

Community Briefs

Community Colleges Small Business Center Network celebrates

The North Carolina Community College Small Business Center Network (SBCN) celebrates your local small businesses during National Small Business Week, May 1-7. #DreamSmallBiz.

"The success of small businesses is very important to Forsyth Tech," says Allan Younger, director of the Small Business Center, Forsyth Tech. "We have a variety of activities planned during National Small Business Week that will reinforce our commitment. In addition to National Small Business Week, we are positioned to support small businesses all year long."

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

A small business is defined by the Small Business Administration as one with 500 or less employees. Small businesses have generated over 65 percent of new jobs since 1995.

For more information, contact Allan Younger, director, Small Business Center, Forsyth Tech, at 336.757.3804 or ayounger@forsythtech.edu.

Housing Authority of Winston-Salem receives Diamond Award

On April 5 the Piedmont Triad Apartment Association (PTAA) held its annual Diamond Awards banquet to celebrate and acknowledge the "best of the best" in the Triad's multi-family housing industry. This year, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem received the PTAA's Diamond Award for the Best Affordable Housing Community of the Year in recognition of the Oaks at Tenth "Step Up" housing location. This is the second Diamond Award for the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. The first one was awarded to the Townview Apartments community in 2011 for the "Best Turnaround Property."

Forsyth Tech administrator, student earn top state awards

A Forsyth Tech administrator and student have received top honors from the North Carolina Cooperative Education Association (NCEA). Beth Agnello, director of Forsyth Tech's Work-Based Learning and Manufacturing Skills Certification programs,



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received the Jon A. Young Service Award for outstanding NCEA member of the year. Tresha Johnson, a 2015 graduate of Forsyth Tech's accounting program, received the William D. Weston Co-Op Student of the Year award. The awards were given out recently during the association's annual conference in Greensboro. Work-Based Learning (Internships) allows degree-seeking students to integrate classroom study with supervised, work-related learning in an actual work environment. Students benefit by gaining valuable field experience and receiving college credit.

Founders Society honors Dr. Charles Stinson

On April 11, Dr. Charles Stinson was recognized as the 2016 distinguished physician by the Founders Society, a giving society that provides support for patients and facilities through Novant Health Foundation Forsyth Medical Center.

The Founders Society's Distinguished Physician Award was established to provide the society with a way to support and recognize physicians for their work with patients and their families being cared for at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center. This award recognizes physicians who provide exceptional medical care that supports the vision of improving the health of the community, one person at a time.

Forsyth Humane Society announces change and honors retiring board members

At its 2016 Annual Meeting held April 11 at Reynolda Church, Forsyth Humane Society (FHS) membership voted in a new Executive Committee for fiscal year 2016-2017. Serving are:

*President: Mark Uren, vice president, Resource Development of United Way of Forsyth County

*Vice President: Kevin Nunley, senior vice president at First Tennessee Bank

Treasurer: Melinda Mueller, Certified Public Accountant, Bernard Robinson & Company, LLP

*Secretary: Christine Simonson, director of education, Children's Museum of Winston-Salem

*At-Large: Chris Megginson, Owner, Carolina's Vineyards & Hops

*At-Large: Tonya Sparks, DVM, Oldtown Veterinary Hospital

FHS also honored four retiring board members for their service:

*Kathleen Cannon, information architect and independent contractor, has dedicated 10 years of service to FHS. Her leadership roles have included terms as board president and nominating committee chair.

*Amanda Creamer, attorney, Craige Jenkins Liipfert & Walker, has served for four years. During that time she has provided legal counsel and served as Development Committee chairwoman.

*Adam Duke, attorney, Bell Davis & Pitt, has served for three years. In addition to providing legal counsel he has served as an Executive Committee member and secretary.

*Mitch Spindel, DVM and owner, Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital, has dedicated nine years of service to FHS. He served as Building Committee chair, guiding FHS in their search for, purchase of, and construction of their new home at 4881 Country Club Road.

FHS also honored Julia Toone, executive director, Family Services of Davidson County, for her leadership as Board president during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. During her term FHS achieved its capital campaign goal of \$3.8M and began of their new home.

Community Calendar

Today, April 28 - Calvin Michael Smith documentary screening

Keith Barber, a student in the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Film & Media Studies at UNCG, will hold the first public screening of his thesis film, "Ordinary Injustice," which tells the story of Calvin Michael Smith and his fight for justice, today, April 28, 7-9 p.m., Hanesbrands Theatre, 251 N. Spruce St. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. There will be a meet & greet in the theater lobby from 7-7:30 p.m. Film screening will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a Q&A session from 8:15 to 9 p.m.

Today, April 28 - Planting Native Trees for Arbor Day

Old Salem presents "Planting Native Trees for Arbor Day" today, Thursday, April 28, noon - 1 p.m., in the Wachovia Room, Old Salem Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Road. In observance of Arbor Day on April 29, come learn about native Piedmont tree species and when and where to plant them. Presented by Certified Arborist Toby Bost. Attendees may bring lunch; beverages provided. To pre-register for any workshop, please email vhannah@oldsalem.org or call 336-721-7357 (please leave a message if no one answers) to register. To join Friends of the Gardens, call 336-721-7333.

Today, April 28 - Panel discussion, "Civil Rights Activism in Winston-Salem"

Today, Thursday, April 28, 5:30 p.m., New Winston Museum, 713 S. Marshall St., will present the quarterly Salon Series panel discussion, "Civil Rights Activism in Winston-Salem: Local 22 and Law Enforcement." Special guests Dr. Robert Korstad (author of Civil Rights Unionism) and Richard Koritz (son of Philip Koritz, Local 22 director, and board member for the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro) will discuss the union's activity in Winston-Salem. The discussion will be moderated by Alex Harris, a Salem College student and North Carolina native. This event will be the first of a three-part salon series on twentieth century civil rights activism in Winston-Salem. This event is free and open to the public. Additional parking is available in the Old Salem Visitors Center lot.

Today, April 28 - An Evening with the National Parks Conservation

Ansel Adams and Advocacy: An Evening with the National Parks Conservation in association with the Reynolda House Museum of American Art, 2250 Reynolda Road, will be presented today, Thursday, from 6 - 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.cityofws.org and search for "Historic Resources Commission."

April 29 - Techniques for growing tomatoes

Nothing tastes better than a home-grown vine-ripe tomato. On April 29 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension, 1450 Fairchild Rd., learn best techniques including soil preparation, planting, fertilizing, pruning, staking, and variety selection. Both heirloom and hybrid varieties that do well here in the Piedmont will be discussed. Preventing and treating common tomato diseases and insects will also be included in the program. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Wallace Williamson will present the program. Bring your lunch and learn about growing your own vegetables during your lunch hour; beverages will be provided. Class is free but registration required. Register by email at coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc or call 336-703.2850.

April 30 - Hammerbird 5k and one mile walk/run

The Hammerbird 5K and one mile walk/run to benefit Habitat for Humanity will be held on Saturday, April 30, with the one-mile walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the 5k run beginning at 9 a.m. The run will start at Kimberly Park Elementary School, walk or run through the historic Boston-Thurmond neighborhood, and pass by over 70 new and renovated Habitat homes. Proceeds from the Hammerbird 5K will be used to build safe, decent, and affordable homes for deserving Habitat partner families. For more information, go to www.habitatforsyth.org.

April 30 - Forsyth Humane Society's Mutt Strut 5k

Run, walk or roll on over to Forsyth Humane Society's Mutt Strut 5k on April 30. You may participate with or without a canine companion. 5k registration is \$30 and "phantom" runners are welcome at \$20. The 5k will be followed by a Puppy Pageant for dogs of all ages to showcase a

costume or a talent; pageant participation is only \$10. Join us at the Lewisville Shopping Center next to the Town Square on Shallowford Rd. from 9 a.m.-1p.m. to enjoy the race, the pageant, music, a bounce house, booths by local businesses and sponsors, and an awesome raffle. 100% of the proceeds benefit Forsyth Humane Society. For more information visit www.forsythhumane.org/muttstrut.

April 30 - Out of the Darkness Walk

Salem College is holding the second Out of the Darkness Campus Walk on Saturday, April 30. The community is invited to walk, volunteer, and/or donate. The goal of the walk is to increase the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of community events that address suicide, self-harm and mental health. The event will also have snacks, live entertainment and organizations with display tables. For more information, contact Kimya Dennis at kimya.dennis@salem.edu or call 919-710-0288.

April 30 - Annual Walk MS

Join the hundreds of people who are expected to walk to raise money to support research to end MS forever at the Annual Walk MS: Winston-Salem on April 30 at Wake Forest University BB&T Field Parking Lot. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Walk MS is an opportunity for people living with MS and those who care about them to connect, join together, be inspired and raise critical funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Participants can choose from 1 or 1.5 mile fully accessible routes. For more information, visit www.walkMSCarolinas.org, call 1-855-372-1331 or email: fundraising-support@nmss.org.

April 30 - Workshop for community health improvement outcomes

The Freedom Tree at IDR has developed a four-hour educational opportunity to help community members, government officials, and government employees improve their ability to work together on the improvement of community health outcomes. The first offering of this workshop/webinar is scheduled on Saturday, April 30, from noon to 4:30 p.m. in the computer laboratory of the S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation's Enterprise Center, located at 1922 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Please go to <http://www.idrusnow.org/#!upcoming-opportunities/vd83p> for registration and fee information. Together, we can make all communities flourish. Please join us!

April 30 - BSW Music Fund event

All lovers of music are invited to the nonprofit BSW Music Fund event on Saturday, April 30, 3-7 p.m., at Rupert Bell Community Center, 1501 Mt. Zion Place. Come meet and greet other music enthusiasts and share your business cards and flyers about your musical talents and programs. Suggested donation at the door is \$1 youth and \$10 adults. All proceeds benefit WSSU's nonprofit Belinda Staten Womack Endowed Memorial Music Scholarship Fund.

Accepting applications now - Juneteenth Festival's call for artists and vendors

Triad Cultural Arts is seeking performers, choirs, dance teams, spoken word artists, craftsmen, artists, authors and vendors for the annual Juneteenth Festival to be held Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, which will include Biotech Place and Bailey Park in Winston-Salem. Interested persons should apply online www.triadculture.org or call 336-757-8556.

Now through May 31 - Winston-Salem Writers will be accepting entries

Winston-Salem Writers will be accepting entries for the 2016 Flying South competition from March 1 through May 31. There will be \$2,000 in prizes awarded. Best in category winners will be published in Flying South and will receive \$500 each. The Winston-Salem Writers President's Favorite will also receive \$500. Entries are accepted for fiction, nonfiction and poetry and all entries will be considered for publication. For details on submitting visit www.wswriters.org.

Now through May 31 - Scholarship applications accepted

Professional Women of Winston Salem (PWWS) is making a scholarship available for single, employed mothers who are working to complete a college degree. Applicants must live or attend school in Forsyth County, NC. The \$1500 scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2016.

Go to <https://www.pwvs.org/scholarship-fund-donation/> to complete an application online. All applications must be received by 5/31/16.

May 1 - Historic Preservation Month Kick-off Event

Tour two local historic landmark properties, The Blair House at 210 S. Cherry St. and Hylehurst at 224 S. Cherry St. on Sunday, May 1, from 4 - 6 p.m., to kick off a month-long celebration of Historic Preservation Month. For more information, visit www.cityofws.org and search for "Historic Resources Commission."

May 2 - Kernersville Community Blood Drive

A community blood drive will be held on May 2 at the Kernersville Family YMCA, 1113 W. Mountain St., Kernersville, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 704-972-4700 or go to www.cbcc.us to make an appointment.

May 3 - Crisis Control Ministry Hope du Jour

Dine out on May 3 at participating restaurants that donate 10% of sales on May 3 to Crisis Control Ministry, Forsyth County's largest nonprofit emergency assistance provider. For a list of participating restaurants, visit www.hopedujour.org.

May 3 - Making Sense of the Factory

An exhibition focused on the worker experience inside the former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco factories. Presentation by J. Howell Smith, WFU Emeritus faculty, and reception will be held on May 3 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., Wake Forest Biotech Place, 575 N. Patterson Ave. For more information, visit www.cityofws.org and search for "Historic Resources Commission."

May 4 - Old Salem Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn topic "The Salem in Winston-Salem" will be presented by Martha Hartley, Research and Planning Division of Restoration, on May 4 at noon, the Old Salem Visitor Center, Gray Auditorium, 900 Old Salem Rd. For more information, visit www.cityofws.org and search for "Historic Resources Commission."

May 5, 6 & 7 - Annual Used Book Sale

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold its 29th Annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking and Admission are FREE! The sale will be held in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Entrance for parking is through Gate 5 from Deacon Blvd. There will be thousands of used books and other items on hand at exceptional prices. All proceeds of the sale benefit the ministry's programs and services for older adults in our community. For more information contact the Shepherd's Center at 748-0217 or visit www.shepherdscenter.org.

May 6 - 8 - "Journey of Honor" musical and ballet performance

Winston-Salem Festival Ballet presents Journey of Honor, a musical and balletic celebration of our nation and the sacrifice, courage, and faithfulness of her armed service members and their families on May 6 - 8 at Hanesbrands Theatre, 209 N. Spruce St. A live choral ensemble will accompany the ballet. Performances run from May 6-7 at 8 p.m. and May 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Hanesbrands Theatre, by calling 336-747-1414, or by visiting www.winstonsalemfestivalballet.org. Ticket prices range from \$19.75-\$34.75, including student rush tickets (available 15 minutes prior to the show with valid student ID).

May 6 - 22 - The Stained Glass Playhouse

The Stained Glass Playhouse, 4401 Indiana Ave., presents the comedy, "Dearly Beloved," a comedy takes us to the small town of Fayro, Texas, for an over-the-top, "Gone with the Wind" - themed wedding. This laugh-out-loud romp down the aisle is filled with love, sisterhood, 300 pounds of Texas barbecue, and a missing bride. Performances will be held on May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. and on May 8, 15, 22 at 3 p.m. Adults - \$16, Seniors - \$13, Students - \$11. Tickets are available at www.stainedglassplayhouse.org or by calling 336-499-1010.

May 7 - Walk to Defeat ALS

The Walk to Defeat ALS will be held on Saturday, May 7, at Bridger Field House at BB&T Stadium. Wake Forest Baptist is home to one of five ALS Centers in the state, with this walk being a crucial part of the fight