

Leadership York County graduation

By Harold M. Tyson
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ROCK HILL — Leadership York County held its annual graduation exercise on May 13 at Saluda Trail Middle School.

The program was sponsored by the Council of Chambers, made up of groups representing Clover, Greater York County, Lake Wylie, and York County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the LYCO program is the development of teamwork, networking, and dynamic leadership skills for its participants. The program is limited to 30 participants per year, and each class must adopt a local program or organization to assist.

Class members come from various sectors of the area. Some members are sponsored by their employers, and some sponsor themselves.

The program adopted by this year's class is the Community H.O.O.P.S. program of Rock Hill. The acronym stands for Helping Others Obtain Permanent

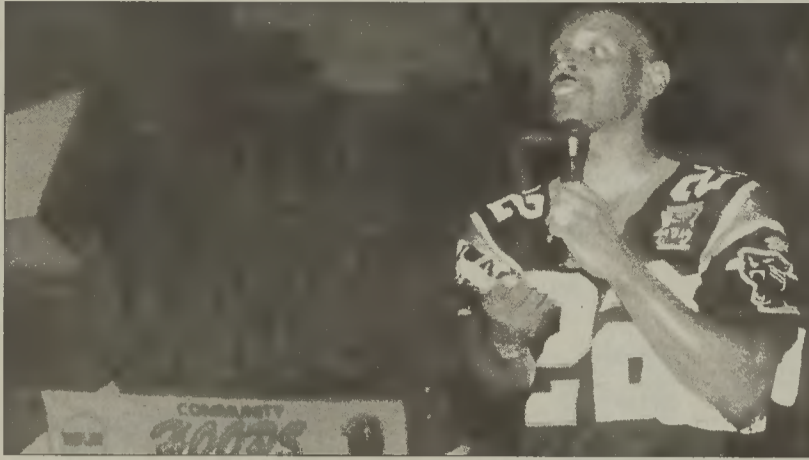


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Former Carolina Panthers Tim McKyer, president of the Charlotte Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association was keynote speaker at Leadership York County's graduation.

Success." Community H.O.O.P.S. was founded in 2000 by Richard Pickering and Vincent Allen as a program for youth from ages 9-17 years old in which participation in the basketball league is dependent upon participation in mandatory educational and personal development workshops. The seminars are conducted by business, civic, education,

and sports leaders.

Members of the LYCO class assisted the Community H.O.O.P.S. board of directors in establishing partnerships and sponsorships with local businesses and organizations, and also helped in the formation and application of several tools and aids which will assist in the administration and execution of the program.

The keynote speaker was Tim McKyer, a former Carolina Panther and president of the Charlotte Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association.

LYCO arranged a meeting of the Alumni Association and the Community H.O.O.P.S. board, which led to the alliance between groups.

Marker notes 1923 Florida racial violence

By Vaughn Wilson
THE CAPITAL OUTLOOK (FLA.)

ROSEWOOD, Fla. — In a celebration marking a historic change in fortune for the area that once was this small town, Gov. Jeb Bush recently presented a historic marker to commemorate "seven days of hate that shattered a community."

Just 30 minutes southwest Gainesville, Rosewood's notoriety came from a New Year's Day massacre in 1923.

Racial unrest led to the

area's White residents killing of several Blacks, massive destruction of property and displacement of hundreds of other Blacks, whose houses were burned to the ground.

Official reports place the number of dead at eight, but Rosewood descendants claim that hundreds more may have lost their lives that night, said Florida A&M University Dean of Arts & Sciences Larry Rivers, co-principal investigator into Rosewood's history. But some blacks escaped by run-

ning through muck and marsh to do so. In 1994, Sen. Al Lawson, D-Tallahassee, presented a bill before the state Legislature to provide reparations in the form of finances, land and scholarships for the families and descendants of the blacks who were affected by the "Rosewood Massacre."

Ironically, Lawson endured death threats during the years he fought doggedly to advance the bill.

The legislation finally passed and was signed by then-Gov. Lawton Chiles

and Rosewood rose again from the ashes.

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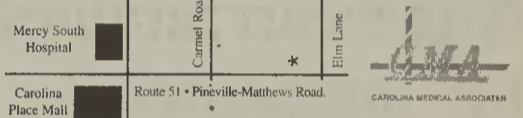
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