

Big Four Dance to feature well-known entertainers



Cherrelle

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Tickets are now on sale for the 20th Big 4 Reunion Dance.

It will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Benton Convention Center, and the alumni association of J.W. Paisley High School will host the milestone celebration, which brings together alumni of the city's historically black high schools — Carver, Atkins, Anderson and Paisley.

The dance will be



Members of The Dazz Band.

among the highlights of three days of Big Four events. Internationally-acclaimed artists The Dazz Band, Cherrelle and Glenn Jones are booked to perform. A talent show is being held as part of this year's Big Four.

Contestants will have an opportunity to win an all expense paid trip to Atlanta to record a CD. The winner will also take home a trophy and be the opening act at the Big Four Dance Concert. The talent showcase is

open to anyone age 16 and over; contestants are welcome to perform any genre of music.

Talent show registration and tickets to both the talent show and the Big 4 Dance are now available on Paisley

Alumni Association's web site, www.paisleyalumni.org. Tickets to the dance are \$30 until Sept. 1, when they will be \$30. Tables of 10 are also available.

A portion of the proceeds will help the alum-

ni association sustain several community outreach programs to support and continue the preservation of the rich history of Winston-Salem's historically black high schools.

Stevenson learns hands-on in Washington, D.C.

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David Stevenson Jr. learned about government processes in the vibrant, living classroom of the nation's capital as part of Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), an intensive 4-H civic engagement program for high-school students held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md.

"Citizenship Washington Focus is an astounding experience which I will never forget and you can't leave CWF without taking a piece of it with you," said Stevenson of his recent trip. Stevenson is a 2014 graduate of Quality Education Academy; he is attending Catawba College this fall.

For more than 50 years, the National 4-H Youth Conference Center has invited 4-H members from across the country to travel to Washington, D.C. and participate in civic workshops, committees and field trips before returning home to make positive changes in their own communities. CWF not only strengthens young people's understanding of the gov-



Submitted Photo

David Stevenson poses at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

ernment's civic process, but it also boosts their leadership skills, communication skills, and overall confidence.

During CWF, youth get a behind-the-scenes

look by meeting with members of Congress to learn more about how government works. At the end of the program, youth draft step-by-step action plans to address impor-

tant issues in their communities. Stevenson has decided to tackle the issue of hunger and homelessness in Forsyth County. He will begin by creating a coalition of youth to volunteer at local shelters, while also collecting personal care supplies to distribute to local homeless citizens on an ongoing basis.

"CWF is a great opportunity for young people to come together, talk about the problems they see in their communities, and identify solutions to make their communities stronger," said Donald T. Floyd Jr., National 4-H Council President and CEO. "The experiences these young people gain during CWF gives them the proper tools and confidence to become successful, articulate leaders in the future."

4-H is a community of six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H programs are implemented by the 111 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country.

School supplies, hairdos will be given away

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"Back 2 School Extravaganza" will take place at Yodi International Salon, 513 N. Liberty St., on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

BOND Events and Yodi International are holding the event to provide an opportunity for young students to begin their school year with strong positive expectations and great confidence.

Porsche Jones, founder/CEO of BOND, and Yodi's Yolanda Moses are encouraging families to take advantage of this free opportunity to receive book bags, pens, notebooks, pencils and other school supplies. They will be given to the first 50 kids.

Yodi International will also style hair for three young women and offer hair cuts to three young men during the school give-away. The lucky recipients of the services will also win two free hairstyles/haircuts during the school year.

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