

Dr. Steve Perry's "Education Truth Tour" comes to the Triad

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Quality Education Academy (QEA) of Winston-Salem, The College Preparatory and Leadership Academy of High Point and Torchlight Academy of Raleigh brought education activist Dr. Steve Perry to a few hundred of their parents, students, staff, and community supporters on Aug. 14.

Perry "is revolutionizing education in America," QEA says, and shared with the North Carolina charter schools' communities how to change their mindset using the "Power of Yet."

Perry is the founder and former principal of Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Conn. Capital Prep has sent 100 percent of its predominantly low-income, minority, first-generation high school graduates to four-year colleges every year since its first graduating class in 2006, not unlike QEA since its first graduating class of 2008.

In addition to starting another school in Harlem, N.Y., he is an education contributor for CNN and MSNBC, an Essence Magazine columnist, best-selling author, and host of TV One's "Save My Son."

Perry also talked with QEA, The Point and hundreds of other charter school members at the NC Alliance for Charter Public Schools' annual Charter School Conference this past March in Greensboro. The charter schools were thrilled that he made his tour stop in the Triad again to share about how teachers of black and Latino children must teach a different way to help their students. He told the young people in the crowd that "setbacks are a part of growth, effort is the path to mastery, and that they should take more educational risks."

Perry had some rather tough words for the teachers in the audience about how they have helped create a generation that has a "fixed" mindset that doesn't try and is afraid of new challenges. He told teachers that "they must have higher expectations of their students and that if they want to help children grow, they must have a growth mindset themselves."

For more information about future events sponsored by QEA and The Point, go to www.qeschools.org.



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(Above) Education Activist Dr. Steve Perry speaks to The Point and Quality Education Academy teachers.

(Left) QEA CEO Simon Johnson (left), Dr. Steve Perry and The Point Leader Dr. Michelle Johnson (right).



CEEHD to sponsor Community Conference

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The Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities (CEEHD) and School of Health Science at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) will sponsor a "Community Conference: Sustaining and Strengthening Communities to Improve Health Outcomes" today (Sept. 17) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Millennium Center on 101 W. Fifth St.

The objectives of this conference are as follows: discover proven, innovative and creative interventions/projects that positively impact health disparities in communities; learn new and creative interventions/projects to engage communities as partners in improving health outcomes; explore transformative changes in the nation's healthcare system that leads to health equity among communities; and explore strategies that reduce the negative impact of social determinants on individual and community health.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines will be one of the conference speakers. Joines originally was elected mayor in November 2001. His emphasis is on building the economy and unifying the community.

Other speakers at the event will include the

following: Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D., the William C. and Nancy F. Richardson professor in Health Policy and director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the John's Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Noble A-W Maseru, Ph.D., M.P.H., serves as the health commissioner for the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has 30 years experience in human services, academia and public health; Alexis D. Bakos, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., senior adviser to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Minority Health and Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Marlon Hunter, who has more than 20 years experience in public health, healthcare, occupational safety and environmental

health and is the Public Health Director for Forsyth County; and Sen. Gladys A. Robinson, deputy minority leader of the North Carolina Senate, and has 40 years experience in health and human services.

All proceeds of the conference will go to the Dr. Sylvia A. Flack Health Disparity Endowed Scholarship at WSSU.

Registration fee is \$125 general admission and \$75 for students.

For more information contact Dr. Sylvia A. Flack, CEEHD Executive Director at 336-750-8360 or Leslie Gaynor, CEEHD Program Director at 336-750-8363.



Bakos



Hunter



Joines



Maseru



Robinson



LaVeist

Richardson Family celebrates 170 years of heritage

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The Richardson Family held the Richardson Roots 2015 Reunion from Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23 at the YMCA Camp Hanes, located at 1225 Camp Hanes Road in King. The descendants of Hampton and Catherine Richardson, married July 12, 1845, came together to remember their heritage and celebrate together.

Family members enjoyed a barbeque meal, which was quickly followed by everyone heading to the pool before the all white gala that was held in the conference center.

Saturday morning (Aug. 22) activities included archery, skeet shooting, zip lining, horseback riding, hiking and fishing. Later that evening, they were at the camp fire sharing stories.

Worship service took place Sunday

morning (Aug. 23). Minister Derrick Womack of Lynchburg, Virginia, stated "that not only are we a part of the Richardson Roots Family, but we are all a part of the Family of Christ."

Pastor Paul Thombs and members of the Nehemiah Worship Center of Winston-Salem, Coach John Eder and members of the Winston-Salem State University football team were also present to help celebrate the weekend.

"I know that our forefathers and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ have stamped an approval on this weekend," said Richardson Roots Committee Chair Carmina Richardson Eder. "It provided us to come together and offer thanksgiving for where He has brought us from and where He has planned for us to go!"

