



# STUDENT Features

## SGA President Kristie Swink has ideas to improve WSSU

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Influenced by a "campus pal," Winston-Salem State University Student Government President Kristie Swink began her sojourn to the university during Freshmen Orientation Summer 2000.

At orientation, Swink met

Rolanda Patrick where their three-year friendship began. Patrick is currently Miss WSSU 2002-2003. Ironically, the chance meeting of the two young ladies launched



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them both into the world of SGA involvement here at WSSU.

"Kristie wanted to be involved on campus had more spirit than most upperclassmen, I new she was going to be involved from day one," said Rolanda Patrick Miss WSSU 2002-03 school year.

Beginning at WSSU at the dawn of the millennium, Swink

was introduced to WSSU by an alum who taught at her high school, Southwest De Kalb in Decatur Georgia.

"Kristie is very assertive and always willing to do whatever it takes to help the students," said Antoine James Vice President of External Affairs.

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## Mr. Ram, Ruffin, is setting an example

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Mr. Ram 2002-2003 Corey Ruffin is not resting on his laurels. In fact he is hoping that his time with the title will set an example for the male population of Winston-Salem State University.

The 28th annual event was held last month to a packed audience in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

Dubbed a festival of Kings, Ruffin's competed against Shaun D. Andrews of Lake Waccamaw, Keith B. Robinson Jr. of Penns Grove N.J., Rosice Batsuli of Charlotte, William Dobbs of Monroe, Jason A. Chunn of Columbus, Ohio, and Ronnie Wilkes of Kinston.

Ruffin hopes that his title as Mr. Ram will raise the level of male interest around campus.

Ruffin's spoke to The News Argus just hours after his crowning and said that males are one of his major concerns which he feels needs to be addressed.

"For the most part I don't think that males on campus don't see their

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## Miss WSSU

### Patrick promises to help fellow Rams

**By Claesa Simmons**  
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Miss Winston-Salem State University 2002-2003 Rolanda Patrick has constantly said, "If you need anything, just let me know."

And she sincerely means it. After hearing about WSSU from her high school guidance counselor who just happened to be an alum, she developed an unchanging love and commitment to the institution and those within it.

But even before she was elected as Miss WSSU last spring, she knew all about the importance of loyalty, dedication, and compassion.

The Elmsford, New York native is the product of parents with dedication as well. They have been

married for 32 years, and held the same jobs for 35 years.

In this case, the apple didn't fall very far from the tree. Patrick, affectionately known as "Ro," has definitely learned how to be dedicated in her own right.

Her commitment to academic excellence afforded her the opportunity to be valedictorian of her high school class, as well as a Chancellor's Scholar while in college. The molecular biology major manages to maintain a 3.83 GPA, and hopes to continue her educational career upon graduation in May. Patrick would like to obtain her master's in Public Health before going on to medical school

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**Miss WSSU Rolanda Patrick was crowned during a ceremony Oct. 2. Patrick, known as "Ro," is a molecular biology major with a 3.83 GPA. She will probably further her education with a master's degree and possibly medical school.**