

Students take home Human Relations Awards

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A student from each public school in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, as well as from some private schools, was honored Feb. 24 during the 31st annual Human Relations Student Awards Banquet.

The Human Relations Commission partners with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to hold the banquet, which honors students who exemplify positive human relations in their dealings with others on such issues as race, religion and cultural differences.

"The Human Relations Commission is proud to host an event that highlights so many remarkable Winston-Salem students," stated Human Relations Commission Chairperson Jenny Viars. "No matter if a child is a three year-old or a senior in high school, the banquet shows that a young person can really make a noticeable difference in his or her community by being conscientious and respectful."

Recipients were honored for a variety of community service activities, including participation on safety patrols, service at local non-profit agencies, and development of school-wide environmental programs. Students were also recognized for less measurable deeds, such as babysitting siblings for working parents, assisting teachers in the classroom with tutoring or Spanish translation, and reaching out a welcoming hand to struggling students.

The theme of this year's banquet was "Putting Passion into Practice." Rob Stephens, the keynote speaker for the evening, is a former recipient of the Human Relations Student Award and was one of the key high school students in 2003 behind the formation of the annual Student Race Relations Forum. He now serves as the associate director of the Anti-Death Penalty Project (ADPP) for the North Carolina NAACP. Stephens delivered a message that encouraged this year's recipients to bravely continue to make a difference in their communities.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke delivered a Black History Month proclamation on behalf of the Governor's Office. Fire Chief Antony Farmer closed the evening with a unifying message for the 600 people in attendance.

Elementary School Awardees: Christian Little, Victoria Lopez, Eden Leon-Tornez, Micaela Robbins, Kaleigh Lawson, Clark Penner, Andre Anderson, Shelby Meadows, Jacob Hastings, Ja Nia Barber, Cinthia Vazquez-Segovia,



Elementary School Awardees



Middle School Awardees



High School Awardees

Kendall Britton, Dey Alfonso, Jessica Mendez, Volivia Grier, Jaya Mishra, Hugo Gallardo-Ramirez, Asheley Reid, Armani Smoot, Daniela Duenez Cruz, Ruby Rose Gallagher, Michael Peck, Lloyd Gravely Jr., Cameron Payne, Garrett Fisch, Jameia Chalmers, Maleni Cisneros-Damaso, Daniela Gomez-Campos, Michael Cody-Samuel, Cassandra Beddick, Sydney Chambers, Carson McCann, Rachel Crumpler, Carmen Hardy, Natalia Casas, Sarah Clark, Avery Chunn, Morgan Hairston, Sean Byrd and Stephanie Evans.

Middle School Awardees: Jordan Speas, Allison Hartsoe, Stephanie Ntim, Alysia Boney, Taylor Jones, Tanajah Morgan-Bush, Gwendolyn Wright, Chris Moore, Mark Machizzga, Jasmine Scott, Christopher Ingram, Grant Cain, Genesis Flores, Michael Henriquez, Jack Brannan, Osbaldo Fuentes, Jami Rojas Rodriguez, Hannah Semke, Nicole Culver and Michael Hinton.

High School Awardees: Julianna Murphy, Kaitlin Sheppard, Ingrid Martinez, Breanna Younger, Carolyn Valenta, Veronica Jimenez,

Allegra Wright, John Hermann Spiegelman, Jimmie Jeter, Alexis Manley, Antonio Matias, Allyn Holcomb, Emily Britt, Mercedes Means, Louis Williams, Sandra Asabay and Pauline Geununo.

Nontraditional Schools Awardees: Ethan Lau and Lauren Rorie.

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From left: Aundria Brown, UNCSA Chancellor John Mauceri, Urban League President/CEO Keith Grandberry and Devinron Ready.

Hamlin scholarship winners carry on black artistic legacy

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The Winston-Salem Urban League is helping to nurture the next generation of young black artists.

The Larry Leon Hamlin Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin/Urban League Endowed Scholarship at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts is awarded annually to an undergraduate student in either the UNCSA School of Design and Production or the School of Drama. Preference is given to students who will increase the diversity of the UNCSA student body.

The inaugural scholarship for 2009-2010 was awarded to Shanomie Blackwood of Brooklyn, NY, a technical design and production student. The scholarship recipients for 2010-2011 are Devinron Ready of Winston-Salem and Aundria Brown of South Carolina. They are first year students in the School of Drama.

"It truly means a lot to me to know that someone cares to give me a better opportunity in achieving my goal as an actor," Ready said.

The scholarship recipients also serve as interns with the National Black Theatre Festival, which the late Larry Leon Hamlin founded with his wife, Sylvia, by his side.

Lewis Crowned King



Edward A. "Bro Bro" Lewis, the son of Jeannette T. Lewis of Winston-Salem, was recently voted 2011 Valentine King for Beacon Cottage at the Murdock Center in Butner. After being crowned on Feb. 14, Lewis and the winning queen walked down the hallway and were cheered by other cottage residents and staff members. The coronation also included a Valentine's Day dinner.

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