

CAREERS

Briefly

Click becomes EA

Rudolph J. Click has been accepted into the National Association of Enrolled Agents. He joins nearly 12,000 other enrolled agents (EAs) as a member of the only professional society dedicated to advancing the interest of EAs and their clients. The principal mission of NAEA and its members is to promote qualified, accurate and ethical representation of the financial position of taxpayers before governmental agencies.



Click

Over the course of the last two years, Click, a Kernersville accountant and consultant, has successfully completed the special enrollment exam (SEE) governed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and passed a thorough background check to earn the enrolled agent license. In addition, he successfully completed 90 hours of continuing professional education (CE) as required by the NAEA.

Enrolled agents comprise a diverse group of federally-authorized tax practitioners who have demonstrated technical competence in tax law and are licensed to practice by the United States government. EAs advise and represent taxpayers before the IRS, including taxpayers who are being examined, are unable to pay, or are trying to avoid or recover penalties. EAs also prepare tax returns for individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and any other entities with tax-reporting requirements.

HanesBrands promotes Gerald Evans

HanesBrands has promoted Gerald W. Evans Jr. to chief operating officer effective Aug. 1.

Evans, 54, who has served as the company's co-chief operating officer since 2011, will have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the company with direct oversight of all global commercial and supply chain operations. Evans, whose leadership assignments during a 30-year career at HanesBrands he has spanned the organization in marketing, sales and general management, has been instrumental in the development of the company's Innovate-to-Elevate strategy that leverages the company's powerful brands, product innovation and global low-cost supply chain to enhance margins.



Evans

Each of the company's commercial business segments and its global supply chain will report to Evans. In a newly created position to focus on international performance and growth with worldwide retailers, William J. Nictakis will report to Evans as chief commercial officer, international businesses and global retailers. Other direct reports to Evans include W. Howard Upchurch, president, innerwear; John T. Marsh, president, activewear; and Michael E. Faircloth, president, chief global operations officer.

A&T team attends South African conference

Five students and two faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at North Carolina A&T State University took part in a conference in South Africa from June 5-7.

This is the fifth year N.C. A&T has been selected to send CAS students to the African Presidential Roundtable, where African leaders convene annually to discuss a range of issues that affect countries on that continent.

This year, representing the Journalism and Mass Communication Department was faculty member Dr. Tamrat Mereba, and a student-team consisting of Kelsey Fair, Ian-Mitchell Dear and Morgan Headley. Dr. James Mayes served as a faculty representative of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice along with students, Nnamdia Gooding and Jasmine Watts.

"Participation in this conference fulfills the globalization charge of the Chancellor's strategic plan, enhances student cultural awareness and competency and underscores the university's strategic role as a global citizen," Mayes said.

Mereba, who teaches global journalism courses, said the Presidential Roundtable goes beyond the opportunity for tourism. He believes international conferences like this allow students to develop a world view of journalism and cultivate an understanding of foreign issues. Dr. Mereba is currently working with faculty from the Department of Journalism (Professor Benita Perry and Dr. Kim Smith) and the Department of Physics (Dr. Abebe Kebede) on a proposal to study strengthening and transforming African news media.



Mereba

A&T names provost

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. has named Dr. Joe B. Whitehead Jr. as provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Whitehead's appointment as chief academic officer of N.C. A&T is effective August 12.

"As the new chief academic officer, Dr. Whitehead brings a wealth of expertise in the field of higher education, where he has served as professor, researcher and administrator," said Martin. "I am confident that he will be a significant asset to North Carolina A&T and will provide the visionary leadership needed to forge our university to Preeminence 2020 – the institution's long-term strategic call to action and invitation to engage collaboratively as a community of learners toward excellence in research, scholarship, creative expression and community engagement."

Whitehead has served as dean of the College of Science and Technology at the University of Southern Mississippi since 2010. During his tenure as dean of the college, he worked to increase multi-disciplinary research opportunities for students and faculty through targeted research initiatives that have global impact, provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, increase student participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) areas and enhance student retention and graduation rates.

Prior to his appointment as dean at Southern Mississippi, Whitehead served as interim dean and associate dean in the college. He also chaired the department of physics and astronomy. Whitehead has held the position of professor of physics and astronomy and professor of chemistry and biochemistry since 2007.

Whitehead earned his bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1983, and master's and doctoral degrees in physics in 1985 and 1989, respectively. He has contributed to numerous scholarly publications and presentations.

He has received countless awards, honors and recognitions throughout his career for his academic achievements and service including the Kent State University New Millennium Award, the Delta State University Alumni Hall of Fame and the Picayune School District Academic Hall of Fame.

"It is an honor to be selected as provost of North Carolina A&T State University," said Whitehead. "I look forward to working with Chancellor Martin, the leadership team, faculty, staff and students to fulfill the vision embodied in A&T Preeminence 2020."



Whitehead

DURHAM BULLS WELCOME TOP EAGLE



The Durham community is welcoming new N.C. Central Chancellor Dr. Debra Saunders-White with open arms. She threw out the first pitch at the Durham Bulls' June 18 home game. Here, she practices the pitch shortly before game time.

Best of the Best

DOT workers shine at 'Road'eo

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winners of N.C. Department of Transportation's Division Nine Equipment Roadeo competition have been crowned.

The annual event, held in Winston-Salem May 14-15, tests the safety awareness and skill level of NCDOT employees in Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rowan and Stokes counties who operate heavy equipment.

This year's contestants engaged in Forsyth County winners (from left) Angie Brewer, Nakoma Emanuel and Scott Bracken. friendly competition with their co-workers to determine who could best maneuver a dump truck, tractor, backhoe, low-boy trailer, mower or motor grader through obstacle courses that model real-life scenarios. The winners of each category will go on to compete in the statewide Equipment Roadeo in Raleigh July 24.



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New alumni become part of LWS family

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Leadership Winston-Salem (LWS), a community leadership program, hosted a program on June 5 at the Twin City Quarter to celebrate its newest alumni.

With a mission of educating, connecting and energizing leaders to serve and improve the community, LWS is a nine-month commitment with monthly sessions covering a wide variety of topics including healthcare, human relations, government, public safety, social services, community development, arts and education. More than 1,500 local leaders have gone through the program since it was founded in 1984.

Fifty-one people made up the most recent class. The celebration honoring them was attended by a crowd of more than 400. David Mounts, CEO of Inmar, delivered a keynote address entitled, "Why Not Winston-Salem?"

"To succeed we have to align toward a common vision, have the right skills and incentives, root out perverse incentives in our community, institute a strong plan and check results regularly," said Mounts, whose company offers a bevy of products and services that help businesses connect with retailers, manufacturers and service providers.

The 2012-13 Class is made up of 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. Clingman (YMCA of NW North Carolina), Candace C. Edwards (Housing Authority of Winston-Salem), J. J. Elliott (community volunteer) Richard I. Emmett (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 & Stockton, LLP), Toni J. Grace (Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros, P. A.), Jonathan D. Halsey (Winston-Salem Foundation), Casie M. Hammons (Experiment in Self-Reliance), Rev. Dr. Tejado W. Hanchell (Mount Calvary Holy Church/Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries), Carol Hoover (Wells Fargo), Erin B. Kennedy (William G. White Jr. Family YMCA), Brandon C. Kimball (KPMG, LLP), Christopher W. Langham (Winston-Salem Fire Department), Dr. Gloria M. Laureano (Winston-Salem State University), John K. Lew (Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center), John F. Lynch



LWS Photo

David Mounts speaks.



LCCU Photo

From left: LCCU's Javier Olave (VP), Erika Bell (VP of Strategy & Service), Vicky Garcia (VP of Operations) and Luis Pastor (president/CEO).

Programs earn awards for LCCU

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Durham-based Latino Community Credit Union (LCCU) received two awards from the North Carolina Credit Union League (NCCUL) on June 11 at the NCCUL 78th Annual Meeting recognition banquet in Pinhurst.

The credit union, which has branches in Durham, Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Garner, Carrboro and Monroe, won the first-place Louise Herring Award for Philosophy in Action in recognition of its innovative DREAMER Loan, a loan program that helps young indi-

viduals brought to the U.S. as children apply for the United States Citizens and Immigrations Services' Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process. These small-dollar loans improve educational, employment and wealth-building opportunities for the future, and allow young people to live without the fear of deportation. Since August, when the Dreamer Loan was first launched, LCCU has made 1,100 loans.

"The Dreamer Loan gave my siblings the opportunity to take advantage of Deferred Action, which will transform their

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