

Revived Parkland cheerleading squad wins in competition

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The Parkland Magnet High School cheerleading squad had not competed in a competition in 12 years. So to take home first place in the Non-stunt/Non-tumble Division and second overall in the National Stomp and Shake competition, organized by Powerhouse Spirit Competitions, was a dream come true.

Second year head coach JaMeka Price said she was asked to enter her squad into the competition in November 2015. She initially refused because she didn't feel as though her girls were ready.

After receiving phone calls from event organizers who insisted she enter as well as the progression of her girls, she relented and entered her team.

"It was wonderful to win first place in our division and second overall," Price said. "It was a feat in itself to come from 12 years of not competing in cheerleading. To get a group of girls that were determined and dedicated, the coaching staff was very

happy."

Before the competition, the coaching staff and team came up with solid routine they felt they could perform well. After losing a few of her girls throughout the year, coach Price decided to enter the girls into the Non-stunt/Non-tumble division, as she thought it gave them the best chance to win. Changes to the routine were added all the way up until the week of the competition, which took place on March 19. Price and assistant coach Ebone Foster were confident that the girls would pick up the new material very quickly.

Teams from across North Carolina as well as Virginia were present at the competition, and Parkland bested them all in their division. According to Foster, the girls stuck it out and left everything they had out on the floor and said they "left her in tears."

"It feels amazing to win the competition because we worked so hard," said co-captain Jewel Moser. "I knew that we were gonna do well, but I didn't know if we would win. I was a bit nervous to see the size of

the crowd and all of the people that were there, but I was more excited than anything else."

Fellow co-captain Hosanna Dean said, "It was a relief because at first we didn't think we were ready. Once we were on the floor, we hit it and left our heart out there. We had never done it before, so it was a new thing to us and the school, and for us to win first time out was great"

Foster stated she is most proud of the girls for putting forth the extra effort outside of the regular cheer season. She was also amazed the girls even competed after losing teammates so close to the competition.

"They never gave up, and they kept pushing," said Price. "Even when we pushed them past where they felt comfortable, they kept going. She stated her outlook for next year is simply "bigger and better" and thinks that not only can they win their division next year they can take home the overall title.



Co-Captain Jewel Moser performs while the team was competing in the National Stomp and Shake Competition.



Junior Alexis Tilotson performs while the team was competing in the National Stomp and Shake Competition.



The cheerleaders are shown in order of shortest to tallest: Mikisha Davis - 12th grade, Aniah Brown - 10th grade, Alexis Tilotson - 11th grade, Katarah McKey - 10th grade, Andra Woods - 12th grade, Hosanna Dean - 12th grade - co-captain, Jewel Moser - 10th grade - co-captain, Aiesha McDowell - 11th grade, Sydney Johnson - 11th grade.

WSSU announces 2016 Clarence E. 'Big House' Gaines Hall of Fame class

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The Winston-Salem State University Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the eight individuals and two teams that will be enshrined into the 2016 Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Hall of Fame class. The eight inductees and two teams will be a part of the annual induction ceremony on Friday, Sept. 23, while concluding the ceremonial weekend by being honored during halftime of the Saturday, Sept. 24 football game against Virginia State at the Bowman Gray Stadium.

"To an athlete, coach or philanthropist, being enshrined into your university's athletic hall of fame is reaching the mountain-top. There is no higher honor," stated WSSU Director of Athletics, Tonia Walker. "On behalf of the entire WSSU Department of Athletics, congratulations to all inductees for reaching this milestone."

"We preserve these individuals amongst the elite past and present hall of famers as we move to enhance the vision and growth of our future student-athletes," said Winston-Salem State University Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame Chair, Robert Weeks. "Let this greatness not be forgotten by our hall of famers, faculty, staff, students and friends of this

great university. We must remember our financial commitment and physical support of the Winston-Salem State University Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame."

2016 WSSU HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

***Beaufort O. Bailey** (Meritorious Services): Beaufort O. Bailey was a Media Specialist for 35 years at WSSU, and elementary teacher for 10 years. Bailey is a member of the Educational Media Association, National Communications Association, Member of the School Board of Forsyth County for 12 years (first African American to be elected), Forsyth County Community College Board Trustee (16 years), Forsyth County Commissioner (eight years) and WSSU Alumni President (eight years).

***Dr. L'Tanya Joy Bailey** (Meritorious Services): Dr. Bailey, an orthodontist in private practice, established the Dr. L'Tanya Bailey Endowed Scholarship Fund, and is the former Board Chair of the WSSU Board of Visitors. She is a major donor and supporter of WSSU, and her entire family are WSSU alums. Dr. Bailey is a season ticket holder (football), and is a supporter of WSSU

Athletics through its HORN\$ Giving Club.

***Shannon G. Davis** (Softball/Bowling): Shannon Davis earned the WSSU Softball Hustle Award (2002), Named First-Team All-CIAA for Softball (2002), and Named Women's Bowling Rookie of the year as well as Most Valuable player (2003). She was also named the WSSU 2004 Woman of the Year, as well as being named then NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of North Carolina in that same year.

Davis was a co-captain for both the softball and bowling teams, as well as being a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society.

Shannon Davis holds memberships in the NCAA Circle of Female Athletes, Police Athletic League, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is a Program Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

***Terry Griffin** (Meritorious Services): Terry Griffin is a life member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., life member Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association, Vice President of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., life member of the WSSU Heritage

Society.

Griffin is a Board Member of WSSU Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the WSSU Hall of Fame Committee, Assistant Women's Tennis Coach and a Winston-Salem Open volunteer.

Griffin established the Yvette & Terry Scholarship and established a Tennis Fundraising Committee for WSSU Women's Tennis.

***Bethel Johnson Burton** (Meritorious Services): A retired educator, Bethel Johnson Burton is a WSSU National Alumni Association life member, as well as the founder and first president of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. Burton is also a Chicago Teacher's Union Representative, Harold Washington Campaign Organizer, UNCF Telethon Organizer, Obama Community Organizer, and has been cited four times - for the highest test scores in her school. Burton is also a Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Unsung Hero - founder and chairperson.

Burton is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., CEO of Scholar Bright 2000 and Choir President - Mt. Olive Community Church in Chicago, Ill.

***Walter Marshall** (Meritorious Services): Walter Marshall, a retired educator, was a three-year letterman in football.

Marshall holds membership with the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. He is a former member of the Forsyth County School Board and past chair of the NAACP, Winston-Salem local chapter.

Walter Marshall is a lifetime financial supporter of WSSU Athletics.

***James I. "Buck" Mitchell** (Basketball): James I. "Buck" Mitchell was a walk-on player who earned a four-year scholarship under the leadership of coach Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines. Mitchell went on to be a four-year letterman, named Defensive Player of the Year, as well as being an All-CIAA performer.

Mitchell was a 1984 graduate with a bachelor's degree in Business and Information Systems, and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Mitchell is an owner of One Man Maintenance Home Improvements. He served as loan officer at Baldwin Mortgage from 2009-10, and was also a CEVA logistics account representative from 2009-11.

***Cory Williams** (Football): Cory Williams was a four-year letterman,

four-year starter, two-time All-CIAA selection and a two-time CIAA Champion.

Williams is a member of the Mecklenburg County Family Law Facilitator, NC State Bar, Mecklenburg and Union County Bar Association.

*1960-61 CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

(Basketball): Head Coach - Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines

The 1960-61 men's basketball team was the first in program history to win and advance twice during the NAIA National Championship Tournament in Kansas City, Mo. Prior to the outstanding cap to the season, the squad won the Christmas Tournament Championship, the 1961 CIAA Tournament title and at the time, the only CIAA team to defeat Tennessee State University.

*1984-86 WOMEN SOFTBALL TEAM

(Softball): Head Coach - Tim Grant The 1984-86 WSSU Softball team, winners of the first 1st CIAA championship in school history. They also have the distinction of winning three consecutive CIAA championships (84-86). The team also produced four consecutive CIAA Player of the Year Awards.



Roland Thomas takes a practice swing during the National Diabetes Initiative Golf Tournament held at Winston Lake Golf Course on Saturday, June 3. The event was hosted by Sethos Temple #170 and Russell Funeral Home.

Golf tourney raises diabetes awareness

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Last Saturday Sethos Temple #170 held a golf tournament to bring awareness to an illness that has plagued the African-American community for generations: diabetes.

The National Diabetes Initiative tournament was held at Winston Lake Golf Course and was co-sponsored by Russell Funeral Home. Before contestants teed off, member of the Sethos Temple Cassius Smith said after losing loved ones to diabetes, he began to exercise and eat healthier foods.

"We have to do a better job of taking care of ourselves," said Smith. "That's what this tournament is all about. Making sure the people are aware."

Often referred to by doctors as diabetes mellitus, the illness describes a group of metabolic diseases in which the person has high blood glucose (blood sugar) either because insulin production is inadequate or because the body's cells do not respond properly to insulin, or both. Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can cause serious problems such as damage to your eyes, kidneys and nerves. Diabetes can also cause heart disease, stroke, and even amputation limb.