

## FEATURES

# WSSU Graduate Enjoys Volunteering

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When most students graduate from college, their major concern is finding a job and earning money. They usually don't think about giving back to the community or donating their time to help others.

Winston Salem State graduate Rondolyn Hickman, Admissions Counselor at Forsyth

Technical Community College, is an exception to this. She volunteers her time to help others and is very active in the community.

When Hickman entered WSSU as a freshman in the Fall of 1987, she became very active in campus activities. During Hickman's four years as a Ram, she was involved in the Mass Communications Club, the WSSU Dance Troop, and Toastmasters.

She interned with the N.C. Department of Insurance and Public Relations and the UNC Center for Public Television(PBS).

During her UNC Center for Public Television Internship, Hickman worked under the expertise of Iris Andrews, the Adult Learning Specialist for UNC-TV Education Services. Andrews describes Hickman as, "A very sharp young lady who is determined and ambitious. She is a beautiful person to be around and a very articulate, sincere, and honest person."

Hickman doesn't have any regrets choosing WSSU over the others schools she could have attended.

"I liked Winston Salem State because I got to meet so many new people and made life-long friends", Hickman said with a smile. "It's real close knit and the instructors really care about the students," she said.

One of her closest friends, Brian Little, says that "Rondolyn exemplifies exactly what a young black woman should exemplify."

"Rondolyn is intelligent, hardworking, dedicated, and I believe most importantly, she hasn't forgotten where she

obtained those talent and skills right here here at Winston Salem State."

Little, who is also a 1991 WSSU graduate, adds, "She is a perfect role model for young women."

Hickman graduated from WSSU in May of 1991 with a degree in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations.

Her first job after graduation was working for Ramada Inn North as a sales secretary. Within four months she was named manager of the Sales/Marketing Department, where she worked for one year.

Realizing that her job did not offer anymore advancement opportunities, Hickman began to search for other job possibilities. At the time, there was an opening for an Admissions Counselor at Forsyth Tech. She applied for the position and was chosen out of 141 applicants.

Hickman hold membership in several professional organizations that include the N.C. Association of Women and Education, the Association of Women in Community Colleges, American Business Women's Association, and Carolina's Association of Collegiate Recruiters and Admissions Officers.

In addition to being involved in these organizations, she is currently pursuing her master's degree at Appalachian State University.

WSSU's motto is "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve". How is Hickman serving the community?

She says, "It is very important as we progress we share that with others. I've done that by volunteering my time to JACS(Joint Action in Community Service), an organization that helps kids after graduation from Job Corp. I get the opportunity to help others and get resources for them. Most of them are African-Americans, and society has given up on them. So it's important that they have a young African-American person they can look up to to help them."

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When he was a student at WSSU, Dr. Fred Eady was the Director of the Drama Guild, which presented dramatic productions on campus.

As Beatty reminisced about his years at WSSU he fondly remembers the University's motto "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve." "When you come in you have a desire to learn and the faculty and staff want to teach you" said Beatty

Since Winston - Salem Teachers College (WSSU) was the first Negro Institution in the nation to grant degrees for teaching in the elementary grades, Beatty wanted the opportunity to work, to teach and to advise future Rams. "I made a lot of mistakes and if I can help some students not to make those mistakes I'll be satisfied," said Beatty.



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