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Dr. Larry Little, right, accepts his award, sponsored by WSTA. Ernie Pitt helps give the award.

Larry Little Special Tribute

Dr. Larry D. Little is a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of R. J. Reynolds High School where he was a star basketball player. He graduated with honors from Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science; earned his Master of Public Affairs Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Dr. Little served the Winston-Salem citizens of the North Ward for eight years as an alderman, winning reelection in 1981 without opposition. He is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Political Science at Winston-Salem State University.

Dr. Little has been an activist in the continuing struggle for justice and equality in his community for over 50 years. A founding member of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party; Dr. Little, implemented several community survival programs during his leadership with the Black Panther Party, including a free breakfast plan for school children, free Sickle Cell Anemia outreach testing, and the nationally acclaimed Joseph Waddell Peoples Free Ambulance Service.

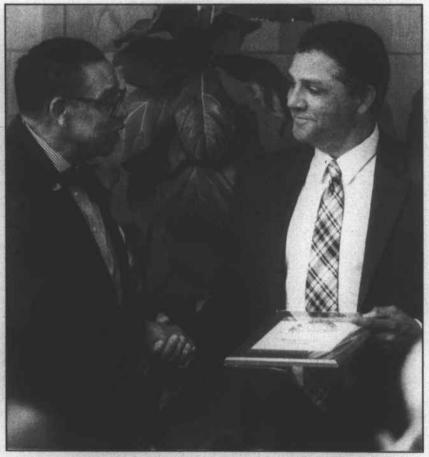


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Dr. Ronny Bell, right, accepts his award, sponsored by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Ernie Pitt helps give the award.

Ronny Bell, Ph.D. Special Tribute

Dr. Ronny Bell is co-director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and received his M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He is Professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Epidemiology and Prevention, at Wake Forest School of Medicine, with training in nutrition and epidemiology. He received the Community Spirit Award from the American Diabetes Association in 2012 at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in recognition of his work in understanding and addressing diabetes disparities with the American Indian/Alaska Native population.