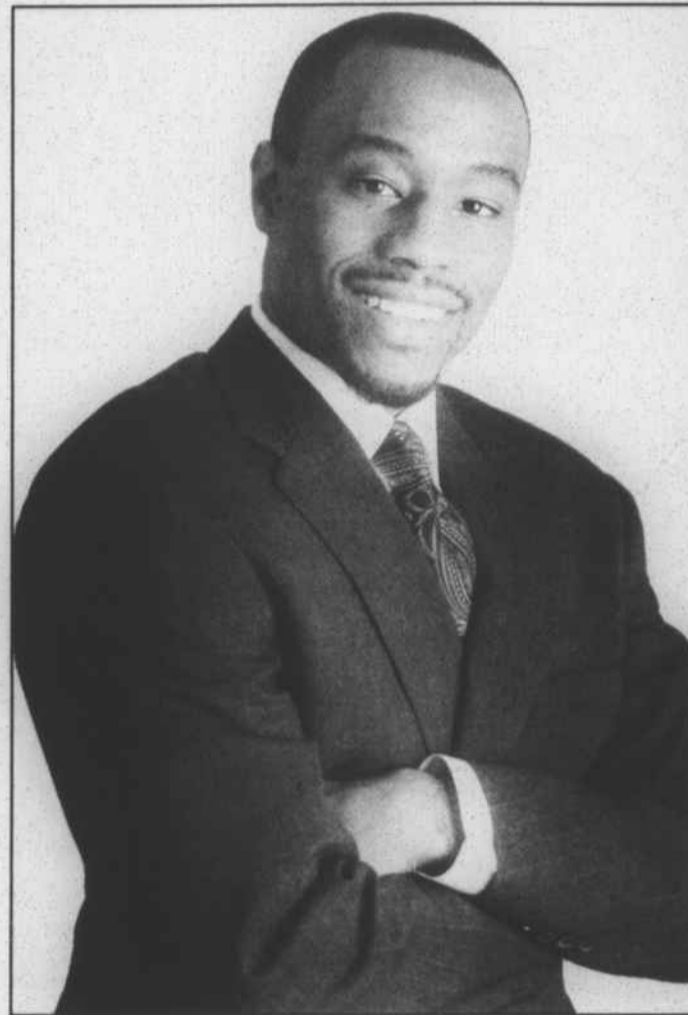
CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Professor, author and commentator Dr. Marc Lamont Hill will deliver the keynote address this evening (Thursday, Feb. 17) at 6 p.m. at the 7th Annual Black Male Symposium at Winston-Salem State University. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Dillard Auditorium in the Anderson Center.

Sponsored by the student group Black Men for Change, The Black Male Symposium examines issues related to black male upward mobility and progress to uplift black males, prepare them to be leaders, and see them through the graduation process. In past years, featured speakers have included Kevin Powell, Dr. Na'im Akbar, Spike Lee, Rev. Floyd Flake and Jim Ellis.

Hill, a Columbia University professor, is one of the leading hip-hop generation intellectuals in the country. His work, which covers topics such as hip-hop culture, politics, sexuality, education and religion, has appeared in numerous journals, magazines, books, and anthologies. Dr. Hill has lectured widely and provides regular commentary for media outlets such as NPR, Washington Post, Essence Magazine and The New York Times.

He is currently a political contributor for Fox News Channel, where he appears regularly on programs such as "The O'Reilly Factor," "Huckabee" and "Hannity." Prior to



Columbia University Professor Dr. Marc Lamont Hill often appears on popular news programs.

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Eateries team with the American Heart Association

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The American Heart Association has teamed up with WS Prime, Full Moon Oyster Bar, Milner's and New Town Bistro to raise awareness and prevention for the fight against heart disease and stroke.

These restaurants will be having heart healthy specials and discounts throughout the entire month of February. The proceeds will go to the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women awareness and prevention education program in Forsyth County. Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the U.S. and the number one killer of women in N.C.

WS Prime will be selling an herb roasted chicken breast with wild rice-wheat berry dried cranberry pilaf and sautéed haricot verts for only \$13 every night throughout the entire month of February as well as half-price off all red wine by the glass every Friday night.

Full Moon Oyster Bar is donating a percentage of profits from each glass of red wine sold during the month of February to the American Heart Association.

"We are participating because we like to help give back to the community because the community has been so good to us," says manager Rob Fox.

At Milner's, brothers John and Buddy Milner are preparing a heart healthy meal for the entire month of February. Each night, they will select a North Carolina fish and serve it with heart healthy sides. Twenty-five percent of the sales of this delectable dish will go directly to American Heart Association.

New Town Bistro has decided to make one of its most popular items the special to give back to the American Heart Association. For the entire month of February, New Town Bistro will donate \$1 from the sale of each cup of their Red Wagon hot cocoa topped with marshmallow fluff.

WFU: Every company can be eco-friendlier

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Sixty-two percent of companies in 2009 reported that they had empowered internal teams to create eco-friendly workplaces. Wake Forest University wants that percentage to be even higher. The university is offering tips that can help any department or office be a little kinder to the environment.

"It's become part of our jobs to take time to think creatively about sustainability," says Dedee DeLongpré Johnston, director of sustainability at Wake Forest.

Green teams — groups of employees who volunteer to help identify and implement specific sustainable practices in their departments — are flourishing. These programs encourage organizations to select green team "captains" to evaluate the current level of sustainable practices in an office or department and make suggestions for ways to improve. Ideas might include simple changes such as purchasing copy paper with recycled content or making available reusable mugs and utensils rather than using disposable ones. Or, changes may have more impact, like eliminating



mini-fridges in individual offices.

"Sustainability is not a one-size-fits-all concept," says DeLongpré Johnston. Each department or office has different needs. "Organizations tend to be more willing to embrace community-wide goals when they



Nanoengineering MS degree gets green-light at A&T

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

North Carolina A&T State University announced it has received approval from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors for its Master of Science in Nanoengineering Degree Program that will begin accepting students in the Fall.

A&T's Nanoengineering Department will offer the degree through the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN), an academic partnership between A&T and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. JSNN's goal is to become a world-class education and research institution that produces trained professionals that are highly sought in the fields of pharmaceuticals, defense, medicine, materials, electronics and communications.

"North Carolina A&T is gratified by the support of the UNC Board of Governors in this endeavor," said A&T Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. "Our nanoengineering program continues North Carolina A&T's growth into the most challenging and most promising new fields of research. It offers unprecedented opportunities for our students and for the businesses here in the Triad and around the world that need great researchers to realize the revolutionary promise of nanotechnology."

The new M.S. in Nanoengineering Degree Program will focus on the principles and practices of engineering at nanoscale (the size of atomic and molecular clusters) to enable innovations in the nanoengineered materials, structures and devices widely used in industries such as nanoelectronics, materials and chemicals, pharmaceuticals, textiles, defense, communications, information technology and medicine.

"The M.S. in nanoengineering strengthens the Piedmont Triad and the State of North Carolina as a producer of top talent for the health sciences and STEM-related industries that are forming the bedrock of American productivity," said A&T Provost and Vice Chancellor Linda T. Adams.

In addition to the new M.S. degree in nanoengineering, a Ph.D. in Nanoengineering has been proposed. Both degrees will be awarded by A&T.

"The approval of the M.S. in Nanoengineering Degree Program is a significant milestone in the development of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering," said James G. Ryan, founding dean of JSNN. "The development of highly skilled research talent is a critical factor in attracting companies to the Piedmont and creating jobs in the knowledge economy."



Martin

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