

# Masons will honor accomplished women at banquet

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A number of accomplished local women will be honored at the sixth annual Salem Lodge #139 Black History Month Community Awards Banquet and Robert A. Miller Scholarship Gala on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Anderson Conference Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Evelyn Acree, Denise "D.D." Adams, Dr. Brenda Allen, Deborah Ashton, Mosé Belton, Vivian Burke, Lisa Caldwell, Carol Davis, Carol Montague-Davis, Denise Hartsfield, Sandra Miller Jones, Vivian Joyner, Dr. Barbee Oakes, Camille Banks-Payne, Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler, Wanda Starke, Dana Suggs, Evelyn Terry, Twana Wellman-Roebeck and Cynthia Williams will receive awards for their many professional accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the local community.

In addition, the Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. the Alpha Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the Rukiya



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Busara Piedmont Triad Graduate Chapter of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc., the Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the 30th District Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star will be honored for their various service initiatives and social programs throughout the years that have contributed to improving the

quality of life of local residents.

Andrea Harris, president of the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, will be the keynote speaker. The event is a fundraiser for an endowment in the name of Robert A. Miller, a longtime community leader and one of the first African American news reporters at the Winston-Salem Journal. Miller was a founder of the Victory Masonic Credit Union and a member of Salem Lodge.

"Brother Miller was an outstanding businessman with a long affiliation with Victory Masonic Credit Union and Prince Hall freemasonry who was always willing to dispense knowledge and wisdom to anyone that would ask," says Richard L. Williams, a past master of Salem Lodge and gala chairman. "He would be pleased and humbled to know that Salem Lodge is allowing his legacy to live on by providing scholarships to young people in Winston-Salem."

To serve as a sponsor or to purchase tickets to the event, call 336-771-2600.

## Judge ends NC abortion law

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A federal district judge has struck down a North Carolina law requiring abortion providers to show a woman an ultrasound and describe the images in detail four hours before having an abortion, even if the woman objects.

The court ruled that key provisions of the law violate doctors' free speech rights. The law was challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of North Carolina, the Center for Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The law would have required abortion providers to perform an ultrasound and place the image in the woman's line of sight. The provider would then be required to describe the

embryo or fetus in detail, even if the woman asked the doctor not to, and to offer the woman the opportunity to hear the "fetal heart tone."

"Today's ruling protects the rights of women and their doctors from the ideological agenda of extremist lawmakers," said Jennifer Rudinger, executive director of the ACLU of North Carolina. "If these unconstitutional measures had gone into effect, doctors would have been prevented from using their best medical judgment to provide patients with care based on their specific individual needs. This law represented an egregious government intrusion into individuals' private medical decisions, and we are very pleased that it will not go into effect."

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