



Below: Members of the youth choir at Solid Rock Baptist Church perform during the talent show at Parkland High School on Saturday, Jan. 9. The annual event is hosted by the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.



Flonnie Anderson addresses the crowd during the annual talent show hosted by the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Parkland High School. Anderson received an award for her 34 years of service to the school system.

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Phi Delta Kappa honors Flonnie Anderson during talent show

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For the past five years, the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., a professional organization of women in the field of education, has held a talent show to display the many talents of students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

With a theme of 'Soulful Sounds, this year's event was bigger than ever.

And it honored long-time drama teacher Flonnie Anderson.

Chapter President Patsy Squire said the sorority holds the talent show every year to display how much talent is in the schools in this area.

"Our schools are filled with talented boys and girls," she said. "A few years ago we decided we would hold this event so

others can see how talented they really are."

Throughout the evening, students from a number of schools sang songs and performed dance routines with hopes of taking home the first prize of \$100. Second place received \$50 and third place received \$25.

Although the event was very competitive, Squire mentioned the event is about having good, wholesome fun in a safe environment.

"This night is all about fun," she said. "Although we do keep the competitive edge by awarding winners with money, we make sure everyone involved leaves with a smile on their faces and new friends."

A number of parents thanked the organization for putting the event together. Adrianna Moore, whose daughter par-

ticipated in the talent show, said during a time when children are out committing adult crimes in their spare time, events like the talent show are very much needed.

"School-age children need more events like this," said Adriana Moore. "If children had more events like this to attend, they would get into less trouble."

During the event, the members of the sorority took a moment to honor long-time drama teacher Flonnie Anderson with an award for her hard work and dedication to improving the lives of hundreds of students over the years.

Squire said she felt the need to honor Anderson because she has touched so many lives in the area and continues to do so today.

"We believe in giving people their flowers while they are still here to smell

them," she said. "Mrs. Anderson has set an amazing example for teachers and students across this city."

Anderson taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for 34 years before retiring in 1989. During her tenure with the school system, Anderson taught drama classes at Atkins, Anderson, and Parkland High Schools.

In 1970 Anderson became the first teacher to direct a production that featured both white and black students following the integration of schools in the late 60s.

"I am honored to be recognized by such an important organization," said Anderson after receiving her award.

"I have received a number of awards over the years, but this one is special."



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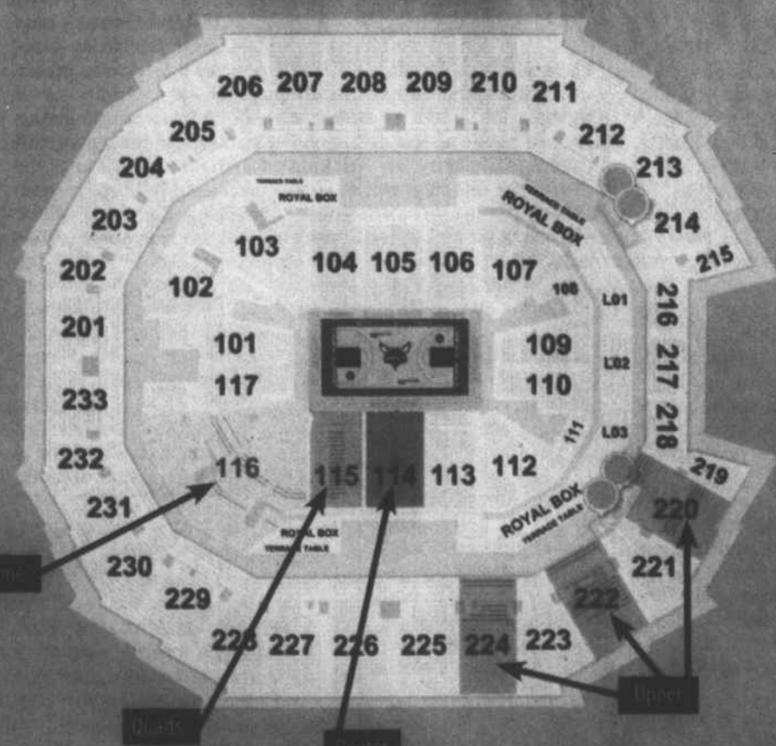
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