## WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. Carver High School to hold its inaugural Academic Hall of Fame Banquet

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Washington George Carver High School will celebrate its academic history during its inaugural Academic Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, March 21. Fifteen alumnae of Carver Nation and staff members of Carver High School will be inducted into the 2020 Academic Hall of Fame at the Salem Lake Marina. Entertainment will be provided by Case Closed Band. The committee chairperson of the Hall of Fame is De-Wayne Tillman, assisted by Tonya Withers, director of student services. Tillman is proud to be a part of this esteemed celebration.

"Carver High School has historically had an outstanding reputation for producing community leaders. Although this school has won many athletic accolades, Carver Nation has a fine slate of alumnae to be proud of," said Tillman, also an administrator at Carver.

Withers was quite impressed with the caliber of alumnae who have been nominated for the first induction ceremony. "We have students who have become entrepreneurs, some who have become champions in the medical field, others in the area of higher education, arts and entertainment, and some have distinguished themselves in their retirement years," said Withers.

"We want to show that Carver High School not only succeeded at athletics, we have a proven track



record that Yellowjackets are making a big impact in our communities and in other parts of the country," said Dr. Montague-Davis, principal.

Among the inductees

\*Judge L. Todd Burke, Resident Superior Court Judge, 21st Judicial Dis-

\*Kimberly Campbell, instructional facilitator, Carver High School

\*Dr. Karrie Gibson-Dixon, chancellor of Elizabeth City State University

\*Christopher Jeffords, Spanish instructor at Carver High School

\*Kay Landry, retired educator/student services director, Carver High

\*Dr. Darian LaNeave, resident, SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

\*Dr. Harold L. Martin, Sr., chancellor of North Carolina A & T State Uni-

\*Micheal Lawrence, manager, Sherwin Williams, licensed realtor with Keller Williams Realty

\*Annie Moye, retired educator, English and Theatre Arts, Carver High School

\*Dr. Daya Patton, director of Student Services, Paisley IB Magnet School, owner of DMP Consulting

\*Rev. Dr. Felecia Piggott-Long, English and Theatre Arts instructor, Carver High School, and creative director for The Imani Players

\*Dr. Kenneth Siming-

ton, retired as interim superintendent of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

Schools \*Brittany Strachan, quality engineer at Red

\*Sharon Strachan, retired educator, mathemat-

\*Devonte dance instructor, Carver High School and Mineral Springs Middle, The Artist Circle creative director and regional actor.

Tickets can be purchased in the Carver High

School Main Office from Ms. Jackie Coe. Only cash, money orders or checks will be accepted for pay-

Members of the Hall of Fame committee include: Maurice Brown, Kimberly Campbell, La Tarra Darling, Patricia Horne, Ashlie Martin, Jana Minor-Oliver, Melvin Palmer, Heather Peterson, Felecia Piggott-Long, Chundra Sansbury, Cecelia Tolliver, and Tonya Withers.

## Governor Cooper declares state of emergency to respond to coronavirus COVID-19

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RALEIGH -- Governor Roy Cooper took the next step in the state's coronavirus COVID-19 preparedness plan on March 10 and issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency. The declaration activates the Emergency Operations Center to help agencies coordinate from one location and makes it easier to

purchase needed medical supplies, protect consumers from price gouging, and increase county health departments' access to state funds.

In addition to Governor Cooper's emergency declaration, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) is making several recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of people infected.

"The health and safety of North Carolinians is our top priority. We are taking the necessary steps to ensure that North Carolina is prepared and responding to this virus, and this order helps us do that," said Governor Cooper. "Though we are still in the early stages in North Carolina, time is a valuable resource and we must work together to slow the spread while we can."

Key provisions in the order are similar to those enacted in a natural disaster. The order will help with the cost burdens and supplies that may be difficult for providers and public health to access due to increased demand. It also increases the state public health department's role in supporting local health departments, which have been tasked with monitoring quarantines, tracing exposure and administering testing.

Today's updated NC DHHS recommendations are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), current actions by other states, and the most up-to-date epidemiologic information available to protect the public's health. Many of the recommendations are targeted at pro-



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tecting people at high risk of severe illness, which includes adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune

Additional recommendations are being made for residents of the Triangle region. On March 9 NC DHHS confirmed five new cases of COVID-19 in Wake County, increasing the total in the county to six and statewide to seven.

"We all play a role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. These precautions can

help us slow the spread of this virus and protect our more vulnerable neighbors," said DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "Let's be guided by compassion and reason and work to support each other as a community."

The following recommendations pertain to persons and establishments STATEWIDE.

HIGH-RISK PER-SONS

DHHS recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 avoid large groups of people as much as possible. This includes gatherings such as concert venues, conventions, church services, sporting events, and crowded social events. People at high risk should also avoid cruise travel and non-essential air

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