

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS GRADUATES

Senior shows talent in sports and The Arts

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At Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, Jasheen Ross participates in both sports and The Arts.

This year, he played football and ran track. He had a role in a school play, and he sings in the chorus. Visual art is a particular love. For a production of The Wiz, he designed the backdrop and the wizard's costume. For Black History Month, he drew pictures of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and, for a visit to a community day care, he designed the bus for the "Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round" number.

"He is extremely talented, very self-motivated - definitely has the work ethic," said art teacher Paul Evans.

Ross, who attended both middle and high school at Winston-Salem Prep, was the recipient of the school's Johnson Pitts Technology Award, an annual award that goes to a student who has good grades and exhibits character, leadership and integrity. The award comes with scholarship money and a laptop computer, which Principal Richard Watts presented to Ross.

"He has matured and blossomed into a wonderful young man," Watts said.

Listing some of the ways in which Ross participates in the life of the school, Watts said, "He is well-balanced."

And he works hard, said counselor Rhonda Scott. "He's just a neat kid. I'm so proud of him."

Watts and Scott noted that Ross is the first in his family to go to college. It's a distinction, Ross said, that makes him both proud and nervous. "Everybody is looking forward to me to be the best I can be," he said. "I'm going to make them proud."

Ross is on the honor roll. His mother, Tanyell Moore, said that her son has always enjoyed going to school, and he has always tried to do his best.

Ross's brother Treshawn is a junior at Winston-Salem Prep.

Ross is going to Chowan University, a private university of about 1,200 students in Murfreesboro, which is about 200 miles east of Winston-Salem. Along with the scholarship money accompanying the Johnson Pitts award, he is receiving two scholarships from Chowan, including the Dean's Scholarship. With college on the horizon, Ross and his mother have been putting together a list of things he will need for college. Because the laptop he had stopped working, they had added a computer to the list. Now it's one item they can take off it.

This year, Ross's interest in art has grown into a desire to pursue it as a career, and he plans to major in visual arts when he goes to Chowan. Being an artist is more than painting or drawing, he said. "It's not just paper and pencil."

He can imagine various paths that would use his artistic talents, such as designing shoes or clothes.

Along the way, he considered such potential careers as engineering or being an architect. But he has come to the conclusion those paths are not for him.

"That's not what my heart intended for me," he said.



WSPA Graduate Jasheen Ross

He knows that making a living as an artist can be a challenge, so he is considering college options that would qualify him for another career at the same time.

Ross likes learning. He likes learning about people and about how the world works and thinking about such things as what writers are trying to get at in their books. "Life is full of new things, new experiences, different people," Ross said. "I like to observe life."

He also likes to think things through before taking action.

Aside from art, his favorite subject at school this year has been anatomy and physiology. "I learned new things," he said.

This was the first year for varsity football at Winston-Salem Prep, and Ross played cornerback. Although the team didn't have a winning season, they did come together as a team, Ross said, and he

made new friends. In track, he participated in the 4-by-100 meter relay, the 4-by-200 meter relay and the 400 meter and 200 meter sprints.

His favorite sport to watch is baseball, and his favorite player is Derek Jeter, the New York Yankees shortstop who retired after the 2014 season. When he pictures the future, one thing he likes to imagine is Jeter buying a piece of art he has created one day.

"I wouldn't mind it," he said. "It would be an honor."

Who knows? Evans said that Ross is already a good artist, and he has a lot of potential for continuing to develop.

"I have no doubts he will go far," Evans said.

Ross graduated from Winston-Salem Prep on Sunday, June 7 in the K.R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.



Submitted photos
Students are shown in the dining hall of Winston-Salem State University: (L-R) Micah Hairston, Eder Vargas, Stefano Buffert, Steven Evan

Gentleman's Quorum, ESA, Cook visit WSSU and UNC-Chapel Hill

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Gentleman's Quorum at Elementary Academy recently visited Winston-Salem State University, along with other members of their fifth-grade classroom and students from Cook Elementary.

Students participated in a science experiment along with WSSU students from Dr. Pamela Jones' class.

The students were given a chance to see DNA through a microscope. Then each student was given a strawberry and a banana in which instructions were given on how to extract the DNA from each item. The students then proceeded with placing the DNA under the lens of a microscope.

Micah Hairston said he really liked the science experiment that the students participated in at Winston-Salem State University.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "We actually had a chance to work on things like regular college students. The professor was great and the students gave us a lot of real-life chances."

It was the second university that the students visited during the school year. Earlier last fall, they also visited the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"It was a great opportunity for us," said Stefano Buffert. "We had a chance to visit a big university and a smaller university. It was fun, exciting and interesting to see the similarities and differences between the schools. I was impressed with the size of UNC-Chapel Hill. The science experiment we participated in at Winston-Salem State University was awesome, and we also had fun. We ate in the dining hall and got a chance to see what college life is like."

Anthony Snyder said he enjoyed learning about the history of Winston-Salem State. "I really liked the campus," he said. "They have a lot of great programs and I would like to learn more about the university in the future."



(L-R) Student Eder Vargas; Wendy Shackett, a Winston-Salem State University assistant; and Micah Hairston are shown checking out science at WSSU.

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The action you take to carry out the values, ethics and morals that you believe in.

Consistency between what you say you will do and what you actually do.

Putting the ethics into action.

Defines, builds, or breaks your reputation.

Moral strength. It takes moral courage to do what is right when it may cost more than you are willing to pay.

Who you are and what you do when no one is looking.

"What is wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it. Right is still right, even if no one else is doing it." - William Penn

Ethics:
Define moral rights and wrongs. Transcend culture, ethnicity, and are relevant to all socioeconomic conditions.

Are the should and ought of life.

Morals:
Are ethical principles Founded on fundamental principles of right conduct rather than legalities.

Morals are always the same. Immorality varies from generation to generation.

Values:
Refer to all important beliefs.

Not all are ethical, some are neutral or non-ethical.

Stated; what we say, and Operational; what we do.

"Character is not reflected by what we say, or even by what we intend, it is a reflection of what we do." - Anonymous



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