



Students at Carver High School listen to speakers during the kickoff celebration for the JRAMS Mentoring and Tutoring Program.



Dr. Trae Cotton, vice chancellor of student affairs at WSSU, speaks to students from Carver High School and WSSU during the kickoff celebration on Friday, Sept. 25.

# Carver High, WSSU kick off mentoring and tutoring program

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On Friday, Sept. 25, students from Winston-Salem State University and Carver High School came together to mark the start of JRAMS, a new tutoring and mentoring program for 10th-graders.

JRAMS stands for Jackets and Rams Achieving Maximum Success and is only offered at Carver High School.

The purpose of the program is to assist students in rising up and taking those first crucial steps in becoming what they want to be in the future. In addition to mentoring and academic support, the students who participate in the program will also have opportunities to be apart of the WSSU culture.

By attending athletic

events and cultural events on campus, the high school students will get a chance to experience what life is really like on a college campus.

Students will also participate in field trips, hear monthly inspirational speakers and participate in a number of workshops.

During the celebration to mark the beginning of the program, sophomores Shawanna Ladson and Jakyia Vance said they were excited about getting a chance to be a part of the new program.

"I'm excited to get a chance to go on the campus and learn from the college students," Ladson said.

Vance said she hasn't met with her mentor yet, but joined the program to get a little taste of what the college life is all about.

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—Shawanna Ladson, sophomore

about college and see what everything is about," Vance said.

Coordinators of the program believe the mentor relationship along with the other opportunities are not only to support student academics, but also to support personal growth and student leadership.

Dr. Trae Cotton, vice chancellor of student affairs at WSSU, spoke during the ceremony and said he was delighted to see his students getting involved in the community.

"It is always a pleasure to see my Rams working in the community," Cotton said. "Everyone behind this program together is ready to help these students be all they can be."

Many of the mentors and tutors volunteered for the program.

Tyree Wilkes, a rising WSSU junior, said he volunteered for the program because he had worked with similar programs back home and wanted to get more involved in this community.

"I found out about the program from a organization on campus, they said they really needed mentors for the males in the program, so I wanted to do my part to help the community."

A number of dignitaries attended the kickoff celebration, including: Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Superintendent Beverly Emory, Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke, and Police Chief Barry D. Rountree.

During the opening of the celebration, Travis Taylor, principal of Carver High School, expressed how excited he was about the program.

"I am very excited for this program to be kicking off right here at Carver," said Taylor. "Our students are eager to meet their

mentors and take those steps to mapping out their futures."

After the ceremony in the auditorium, the mentors and students gathered in the cafeteria for food and fun. This allowed the students time to meet a number of the college students and directors of the program.

Cotton said he believes his students are ready to make a difference.

"I know my students are ready to make a difference in the lives of these students, and this program is perfect for that."

Other partners who helped put the JRAMS Program together include Grace Presbyterian Church, on Carver School Road, and Big Brother, Big Sister of Winston-Salem.



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This MAKERSPACE lab features items printed on a 3D printer at the Center for Design Innovation.

## Center for Design Innovation opens new facility to public

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Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, home of SciTech Institute and Bailey Park, welcomed a new tenant that is dedicated to creative expression, technology expansion and scientific discovery to the community last week.

The Center for Design Innovation (CDI), now located at 450 Design Ave., moved into its new 24,000-square-foot facility in the spring and held its public grand opening on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Designed with the assistance of CDI's founding partners – Winston-Salem State University, Forsyth Technical Community College and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts – the facility will be open to all members of the community who want to learn, conduct research and experiment with technology.

"CDI is as much campus-facing as community-facing, with forums and projects scaled 10-fold with spaces and tools to allow the community to take their ideas further," said Executive Director Pamela Jennings.

Through the University of North Carolina system, the three-story, modern, flexible facility houses millions of dollars worth of equipment within multiple design studios, MAKER labs, a multi-purpose activity floor, a digital manufacturing shop, a data center and The CUBE.

The CUBE is a three-story, windowless

concrete room that can be used for research, design projects, workshops and classes.

"It is almost all digital," said systems architect Richard Phillips.

Its digital technology includes a slow-motion camera that can be used for scientific research to view things "too fast to see but too important not to" and 3D scanning equipment that replaces traditional blueprints by providing high resolution, globally accessible measurements, according to Phillips.

Although all the programming has not been specified yet, CDI hopes to design programs for lifelong learners and children.

CDI will also continue to work with its founding partners by expanding the number of classes taught at their facility and providing co-curricular activities for the students. Center officials also plan to collaborate on projects across multiple institutions of higher learning in the Triad area.

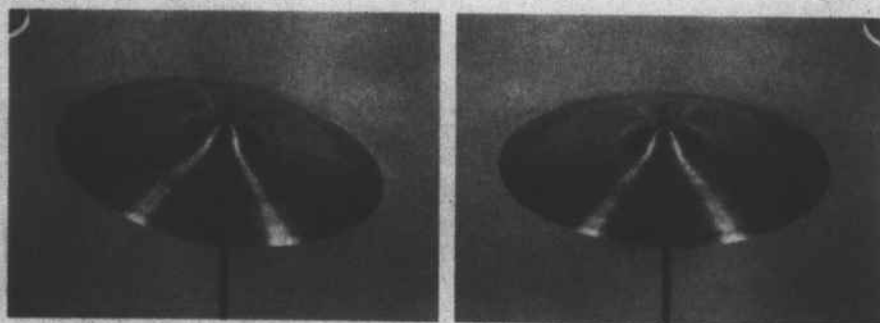
Now that CDI has a permanent location, officials are looking forward to expanding their programming and opening their doors to the community.

CDI is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free parking is available. For more information visit [cdiunc.org](http://cdiunc.org).



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