



*The Winston-Salem Arts District Gateway arch sits in the heart of the Arts District.*

# Winston-Salem has its own downtown arch

**CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT**

St. Louis has nothing on Winston-Salem. Residents can't help but notice the new structure at the corner of Cherry and Sixth Streets. The Winston-Salem Arts District Gateway arch stands out as the newest public art initiative from The Arts For Arts Sake (AFAS) Group.

The arch was dedicated by Councilwoman Denise D. Adams on the evening of April 3.

The vertical column supports are made of an aluminum grid where the community can come and put a personalized padlock on it and throw the key in the column or dispose of it however they wish.

The tradition began overseas with residents in London and Paris who would add padlocks to a bridge, fence, gate or other public fixture to publicly symbolize their love for people, places and things.

"You can put your marriages, deaths, births and engagements on your locks. They can go there 24/7 and click them on the grid," said Harry Knabb, chairman and chief executive officer at AFAS. "The lock, person or memory becomes a part of the community that will always be growing."

The trend, popularized by Italian youth romance author Federico Moccia, has spread across the globe with gates in Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and across the United States.



*The keys to the personalized padlocks on The Winston-Salem Arts District Gateway arch are put at the bottom of the arch.*

# Gov. McCrory to speak at Forsyth Tech's 2015 commencement

**SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE**

N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory will be the speaker at Forsyth Tech's commencement exercises at 5 p.m. today (Thursday, May 7) at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The graduation ceremony is open to the public at no charge, and there will be no charge for parking at the Coliseum.

"We are honored to have Gov. Pat McCrory accept our invitation to address our 2015 graduating class," said Forsyth Tech President Gary Green. "We know he will inspire our graduates with words of encouragement as they prepare to enter the local workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university in pursuit of the additional educational opportunities available in our great state."

About 1,100 Forsyth Tech students will earn associate's degrees, certificates and diplomas that signify completion of their programs of study during the 2015 com-

mencement exercises, an increase of more than 10 percent from 2014.

Forsyth Tech offers credit programs in math, science and technologies; business and information technologies; engineering technologies; health technologies; and humanities and social sciences.

Forsyth Tech ([forsythtech.edu](http://forsythtech.edu)) provides students with flexible educational pathways to a competitive workforce for the community and global economy.

The college offers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in more than 200 programs of study, including programs that promote personal and professional development through non-credit courses and seminars, as well as customized training for business and industry.

Forsyth Tech is the fifth largest community college in North Carolina and serves more than 35,000 students with approximately 1,500 full and part-time faculty and staff.



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