

Carver dedicates auditorium to its first principal

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Carver High School renamed its auditorium in honor of its first principal, Edward Everett "E.E." Hill, on Tuesday, Aug. 23. The newly christened E.E. Hill Auditorium was revealed on Founder's Day, which is part of the school's Alumni Round-Up Celebration.

Dr. Kenneth Simington, a Carver alumnus, was the keynote speaker and expressed his appreciation for Hill and his time spent at Carver as a youth.

"Naming the auditorium after him just signifies how important Mr. Hill was to the school," said Simington. "He was the first leader and he had the vision and he created a legacy that still sustains today."

Many individuals witnessed the

unveiling of the new auditorium sign, including WS/FCS officials, Carver alumni and former principals of Carver. Carol Montague-Davis, a former principal, said, "Once you are a part of Carver nation, you never leave."

Many of Hill's family attended the program as well. His granddaughter, Denise Marie Hill-Little, gave thanks on behalf of the family. Hill-Little went on to say, "I think he would be extremely proud, and we as the family are extremely proud because we know how hard he looked and the legacy that he did leave."

Hill was named principal of Carver, formerly Oak Grove Elementary School, in 1936. He was principal during the transition to the current location in 1951. He became president and CEO of Winston



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E.E. Hill's granddaughter Denise Marie Hill-Little, left, and daughter Marie Hill Roseboro hold plaque that was dedicated to Hill by the Carver High School Class of 1966 alumni.

Mutual Life Insurance Company after retiring from Carver. He was instrumental in founding the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club in 1957.

Hill's daughter, Marie Hill Roseboro, added, "This is something well deserved because he was a pioneer and a worker. I remember growing up his main focus was Carver, Carver, Carver, so it was what he

loved doing. I think he would be proud, I really do."

A Carver alumnus, Paul Gwyn, created the new sign for the auditorium. He stated he spent an average of 16 hours a day for two months to create the sign. He said it was an honor for him to be involved in the project.

Democratic Women hold Teacher's Appreciation and school supplies event

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The Forsyth County Democratic Women held a Teacher's Appreciation and school supplies event on Thursday, Aug. 18, at Bolton Park. Well over 100 people attended and teachers were given bags to shop among the tables of donated school supplies.

Many teachers expressed how much they appreciated being able to pick up supplies for their classroom before school started. Dr. Marilyn Baker, who is running for N.C. House of Representatives for District 74, was busy stocking the tables with donated supplies and helping teachers find what they needed. She commented, "I believe it is not only a duty, but a privilege to roll up my sleeves and help our teachers. Education is not only an investment in our future,

but it strengthens our community today." Wiping the sweat from her face in the 94 degree heat, she continued, "Teachers are struggling more than ever with limited budgets to stock their classrooms, and families in our community are feeling the same challenge to adequately prepare their children for a new school year."

Myra Aargaard-Espersen, who retired from Mineral Springs Middle School last year, brought by a large box of supplies. She said when she went to check out at Rite-Aid and mentioned what the items were for, the cashier gave her extra coupons toward her purchase and said she was glad to help support students and teachers.

Another teacher who attended the event was Cheryl Greene, Exceptional Children's teacher at Piney Grove

Elementary School in Kernersville. She said, "This donation is greatly appreciated. Each year it seems that I need to spend more of my own money on classroom supplies. Last year I spent nearly \$1,500."

According to the National Education Association (NEA), since 2007, the cost of school supplies and fees has jumped 88 percent for elementary students, 81 percent for middle school students, and 68 percent for high school students.

This is the third year that Forsyth County Democratic Women have held a Teacher's Appreciation event. They will continue to accept donations of school supplies at the Forsyth County Democratic Party Headquarters, 1128 Burke St., which will be donated to the Educator's Warehouse.

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