



Volunteer Sharon Allen conducts a lesson in Brionna Wright's (left) second-grade classroom.

Kimberley

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Coach Training chose Kimberley because its executive assistant, Yolanda Belin, is the wife of Wake Forest University Assistant Football Coach Warren Belin. The Belins have been supporters of many community initiatives and of Kimberley, whose student body is nearly all black and Hispanic.

Kimberley Principal Amber Baker praised the volunteers for taking the time. She said her students rarely get to see professionals of color.

"This event allowed our volunteers from Charlotte to come in and interact with our children, and they have the opportunity to spend the day with business professionals, CEOs, teachers and positive role models," Baker said. "It's a different kind of energy in the building and an exciting time."



James Legette

duced students to a curriculum designed by Junior Achievement that focuses on entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy. The lesson are based on the math, social studies, reading and writing concepts that students are already learning.

Volunteer Sharon Allen took over Brionna Wright's second-grade class.

In one exercise, she had students pretend that they worked in a doughnut shop making \$5 an hour. Students devised a budget and were making

ends meet until Allen introduced the concept of paying taxes, leading some to the conclude, "I'm broke and can't pay my bills."

"It was a teachable moment about how the government works when it comes to money," Allen said.

Volunteers also hosted educational workshops for students' parents, including a session led by Charlotte Hornets Chaplain Colin Pinkney for fathers and male guardians. Beryl Miller led a women-centered workshop.

Two of James Legette's three children attend Kimberley. He said Pinkney's advice was useful.

"I'm always going to support my kids anyway I can," he said. "Anything that helps me improve as a father to help them and empower the African American men in the community, I'm all for it."

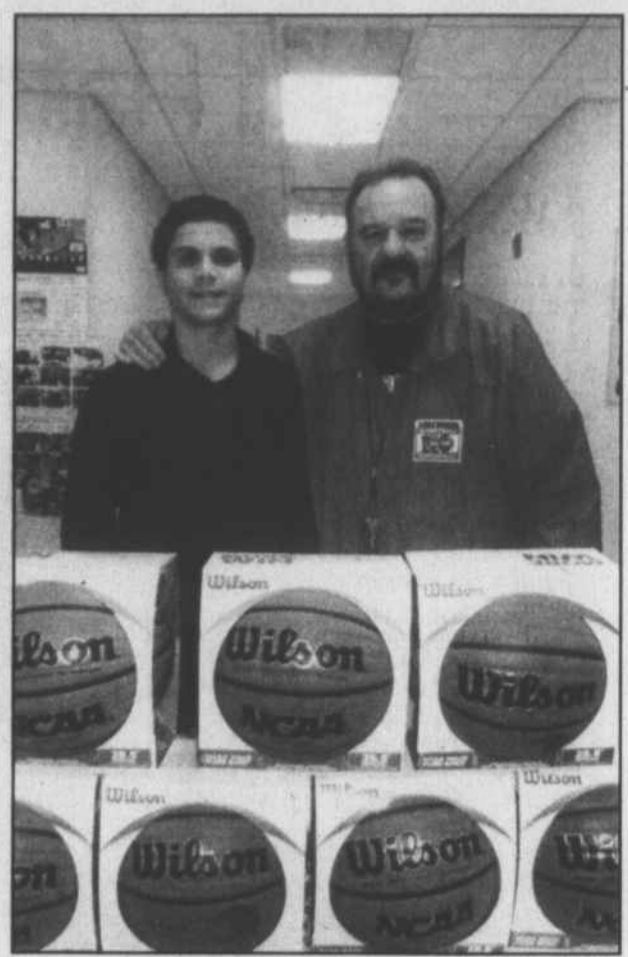
At the end of the day, students received certifi-

cates of completion. Yolanda Belin was on hand throughout the day. A section of the street on which Kimberley Park sits has been honorarily named for her husband as a thank-you for his community contributions.

"Having three kids of our own and knowing how huge education has played a part in our lives, we wanted to make sure these kids realized the opportunities that were available for them," Belin said.

Paradigm 360 donated \$1,000 to the school in the Belins' name. Yolanda Belin said her family's involvement at Kimberley will continue. A new community-wide after-school program, "No Dumb Jocks," is in the works that will send college athletes to classrooms to read and interact with students.

"We have been blessed in so many areas and want to give back and make an impact," she said.



Coach Art Blevins poses with Joshua Crippen and the basketballs Joshua donated.

Teen b-ball player gives back to center

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center Supervisor Art Blevins was surprised recently when he came out of his office to find seven new Wilson NCAA leather basketballs.

Hanes Hosiery youth basketball star Joshua Crippen, 15, an honor roll student at Reynolds High School, took his own money to purchase the basketballs for Blevins's Youth Basketball Leagues at Hanes.

Crippen and his family believe in giving back. "It is a way of thanking Coach Art for all he has done for our (son) and the kids in the community," said James Crippen, Joshua's father.

Blevins praised the generosity of Joshua and his family.

"Joshua is a great young man and his family (is great)," Blevins said. "You do not see many 15-year-olds these days that will take their own money and do something like this."



Photo by Chanel Davis

Estella's Brilliant Bus Founder Estella Pyfrom speaks.

Summit

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Students range in age from four to 22. Zabuli also reaches into students' villages, helping to educate women about birth control, hygiene and careers.

The school is not welcomed with open arms in a country and culture that has historically not made educating women and girls a priority. Women also lack basic freedoms, including control of their own bodies.

"Some of them are taking those (birth control) injections that prevent them from getting pregnant ... they do that without their husbands' knowledge because if the husband knows, she's done," Jan said.

The biannual Maya Angelou International Women's Health Summit had "A Global Priority" as its theme this year. For two days - Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 - health professions, educators, social service providers and others heard a litany of presenters lay out health challenges that women across the world face.

Jan spoke during a more than two-hour-long block of presentations by women working to empower and improve the health of other women.

Estella Pyfrom also addressed the crowd of about 100.

After years of working with children in the Palm Beach County (Florida) School District, the 77-year-old said she was not ready to retire. She now dedicates her time to closing the digital divide.

families involved with technology," she said.

Pyfrom, a 2013 CNN Hero, is founder and CEO of Estella's Brilliant Bus: A Class Act Learning Center. The roving computer lab and classroom visits low-income communities, offering residents training classes in everything from computer basics to GED prep.

Pyfrom has a special passion for teaching young girls about computer programming and robotics. "We want to get across to the young girls that technology is not just for boys," she said. "There are many ways that girls can get involved and make life better for them."

Fifteen-year-old Amiya Alexander wowed the room with her energy as she spoke to the audience about her business, Amiya's Mobile Dance Academy.

A 2010 Black Enterprise Teenpreneur nominee, Amiya said she came up with the idea when she was 9 and dreamed of teaching the world how to dance in a pink bus, all while reducing obesity in children and helping her mother pay for college.

"I woke my mother up at 3 a.m. to tell her that I need a pink bus," Amiya recalled. "I ran back to my room and I sketched out a plan and everything I would need. On Christmas, (that) is what I received."

She uses the bus to reach children in Detroit who lack the opportunity and funds to participate in dancing. The bus is a mobile studio equipped with mirrors, bars, a sound system and dance floors.

Nutrition advice is also provided. Amiya distributes meal plans and workout routines for teenagers.

"I wanted to know how I could fix this problem so I made a list of menus with a registered dietitian," she said. "We found a way to allow you to eat things that you enjoy, just in smaller portions."

Novant Health opened its Maya Angelou Women's Health & Wellness Center in Spring 2012 with the enthusiastic consent of the author and poet, who lived in Winston-Salem for 30 years up until her death in May. The center's goals is to aid women in living longer, healthier lives.

Dr. Chere Gregory, senior vice president of Women's Services at Novant, said the summit's global theme is an effort to redefine women's health and broaden its definition.

"This explores socioeconomics, education, feeling empowered, self-image and perspective, and communities coming together to organize small resources to deal with big problems," she said.

Gregory said Angelou would have been proud of the presenters and the summit's push to create a universal sisterhood.

"We know that Dr. Angelou wanted us to understand the plight of women from around the world. Empowering women was so important to her," Gregory said. "Teaching our audience about what girls and women go through around the world is critical so that people who are inspired to work with women and girls know where to start."

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