

Community Briefs

Robert Joyner III graduates from basic military training

Private First Class Robert L. Joyner III graduated from the Marines basic military training at Parris Island, in S.C. PFC Joyner completed an intensive 13-week program that included training in military discipline and studies. The United States Marines core values are honor, courage and commitment. He is a 2015 graduate of Atkins High School and is the son of Robert L. Joyner Jr. and Pam Peoples-Joyner.



Joyner III

Reynolds American Inc. receives award

Elder Care Choices, a division of Senior Services, has named Reynolds American Inc. one of the first recipients of its Work-Life Balance Award. The award recognizes the commitment made by the company to help its employees who face the challenges of being working caregivers. Reynolds American has offered Elder Care Choices as a part of its operating companies' employee benefit package for 20 years, making it possible for employees who are also caregivers to get the assistance they need in identifying and locating resources for aging loved ones.

"We commend Reynolds American for being so far ahead of the curve when it comes to recognizing the significance and impact of caregiving issues in the workplace," said Richard Gottlieb, president and CEO of Senior Services.

For more information about Elder Care Choices, call Annamae Giles at 336-721-6916 or e-mail her at agiles@seniorservicesinc.org.

Well Care Home Health expands services to Davie County

Well Care Home Health, a North Carolina based home health agency, recently announced its expansion into the Davie County community with its acquisition of Davie County Home Health, an agency serving about 220 adult homecare patients that has served Triad-area citizens for decades. This acquisition will allow Well Care to provide services in the Greater Triad area to include Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Davidson, Yadkin, Randolph and surrounding counties. Well Care is a member of the Association for Home & Hospice Care in North Carolina, the National Association for Home and Hospice Care and a HomeCare Elite recipient. For more information, call 336-753-6200 or visit www.wellcarehealth.com.

WSSU School of Health Sciences administrator named to Foundation Board

Kevin B. Byers, assistant dean for budget and administration in Winston-Salem State University's (WSSU) School of Health Sciences, has been appointed to a three-year term to the Novant Health Foundation's Board of Directors.

"I'm deeply humbled at the opportunity to serve on such an esteemed board whose primary focus is improving the health of our community," said Byers. "Being a believer that one's health is their wealth, I look forward to helping the foundation create wealthier people by funding innovative healthcare initiatives that improve the health of our citizenry."

Byers has worked at WSSU since 2004. Prior to his current role at WSSU, Byers served as the university program specialist in the Office of Sponsored Programs from 2007 to 2011. In that role he administered federal, state and private grants in excess of \$10 million. Byers earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration at Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. and an MBA at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla.

WSSU receives \$50,000 from DataMax Foundation to fund paid internships

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) has received a \$50,000 gift from DataMax Foundation to create paid internships at businesses located in Forsyth County. The funds will provide 16 WSSU students with paid internships in 2016.

Paid internships allow students to gain important career-related experience while also earning money to help fund their college education. More than 90 percent of WSSU students receive need-based financial aid and 60 percent can expect no family contribution for their education. The majority of WSSU students are the first in their families to attend college.

WSSU Career Development Services Director LaMonica Sloan said, "This investment from DataMax Foundation helps us develop a program to ensure that more of our students have access to internships, particularly local internships, as so many of our graduates stay in the Triad."

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 92.6 percent of employers prefer to hire candidates with work experience, and 60 percent of interns are offered permanent employment by the company with which they intern.

Center for Design Innovation receives gift from DataMax Foundation

The DataMax Foundation has awarded a \$44,100 grant to the Center for Design Innovation (CDI) to support the development of the center's maker space. The gift will be used to replace and upgrade computers and key software applications used by CDI's Cultivating Future Innovators (CFI) program. Through its CFI program, the center will welcome lifelong learners into its new space to explore creative ideas, learn technical skills, prototype new inventions and connect with thought leaders at the horizon of the discovery economy.

The Center for Design Innovation (CDI) is a multi-campus research center of the University of North Carolina system. Located in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter in downtown Winston-Salem, NC, the CDI is part laboratory, part workshop and part convening space.

Local attorney named to 2015 10 Best in North Carolina for client satisfaction

The American Institute of Family Law Attorneys has recognized the exceptional performance of North Carolina's Family Law Attorneys H. Marie Hutto and Jennifer Payne as 2015 10 Best Family Law Attorneys for Client Satisfaction. Attorneys who are selected to the "10 Best" list must pass AIOFLA's rigorous selection process, which is based on client and/or peer nominations, thorough research, and AIOFLA's independent evaluation.

Community Calendar

Feb. 18 - Parent Resource and Volunteer Room Grand Opening

Alisha Taylor and Elena Guevara, teachers at Diggs-Latham Elementary, recently received the Lowe's Toolbox Grant for \$5,000 for their Parent Resource and Volunteer room to create a welcoming space for parents and volunteers. A grand opening will be held today Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 - "Welcome to Medicare" Workshop

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is offering a workshop for individuals turning 65 (as well as those who already have Medicare) to learn about the different insurance options available, including "Original Medicare," Medicare prescription drug programs, Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. The session will be held today, Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, 1700 Ebert Street. The session is designed to explain and clarify the Medicare sign-up process and educate attendees on how to make smart choices. Trained Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors will be on hand to answer questions. The session is provided at no cost. Because space is limited, reservations are required. Contact the Shepherd's Center at 748-0217 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Feb. 18 - Winston Under 40: Lunch With Leaders

The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will host the Winston Under 40 Lunch with Leaders Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., today, Thursday, Feb. 18, at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 125 South Main St. The event will showcase innovative business professionals from the Winston-Salem area and feature speaker Eric Tomlinson. This event offers a great opportunity to connect with local business leaders and gain valuable knowledge to grow in business careers. Due to limited seating, early registration is required. Registration includes admission and lunch. To register for the event, contact Joseph Hamby at 336-728-9227.

Feb. 18 - 2016 Candidates' Forum

The Winston Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Winston Salem Journal will hold the 2016 Candidates Forum from 5:30-8:45 p.m., today, Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Center for Design Innovation, 450 Design Ave. The event will feature candidates running for the Winston-Salem City Council and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. The Candidates' Forum aims not only to allow individuals to have their questions answered, but to offer the community an opportunity to meet and talk with candidates in order to make the best educated decision for the most suitable candidate to serve Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Light refreshments will be provided. All registered candidates who have opposition are invited to participate. The event is non-partisan, free and open to the community. The format of the forum is as follows: Meet and Greet with light refreshments from 5:30-6 p.m., presentation of candidates for City Council from 6-7:15 p.m., and presentation of candidates for Forsyth County Board of Commissioners 7:30-8:45 p.m. To submit questions for the candidates, contact Allysen Mahaffey at amahaffey@wsjournal.com or 336-727-7403. For more information about the event, contact Wendy Potat at 336-728-9249.

Feb. 18 & 19 - Racial Equity Institute two-day workshop

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods is hosting the Racial Equity Institute's two-day workshop: Race, Class and Power on Feb. 18 & 19. This event will be held at Habitat for Humanity's Housing Education Center, 1023 W. 14th St., today, Thursday, Feb. 18, and Friday, Feb. 19. This two-day workshop will educate us about our complete history, it's impact on our culture, and how we can end the "war on each other" through a true understanding of race, class, and power. For more information or to register, go to www.nbn-community.org/upcoming-events, or call 336-602-2519.

Feb. 19 - 21 - Triad Home & Garden Show

The Original Triad Home & Garden Show will be held Feb. 19 - 21 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Building. This is the largest and longest running consumer show in this area with over 100 vendors. Event Hours are Feb. 19, 2 - 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 21, 12 - 4 p.m. Tickets Information: \$8 at the door. Free parking is located at Gate 5

on Deacon Blvd. and is handicap accessible.

Feb. 19 - Rock the Ribbon concert

Rock the Ribbon is a concert style event with six different bands including special guest, Al Yountz, will be held on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at Ziggy's, 170 W. 9th St. Robert Fleischman will be the event emcee. All door proceeds will go to Susan G. Komen Northwest NC in memory of Sherri Roberts Biallis and Joan Marie Barrett. For more information, contact Cathy Pighini at clpighini@ptmc.net or visit ziggy-rock.net.

Feb. 20 - Health forum

The Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will hold a public health forum 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Hospice & Palliative Care Center, 101 Hospice Lane. Former Essence Magazine Executive Editor Tamara Jeffries will lead the forum. Jeffries is assistant professor of Journalism and Media Studies at Bennett College for Women. She is also a contributing editor for Health magazine. The forum will include discussion on mental wellness among women and families of color. For more information contact Elizabeth Newton, at 336-784-6508.

Feb. 20 - Odd Fellow Cemetery work day

The Friends of the Odd Fellows, along with volunteers from the Professional Grounds Management Society, will have a work day at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. Community volunteers are invited to come out and help with the ongoing work of removing weeds and cleaning grave sites at the cemetery. The entrance to the cemetery is located on Shorefair Drive between Senior Services and the Winston-Salem Police drivers training parking lot.

Feb. 20 - Celebrate Winston-Salem Islam Community

The community is invited to Celebrate Sixty Years And Counting of the Winston-Salem Islam Community on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Delta Fine Arts Center. The program features the Healing Force, a delicious meal and recognition of three honorees. A review of the highlights of the growth of Winston-Salem's Islamic Community will highlight the evening. The program starts at 5 p.m. Please contact Fleming El-Amin at 336-575-0895 for more information. He can also be reached at fleming07.fea@gmail.com.

Feb. 20 - First Aid for a Healthy Yard program

The Forsyth Cooperative Extension office is offering a First Aid for a Healthy Yard program on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2 - 4 p.m., at 1450 Fairchild Rd. Some topics will include plant selection, pest and invasive plant id/management, soil testing, and providing habitat. The first 20 to register will receive a free Yard Health First Aid kit! This workshop is sponsored by the Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Contact the Forsyth Cooperative Extension office to register for this program. For more information call 336-703-2850 or email coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc.

Deadline Feb. 20 - Forsyth County Democratic Party Gala

The bi-annual Forsyth County Democratic Party Gala will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 at The Millennium Center, 101 W. 5th Street. Festivities begin with a VIP reception at Artworks Gallery on Trade Street at 6 p.m. and move to The Millennium Center at 7 p.m. Gene Nichol, distinguished law professor and director of the North Carolina Poverty Fund, is the keynote speaker. The Gala is an opportunity to mingle with elected officials, meet state and local candidates, and enjoy a special Millennium Center buffet dinner. Marlana Kirk and her swing dance company will add jump, jive and wail to make this a truly high-energy, exciting event. The Gala is open to everyone and all ages. To purchase tickets, go to <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/2016gala>. Deadline for ticket purchase is February 20. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more info call: 847-909-3651.

Feb. 20 - A.H. Anderson Class of 1966 class reunion meeting

The Anderson High School Class of 1966 will meet on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. at the home of Clyde Moore. For further information, you can call 336-761-0668 or 336-971-6196.

Now through Feb. 21 - American Heart Association

events
The American Heart Association will hold several events in the Triad area in recognition of American Heart Health Month, part of the Go Red for Women's Heart Health movement. Beating Hearts Zumbathon with Novant Health, the Hispanic League and Macy's from 6-9:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19 at the Village Inn Event Center, 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons; Red Bottom Shoes Wellness Fair and Luncheon with Red H.E.A.R.R.T, Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Benton Convention Center, 301 West Fifth St.; and Red Dress Tea from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21 at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, 3155 Maplewood Ave. For more information, call 336-542-4837 or email sarah.fedele@heart.org.

Feb. 22 - Small business seminar

Micro Enterprise Loan Program of Winston Salem Forsyth County Inc., a non-profit corporation designed to create jobs by promoting self-sufficiency for small businesses in Forsyth County, will host another small business success seminar on Monday, Feb. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the East Winston Library. This seminar is designed to help entrepreneurs/small businesses who are interested in starting a business become more profitable, find financing, marketing and proper structure of the business. The seminar is sponsored by The WellsFargo Foundation and The First Tennessee Bank Foundation. This seminar is free and open to the public, however, seating is limited. RSVP to Darryl Little at 722-9600.

Feb. 21 & 28 - Carolina Stars Basketball Spring Try-Outs

Carolina Stars Basketball is having their Spring Competitive 2016 Tryouts on Feb. 21 for boys 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th, and on Feb. 28 for girls 6th, 7th, and 8th at Westchester Country Day School, 2045 N. Old Greensboro Road, High Point. If you are interested in playing competitive Travel Basketball, please visit our website to fill out an intent to tryout form. All tryouts and open gym dates are now posted. For more information contact Coach Grier at 336-991-0597 or go to www.carolinastarsbasketball.com.

Feb. 23 - AUSCS meeting

Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AUSCS) will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Polo Recreation Center, 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem from 7-8:30 p.m. "Students See Cracks in the Wall Separating Church and State" will be the topic at the meeting of the Triad Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Ellis Brown, Marissa Siavelis, and Noah Washburn will provide insight into how local high-school students view hot-button issues. The moderator will be Leigh Humphrey, who teaches Advance Placement U.S. History at the Career Center. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Beginning Feb. 25 - Workshop on living with chronic disease

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold the Living Healthy with Chronic Disease workshop from Feb. 25 - March 31, 1 - 3:30 p.m., at Peace Haven Baptist Church, 3384 York Road. Call 336-748-0217 to register. Orientation and registration will be held on Feb. 25. The workshop starts Thursday, March 3 and continues through April 7 from 1-3:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 16 who register. You must pre-register by calling 336-748-0217.

Deadline Feb. 26 - Applicants Sought for Community Appearance Commission

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke is accepting applications from citizens interested in filling a vacancy on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Community Appearance Commission. The vacancy must be filled by a person who has demonstrated special experience or education in a design field, such as architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, land use planning, historic preservation, or a closely related field. Applicants must reside in the city limits. The Community Appearance Commission seeks to enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic character of Forsyth County and the city of Winston-Salem for the education, pleasure and enrichment of city and county residents; and to improve the community's visual quality of life for generations to come. Interested candidates should contact the City Secretary's office at 727-2224 or send an email to melaniej@cityofws.org. The application deadline is Feb. 26, 2016.