

# CAREERS

## Briefly

### Deberry new Coalition leader

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Housing Coalition has appointed Satana Deberry as the agency's new executive director.

The Hamlet native succeeds long-time Coalition leader Chris Estes, who took a leadership position at the Washington, D.C.-based National Housing Conference last summer.



Deberry

A graduate of Princeton (B.A.) and Duke (J.D. and M.B.A.), Deberry brings nearly two decades of experience in policy, regulatory, governmental, administrative, human resource and contractual/legal matters.

She has worked for the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Washington, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Durham's Self Help Credit Union. In 2011-12, she served as interim executive director of Durham Habitat for Humanity.

"I am excited to work with the membership, board and staff of the Coalition to continue their great work in promoting safe, affordable housing for all North Carolinians and transforming lives and communities," Deberry said.

The North Carolina Housing Coalition is a private, non-profit membership organization working for decent, affordable housing for every North Carolinian.

### Hungry Howie's opens

A Hungry Howie's Pizza restaurant has opened at 3914 Country Club Road. The eatery marked its grand opening last week by making donations to Community Care Center of Forsyth County Inc. and Crisis Control Ministry.

"I am so excited to open this new Hungry Howie's Pizza location in Winston-Salem," said Jeff Flynn, owner of the franchise. "Our Flavored Crust Pizza is unique, and customers will love our affordable meal deals. Hungry Howie's is celebrating its 40th birthday this year, and we are offering a special Flavored Crust of the Month throughout 2013."

Founded in 1973, Madison Heights, Mich.-based Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs, Inc. has more than 500 locations in 24 states. Hungry Howie's is the originator of the Flavored Crust Pizza and one of the nation's largest pizza franchises. The menu also includes oven-baked calzone-style subs, chicken wings and tenders, bread and salads. Crust flavors include original, buttered cheese, garlic herb, ranch, Cajun, butter, onion and sesame.



### Professor creating app to help with sentencing

Jamie Markham, an assistant professor of public law and government in the UNC School of Government, will lead a team creating an innovative mobile app to improve the accuracy and consistency of North Carolina's criminal sentencing process.

Markham won the 2012 C. Felix Harvey Award to Advance Institutional Priorities, a campus-based honor that included \$75,000 to fund the project.

The app will help North Carolina's legal practitioners identify the correct sentence that should be given to an offender under the state's Structured Sentencing law.

The law, first passed in 1994, established statutory charts — also known as sentencing grids — that provide judges with options for the type and length of sentences that may be imposed, based on a crime's severity and any prior criminal record on the part of the offender.

But recent revisions to the law have made it more complex, according to Markham, leading to confusion and mistakes, as evidenced by state Division of Adult Correction data showing an uptick in erroneous sentences.

The app will guide users through the sentencing process, from choosing the proper grid to the ultimate decision of whether the defendant will go to prison or be placed on probation.

"Errors and inconsistencies in the administration of justice—even if accidental—can call into question the fairness and integrity of the system," Markham said. "When liberty is at stake, we should strive for perfection."

Content for the app will stem from Markham's expertise in the field. He teaches sentencing law to new North Carolina judges and prosecutors as part of the School of Government's annual training programs for new officials.



Markham

## Corpening joins consultancy firm

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Florence Corpening has been named as a consultant for Outfitters4, a local agency that provides advice and support to nonprofits.

Corpening will provide executive coaching and leadership development to nonprofit clients, according to a press release.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Ms. Corpening's expertise and experience join us," said CEO Doug Borwick.

Her understanding of the need for laser-like focus on mission coupled with management practices rooted in the highest standards of resource stewardship fits our operating philosophy precisely. Adding Ms. Corpening to the team will strengthen our business and provide invaluable service to our nonprofit clients."

Corpening brings with her more than 30 years of experience in nonprofit leadership and management. She most recently served as CEO of the YWCA of Winston-Salem Forsyth County. She retired from that position last year after more than 17 years. Prior to joining the YWCA, she worked at the United Way of Forsyth County, where she served in various capacities, ranging from assistant program director to interim president and chief operating officer.

"Ms. Corpening is possessed of an open and engaging management style that encourages others to be more than they ever imagined they could be. I am confident she will bring this—and much more—to her clients at Outfitters4," says Twana Wellman, executive director of the nonprofit Experiment in Self Reliance.

Ms. Corpening received her BS and master's degrees from Appalachian State University. She presently serves on the boards or committees of the Children's Home, Family Services, The Women's Fund of Forsyth County, The Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Division, the Black Philanthropy Initiative and Carolina Christian College.

For additional information about Outfitters4, go to [www.outfitters4.com](http://www.outfitters4.com).



Corpening



A view of the new store on opening day.

## D.C.-based office supply operation has local links

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind (WSIFB) opened its 18th Base Supply Center (BSC) at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9.

The AbilityOne Base Supply Center store, operated by Paperclips, Etc., sells office supplies and other essential products. BSCs are located in government offices and military installations around the world and are staffed in part by IFB employees who are blind or visually impaired.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by leaders from Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, National Industries for the Blind and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Jeff Heslop, Chief Operating Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and IFB employee



Anastasia Powell speaks.

Anastasia Powell were the event's keynote speakers.

According to Industries for the Blind, BSCs not only provides important employment opportunities, but 35-40 percent of the office products are produced by IFB and other blind agencies nationwide.

"We are very grateful to the SEC for giving us the opportunity to open this new facility," said Jerry O'Hagan, director of Base

Supply Centers. "Over the 16 years since IFB established our first BSC, we have been able to create so many opportunities for our employees as store managers, cashiers and shelf stockers as well as create demand for office products manufactured in our two facilities in North Carolina."

The newest IFB Base Supply Center will serve

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## Meet Chief Deck-Brown

City of Raleigh Photo

Cassandra Deck-Brown made history last week when she became Raleigh's first black female police chief. The 49-year-old has spent half her life with the Raleigh Police Department, slowly working her way up the chain of command. Deck-Brown, who had been serving as interim chief since former Chief Harry Dolan retired last year, beat out 48 other applicants.

## Bell named interim SHP leader

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Lt. Col. Gary Bell has been named acting commander of the State Highway Patrol (SHP). He succeeds the retiring Col. Michael Gilchrist.

"Bell has a breadth of experience and demonstrated leadership skills that make him well-suited for this assignment. He has garnered the respect of his peers as he has risen through the ranks of the patrol over the past 27 years," said Department of Public Safety Secretary Kieran Shanahan. "I have confidence in Commander Bell's abilities and am grateful for his willingness to serve."

For the last two years, Bell, who has been with the SHP since 1986, has been responsible for overseeing all of the SHP's statewide field operations. Prior to that, he managed the patrol's Professional Standards Section. He also commanded Troop B, which encompasses 11 counties in the south central and southeastern part of the state; oversaw internal affairs and accreditation; and managed technical support and logistics. The Whiteville native served in the U.S. Army, before joining the force.

"I am honored to be given this opportunity by Secretary Shanahan and look forward to reaffirming the high ethical, moral and professional standards expected of the patrol," Bell said.

Gilchrist had been commander of the patrol since October 2010. He was the patrol's 25th commander.

"Col. Gilchrist's distinguished service to the patrol and the citizens of North Carolina is truly appreciated," Shanahan said. "He took the lead at a challenging time for the patrol and he has managed the position with integrity and professionalism."



Lt. Col. Gary Bell

## A&T online programs ranked by national magazine

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North Carolina A&T State University has been ranked among the top in three online degree programs by the U.S. News & World Report.

The news magazine released its 2013 Best Online Education Program rankings on Jan. 15, ranking N.C. A&T Nos. 18, 85 and 106 in graduate computer information technology, graduate education programs and bachelor's degree programs, respectively.

"Our positions in the online education program rankings are confirmation that our university has made the decision to create more learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting," said Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr.

The university offers online bachelor's degrees in agricultural education, business education, electronics technology, geomatics and occupational safety and health. A&T also offers online graduate programs in agricultural education, instructional technology, technology management and computer information technology.

A&T is the only historically black college or university (HBCU) ranked in these three categories. It is ranked the highest of all North Carolina universities on the best online bachelor's programs ranking.

The magazine sent surveys to colleges and universities that have online programs. Numerical rankings were determined by sorting the university or college's statistical information gathered from the surveys. All programs were ranked based on student engagement, faculty credentials and training as well as student services and technology. The graduate education program carried the additional criteria of admissions selectivity.

