

HOME COMING

# Veteran wounded in Iraq gains special new home

Ret. Sgt. Allen Megginson received a new home for him and his wife, Amy, on Friday, Feb. 28. Bank of America donated the home in partnership with the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which chose the Iraq War vet as its recipient. It's one of nine Triad homes the bank's

donated to wounded vets. It comes after a decade of hardships for Megginson, dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and a variety of war injuries, including a traumatic brain injury he only recently got Veterans Affairs to acknowledge after a decade of attempt-

ing to get disability benefits for it. The couple, which had been living in rural Virginia and fallen on hard time financially, were grateful for the home. They said they hope to reach out to help other local veterans, and perhaps even start a new local veterans' non-profit.



The Patriot Guard escorted the Megginson's to their new home and held flags during the event.



Allen Megginson shakes hands with Derrick Ellington, Bank of America's Triad Market president.



Allen and Amy Megginson enter their new house.



Allen and Amy Megginson in front of their donated home.

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WSSU photo

WSSU representatives participating in the UNC Social Entrepreneurship Conference competition were (left to right): Christian Baucum, Kaley Skantz, LaVie Montgomery, Fredrick Teeter, Dr. Notis Pagiavlas who served as coach for the teams, Jeannette Huntley, Robert Irwin, Raymond Smith, Christian Griffith and Aileah Olds.

## WSSU Team is First Runner-Up in the 2015 UNC Social Entrepreneurship Competition

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A team representing the Winston-Salem State University's Masters in Business Administration program was first runner-up in the competition held during the recent UNC Social Entrepreneurship Conference.

The WSSU team, one of 44 representing all 17 UNC campuses pitching their business ideas to a blue-ribbon panel of entrepreneurs, presented their plan for "TEAMUP," a program that bridges the

difficult transition of youth in foster care to independent adult life.

Members of the "TEAMUP" group were Jeannette Huntley from Winston-Salem; Fredrick Teeter from Edgerton, Wis.; and R. Taylor Irwin from Lawrenceville, Ga.

WSSU had a total of two undergraduate and two graduate teams competing. The other three projects dealt with an app to assist home caregivers, an adult day care center, and a patented technology that extends batter life by about 50 percent.

Dr. Notis Pagiavlas, interim senior associate dean and professor of marketing, served as the coach for the WSSU teams.

The conference, sponsored by JPMorgan Chase & Co., focuses on entrepreneurs working to solve ongoing societal challenges using business principles that can ensure solutions last over time.

Student competitors were challenged to identify problems facing their local communities and offer implementation and financial strategies for addressing them.

## Local brothers place in statewide competition

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Each year, the North Carolina 4-H Dairy Poster Contest educational activity involves a large number of youth in a meaningful learning experience as they learn about the dairy industry.

The competition is open to 4-H members in North Carolina ages 9-18,

regardless of their cattle experience and ownership.

Three local young men placed well in the competition. In the 9-12 year old division, third place went to Stephen Pledger. In the 13-15 year old division, first place went to his brother, Andrew Pledger. In the 16-19 year old division, second place went to another Pledger brother —

David Allen.

The boys are the sons of Walter and Melanie Pledger of Winston-Salem.

They each received a cash prize from the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association (SUDIA).

Posters were displayed at the N.C. State Fair dairy shows in Raleigh from Oct. 24-26.

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