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The Chronicle rolls out the red carpet

More than 1,000 attend 34th Annual Community Service Awards

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The city's oldest and most respected community newspaper rolled out the red carpet and invited more than 1,000 people from all walks of life to come together and celebrate those in our community who go the extra mile to make a difference during The Chronicle's Annual Community Service Awards held on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

For more than 30 years The Chronicle has held the Community Service Awards to celebrate individuals and organizations in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County who go above and beyond the normal call of duty to lend a helping hand to others and uplift the community. Instead of the traditional banquet style event with several award presentations, this year the ceremony took on the feel of the award ceremonies you see on TV. This year, we also adopted a public voting process to decide the winner. More than 4,000 individuals voted online last month by visiting The Chronicle's Facebook page.

The event, hosted by Busta Brown, also featured several performances. Performers included: CurvyShe and CurvyHe, JCB Dance, LB The Poet, Dionn Ownens & Renaissance, comedian Debra Terry and the N.C. Black Repertory Company.

After accepting her award for Youth of the



Photos by Alphonso Abbott Jr.

Year, Chef J'Avia Carter said she was hoping she would win but she thought even if she didn't, the exposure would be

good for her candle business, which is located in Marketplace Mall.

"It feels really, really good," Carter said with a

big smile.

Dr. Dennis Bishop, pastor of First Wauhtown Baptist Church, said he was grateful to just

be nominated for Church of the Year. He said he received the award on behalf of not only his

congregation, but every church throughout the city.

"I walked across that See Awards on A2

Renita Linville appointed first African American Clerk of Court

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Attorney Renita Thompkins Linville will fill the vacancy left by Forsyth County Clerk of Court Susan Frye, making her the first African American to hold the position.

Linville, who is the sole practitioner of her own law firm located downtown, has more than 30 years of experience in the courtroom. After graduating from North Carolina Central University Cum Laude with a bachelors degree in business administration, Linville received her juris doctorate from Howard

University School of Law.

In addition to her professional work as an attorney, Linville also serves as the First Lady of Piney Grove Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. Throughout her career Linville has also served on several boards including Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry, Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem Urban League, The Legal Society of Northwest NC and Mediation Services Inc. For her work in the community in 2018, Linville was recognized during The Chronicle's annual Community Service Awards.

As the clerk of court Linville will be responsible for recording and maintaining thousands of documents, including court calendars, subpoenas, judicial orders, injunctions and judgments,



Renita Linville

Submitted photo

while also managing more than 90 employees.

The decision to appoint Linville was made by Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Todd Burke. General Statue (GS) 7A-100 gives Burke the power to appoint the clerk of court in cases of death or resignation. The statute reads, "In cases of death or resignation of the clerk, the senior regular resident superior court judge, pending appointment of a successor clerk, may appoint an acting clerk of superior court for a period of not longer than 30 days."

Frye officially retired on June 1. She started her career with the county in 1976 as a deputy clerk of court. Before she was elected by voters in 2010, she served as an arbitration manager for former Chief District Judge William Re-

ingold.

Because she was chosen to fill the vacancy Linville will have to run for re-election in 2020.

When discussing Linville's appointment with The Chronicle earlier this week, Judge Burke said he was honored to be able to make the decision. He said, "It's an honor to be able to appoint someone who has distinguished themselves in their profession as an attorney, moreover someone who has always been active in the community."

"Mrs. Linville is a lifelong resident of Forsyth County, and although this is an appointment, this is ultimately an elected office. Her experience and qualifications will make her competitive to be re-elected and to perform at a high level as Forsyth County Clerk of Court."

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