



The following Links members attended the workshop. They are: (L:R) On the first row: Patricia Hickman, Chair, Services to Youth Committee; and Dr. Connie Johnson. On the second row: LaJoi Wilson-Moore, Sonny Haynes and Candice Wooten Brown. On the third row: Davida Martin, Pamela Dockery-Howard, Stephanie Hill-Palmer. On the fourth row: Lisa Caldwell, Donna Oldham and Kathy Stitts.



North Forsyth student
Lauren Scales



North Forsyth student
Nigel Tumbler



Winston-Salem Prep
student Josh Gould

Students get community help with the ACT

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On a Saturday morning, Josh Gould could have slept in. Instead, he chose to get up and head over to Carver High School to join more than 100 other high school students taking a course designed to help them do well on the ACT test.

"It's a great opportunity to prepare myself," said Gould, who is a junior at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy. "It's an opportunity to my advantage."

Before the workshop began, Gould said that he was looking forward to becoming more familiar with the format of the ACT and to learning strategies for answering questions.

Other students offered similar reasons for being there.

"I want to do well on the ACT so I can make it into a good college," said Nigel Tramber, who is a junior at North Forsyth High School.

In recent years, the Winston-Salem Chapter of The Links, an international organization of women dedicated to serving their communities, and Winston-Salem State University have organized an annual workshop designed to help students perform as well as they can on the ACT, a test that many colleges consider when deciding whether to accept a student.

In welcoming the students to the workshop, Doria Kathy Stitts, a member of The Links who is the associate provost and dean of University College and Lifelong Learning at Winston-Salem State, said, "I am so excited about this program. We want to see you go into college and be successful."

Along with helping individual students do well, another goal of the program is to help Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools reach its goal of closing the achievement gap among students of different backgrounds, said LaJoi Wilson-Moore, a member of The Links who

is an assistant principal at Jefferson Middle School.

Doing well on the ACT also increases the likelihood of a student receiving scholarships, she said.

Kenneth Simington, the school system's chief academic officer, noted that, along with closing the achievement gap, the workshop could help the school system reach its goal of improving the graduation rate.

Over the years, the number of schools participating has grown. This year, students came from Atkins Academic & Technology High School, Carver High School, Glenn High School, Parkland High School, Walkertown High School and Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy.

"I'm excited that we had more students to participate and more schools," said Constance Johnson, The Links member who coordinated the workshop.

Johnson's husband and school board member, Vic Johnson, stopped by. Principal Richard Watts of Winston-Salem Prep joined his students at the workshop. Staff members on hand from other schools also included Maria Watkins, the director of student services at Walkertown; Amy Samek, the director of student services at Parkland; Sonya Withers, the director of student services at North Forsyth; Tonya Withers, the director of student services at Carver; and Candace Shaw, the career development coordinator at Atkins.

"I hope they get a better understanding of what to expect when they take the ACT," Shaw said.

Members of the Winston-Salem State faculty were there as volunteers. Margaret Poston, who has taught at the university for 38 years, said she was delighted to participate.

"I like teaching, and I like helping students," Poston said. "And I want them to succeed."

After breakfast, students headed off to take a series of classes. By the end of the day, they would

have taken classes that focused on such test topics as biology, reading comprehension and math.

In each of the classes, Winston-Salem State faculty members talked about such strategies as ways to eliminate clearly wrong answers so that you can concentrate on choosing between a smaller number of possibly correct answers.

As Laury Scales, who is a junior at North Forsyth, headed to her next class, she said that the tips she was taking away from the workshop included strategies for eliminating clearly wrong answers as well as the importance of studying vocabulary beforehand and of answering every the question since there is no penalty for a wrong answer.

You can also find more general test preparation tips such as that at ACT. You can find Free Rice at Free Rice.com.

The Winston-Salem State faculty members who participated in the workshop were:

Stephanie Dance-Barnes, associate professor of biological sciences; Cheraton Love, dean of first-year Students and advising services, University College and Lifelong Learning (UCaLL) and lecturer of biological sciences; Mark Hunnell, assistant professor of mathematics; LaVie Leasure, associate professor and chair, Department of Liberal Studies; Frank Ingram, associate professor and chair, Department of Mathematics.

WSSU faculty also participating were Margaret Poston, associate director of quantitative initiatives, University College and Lifelong Learning (UCaLL) and lecturer of mathematics; Pamela Simmons, associate professor of English and director of the writing in the Major Program; Mesia Steed, assistant professor of biological sciences and faculty-in-residence; Angela Steinberg, reading specialist, University College and Lifelong Learning (UCaLL).

Community Briefs

U.S. House passes bill to name post office after Angelou

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Alma S. Adams' (NC12) legislation to name a Winston-Salem post office after Dr. Maya Angelou passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives with a vote of 371 to 9 on March 1.

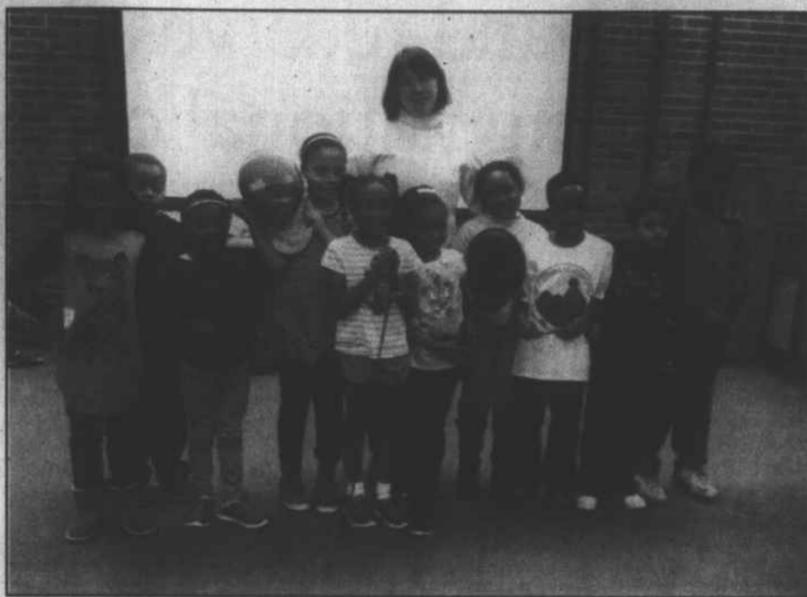
The legislation, H.R. 3735, would rename the Center City post office at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston-Salem to that of the Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office. Winston-Salem was Angelou's primary residence and final resting place. She called Winston-Salem home for more than 30 years.

Adams introduced the legislation in October and it passed out of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in December. Aside from several of Adams' amendments that have passed the U.S. House of Representatives, this is Adams' first bill to pass the full House. It now heads to the Senate for a vote.

The legislation is co-sponsored by every member of the North Carolina congressional delegation.

AFP NC, Triad Chapter, honored as a Friends of Diversity Designation chapter

Arlington, Va. - The Association of Fundraising Professionals NC, Triad Chapter, has been named a 2015 Friends of Diversity Designation Chapter. AFP, the largest association of professional fundraisers in the world, annually honors chapters for achieving goals that align with key objectives in its long-range strategic plan. Chapters receive the Friends of Diversity Designation for performing specific activities designed to increase diversity and inclusion within fundraising and public awareness of the importance of philanthropy. Of the 243 chapters in AFP, 74 chapters received the 2015 Friends of Diversity Designation. Friends of Diversity Chapters are recognized at the AFP International Conference on Fundraising. Chapters also earn the privilege of displaying the Friends of Diversity logo on their website, newsletters and stationary. Criteria for the award are determined by AFP International Headquarters.



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Featured (Left to Right): Zoey Gray, 8; Jordan Lewis, 7; Lauren Patridge, 7; Zoe Farewell, 8; Zoe Simmons, 7; Jasmine Gladman, 9; (in back Cameron Paschall); Rediet Kelly, 8; Camden Dobson, 7; Miles Oliver, 7; Thomas Thompson, 7.

Students learn about the sport of fencing

SPECIAL TO THE
CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, had a fencing activity for its Playmates at the Rural Hall Public Library on February 1.

The Playmates (from 1st-3rd grade) were instructed by Cameron Paschall of the Greensboro Fencers Club on the sport of fencing.

The Playmates learned about the special uniform worn by fencers, handled the fencing equipment and were instructed in basic fencing moves.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19 dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic

giving and civic duty.

The Winston-Salem Chapter of Jack and Jill was founded in June 1951. The mission of the W-S Chapter is to participate in cultural, educational, social and spiritual programming that strengthens the family unit; to be involved in community outreach; and to increase participation on a regional and national level.

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