

## Community Briefs

### WSSU's Valentine appointed to organization's board

Dr. Peggy Valentine, dean of the School of Health Sciences at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals.



Valentine

The organization represents more than 100 international and national health professional schools. This is Valentine's second term on this board.

Valentine has been dean at WSSU since January 2006 and is responsible for the educational programs in clinical laboratory science, exercise physiology health care management, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation counseling.

In addition to her work with the N. C. Center for Public Policy Research, she is general chair and president of the Consortium for International Management Policy and Development. Valentine is also on the board of trustees for Novant Health.

### Dionne Jenkins named interim general counsel

Dionne Jenkins will be the interim general counsel for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (WS/FCS). The Board of Education unanimously approved the move on Dec. 8. Jenkins will begin her new role on Jan. 1.

Jenkins has been a staff attorney for WS/FCS since 2013. She has worked with employee and student grievances and with employee concerns and vendor contracts. She will replace Allison Tomberlin, who is resigning effective Dec. 31 to spend more time with her family and to open a law firm with her husband.

Jenkins is an adjunct professor for Forsyth Technical Community College and a former adjunct professor for Salem College. Previously, she was sole practitioner of a small general practice primarily in the areas of criminal and family law, and she litigated matters in District and Superior Court.

Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a law degree from Wake Forest University.



Jenkins

### Medal of Merit for Officer McFadden

Chief Barry D. Rountree presented the "Medal of Merit" award to Officer Travis T. McFadden on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Public Safety Center Auditorium.

On Oct. 21, Officer T. T. McFadden was reporting for duty at The Kingswood School, where he serves as the assigned School Resource Officer, when he observed a single-vehicle collision that had taken place off of the roadway, between R.J. Reynolds High School and Wiley Middle School. Officer McFadden took immediate action by climbing into the vehicle that was suspended over a tunnel and safely removing a 2-year-old child from the vehicle and away from danger.

McFadden's quick response and decision to put the life of the child above his own safety clearly demonstrates his commitment to excellence that exceeds department standards. Congratulations to Officer McFadden for his dedication and commitment to serving the community.



McFadden

### USDA and Department of Defense announce agriculture education effort

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden and Dr. Susan Kelly, Director of the Department of Defense's Transition to Veterans Program Office, announced the integration of agriculture into the career training and counseling programs service members receive as they transition out of the military. Information about USDA resources and programs will now reach 200,000 transitioning service members every year. This partnership will help to ensure that returning service members know about the incentives for military veterans in USDA programs, and the many ways USDA can support military veterans and their families, from farm loans to conservation programs to nutrition assistance to rural rental housing and homeownership opportunities. Veterans can also visit [www.usda.gov/veterans](http://www.usda.gov/veterans), a website designed specifically to educate them about USDA programs.

### Brain Cancer research project receives \$1.5 million Federal Grant

A Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center-based research program aimed at developing new ways to treat one of the most common and most malignant types of primary brain tumors has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institutes of Health. The research team includes Wake Forest Baptist faculty members in cancer biology, hematology and oncology, microbiology and immunology, biochemistry, biostatistics and neuropathology and a medicinal chemistry expert from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

### DCCC announces Golden LEAF scholars

Davidson County Community College is pleased to announce the Fall 2015 Golden LEAF Scholars. Seven students from Davie, Randolph and Stanly counties have received scholarships from the Golden LEAF Foundation. Five of the students are enrolled in the curriculum program and two are occupational education students. The students and their courses of study are as follows: Curriculum Students: Krystle Beal - Practical Nurse Education; Lillian Marino - Truck Driving Training; Jessica Martin - Medical Assisting; Stephanie Reece - Practical Nurse Education; Tocarra Steele - Practical Nurse Education. Occupational Education Students: Shikha Sharma - Nurse Assistant I; Jamie Smith - Nurse Assistant II.

## Community Calendar

### WFU-Reynolda Village Trail to be closed

The paved walkway leading from the University to Reynolda Village will be closed during part of December due to construction projects along the path. The often-used walkway begins on campus just off Faculty Drive, next to Parking Lot S, and winds through a wooded area before reaching Reynolda Village. Erosion repair projects will be taking place until approximately Dec. 23 at two locations. The largest will occur at the bridge at Lake Katharine, where the dam is also located. Another project will be at the small bridge that crosses a creek closer to campus. The exact dates of the project's duration may be revised due to weather.

### "Dreams of Christmas"

The Salem Band will be giving a free performance today (Dec. 17) at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be at Trinity Moravian Church, located at 220 E. Sprague St. Donations will be accepted for Sunnyside Ministry and the Salem Band. For more information, contact Eileen Young at 336-413-2180, email [eileenyoung@triad.rr.com](mailto:eileenyoung@triad.rr.com), or visit [www.salemband.org](http://www.salemband.org).

### Eighth annual free citywide Christmas party

Christmas for the City creates a meaningful Christmas experience for the whole community. Using the entire Benton Convention Center and part of Fifth Street, Christmas for the City is sponsored by Love Out Loud, a year-round collaborative of churches, non-profits and for-profits that connects leaders and resources to the needs of our city. The free citywide Christmas party happens on Friday, December 18, 4 to 9 p.m., at the Benton Convention Center, 301 W. Fifth Street. Experiences for all ages include: a variety of community-wide vocal and instrumental groups will perform throughout the building and, new this year, out on 5th Street in front of the Convention Center. The six performance stages incorporate a wide variety of our city's musical styles: Gospel, Contemporary Christian, hip-hop, reggae, rock, pop, southern Gospel, and Latin music. A kids' room featuring a wide range of activities, including The North Pole Village, carpentry projects, photo booths and, of course, Santa Claus. Thirty local nonprofits will be on hand adding experiences integrated throughout the Convention Center that will connect attendees to their mission. The Table once again brings people from across the entire city together to share a meal. Help Portrait Project gives people in need an opportunity to receive a professional photo. Also new this year, "Visions of Hope Photography Journey," a community arts project and exhibition that pairs artists and photographers with homeless community members who will tell their journey of hope through their own photography. Visions of Hope is made possible with funding by The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, as well as churches and individuals passionate about this project. For more information, visit [www.christmasforthecity.com](http://www.christmasforthecity.com); [www.facebook.com/christmasforthecity](http://www.facebook.com/christmasforthecity); @Christmas4city Love Out Loud: [www.loveoutloudws.com](http://www.loveoutloudws.com); [www.facebook.com/loveoutloudws](http://www.facebook.com/loveoutloudws); and @loveoutloudws.

### Lifeline shoeboxes for the elderly

The eighth annual Lifeline Shoebox distribution project for nursing homes and assisted living residents will be held from Sunday, Dec. 20 to Thursday, Dec. 24. Drop off locations for Lifeline Shoebox all are Winston-Salem locations so far:

\*Mose' Insurance Agency, Nationwide Insurance, 904 Peters Creek Pkwy., 336-723-1174

\*Winston-Salem Chronicle Newspaper, 617 N. Liberty St., 336-722-8624

\*Unique Insurance, 742 Waughtown St., 336-785-3882

\*Matts Southside Auto, 158 W. Acadia Ave., 336-721-1111

\*Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center, 3521 Carver School Road, 336-727-2580. Organizers need more safe secure donated spaces with climate control access for donated items received in other Forsyth County areas. Acceptable items are washcloths, lotion, petroleum jelly, body wash, shampoo, socks and more. For additional information, contact Wanda Reid at 336-546-7015.

### Feeding the homeless

Wynter Guess, the 14 year-old founder of Life Wishes announced today the non-profit will hold its fourth annual Christmas Eve breakfast to feed the homeless in the Winston-Salem community. The event now known as WishDay will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 at the Goler Family Enrichment Center, 620 N. Patterson Ave. WishDay 2015 will begin at 8 a.m. Life Wishes is seeking both cash and in-kind donations from the community to assist with WishDay 2015. Contributions may be made online on the Life Wishes website. Life Wishes also has an online gift store in which proceeds go to Life Wishes to support WishDay and other charitable projects. Those interested in participating in WishDay 2015 as a volunteer should call Life Wishes.

### New Year's Eve dance party

Plan to ring in 2016 at a New Year's Eve Dance Party with Denver and The Mile High Orchestra. The party will be at First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, on Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bring your friends for a fun evening of music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Tickets are \$25 per person. Purchase tickets at [itickets.com](http://itickets.com) or at [fccministries.com](http://fccministries.com).

Forsyth County 4-H club forming

Forsyth County 4-H is forming a new 4-H club for

youth ages 8-11. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 PM beginning Jan. 7 at the Forsyth County Extension Center at 1450 Fairchild Road. Call Tara Cuello, 4-H Leader, at 336-934-7468 or email her at [tcuello@yahoo.com](mailto:tcuello@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Applications for City of Winston-Salem University

The city is accepting applications for the next class of "City of Winston-Salem University," to be held for 11 weeks starting Feb. 11, 2016. City of Winston-Salem University gives citizens a better understanding of city government, including the responsibilities of various city departments and the city's role in the community. City of Winston-Salem University is free, however, participants have the option of earning continuing education credit through Winston-Salem State University for a nominal fee of \$25. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Applications are available at the Marketing and Communications Department in City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Suite 336, or by calling CityLink 311. The application is also posted online at [www.CityofWS.org](http://www.CityofWS.org) and can be printed and mailed in, or filled out and submitted online. For more information, call CityLink 311.

### Remembering John Biggers

The Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts presents "Remembering John Biggers," an exhibition of prints and drawings by Dr. John T. Biggers (1924-2001), an African-American muralist, painter and educator, now through Jan. 30, 2016 at Delta Arts Center, located at 2611 New Walkertown Road. The exhibit features works from Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts' permanent collection and the works from private and public collections across the state. Biggers, a native of Gastonia, came into prominence after the Harlem Renaissance and was often called "a canvas master of the human condition." Visit [www.DeltaArtsCenter.org](http://www.DeltaArtsCenter.org) or call 336-722-2625 for more information.

### Call for entries for sixth annual 10-minute play competition

Winston-Salem Writers is now accepting entries for their 10-minute play competition through January 5, 2016. The contest is open to North Carolina residents only including full-time students in a North Carolina school. Entries must be original and previously unpublished. Three winning plays will be chosen and stage read on the evening of Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Hanesbrand Theater in Winston Salem. Entry fee for nonmembers of Winston-Salem Writers is \$20. More information and complete rules can be found at [www.wswriters.org](http://www.wswriters.org) under the "Contests" tab.

### Ongoing

#### American Legion Post 128 fish fry

A fish fry is held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road to support and serve the community. The funds also support the Post.

### Karaoke

Karaoke Night is every second Friday of the month from 8 to 10 p.m. at Camel City Elks Lodge on 1405 N. Patterson Ave. There will be cash prize winners judged by the audience from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by DJ R.M. and sponsored by the Magnificent Seniors Social Club.

### Food and Clothing Giveaway

Love Community Development Corporation serves those in need of food and clothes every Monday Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for those needing resumes or who are looking for a job. Love Community Development Corporation is located at 3980 N. Liberty St. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

### Night to Shine Prom

Night to Shine Prom, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, will take place on February 12, 2016 at First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 N. Main St. Kernersville, NC 27284 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The prom will include a red-carpet entrance. The honored guests receive either a crown or a tiara to serve as a reminder that they are all kings and queens.

If you know of someone with special needs who would like to participate, please register at <http://www.fccministries.com/#/night-to-shine-prom/register-to-attend>.

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