

Community Briefs

Nominations are being accepted for Downtown Excellence Awards

Since 1995, the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership Inc. has awarded the Downtown Excellence Awards to projects, people, and events who have brought excellence to Downtown Winston-Salem. 2016 Downtown Excellence Awards Nominations are being accepted until Friday, Jan. 13, 2017. The awards are presented by Mayor Allen Joiner at the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership annual meeting on Feb. 22, 2017. Download a copy of the nomination form here: <http://www.downtownws.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2016-Nomination1.pdf>

WS/FCS names program manager for Project Impact

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has named Victoria Fulton as Program Manager for Project Impact. Project Impact is a community initiative of local businesses and individuals, as well as local and national foundations, including The Winston-Salem Foundation that are committed to providing additional operating funds to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools. The funds are used to address critical student achievement gaps and improve third-grade reading and math proficiency scores over time. Fulton has served as Director of Historic Bethabara Park since 2014. Prior to Bethabara Park, she was special projects assistant for the Forsyth County Aging Services Planning Committee. She was a co-teacher in the "I was There" program in Providence, RI. Fulton also participated in City Year through AmeriCorps in Philadelphia as a corps member and team leader. She is a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School and holds a bachelor's degree from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, as well as her master's degree from Brown University.

WS/FCS names new Chief Program Officer for Marketing and Communications

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has named Brent Campbell as Chief Program Officer for Marketing and Communications. Campbell was a Marketing Specialist for Arbor Acres Retirement Community. Prior to that, he was the Winston-Salem Bureau Chief for WGHP/FOX8 for 14 years. Campbell replaced Alexandra Hoskins, who was promoted to Chief of Staff for WS/FCS in the beginning of November. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Appalachian State University.

WS/FCS names Instructional Superintendent

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has named Lionel Kato as an Instructional Superintendent. Kato has been the principal of North Pitt High School in Bethel, N.C. since 2013. He also served as principal of Farmville Middle School, where he was named Pitt County Principal of the Year in 2012 for 4 years. Kato was an assistant principal at West Greene Elementary School, South Brunswick High School and West Brunswick High School. In addition, Kato served as a Petty Officer First Class in the U.S. Navy Reserve for over 8 years. He replaced Steve Oates, who retired in July. Kato earned a bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University, a master's degree in school administration from East Carolina University and a doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Dr. Elwanda Ingram bids WSSU farewell

Dr. Elwanda Ingram, professor of English in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, will retire at the end of the semester after 37 years of service to Winston-Salem State University. Ingram noted for her high academic standards in the classroom, is highly regarded for her work in the wider community. She was honored for her work in the community in 2011 during the Winston-Salem Chronicle's Community Service Banquet, where she received a Curator of the Arts Award in recognition of her lifetime membership and diligent service to the North Carolina Black Repertory Company and the National Black Theater Festival. Dr. Ingram was thanked for her service by friends and colleagues during a retirement party on Dec. 6, given in her honor at Diggs Gallery.

Triad IHOP locations break goal for military charity

The Armed Forces Families Foundation (AFFF) announced that Triad-area IHOP franchise locations helped raise \$4,597 for their annual fundraiser to help military families, which raised a total of \$357,520. Nearly 300 Taco Bell and IHOP locations across the southeastern U.S. participated in the year's fundraiser drive that lasted from Nov. 2 through 22. AFFF is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds raised to the development of permanent or semi-permanent infrastructure projects to help military families. The proceeds raised through the campaign will stay in the community to help fund local projects that support families of those serving in the military. The AFFF has raised and given back more than \$1.3 million to military families to date.

Wake Forest Law launches online, part-time Master of Studies in Law

Wake Forest Law will offer a certificate in "Workplace Legal Fundamentals" beginning in Jan. 2017 as part of its fully online, part-time Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree program, which is now available to all North Carolina residents. The certificate curriculum explores the relationship of contract, property and tort law in private business and the economy; the legal systems governing business relationships; and regulatory law and the roles of different law enforcers. Developed with input from industry leaders, all courses are specially designed for and taught only to professional students, focusing on real-world issues that are immediately applicable, and add value, in the workplace. The university's certificate program can be completed in just two semesters. Applications are currently being accepted for Jan. 2017. The MSL degree and certificate program was specially designed for professionals in North Carolina who need to navigate the law to better manage risk in the workplace. Tuition for the MSL degree and certificate is \$900 per credit hour, or \$10,800 at the current tuition rate for the certificate. Students can expect to enroll in 3-6 credit hours per semester. For more information or to apply, visit msl.law.wfu.edu.

Community Calendar

Every day - Volunteers needed for Reading Parties

The Augustine Literacy Project, Read, Write, Spell (READWS) is looking for volunteers for its Reading Parties. The program needs youthful, energetic people who are willing to lead students in party games created for maximum learning and enjoyment. Reading Party is a free parent-oriented seminar that will teach simple and effective multisensory strategies to parents and their children in a fun, laid-back atmosphere. After a short training, volunteers will help 2-8 hours per month, mostly nights and weekends. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Tonya Nealon at 336-723-4391 ext. 1507 or Tonya@readws.org.

Dec. 24 - Greens giveaway

Urban Farmers, who have grown food naturally, will give away collard greens

and mixed greens to seniors and disabled veterans from 9 a.m. until they are gone on Dec. 24, at the corner of 10th Street and Cameron Ave. The farmers say the giveaway is "a gift from us to you."

Dec. 26 - Kwanzaa Umoja Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Monday, Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held at The Enterprise Center, 1922 S. MLK Jr. Drive. The celebration will introduce Umoja (Unity) kicking off the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Umoja day is sponsored by Sylvia Sprinkle Hamlin, Director of Forsyth County Public Library. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-725-5614.

Dec. 27 - Kwanzaa Kujichagulia Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held at Delta Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Rd. The celebration will focus on Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Kujichagulia day is sponsored by Delta Fine Arts Inc. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. The speaker is Judge Denise Hartsfield, with Courtney Omega Taylor-Porter, Proprietor of Positive Image Performing Arts (P.I.P.A.) as honoree. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-722-2625.

Dec. 28 - Kwanzaa Kujichagulia Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held at Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road. The celebration will focus on Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Ujima day is sponsored by Big 4 Alumni Group & Winston Lake Family YMCA. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. The speaker is Rev. Alvin Carlisle, President, NAACP, Winston-Salem Branch with Judge Camille Banks as honoree. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-724-9205 or 336-725-5614.

Dec. 29 - Kwanzaa Ujamaa Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. The celebration will be held at Carl Russell Recreation Center, 3521 Carver Road. The celebration will focus on Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Ujamaa day is sponsored by Carl Russell Recreation Center. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. Dawn's Travel and More is the honoree. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-727-2580.

Dec. 29 - 22nd Kwanzaa Celebration

CARY - The Ujima Group, Inc., will host the 22nd Kwanzaa Celebration at the Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue, downtown Cary,

NC on Thursday, Dec. 29 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The theme for the celebration is "It's a New Dawn; It's a New Day." There will be a performance by The Elegba from the Yoruba cosmology. The celebration will display the tradition of a procession of the elders and the Harambee Circle. The celebration will have fun and activities for young and old. Information about directions can be retrieved from The Cary Arts Center at 919-469-4069. For more information, contact Lester Thomas at 919-380-7020 or email lesterthomas845@yahoo.com.

Dec. 30 - Kwanzaa Nia Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Friday, Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road. The celebration will focus on Nia (Purpose) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Nia day is sponsored by Grace Presbyterian Church. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-722-4399 or 767-7530.

Dec. 31 - Kwanzaa Kuumba Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. The celebration will be held at Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. The celebration will focus on Kuumba (Creativity) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Kuumba day is sponsored by NC Black Repertory Theatre Company and Forsyth County Public Library. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-703-2953.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Concert

Winston-Salem Symphony will hold a New Year's Eve concert with singer, violinist and banjo player Rhiannon Giddens performing a night of bluegrass, folk and jazz on Saturday, Dec. 31. The concert will be held at Reynolds Auditorium, 301 N. Hawthorne Road, at 8 p.m. The concert will include songs from "Shuffle Along such as "Waterboy," "La Vie en Rose," "Maple Leaf Rag" under the baton of Maestro Robert Moody. Tickets range from \$20 - \$67, and are available in advance by calling the Symphony Box Office at 336-464-0145 or at WSsymphony.org.

Dec. 31, March 24 & 25 - Hops Conference

The South Atlantic Hops Conference, Crowne Plaze Resort One Resort Drive, Asheville NC, will be held on March 24 and 25. Registration can be completed by Saturday, Dec. 31. Registration for Friday and Saturday can be purchased separately. The cost for both days is \$127.59, with prices increasing to \$50 after registration deadline. The conference organized by N.C. State University, Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, four regional hop growers and a malt maker will focus on educating, enlightening and engaging growers, brewers and other interested parties about the South Atlantic hops industry. The topics discussed will focus on hop cone chemistry, brewers' opinions of local hops, regional research results, up and coming varieties and experiences with hop harvesters. There will be a tradeshow and poster session; lunch will be included. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-south-atlantic-hops-conference-tickets-26084925715>.

Jan. 1 - Kwanzaa Imani Celebration

The Winston-Salem Urban League will present the annual city-wide Kwanzaa celebration on Sunday, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. The celebration will be held at Old Salem Museums & Gardens, 900 Old Salem Road. The celebration will focus on Imani (Faith) focusing on one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Imani day is sponsored by Greater Vision Dance Company and St. Philips Heritage Center. The program is family oriented including African drumming, music, service recognitions, inspirational messages, food and fellowship. Warren and Georgeans Moore, Owners of Irie Rhythms Restaurant is the honoree. The event is free and open to the public. For

more information, call 336-703-2953.

Now - Jan. 1 - Festival of Lights

Tanglewood Park, 4061 Clemmons Rd, Clemmons NC, will celebrate the 25th anniversary Festival of Lights now - Sunday, Jan. 1 nightly from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. The Lowes Foods returning as a sponsor. The park will have brand new light displays along with the return of S'moresville at the Gift Village closing each night at 10 p.m. The gift village will also have concessions, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and performers. For more information, about tickets, events and staying at Tanglewood visit <http://www.forsyth.cc/Parks/Tanglewood/fol> or call 336-703-6481.

Jan. 7 - Pickleball Tournament

The GreenTree Peer Community, a Mental Health Peer Support Center, is sponsoring the first Greentree Peer Support Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at Gateway YWCA, 1300 South Main St., Winston-Salem. Teams will be playing for prizes. Lunch will be provided. The first match will be an 8:30 a.m. start, with doors open 7:30 a.m. for registration and warm ups. This is a fundraiser for Greentree Peer Support Center. For more information, and to sign-up for the tournament, contact event coordinator Michele Todd Davis at 704-965-1038 or tournament director Albert Noda at 803-391-2078.

Jan. 14 - Electronics recycling in Clemmons

Clemmons residents and those who live within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Clemmons: Are you looking for a way to dispose of old electronic items in an environmentally responsible manner? Bring your items to the Clemmons Public Works Facility, 3800 Dillon Industrial Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017. To find out if your item is acceptable for recycling, call 336-766-9170.

Jan. 18 - Guild Meeting

High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave. High Point, will hold a Guild Meeting around Gen. James Longstreet, Scalawag or Scapegoat. The meeting presented by Dr. John R. Peacock, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 336-885-1859 or visit www.highpointmuseum.org.

Jan. 28 - Blacksmith Demonstration

High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave. High Point NC, will hold a blacksmith demonstration on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The demonstration will present a costumed blacksmith crafting various iron pieces. The demonstration is free and open to all ages. For more information, call 336-885-1859 or visit www.highpointmuseum.org.

Jan. 30 - Resource Fair

High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave. High Point, will hold a resource fair on Monday, Jan. 30. The fair is free and will have various community representatives available to answer questions regarding school-choice, pre-K options, transportation, school health & nutrition, after-school options and kindergarten curriculums. The fair will also have representatives from local libraries, Family & Health Services, Reading Connections and other important community resources that support transitioning into kindergarten. For more information, call 336-885-1859 or visit www.highpointmuseum.org.

Now through June 2017 - Art Exhibit

As part of its 2016-17 season, the Winston Salem Delta Fine Arts is pleased to introduce INTERSECTIONS + CONVERSATIONS: The People's Gallery at Delta Arts Center. The new space, carved from Delta Arts Center's renovated lobby area, will run concurrently with the regular exhibition schedule inside the Center's 1400 sq. ft main Simona Atkins Allen gallery from September 2016 thru June 2017. Delta Arts Center is located at 2611 New Walkertown Road. Hours are Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Delta Arts Center is closed every third Saturday of the month. Delta Arts Center is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.deltaartscenter.org/> or call (336) 722-2625.