



Erika Martin, program director, gives students an overview of the program's goals, objectives and activities.

Teens ready to take part in UL summer jobs program

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The Urban League held the kick-off for its 2013 Summer Youth Employment Internship program on Tuesday, June 25 at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Career Center. The 89 high school students selected for the program were visibly excited about the opportunity to earn some money this summer while developing new skills and knowledge.

Participants are ages 15-19. They were selected from hundreds of program applicants. The application process required that students write a personal statement explaining why they should be picked for the program. Two letters of reference and school records were also required.

In their personal statements, some students expressed their desire to be in the program in order to help their parents out financially. Such statements by teens demonstrate the tough times that families are experiencing trying to make ends meet in this economy, according to Urban League officials. Some of those who graduated from high school in June and are headed to college expressed the need to earn money for college expenses.



Wells Fargo's Shamalle Higgins assists a student participant in opening a bank account.



Program participant Deanelle Thompson speaks.



Program participant Milady Robinson speaks.

For the next six weeks, the teens will be placed at local businesses and nonprofits, where they will do various tasks while engaging in career exploration and gaining life skills training, leadership development and real work experience. The program will also feature a STEM component designed to heighten students' interest in math and science careers. Students will be placed in

work experience sites based on their career choices.

Participants will report to their work experience sites Mondays through Thursdays and report to the Urban League on Fridays for training. The students will be paid through the Summer Youth Employment Internship Program, which is supported by the City of Winston-Salem.

Hypnotherapy group honors Carter

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The International Medical and Dental Hypnotherapy Association recognized Dr. Clarice Graham Carter with the Pen and Quill Award for "outstanding achievement in communication" on May 18. The honor was presented at the Annual Hypno-Expo Conference in Daytona Beach, Fla. The IMDHA is an interdisciplinary organization that aims to further knowledge, understanding and application of hypnosis in complementary healthcare.



Carter

"Attending the IMDHA Conference provides extraordinary opportunities for me to explore and discuss the unlimited power of the mind with hypnotherapists worldwide," said Carter, a former elementary school teacher.

A native of Winston-Salem, Carter is

a professional educator, certified hypnotherapist, neurolinguistic programmer, lecturer, writer, Reiki master teacher, certified "laughter leader" and "hypnotic fat ban practitioner." The recipient of several teaching awards, she is listed in the "Who's Who Biographical Record: Child Development Professionals" and is a diplomat of IMDHA, a member of the International Association of Counselors and Therapists, the National Federation of Neurolinguistic Programming and the Michigan Association of Counselors and Hypnotherapists.

Carter is the author of several books, including "Win-Win Attitudes for Kids" and "I Can Keep You in My Heart," in which she translates cognitive research in neuroscience into student-friendly, hands-on experiences and routines.



(From left, front row) Dorothy Jordan, Alice Carmon, Dr. Darryl Aaron, Shannon Martin (NC Council of Churches), Lois Turner, (second row) Fontaine Kirk-Graham, Deborah Massenburg, Debra Norwood, Wyrine Doris, Doris Moore (back row) Olaf Massenburg, Malissa Dance and William Fulton take part in the certificates presentation.

First Baptist receives Strive to Revive certificates

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On Sunday, June 30, Shannon Martin of the NC Council of Churches' Partners in Health and Wellness presented Dr. Rev. Darryl Aaron and the Health and Wellness Ministry of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue Strive to Revive certificates.

The requirements for the Strive to Revive program, which is sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina, the American Red Cross and the NC Council of Churches, were met after First Baptist members Rev. Glen Pettiford, Deacon William Fulton and Doris Moore completed an adult CPR/AED course at the Forsyth County chapter of the American Red Cross. The

church will receive an AED (automatic external defibrillator) and a mini-grant to continue to improve the overall health of its members and the community.

Fontaine Kirk-Graham and Debra Norwood, coordinators of the health initiative, are members of the FBC Health and Wellness Ministry (formerly the Healthcare Ministry), which was developed by the late Annie Alexander. The mission of the group is to improve the mental, physical and spiritual health of each member through faith, love, devotion and the work of God. The Health and Wellness Ministry provides education on health issues, nutrition, healthy lifestyles, home safety and emergency care.

SORORITY SUPPORTS STUDENTS' WATER PROJECT

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During the spring, Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy students, under the direction of eighth grade science teacher Janel Sharpe and language arts and fine arts teachers, learned about the countries around the world experiencing the ravages of drought and limited access to clean drinking water.

As part of the project, Elizabeth Kwaku-Hill appeared before students in clothes from her native Gambia to share firsthand her experiences living in a country where access to clean water is restricted for half of the year. This conversation engaged the students to begin thinking about what they take for granted and how they receive water.

The presentation helped the students focus their research on countries suffering from water shortages. As part of the research, students created posters and wrote essays.

Thanks to the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, cash prizes of \$75 (first-place), \$50 (second-place) and \$25 (third-place) were awarded during a May 17 reception.

The essay contest winners were: first-place - Samantha Woods, second place - Iris Torrence and third-place - Tanita Brunson.



Sorority members (from left) Linda Dark, Peggy Moore, LaVerne Gaither and Sherlaine Hill.

The poster contest winners were: first-place - Iris Torrence, second-place - Samantha Woods and third-place - Kristina Thompson.

The contest judges included WSSU art professors Dr. Alison Fleming and Leo Morrissey, retired science teachers, Margaret Brandon; Lisa Faulk and Pamela Bradsher, an employee of Corn Products of Winston-Salem and a sorority member. Winston-Salem Prep's eighth-grade dance troupe performed an African dance and liturgical dance during the ceremony.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Assistant Superintendent Carol Montague-Davis and Science Area Manager Benita Thompson joined Assistant Principal Carolyn Brown in thank-

ing the sorority for reaching out to Winston-Salem Prep. Chapter President Lisa Smith referenced the sorority's 100 years of community service and its emphasis on international awareness.

Other projects undertaken by the sorority's International Awareness Committee this year include a canned food drive for the AIDS Care Services Food Pantry that collected over 1,500 items; spearheading a Little Dresses For Africa campaign that resulted in 152 dresses for deserving little girls and a donation to the Haiti Foundation of Hope. Committee members are: Chairwoman Peggy Moore, Brenda Johnson, Cynthia Jeffries, Freeda Ward, Tawanna Gates, LaVern Gaither, Sherlaine Hill, Lacine Smalls, Daphne Holmes-Johnson and Linda Dark.

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