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Local student wins scholarship for excellence

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It comes as no surprise to those who know James Huntley III that he excels in the classroom as well as in athletics. As the winner of the Bruce Shelton Memorial Scholarship, Huntley, a senior at Atkins Academic & Technology High School, has impressed all that have come in contact with him.

The Shelton Scholarship is named for

the late Bruce Shelton, a graduate of Parkland High School. Shelton was a standout three-sport athlete who is a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame. The Shelton Scholarship is awarded by the Winston-Salem Foundation annually to the senior in the local public high schools who best exemplifies the academic, athletic, and civic achievements for which Shelton was known, according to



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Bruce Shelton Scholarship winner, James Huntley III, displays excellence on the court and in the classroom.

the Foundation.

Huntley, born and raised in Winston-Salem, is the captain of the basketball and cross-country teams at Atkins. He says that basketball is his favorite sport and uses cross-country as a means to build stamina for basketball season. He was named to the All-Conference basketball team during his junior and senior seasons and was voted MVP by his teammates this past season. He also led his team in

points and double doubles during the season.

Off of the court Huntley is a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate with a 4.56 weighted GPA and plans to attend UNC-Charlotte in the fall. He wants to major in civil engineering. He also is a member of Forsyth County Missionary Union and says he loves to encourage youth to excel academically and in sports.

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It's a family affair in the boxing ring



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Edward "E.J." Hood trains with his mother/trainer, Carlette Ewell, in preparation for his professional debut against Albert Wade on June 18, at the Benton Convention Center.

Local female boxer fights for vacant title on same night as son's pro debut

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The rematch between Carlette "The Truth" Ewell and Laura "Lady Ram" Ramsey for the vacant World Boxing Council Silver Heavyweight Championship on June 18 will be a historic day in the world of boxing.

The fight will mark the first time a mother and son will fight on the same card, with the mother serving as the promoter as well.

The fight will take place at the Benton Convention Center and the doors open at 7 p.m., with bell time at 8 p.m.



Carlette Ewell



Carlette Ewell displays her UBC and WIBC Heavyweight Championship belts.

Ewell was born and raised in Winston-Salem and graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School. She has been a world champion in three separate weight classes and is the current Universal Boxing Council and Universal National Boxing Council Heavyweight Champion.

She met her boxing trainer Eddie Gregg in 1999 while she was working in a supermarket. With Gregg being a former champion, he invited Ewell to come to the gym and work out. Ewell showed immediate potential and soon began to compete and win Toughwoman competitions the following year.

"What I first saw in her was she was eager to learn and she was probably a tough girl," said Gregg. "My style of training is hard and tough, and I asked her was she tough enough and she said 'Yes.' I just wanted to instill some of my boxing values into her, and so far she has pretty much passed the test." And when asked what his prediction for the fight was, Gregg said, "She should beat her, but I would like for her to stop her, so we will work on a few things such as throwing more punches and more movement."

Ewell made her pro debut on April 20, 2002. She won the fight with Denise Grant by a second round TKO and knew this was the sport for her. She earned her nickname from boxing legend Carl "The Truth" Williams, who saw

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Admiration for Muhammad Ali reaches into W-S

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Although Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr., passed away on Friday, June 3 in Scottsdale, Arizona, his legacy lives on.

"For me Ali was a true leader to the sport of boxing," said Carlette Ewell, Winston-Salem native and female boxing champion. "He always made it known that he was the greatest before others thought so. He also believed in himself even if other doubted him."

Ali's bravado and supreme confidence in the ring had a direct influence on boxers that followed him. He opened the door for fighters such as Pernell Whitaker, Roy Jones Jr. and of course Floyd Mayweather Jr., who all had a cocky flare to their styles.

"Ali was extremely arrogant but with his arrogance came smarts and the grit to destroy his opponent because he just did not want to lose," Ewell said.

Quick feet, sharp reflexes, and a devastating jab were staples of Ali's repertoire. Trainers studied it and attempted to teach their fighters the importance of these qualities.

"I learned of Ali from my father because he was a professional trainer and he had the opportunity to meet him. Some of the fighters my father trained actually sparred against Ali, so that's how my father came to know him," said Louis Lowery Jr. of the 14th Street Recreation Center. Lowery's father, Louis Lowery Sr., was a boxing trainer at 14th Street, and trained heavyweight champions such as Oliver McCall and Tim Witherspoon.

Ali was quite possibly the most recognized athlete in the world. He may have been best known for his long-term battle against Parkinson's disease, which inevitably contributed to his death, as well as his publicized stance against the Vietnam War.

"I was sad when I heard he passed, but I wasn't shocked because I knew what he

was dealing with," Lowery said. "Even without having Parkinson's, you see many fighters who don't make it as long as he did because you take a lot of punishment in boxing. He was still a fighter and he fought all the way until the end."

Ewell and Lowery both said they most admired Ali because he stood up for what he believed in and did not waver even when faced with the possibility of prison and significant scrutiny from the American public.

"He was a firm believer that everyone was equal and everyone deserved to be treated as such. He fought for that, and it's God's will, and he was willing to stand for that. Some are not willing to suffer the repercussions, but he did. That's what I most appreciated about him outside of the ring," said Lowery.

Born on Jan. 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, Cassius Clay took to boxing with ease, winning two Golden Glove titles by age 18. At 6-foot-3-inches tall, Clay went on to win the light heavyweight

gold medal in the 1960 Summer Olympics. At age 22, he defeated the menacing Sonny Liston to win the heavyweight title, and after the fight said, "I am the greatest."

He converted to Islam in 1964 and changed his name. He refused induction into the U.S. Armed Forces in 1967 and was stripped of his title. He was reinstated to box in 1970, and later reclaimed the title two more times, becoming the first three-time heavyweight champion. His fight trilogy with Joe Frazier and the "Rumble in the Jungle" against George Foreman will go down in boxing history as some of the greatest battles of all time.

Following his historic career inside of the ring, Ali's biggest impact came outside of it by inspiring people all over the world with his humanitarian efforts, charitable deeds and even lighting the cauldron during the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.