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Briefly

Williams uses lives of icons to inspire tomorrow's leaders

Dr. Lea E. Williams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina A&T State University and author of "Servants of the People: The 1960s Legacy of African American Leadership" (second edition), recently spoke about the lives and leadership journeys of several prominent civil rights leaders who were at the forefront of a movement that changed race relations in America.



Williams

She gave a presentation during the Department of Leadership Studies Eminent Leaders Series in Proctor Hall on Nov. 14.

Williams' book takes a close look at A. Philip Randolph, Frederick D. Patterson, Thurgood Marshall, Whitney M. Young, Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Fannie Lou Hamer.

National honor for Conti

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has recognized North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Gene Conti with its highest honor, the Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award, for his outstanding leadership and innovation. Conti was presented the award on Nov. 18 during AASHTO's annual meeting in Pittsburgh.



Conti

The award was established in 1957 to honor the former chief of the Bureau of Public Roads. It is given to an individual that has "rendered continuous outstanding service over an extended period of time or has made some exceptional contribution to the art and science of highway engineering."

In 2009, Governor Beverly Perdue appointed Conti Secretary of NCDOT, an agency with 12,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$5 billion. Under Secretary Conti's leadership, NCDOT earned the 2011 Engineering News Record Southeast Owner of the Year award for completion of the first phase of a \$1 billion tollway, use of alternative-project delivery methods to accelerate several major projects and responding rapidly to the damage wrought by Hurricane Irene. Roads and Bridges magazine named the NCDOT I-485/85 turbine interchange project in Charlotte the number one road project in North America for 2012; and NCDOT's Turnpike Authority received AASHTO's President's Award for its success in delivering the Triangle Expressway, the state's first modern toll road.

According to AASHTO, Secretary Conti has demonstrated a personal commitment to serving as a transportation advocate and has worked tirelessly to advance transportation on the federal, state and local levels during his years in public service.

Direct flights connect Charlotte and Great Britain

U.S. Senator Kay Hagan is applauding the new US Airways direct flight to and from Charlotte Douglas International Airport to London Heathrow Airport that will better connect North Carolina businesses with the United Kingdom. In August, Hagan led members of the North Carolina delegation in urging Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to support US Airways' application.



Hagan

"I am thrilled that travelers, shippers and businesses will now have a direct route from London to Charlotte," Hagan said. "The United Kingdom plays a growing role in our state's economy and is a key market for North Carolina goods and services. A direct Charlotte-Heathrow flight will better connect business travelers, help open new business markets across Europe and create new jobs and opportunities for North Carolina companies."

The United Kingdom is the fifth largest export market for North Carolina goods. In addition, the City of Charlotte has steadily attracted investment from the U.K. and is home to more than 80 U.K.-owned businesses that employ 7,000 local residents.

New class begins LWS

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Leadership Winston-Salem's newest participants took part in a two-day opening retreat on Oct. 3 and 4.

With a mission of educating, connecting and energizing leaders to serve and improve the community, Leadership Winston-Salem is a nine-month program for local professionals. They will meet monthly for sessions covering a wide variety of topics, including healthcare, human relations, government, public safety, social services, community development, arts and education.

The 2012-13 class participants, who range in age from their 20s to late 50s, represent for-profit and non-profit organizations. They are: Mary C. Adams, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice; Dr. Linda D. Alexander, Forsyth County Department of Social Services; Dr. Deborah P. Ashton, Novant Health, Inc.; Carol B. Atwater, United Way of Forsyth County; James A. Austin, Inmar; Kevin C. Bender, Wake Forest University; Richard A. Brenner, Amarr Garage Doors; Dr. Cynthia A. Briggs, Walden University; Kathryn K. Carr, SECU Family House; Jennifer Casey, NW Area Health Education Center; Rebecca J. Chase, Greater Gift Initiative; Forrest C. Childers, Merrill Lynch; Thomas L.



Ashton



Assistant Police Chief Barry D. Rountree

Clingman, YMCA of NW North Carolina; Suzanne W. Cooke, Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church; Candace C. Edwards, Housing Authority of Winston-Salem; J. J. Elliott, NewBridge Bank; Richard I. Emmett, The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County; Kathleen W. Evans, AT&T; James P. Flynn, Hanesbrands; Ronald E. Gaskins, Northwest Community Care Network; Leslie T. Grab, Kilpatrick, Townsend &

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Board getting help finding next superintendent

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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education has voted to hire the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) of Raleigh to assist with the search for the system's next superintendent.

NCSBA has provided search services to 67 of the current 115 North Carolina school boards, including 106 superintendent searches for more than 10 years. The organization has conducted 24 searches for North Carolina counties in the last 24 months. NCSBA is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to school boards such as legal, legislative, administrative, policy development, and risk management, as well as nationwide superintendent search services.



Martin



Lambeth

Representatives of the local School Board have been in discussions with NCSBA since September, when Dr. Donald Martin, the current superintendent, announced that he would retire in June 2013.

Local civic and business leaders have offered to pay for the services of a search firm.

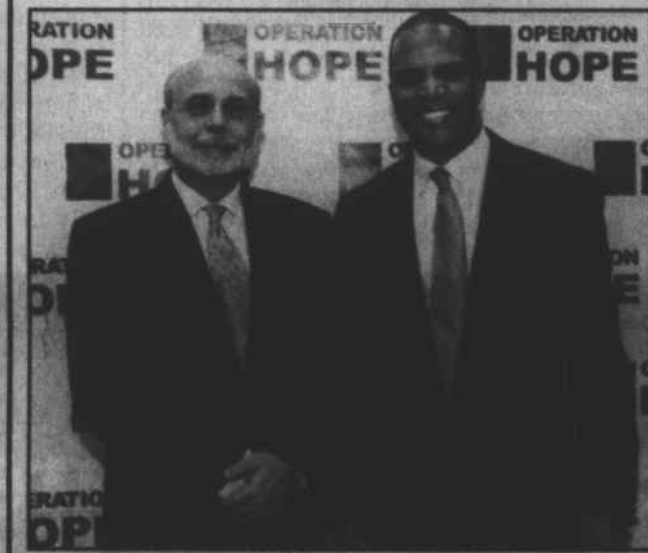
"We are pleased that the community has agreed to help us with the search by providing the funding necessary to hire a search organization," said School Board Chairman Donny Lambeth.

NCSBA works only for North Carolina school districts but recruits nationwide and is able to match needs of the various counties with the skill sets and experience of the applicants.

"NCSBA will make our job so much easier because they have abundant contacts among school superintendents in North Carolina and nationwide. They will offer the board assistance on the process of screening applicants, provide background information on applicants and help with the logistics of interviewing the semi-finalist and finalist candidates," said Lambeth.

The School Board will continue to make decisions regarding the process and will select the semi-finalist and finalist candidates, but wants to hear from the community on qualities the next superintendent should have. Community input will be received during four public forums: Today (Thursday, Nov. 29) in the auditorium at Southwest Elementary School, 1631 Southwest School Drive in Clemmons; Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the auditorium of the Education Building, 4801 Bethania Station Road; Thursday, Dec. 13, in the auditorium at East Forsyth High School, 2500 W. Mountain St. in Kernersville; and Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the auditorium at Carver High School, 3545 Carver School Road in Winston-Salem. Each forum will begin at 6 p.m. The forums will be filmed and available for viewing on the school system's website, wsfc.s12.nc.us.

Fed Chief in the House



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Operation HOPE Founder/President/CEO John Hope Bryant (right) poses with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Nov. 15 at the Operation HOPE Global Financial Dignity Summit in Atlanta. The mission of the organization is to make free enterprise and capitalism work for all by teaching financial literacy.

Longtime City budget director retiring

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

City Manager Lee Garrity has announced that Ann Jones, the longest-serving budget and evaluation director in city history, will retire Nov. 30. Garrity named Ben Rowe, the deputy director of budget and evaluation, to succeed her.

Jones joined the city in 1981 as a budget and evaluation analyst and was promoted to budget and evaluation director in 1987. During the early years of her tenure, she shepherded the city budget as Winston-Salem's economic foundation shifted from manufacturing to health, financial services and biotechnology. More recently, Jones faced the challenges of developing city budgets in a time of constrained resources brought



Jones



Rowe

by the economic recession.

"Strong leadership in managing our city resources is essential," said Garrity. "Through many challenging economic times, Ms. Jones has guided us with wise insight and strong stewardship. Her service to the citizens of Winston-Salem has been extraordinary."

During her 32 years of service, Jones was a leader in the local government budgeting profession in North Carolina. She was a founding member of the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association and served that body as a treasurer and board member. In 1994, she proposed creation of the North Carolina Benchmarking Project, con-

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Street to be named for Tony Burton

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Dr. Tony L. Burton, the CEO of Northwest Child Development Centers Inc., will be honored early next month for his years of advocacy for local children and families when a stretch of Seventh Street between Patterson Avenue, Cherry Street and Marshall Street will be designated "Dr. Tony L. Burton Lane." The honorary street signs will go up on Dec. 3.

Northwest Child Development Centers, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1970 to support families by helping them meet the developmental needs of their children from infancy through school-age. The agency has the capacity to service 700 children and families in community child care centers.

"Dr. Burton has worked tirelessly for the Winston-Salem community in multiple roles during his tenure here in the city. He has helped to strategically shape NWDC and MudPies childcare centers



Dr. Tony L. Burton

into superior-rated, technologically-advanced, holistic child development facilities. His leadership has allowed for the strengthening and growth of the NWDC organization," said Dr. Charlie Shaw, a licensing analyst at Wake Forest School of Medicine and NWDC's chief volunteer officer. "We are excited he serves with such dedication, and the

entire NWDC Board of Directors is proud of his achievements and wholeheartedly agree this honor is well deserved."

Burton said that he is humbled by the recognition.

"My commitment to early childhood education is a personal mission," he said, "and as everyone that knows me has heard me say: I don't measure success by achievements, but by the potential to help children achieve."

In other Northwest Child Development Centers news, the agency has been awarded a \$41,927 Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust grant that will allow it to provide early childhood development to nine additional children at the MudPies Bolton location.

"The support of our childcare program by KBR's corporate trustees speaks to the value of our work with young children in this community," said Burton.